



# Incident Update

INCIDENT NAME: COUNTYWIDE FIRE UPDATE #146  
INCIDENT DATE/TIME: October 26, 2007  
REPORT DATE/TIME: 5:45 p.m.

## Safety Measures to Protect Your Pets After the Fires

To keep your pets safe during and after the fire storm, the San Diego County Veterinarian recommends:

- Keep pets indoors and avoid unnecessary outdoor exertion.
- See a veterinarian if your pets have a difficult time breathing or are experiencing any illness
- Wash ash off your pets and their toys.
- Provide clean drinking water. If water is unsafe for people, it is unsafe for your pets.
- Use good hygiene and wash hands after animal contact.

The smoke from wildfires is one of the main hazards for humans and animals so exposure should be as minimal as possible.

When returning to the fire zone, observe these additional safety measures:

- Keep pets on-leash or confined in a safe location.
- Do not allow animals in areas directly burned by the fire, especially during clean-up of ash and debris. These areas have many hazards that your pets will not avoid. Hot spots can cause burns to animals' feet. Burned areas may expose animals to toxic substances including ash, which may contain small amounts of carcinogenic material.
- Do not approach loose or stray animals. Contact your local animal control for capture of stray animals.

If your animals are in need of medical attention, contact your veterinarian. For a referral to a veterinarian or to report any fire related animal illness contact the Office of the County Veterinarian at (858) 694-2838.