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LAAS TO THE RESCUE

Apartment Fire Displaced People and Pets

Los Angeles – On September 17, 2010, the Los Angeles Department of Animal Services (LAAS) was called to respond to an apartment complex fire where the two and four footed residents had to be immediately evacuated.

LAAS Officers provided portable cardboard carriers for frightened cats and leashes for the confused dogs—about 20 in all. The American Red Cross set up a shelter for the people at the Robert F. Kennedy School and Los Angeles Animal Services moved in an emergency trailer they call Mighty Mover that is equipped to safely house or transport small animals in an emergency.

When it was discovered that one family was missing two cats, the family was allowed back in the building with Captain Karen Knipscheer-Cox to look for their feline family members. The kitties were safe and rejoined their family in a happy reunion.

A LAAS Animal Care Technician is stationed at the Mighty Mover, 24 hours a day to provide food, water and care for the displaced family pets.

For Captain Bowers and Captain Knipscheer-Cox, it was just a day's work. For the families who had been displaced by the building fire, it was a huge relief to know that their beloved companions were safe and would be well cared for until they can be reunited.