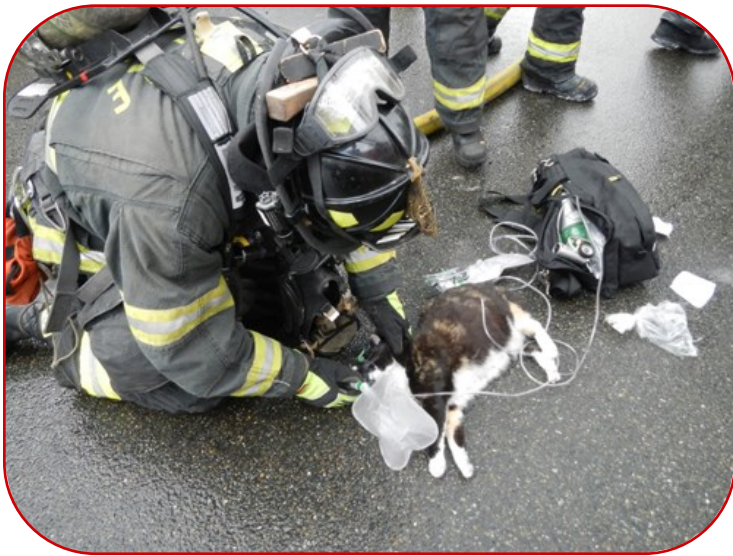


# Fire and your Pet



Pets are like members of the family, but it is important to remember that you may have less than a minute after the smoke alarm sounds to get out of the house. Because many pets will hide out of fear, taking time to search for them can put you in serious danger.



## Firefighter's Duty

- Their priority is to rescue you and your family, and to minimize damage to home and property.
- Firefighters will do their best to find and rescue any animals found in the home.
- Emergency crews are equipped with pet-sized oxygen masks and tanks to resuscitate your pet if necessary.

## Be Prepared

- Practice home fire drills with your family and pet.
- If your pet is within reach and can be quickly secured without putting yourself at risk, try to cage or leash them and evacuate together.
- If you can't take your pet with you, close them in a room to keep smoke from entering, get out of the house and tell a firefighter the pet's name and where it is located.

If 911 has been called for a **medical emergency**, secure your **pet in a crate, closed off room or with a friend**. If you can, call someone to come take care of your pet.

This will help prevent your pet from getting lost, upset or attacking the emergency crew.

**When the smoke alarm sounds, get out quick!**

**If you can't take them with you, close them in a room.**

**Alert the firefighter to where they are.**

**Test your smoke alarm and practice home fire drills!**