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EMERGENCY ANIMAL SHELTERING SITES FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY WILDFIRES

DACC is actively mobilizing resources and personnel to assist the communities of Pacific Palisades and Altadena in response to the ongoing fire evacuations. Our team is dedicated to providing support for animal sheltering and evacuation efforts to ensure the safety and well-being of pets and their owners during this challenging time.

As the situation evolves, we want to assure the public that the health and safety of our pets, staff, and the communities we serve remain our top priority. We are coordinating closely with other local animal welfare agencies to facilitate a comprehensive response.

"DACC is committed to protecting animals during emergencies," said DACC Director Marcia Mayeda. "Animals are family members, and we are here to ensure they are safe until they can return to their homes."

All DACC animal care centers are prepared to receive small animals that need to be evacuated. Small animals can also be taken to the American Red Cross Sheltering Site at El Camino High School, 5440 Valley Circle Boulevard, Woodland Hills.

Large animals can be taken to the DACC animal care centers at Agoura Hills, Castaic, and Lancaster. Horses can also be taken to the Los Angeles Equestrian Center and Industry Hills Equestrian Center. Pierce College and the Hansen Dam Equestrian Center are now at capacity and can no longer take more horses.

For updates on emergency animal sheltering, visit www.animalcare.lacounty.gov. If you are located in an evacuation warning or mandatory evacuation area, DACC urges you to plan ahead and give yourself enough time to safely leave the area, including the time to load and evacuate your animals.

The Department urges everyone to make sure your emergency plans include your pets. You can find a list of items to put in your pet's "go bag" at https://ready.lacounty.gov/pet-disaster-supply-kits/.

Please visit <u>lacounty.gov/emergency</u> for information on fire evacuations, shelters, and road closures. A wealth of emergency preparedness information is also available at <u>www.Ready.LACounty.gov</u>.

About Noah's Legacy Fund

The Los Angeles County Animal Care Foundation's Noah's Legacy Fund supports the Department's emergency response efforts. These services are critical to the communities we serve as we continue to respond to the wildfires, flooding, and earthquakes that can occur in the areas we serve.

Learn more at https://lacountyanimals.org/way-to-give/disaster-relief/

About the Los Angeles County Department of Animal Care and Control (DACC)

DACC is one of the largest animal care and control agencies in the nation, operating seven animal care centers and providing services to more than three million residents and their pets. DACC operates under the nationally recognized Socially Conscious Sheltering model to ensure the best possible outcomes for animals and the community. As a community resource center for pets and owners, DACC protects people and animals from harm, provides care for lost and unwanted animals, reunites lost pets with their families, and strives every day to move closer to its goal of finding a loving home for every adoptable pet that comes through its doors. To learn more about DACC, the resources DACC provides, and view its animals, visit https://animalcare.lacounty.gov or follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and X (formerly Twitter). To support DACC's efforts, please donate to the Los Angeles County Animal Care Foundation at https://lacountyanimals.org/. To learn more about Socially Conscious Sheltering, visit https://scsheltering.org/.

About the Los Angeles County Animal Care Foundation

The Los Angeles County Animal Care Foundation supports the County of Los Angeles Department of Animal Care and Control through fundraising which supports spay and neuter programs, pet adoptions, public education, disaster response, and animal welfare. Many of the Foundation's fundraising efforts have enabled the department to enhance the care given to animals in the County animal care centers. To learn more, visit lacountyanimals.org.