

Animal Reunification During and After a Disaster



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Overview

- Population of Animals
- Getting the Word Out
- Website – Keeping it Up to Date
- Intake and Tracking
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- Reunification of Owned Pets
- Lost Animal Database
- Partnerships
- Pet Passports
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- Special Considerations



Populations of Animals

1. Unclaimed animals
2. Owned animals
 - a. Reclaimed by owners
 - b. Foster needed
 - c. Surrendered for adoption



Getting the Word Out

- Website
- Social Media
- Newspaper
- Radio/TV
- Press Releases

- Banners/Billboards
- Flyers on Walls
- Binders at shelters
- Letters to addresses where animals picked up



NOWCAST KCRA News 12pm Weekday

Watch on Demand

KCRA 3

SEVERE WEATHER: There are currently 2 active weather alerts

RECOMMENDED

Every film that's won Best Picture at the Oscars

Video: Arizona gets dumped with snow; police post hilarious explainer on 'substance'

Science teacher killed in Wisconsin pickup involving 151 vehicles

University accused: This Company is Revolutionizing Real Estate

Detripts owner charged with molesting

Online catalog created to reunite Camp Fire evacuees with pets

18.7K Shares

KCRA 3

Updated: 6:04 PM PST Nov 18, 2018

Hope Miller

WEATHER ALERT: Atmospheric River Unleashes Heavy Rain

NBC Bay Area

Home News Weather Investigative Unit Sports

LIVE TV 56° Connect

Local State U.S. & World Elections #Trending Entertainment Bay Area Revelations Bay Area Proud In The Woods Tech Health World Real Estate

CALIFORNIA WILDFIRES

COVERAGE OF BRUSH FIRES ACROSS THE STATE

Camp Fire Missing Pets: Resources for Owners

By NBC Bay Area staff

Published Nov 26, 2018 at 6:36 PM | Updated at 5:44 AM PST on Nov 27, 2018



SECTIONS

THE SACRAMENTO BEE

SIGN IN SUBSCRIBE

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CALIFORNIA

Searching for a dog, cat — or pigeon — lost in the Camp Fire? Here's where to look

BY BOB WHITNEY

NOVEMBER 18, 2018 10:29 AM, UPDATED NOVEMBER 18, 2018 10:33 AM

Cat rescued from beneath scorched truck in ruins of Camp Fire

FOX 40

NEWS MORNING SPORTS TRAFFIC SEEN ON FOX40 STUDIO40 LIVE EVENTS WEATHER 71° 52°

FOX 40

Hundreds of Pets Rescued from Camp Fire Still in Shelters

PRODUCED BY PHIL DECEMBER 4, 2018 BY DENNIS CHANAHANAN, UPDATED AT 7:00 PM DECEMBER 4, 2018

FACEBOOK

TWITTER

YOUTUBE

GOOGLE

POCKET

TUMBLR

EMAIL

Camp Fire Pets

Website

- Photos of animals from emergency shelter
 - ID Number, sex, current location
 - Videos of animals (makes online id easier)
- Photos of animals at vets and other shelters
 - Reliable contact persons
- Resources page to link out to other locations
- Search function on future websites
- Not everyone is internet savvy – flyers at human shelters



Documentation

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Keeping the Website Up to Date

- Visit shelter every day for visual inventory, or have a reliable contact at shelter
- Track and record movement and transfer of animals
- Track RTOs, surrenders, fosters
- Connect with other locations after emergency shelter closes and keep site updated
- Team needed. Huge amount of work.





Camp Fire Rescued Animals

02/23/19 Because of the constant daily animal turnover in the animal shelters, and the necessity for timely and accurate reporting, this website will be discontinued on March 1st, 2019. We will continue to post links to the individual shelters and their databases so pet owners can search for their animals there. It is the responsibility of the individual shelters to provide updated information on their websites. Photos will no longer be included on this site, but will be available at each of the shelter links. We will update shelter links as the need arises.

If you do not see your pet on our site please search our supporting partners' websites listed on our [resources page](#), who have all stepped up to aid our community by taking in animals.

Our hearts are with you all.



Intake and Tracking

- Accuracy crucial for timely reunification
- Microchip scanning immediately
- Photos of every animal on intake (and video if possible)
 - Full body including face
- Database entry on intake with details
- Animal IDs should never change
- Accurate tracking from hotline call to evacuation team to shelter is crucial
- Access database to answer questions from volunteers, potential owners, fosters, etc



At Shelter – Unclaimed Animals

- Have owner fill out lost report before looking
 - Prevents “shopping”
- Take owner on walk through even if you don't think there is a match
 - Provides peace of mind
 - Provides organizational transparency





At Shelter – Animals with Known Owners

- Allow visitation
 - Provides peace of mind
 - Keeps bond intact

Reunification of Owned Pets

- Foster arrangement needs to start early
 - To decrease numbers of animals in shelters
 - Pro-active method, calls to owners. Currently using Facebook, but ideally a website better
 - Good records crucial
- Regular calls to owners to check in on status



Reunification of Owned Pets

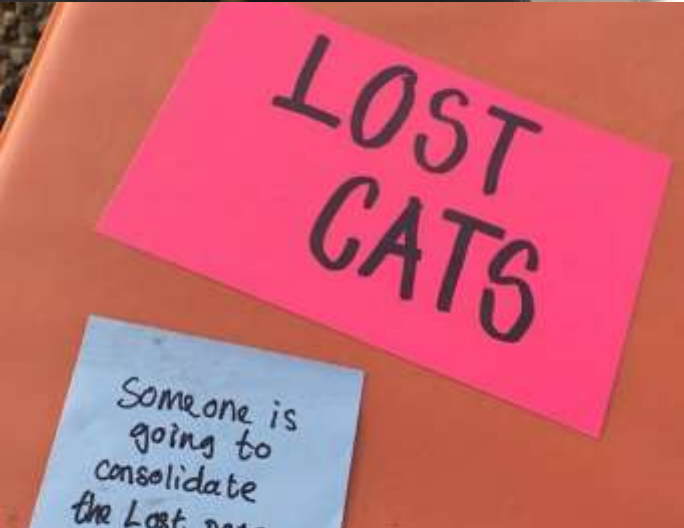
- Have options for owners
 - Continue in shelter
 - Foster arrangements
 - Funding for supplies, including large kennels, food, etc.
 - Last resort surrender, never coerce owner





