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### **County of Los Angeles Department of Animal Care and Control Facilitates Adoption and Rescue Efforts in Response to Palisades and Eaton Fires**

In response to the ongoing challenges posed by the Palisades and Eaton Fires, the County of Los Angeles Department of Animal Care and Control (DACC) has mobilized its resources and partnerships to ensure the safety and well-being of animals affected by these devastating events.

The recent fires have created an urgent need for shelter and care for displaced animals. DACC has worked tirelessly to provide a safe haven for these animals while also implementing a robust adoption and rescue strategy by waiving adoption fees for the month of January. Thanks to the collaborative efforts of DACC's dedicated animal welfare agencies, rescue groups, and Adoption Partners from across the State and abroad, DACC has successfully adopted 296 unowned animals into loving homes and facilitated the transfer of an additional 300 unowned animals (and counting!) to animal rescue groups.

The successful adoption and transfer of these animals from DACC's care has not only created space for incoming evacuees in our animal care centers but has also allowed these animals to find their forever homes during a time of crisis.

Additionally, our partnerships with various animal welfare agencies have proven invaluable. Through these collaborations, DACC has been able to rescue 300 animals, giving them the attention they need. These efforts have significantly increased our capacity to shelter and care for animals impacted by the fires.

"We are incredibly grateful for the outpouring of support from our community and our partners during this challenging time," said DACC Director Marcia Mayeda. "The collaboration between DACC, animal welfare agencies, and Adoption Partners has made a tremendous difference in the lives of these animals. Together we are ensuring that they receive the care they need and find loving homes."

DACC remains committed to providing shelter and care for all animals displaced by the fires. Our dedicated team is working around the clock to ensure that every animal receives the attention and support they deserve.

DACC would like to extend its heartfelt thanks to everyone who has supported its efforts during this crisis. This outpouring of compassion and commitment to animal welfare has made a significant impact in the lives of many animals in need.

The Department urges everyone to make sure their emergency plans include pets and livestock. 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 [www.lacounty.gov/emergency](http://www.lacounty.gov/emergency) for information on fire evacuations, shelters and road closures. A wealth of emergency preparedness information is also available at [Ready.LACounty.gov](http://Ready.LACounty.gov).

### **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](http://lacountyanimals.org).