



NEWS RELEASE

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SESNON FIRE UPDATE: Animal Evacuation Centers!

Los Angeles – LA Animal Services assisted in the evacuation of 276 horses and 132 small animals as a result of the Sesnon and Marek fires in the north San Fernando Valley. 159 horses were taken to Pierce College, 46 were taken to Hansen Dam, 9 horses were taken to Peter Pitchess Honor Farm, and 62 horses were taken to LA Equestrian Center.

108 small animals were taken to the City's Mission Animal Care Center located at 11031 Stranwood Avenue. 24 animals were taken to the City's West Valley Animal Care Center located at 20655 Plummer Street. Chickens, goats, a sheep and rabbits were also rescued.

All animals are being triaged by Department Veterinarians. One cat was reported singed; one poodle is on medication for seizures; one horse sustained a gash (assumed fence injury) and another horse sustained a leg injury while running. Both injured horses were transported to a local horse veterinarian for treatment. All other animals are reported to be doing well, with no injuries/illnesses to report at this time.

The Department's Animal Rescue Team (DART) responded to a call to recover two horses killed by the fire on a ranch in Browns Canyon area. The ranch could not be reached by truck due to unstable bridge. DART personnel recovered the horses utilizing "glide" equipment.

Nutro Dog Food donated 20 tons of dog food and Home Depot donated 50 buckets, gloves, dust masks and water.

The Department has Animal Control Officers stationed at Pierce College, Hansen Dam, and LA Equestrian Center to insure horse safety. The Department reports adequate supply of horse trailers/equipment to transport horses should additional evacuations become necessary. Equipment is standing by at both Hansen Dam Command Post (Marek Fire) and Thousand Oaks Command Post (Sesnon Fire) to transport any additional horses.

Large Animals/Horses:

Ventura County Fairgrounds
10 West Harbor Boulevard
Ventura, CA 91301

Peter Pitchess Honor Farm
2933 Old Road
Castaic, CA 91384 (contact LA County
Castaic Shelter prior to arrival)

**Hansen Dam Equestrian Center –
HAS LIMITED CAPACITY**
11127 Orcas Road
Lake View Terrace, CA 91342
(818) 896-6514

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Pierce College - HAS LIMITED CAPACITY

6201 Winnetka Avenue

Woodland Hills, CA 91371

Enter campus on El Rancho Road off of De Soto Avenue just south of Victory Boulevard

(818) 719-6401

Small Animals:

Shepherd of the Hills Church

19700 Rinaldi Street

Porter Ranch, CA 91326

West Valley

Animal Care Center

20655 Plummer Street

Chatsworth, CA 91311

Mission Animal Care Center

15321 Brand Avenue

Mission Hills, CA 91345

LA Animal Services is a part of the Unified Command Post during the evacuations for both the Marek and Sesnon fires.

For more information or assistance call LA Animal Services at

1-888-452LA-PET1/1-888-452-7381

(TTY Hearing impaired: 877-875-8205) or visit the website at www.LAAnimalServices.com.

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