Lost Animal Database

- Ideally a detailed online form for owners with photo upload ability
- Team doing active matching of animals taken in with lost animal database



Excerpts from the Binders



Tank – Male, 13-year old orange/white cat, very affectionate and has a round bullseye on his side



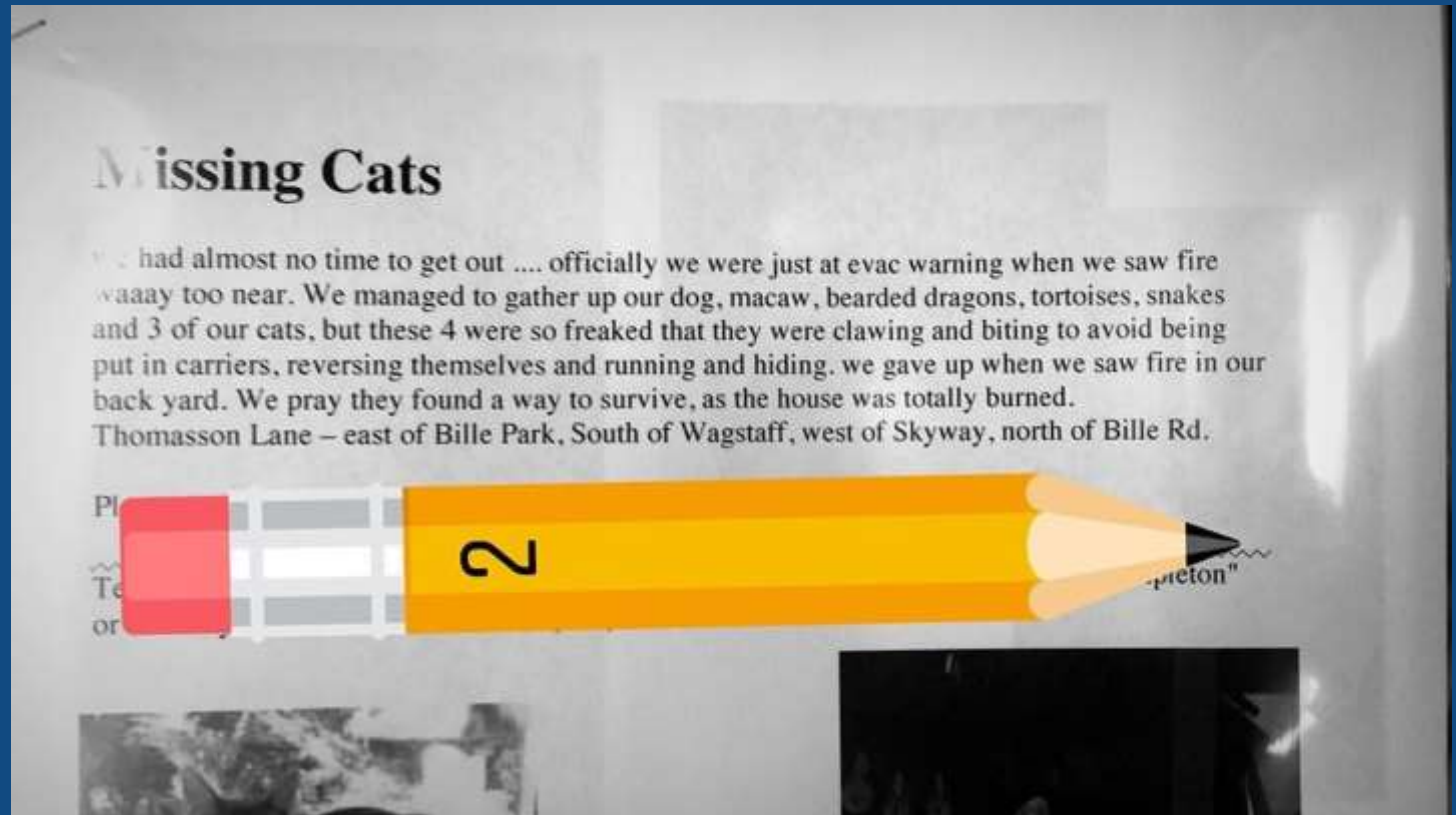
Slick – Female, 13-year old black cat, has a skinny white mark on her chest
They have never been apart, and if they're alive, they will want to be together



If found contact:
Jason Bohnert
(206) 683-2193

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Excerpts from the Binders



A family's story during the Camp Fire

Partnerships

- Creating bridges with other organizations for help
 - Local and distant shelters
 - National (IFAW, HSUS, ASPCA, etc)
 - Local volunteer organizations
 - Government organizations
 - Community organizations (animal trackers on social media, etc)



Pet Passports

- With support from UCDavis
 - Multiple photographs
 - Details of location found
 - Microchip #
 - Laminated
 - Accurate tracking for outside support facilities.



Reunification Stories!

- Too many to mention!
- It's what we all live for



Special considerations!

- Microchipping
 - Not legal to microchip without permission or hold period up.
- Hold period
 - Abandonment laws- 28 days
- Abandonment (Known owned animals)
 - Sending notification (5 day letter)

