

Pet Fire Safety and Preparedness

OSFM FIRE PREVENTION AND EDUCATION SERIES

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Housekeeping

- **USE CHAT OPTION TO LET US KNOW WHERE YOU'RE JOINING FROM AND YOUR ROLE IN FIRE SERVICE**
- **USE CHAT OR HAND-RAISE TO ASK QUESTIONS**
- **WEBINAR IS BEING RECORDED**
- **WILL BE ADDED TO THE OSFM TRAINING LIBRARY**



Training Objectives

- **SHARE PET PROOF HOME IDEAS**
- **DISCUSS PET HOME FIRE ESCAPE PLANNING**
- **BARN SAFETY TIPS**
- **PET WILDFIRE AND DISASTER PREPAREDNESS**
- **TIPS FOR LARGE ANIMALS**



Pet Proof Home

- **SWITCH TO FLAMELESS CANDLES**
- **CREATE A SAFETY ZONE AROUND BBQ OR FIREPIT**
- **ELECTRICAL WIRING IN SAFE WORKING ORDER**
- **AVOID LEAVING PET ALONE WITH SPACE HEATER**
- **KEEP PETS AWAY FROM CHIMNEYS OUTSIDE VENT**
- **USE A METAL OR HEAT TEMPERED GLASS FIREPLACE SCREEN**
- **CLEAR STOVETOP OF FLAMMABLES**



Fire Service Talking Points

- **EMPHASIZE EMERGENCY KIT**
- **SHARE EXAMPLES OF PET PLANNING ON YOUR WEBSITE OR SOCIAL MEDIA**
- **USE PET EMERGENCIES IN TOWN HALL DISCUSSIONS**



Pet Home Fire Escape Planning

- **MAKE SURE ALL KNOW THE PLAN AND WHAT TO DO WHEN SMOKE ALARM SOUNDS**
- **PRACTICE THE ESCAPE PLAN WITH ALL MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY**
- **DURING HOME FIRE, ALL PEOPLE EVACUATE ASAP, NEVER GO BACK TO LOOK FOR PETS**
- **IDENTIFY WHERE PETS SPEND MOST OF THEIR TIME**
- **KEEP LEASH OR PET CARRIER IN EASILY ACCESSIBLE PLACE**
- **IF PET IS HOME AS YOU EVACUATE, WAIT FOR FIRESERVICE TO ARRIVE AND INFORM WHERE PET IS LIKELY TO BE OR HIDE**



Pet Wildfire Preparedness

- **LEARN ABOUT EVACUATION LEVELS AND HOW TO BE PREPARED**
- **INCLUDE PETS IN FAMILY EVACUATION PLAN**
- **PLAN FOR THE POSSIBILITY OF BEING SEPARATED FROM ANIMALS FOR A WHILE**
- **CONSIDER TRANSPORTATION FOR LARGER ANIMALS**
- **FOLLOW COUNTY SOCIAL MEDIA FOR LIVESTOCK EVACUATION AND REUNIFICATION INFORMATION**
- **BRING COPIES OF TESTING AND VACCINATION PAPERWORK**



Pet Wildfire Preparedness (cont.)

- **PHOTOS OF PET**
- **PET FOOD AND WATER FOR 3 DAYS**
- **FEEDING BOWLS**
- **WASTE BAGS**
- **GROOMING SUPPLIES**
- **TOYS OR COMFORT ITEMS**
- **BEDDING OR BLANKETS**



BARN Safety Tips

- **PROHIBIT SMOKING**
- **INSTALL FIRE EXTINGUISHERS**
- **INSPECT ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS REGULARLY**
- **KEEP AREAS CLEAR OF GRASS, WEEDS, DEBRIS**
- **IN EVENT OF BARN FIRE**
 - Identify alternate water and power sources
 - Do not enter barn if engulfed in flames
 - Never let animals loose in area where they can return to barn



Tips for Large Animals

- **IDENTIFICATION**

- Equine: microchip, tattoo, halter tag, leg band, mane clip, luggage tag braided into tail or mane, livestock marking crayon
- Livestock: neck chain, ear notches, ear tag, brand, wattle notching, ear tattoo, livestock marking crayon

- **EVACUATION**

- Develop evacuation plan
- Make sure animals are familiar being loaded into trailer
- Locate and prearrange an evacuation site for your animals outside your immediate area



Tips for Large Animals

- **VACCINATIONS**

- Critical need if crossing state lines
- Vaccinations: type and date
- Rabies certificate, if applicable

- **MEDICAL HISTORY**

- Gather records including test results and medical conditions requiring medications
- Microchip number
- Treatment records for cattle who are under care and drug records as administered

- **PROOF OF OWNERSHIP**



Resources

- **AVMA.ORG**



Resources

- **NFPA**



Pets give us comfort, friendship, and unconditional love. Our connection to them can be among the strongest relationships in our lives. But pets can cause fires. We need to be careful with pets in the home.

SAFETY TIPS

- Pets are curious. They may bump into, turn on, or knock over cooking equipment. Keep pets away from stoves and countertops.
- Keep pets away from candles, lamps, and space heaters.
- Always use a metal or heat-tempered glass screen on a fireplace and keep it in place.
- Keep pets away from a chimney's outside vents. Have a "pet-free zone" of at least 3 feet (1 meter) away from the fireplace. Glass doors and screens can stay dangerously hot for several hours after the fire goes out.
- Consider battery-operated, flameless candles. They can look and smell like real candles.
- Some pets are chewers. Watch pets to make sure they don't chew through electrical cords. Have any problems checked by a professional.

SMOKE ALARMS

- Have working smoke alarms on every level of the home. Test your smoke alarms at least once a month.
- If the smoke alarm sounds, get out and stay out.
- Never go back inside for pets in a fire. Tell firefighters if your pet is trapped.

Pets and Wildfires

Make sure pets are included in your family's wildfire evacuation plan. Build an evacuation kit for each pet in your household. Ensure each kit is a size and weight that can be quickly and easily loaded into a vehicle when packing to evacuate.



FACT

Pets or wild animals have a part in starting about 750 home fires per year. These involve cooking equipment, fireplaces and chimneys, space heaters, lamps, bulbs, wiring, and candles.



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August Issue of FireSafe

- **MONTHLY PUBLICATION**
- **TALKING POINTS**
- **OUTREACH IDEAS**



The cover of the August issue of the Oregon Fire Prevention Education Plan. At the top, it says "FIRE SAFE" in large blue letters, with "OREGON FIRE PREVENTION EDUCATION PLAN" below it. To the right are two circular logos: the Oregon State Fire Marshal logo and the Oregon State Fire Marshal logo with "SAFETY OREGON STATE LIFE" text. Below the title are four navigation links: "NOTABLE DATES", "TRAINING", "CALENDAR", and "SOCIAL MEDIA". The main image is a photograph of a bulldog wearing an orange hard hat and a tan firefighter's jacket with reflective yellow stripes. Below the image, the word "AUGUST" is written in large blue letters, followed by "FIRE PREVENTION EDUCATION PLAN" in smaller blue letters. At the bottom, there is a paragraph of text: "Fire safety is not just for us and our friends and family. This month, we are taking a look at how we can be Fire Safe with pets. In this guide, we provide messaging and tips to make your home safer for you and your four-legged friends."

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Thank you.

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