# LA Wildfires: Saving Animals in Crisis



Raging wildfires left devastation in Los Angeles, forcing emergency evacuations and leaving countless animals lost, scared and vulnerable. American Humane Society's rescue team, staff and volunteers responded swiftly. For over a month, we provided lifesaving care and comfort for animals in need.

## BY THE NUMBERS



shelter animals safely transported from Los Angeles to rescues and shelters in other states across three lifesaving flights in partnership with Wings of Rescue and Paws For Life K9 Rescue, creating much-needed space in local shelters for pets and animals displaced by the



1,660+

welfare checks in the evacuation zone, feeding animals left behind and searching for lost pets.



1,060+

animals reunited with their owners.



185+

animals cared for and/or vetted at our free Wellness clinic. American Red Cross Shelters and Pasadena Humane.



species served, including dogs, cats, horses, fish, chickens and tortoises.



calls for service



1,330+

care packages distributed to families and their pets.



63,300+

pet meals distributed to animals in need.



16,300+

pounds of cat & dog food donated by our generous corporate sponsors.

Numbers as of February 10, 2025

## OUR IMPACT

- Provided emergency shelter support and essential supplies for pets and families displaced by wildfires, including deliveries directly to evacuation hubs, Marriott hotels and local American Red Cross Shelters.
- Administered critical medical care and vaccinations through our free Wellness Clinic with support from Destination Pet, Ethos Veterinary Health, National Veterinary Associates, Rover Kennels Culver City and Zoetis.
- Partnered with organizations like Wings of Rescue, Paws For Life K9 Rescue, San Gabriel Valley Humane Society, the American Red Cross. Pasadena Humane Society and the ASPCA to relocate animals and assist shelters.
- Conducted welfare checks and delivered food, water and care for animals left behind.
- Distributed critical pet supplies to those in need with support from Barkworthies, Brutus Bone Broth, Costco Wholesale, Hill's, The Honest Kitchen, Mars Pet Nutrition, Nylabone and Universal Studios.
- Coordinated veterinary care and enrichment for animals at Pasadena Humane and American Red Cross Shelters, and identified veterinary resources.

With support from PEDIGREE Foundation, we brought hope and healing to the people and pets across Los Angeles.

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## REAL STORIES FROM THE FIELD

### **Maxwell's Survival Story**

When wildfires tore through Maxwell's family's neighborhood, they were forced to evacuate—unable to bring their beloved cat, Maxwell, with them. Returning to find their home reduced to ashes, Maxwell was nowhere in sight. For two agonizing weeks, they searched tirelessly until they found him—scared and alone in the ruins. Thanks to our rescue team, Maxwell received urgent care, a wellness check and the supplies he needed to recover. His family, overwhelmed with relief, knew he would be okay.

#### **Dudette's Road to Recovery**

Dudette, a dog impacted by the wildfires, arrived at an American Red Cross shelter struggling to breathe. Working with our American Red Cross pet liaison, we coordinated veterinary care for her. Thankfully, it was determined she didn't suffer smoke damage to her lungs but was battling an upper respiratory infection and an ear infection. After receiving treatment, Dudette was in good spirits and on the path to recovery.

### **Opal's Journey to Safety**

Ethan and his dog Opal lost their home to the wildfires. When they arrived at a local Marriott hotel, our rescue team provided food, a leash and other essentials to ensure Opal was cared for. Small comforts like these make a big difference for families who've lost so much.

### **Creating Hope Through Wellness Clinics**

At our free Pet Wellness Clinic at Rover Kennels Culver City, a Yourgi Pack member, veterinarians from Destination Pet, Ethos Veterinary Health and National Veterinary Associates treated 35 pets with wellness checks and vaccinations. Families left with healthier pets and care packages filled with leashes, water bowls, blankets and other essential supplies, plus food and treats donated by Brutus Bone Broth and The Honest Kitchen.

#### **Helping Pets & Their Families When They Need it Most**

Our LA-based team joined forces with World Central Kitchen at six pop-up distribution events to support communities affected by the wildfires. In addition to feeding people in need, we helped ensure pets had access to food and essentials—distributing more than 12,000 pounds of dog food, cat food, treats, bowls and leashes.

# Together, we're making the world better for all animals.





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