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**Oakland Animal Services Mobilizes to Provide Mutual Aid to Napa/Sonoma Animal Shelters**  
***How the Public Can Help During Fire Crises***

The City of Oakland's Animal Services department (OAS) has mobilized to provide mutual aid to the communities in the North Bay affected by the multiple fires that continue to threaten the lives of residents and their pets, livestock and wildlife. Oakland Animal Services officers are returning to its shelter in Oakland with adoptable cats, dogs and other domestic species to free up space in shelters in Napa and Sonoma so that they can accommodate more animals affected by the fires.

Oakland Animal Services encourages the public to consider adopting these pets and will be screening those qualified to adopt according to the usual criteria while suspending the normal adoption fee through October 22. Adoption details may be found below. Regular adoption screening will apply, and all adopted pets will have vaccinations, microchip and be spayed/neutered.

**The Public Can Help Animals Affected by the Fires Via Oakland Animal Services:**

- ADOPT: <http://www.oaklandanimalservices.org/adopt/>
- FOSTER: <http://www.oaklandanimalservices.org/how.../fostering-animals/>
- DONATE (Amazon wishlist and our Friends online donation portal): <http://www.oaklandanimalservices.org/how-to-help/donate/>
- IN-KIND DONATIONS ON SITE: The Oakland Animal Services shelter can use gently used blankets and towels as well as comforts like dog treats, large Kongs, Temptations cat treats and veggies for rabbits. OAS staff are in regular contact with the shelters in the areas affected by the fires, they do not need any more in-kind donations at this time.

- Please do not bring in pets to the Oakland Animal Services shelter at this time. The shelter is extremely full; we aren't saying "no", we are just saying "not right now". If you think your animal is suffering, please take it to a veterinarian.

**About Oakland Animal Services**

Oakland Animal Services is Oakland's only "open admissions" shelter: it accepts all of Oakland's homeless, injured, orphaned, unwanted, lost, abandoned and mistreated animals, including companion animals, farm animals, exotic animals, and native wildlife. Every animal brought to the shelter is welcome, regardless of age, breed, temperament or medical condition.

In this way OAS differs from other shelters and animal welfare organizations that are limited admissions, meaning that they only accept some of the homeless animals in their communities and may refuse those animals they deem difficult to place.

OAS staff provides critical services to the community, sheltering thousands of Oakland's stray animals each year and responding to animal-related calls for service in Oakland. It enforces animal-related welfare laws, rescues lost and abandoned animals from the streets, protect animals from abusive owners, assists in prosecutions for abuse and neglect, investigates animal bites, and promotes responsible pet ownership and humane care — while at all times ensuring the public's safety.

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