

# Wildfire Safety Tips for Pet Parents

Make sure you know how to protect your pets during wildfire season.

## BEFORE

- **Early evacuation:** Leave as soon as evacuation is issued—animals often sense danger before humans, and may become difficult to locate if frightened.
- **Emergency kit:** Prepare a grab-and-go bag with essentials, such as:
  - 7-day food and water supply
  - Medications with written instructions
  - Collapsible bowls and can opener
  - First-aid supplies specific to pets
  - Comfort items such as toys and blankets with familiar scents
- **Transportation:** Keep carriers easily accessible, not stored in attics or hard-to-reach places.
- **Identification:** Ensure all pets have collars with ID tags, and are microchipped with current info.
- **Contact your vet:** Reach out to your vet if you think your pet may need anti-anxiety medication.

## DURING

- **Restrict your pets:** Keep pets in areas where they can be easily located if evacuation orders are issued.
- **Secure transport:** Avoid transporting pets loose in vehicles—use carriers or restraint systems.
- **Clear identification:** Attach temporary waterproof tags with evacuation location and phone numbers.

## AFTER

- **Environmental check:** Inspect your property thoroughly before allowing pets outside.
- **Hot surfaces:** Check ground temperature—paw pads can burn on hot ash or embers.
- **Toxic residue:** Be aware of fire retardant chemicals that may have been dropped in your area.
- **Post-exposure monitoring:** Watch for respiratory issues that may develop days after smoke exposure.



## What to do when there's smoke:

- **Limit outdoor exposure:** Keep pets indoors with windows closed.
- **Air quality:** If air quality is bad, move pets to a room with an air purifier.
- **Respiratory signs:** Monitor for coughing, eye irritation, nasal discharge, or labored breathing.
- **HEPA filters:** Use air purifiers in rooms where pets spend the most time.

## TIP

Share your location with family and friends so that they know you and your pets are safe.

## Contact your vet!

Have any questions about smoke exposure or respiratory issues? Call your vet, and they will be happy to help.

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