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## DACC CONTINUES TO RESPOND TO LA COUNTY FIRES

LONG BEACH, Calif. — The Los Angeles County Department of Animal Care and Control (DACC) continues to rescue animals and provide safe sheltering for animals as a result of the active fires that have affected thousands of Los Angeles County residents.

Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA, Southeast Area Animal Control Authority (SEAACA) Officers and The Los Angeles County Department of Animal Care and Control Equine Response Team (LACDACCERT) volunteers all provided operational support to DACC.

DACC is currently sheltering 184 animals including dogs and cats, horses, llamas, donkeys, and other large animals. Many of these animals are located at Pierce College which is at capacity and not accepting additional animals at this time. Owners are being directed to the Antelope Valley Fairgrounds for large animal sheltering.

Two of the injured horses rescued by our Animal Control Officers are currently responding to veterinary treatment. One of the horses has taken a turn for the worse and is sadly beyond medical care. We are communicating with the owners of these injured horses about prognosis and continued care.

This fire emergency serves as a reminder to horse and large animal owners across the County to develop actionable evacuation plans to reduce tragic loss and injury.

Sites currently open for sheltering additional animals are:

Horses and other large animals:

ANTELOPE VALLEY FAIRGROUNDS - (661) 948-6060 2551 W Avenue H, Lancaster, CA 93536

Animal shelter only: Accepting large animals, including horses

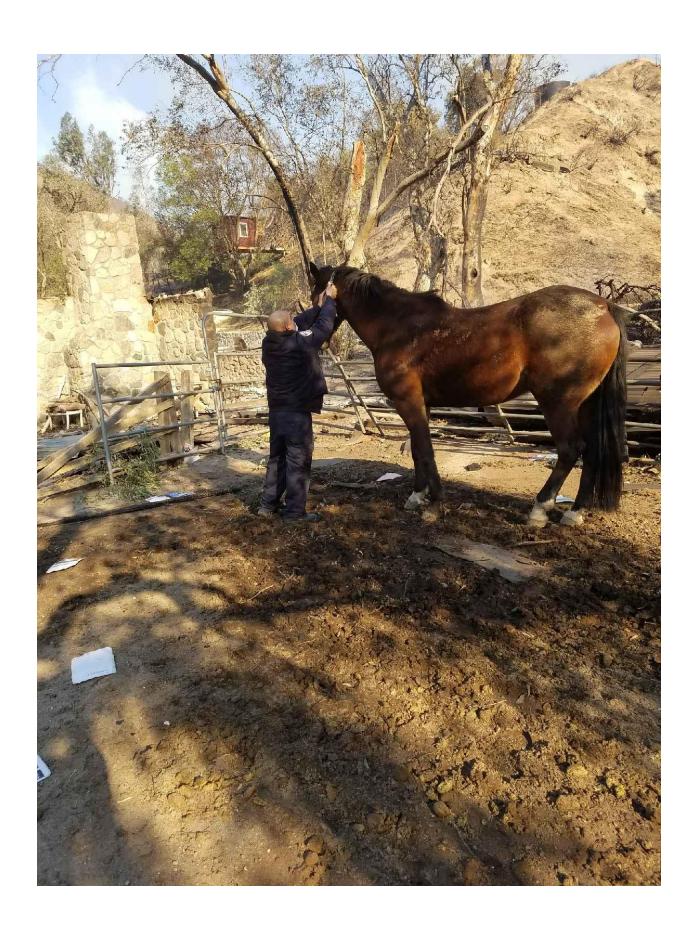
Dogs, Cats and small pets:

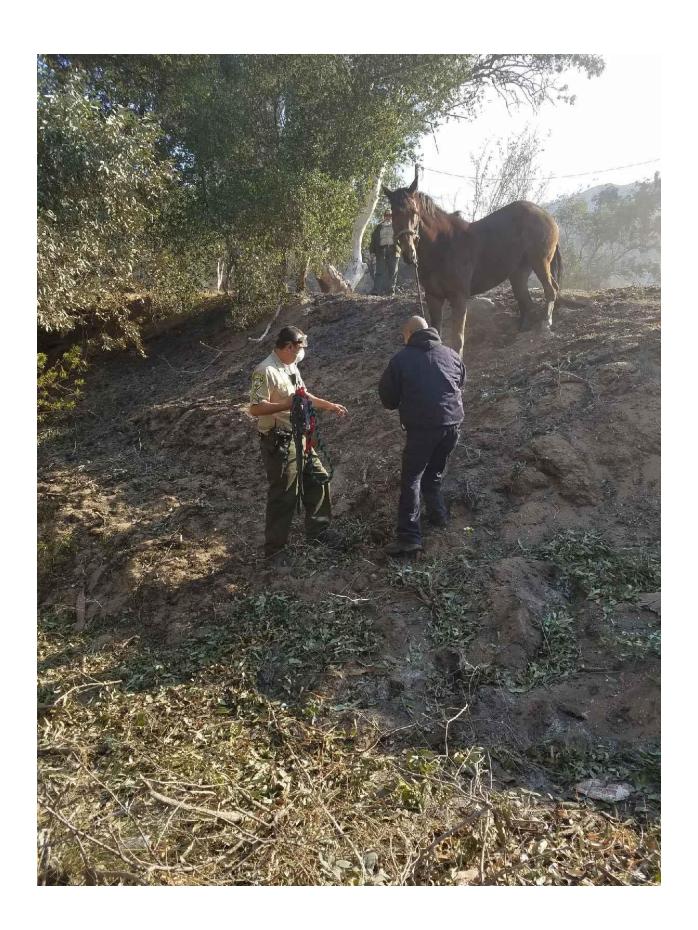
SYLMAR RECREATION CENTER – Mobile Animal Shelter (by DACC) 13109 Borden Avenue, Sylmar, CA

WEST VALLEY ANIMAL SHELTER - (888) 452-7381 (by the City of Los Angeles)
20655 Plummer Street, Los Angeles, CA 91311
Small animal shelter only

EAST VALLEY ANIMAL SHELTER - (888) 452-7381 (By the City of Los Angeles) 14409 Van Owen St, Los Angeles, CA 91405 Small animal shelter only

Marcia Mayeda, Director of DACC, stated "Thank you for your compassion for the animals currently displaced, injured, and affected by the wildfires. Department staff and volunteers are currently providing direct service to the animals and their owners and we are grateful for the countless offers of assistance." Ms. Mayeda wants to remind generous people who have expressed a desire to help that we cannot accept volunteers who have not already been trained by the department. We do encourage people to submit volunteer applications on our website at <a href="http://animalcare.lacounty.gov/">http://animalcare.lacounty.gov/</a> to join one dedicated team of emergency response workers to help animals and their owners in future emergencies. Additionally, DACC is grateful for donations made to the animal emergency disaster response fund managed by the Los Angeles County Animal Care Foundation. Donations can be made online at www.lacountyanimals.org. Thank you again for your support during this difficult time.





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