



Beverly Hills Fire Department Presents:



Pet Fire Safety



Fire Prevention for Pets:

Facts:

According to the National Fire Protection Association nearly 1,000 home fires are accidentally started by homeowners pets each year and approximately 40,000 pets die each year in house fires.



Invest in Flameless Candles - These candles contain a light bulb rather than an open flame, and take the danger out of your pet knocking over a candle. Small cats, dogs or uncaged birds have been known to turn over lit candles.

Extinguish Open Flames - Pets are generally curious and will investigate especially when it comes to food scents coming from ovens, stoves or any type of open cooking. Ensure your pet is not left unattended around those areas especially around fireplaces and candles. Make sure to turn off appliance(s) or extinguish any open flame when leaving room or leaving your home. Create a “pet free zone” that generally consists of a 3 foot clearance from heating or open flames.

Watch out for shock Hazards - Pets, especially puppies or kittens have the tendency of chewing on items. Watch out for cords that are easily accessible for pets. Your pet biting or chewing on a cord can cause a shock, burn or even fire.

Pet Proof - Pet proof your home as you would for your child, there is nothing wrong on taking extra steps to prevent accidents to your pet. Keeps hazards out of PAWS reach.

Practice with your Pet - when you practice your escape plan, practice taking your pets with you. Train them to come to you when you call. Include your pet in your emergency plan.

Arrange a Safe Haven: Arrange a safe place for pets to stay if you evacuate. Don't leave your pets at home. If it isn't safe for you, it isn't safe for them. Ask a friend, relative if they can shelter in case of an emergency. Other resources could be pet boarding facilities, humane societies or animal shelters.

Disaster Kits - Create not only an emergency kit for yourself, but have one available for your pet. Kits should have enough supplies to last 7 days. Keep kits in a safe location near your front door for easy access.

Identification - Keep up-to-date license and contact info on your pets at all times. Consider having pets micro-chipped just in case you get separated during a fire or emergency.

Get a Rescue Alert Sticker - These stickers, are placed on a front-facing window and will alert emergency rescue workers of the presence of pets in your home, especially if your not home when an emergency occurs. Giving a key to a trusted neighbor and letting him know where pets may be located in case of an emergency is also helpful. ————— See Sample —————>



Smoke Alarms & Carbon Monoxide Detectors- Make sure ALL your smoke alarms & Carbon Monoxide detectors are functioning properly, and educate your family on importance of the sound your detector makes so they are aware of it.

Listen to Your Dog! - Canines have a keen sense of smell and can detect smoke long before humans. If your dog is acting strange, look into situation promptly and be prepared to gather your family and follow your evacuation plan.

Fire Safety Tips FOR PETS

