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Cat Stuck in a Tree for Seven Days

Saved by Los Angeles Animal Services SmART Team

Los Angeles- The Los Angeles Animal Services' Small Animal Rescue Team, (SmART) was activated in the North Hollywood area to rescue a cat who had been stuck 30 feet up a Magnolia tree for 7 days.

The entire rescue operation took nearly two hours and involved four specially trained SmART members. Ladders were used to set up a series of anchors made of webbing and quickdraws for a rescuer to climb 30 feet up into the tree. While the climber was up the tree, another member of the team secured the climber's life line thus allowing other SmART members to secure a large net at the base of the tree in case the cat jumped or fell.

Once the rescuer reached the cat, the scared kitty began to meow as if to say "Please get me down!" The cat was gently removed from the tree, placed in an evacuation sac and lowered safely to the ground. The cat was then taken to the East Valley Animal Care Center.

As this lucky cat was being rescued, the caregiver was at the East Valley Animal Care Center posting a "lost cat" flyer in the lobby. The grateful guardian quickly identified the rescued cat as Milo and they were happily reunited. Milo's owner expressed gratitude for the Department of Animal Services' SmART Team.

The Small Animal Rescue Team trains for rescues like this one and they are proud of their 100% success rate. This is one more example of the amazing work being done by LA Animal Services SmART members.