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Wildfire and Your Pets and Service Animals

By **Mike Hazlett**, Mosquito FPD Fire Chief

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Wildfires strike suddenly, often while you are away from home. You can improve your pet's chances for safety if you leave him/her inside with collars and identification tags, when you go out. Consider an arrangement with a trusted neighbor who would be willing to evacuate your pets in your absence. Make sure the person knows your animals, can locate your emergency supplies, and has a key to your home. Provide him or her with instructions and phone numbers on how to reach you.

Keep your animal's license and identification current.

Keep up-to-date identification on your pets at all times. Use a properly fitting collar with an identification tag. Consider using a microchip for identification.

Keep current color photographs of your pet, showing any distinguishing markings, with your emergency supplies.

If you evacuate, take your pet.

Your animal's best protection is to be with you. Remember, taking your pet with you requires special planning. Locate a safe place for your pets before wildfire strikes. Evacuation shelters generally do not accept animals for public health and safety reasons. Service animals, on the other hand, are allowed to accompany their owners to an emergency shelter. Call hotels and motels in your immediate area and a reasonable distance from home to see if they will accept pets and under what conditions. Also, contact local boarding kennels and veterinary hospitals with boarding facilities. Ask friends and family members whether they will provide foster care for your pets.

NOTE: El Dorado County Animal Shelter, located in Diamond Springs, will provide temporary foster care for owned pets in times of wildfire, but this should be considered only as a last resort.

Emergency Supplies Kit.

Assemble a portable pet emergency supplies kit to provide for your pet's needs for seven days. Pack the supplies in a carry case, in case you evacuate. Include the following:

- In waterproof container, store medications and medical records, including vaccination records, and a first aid kit. Name and telephone number of your veterinarian. List medical conditions and special considerations
- Sturdy leashes, harnesses, and carriers to transport pets safely and ensure that your animals can't escape



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- Favorite toys and pet beds with kennel or carrying case
- A list of emergency contact numbers in the kit



Even with a wildfire plan in place, pets and their owners can sometimes run into trouble, or a wildfire can exceed local resources.

To learn more, contact:

El Dorado County Animal Services
(530)621-7631
(530)573-7925
<http://www.edcgov.us/AnimalServices>

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Our next MVFA Bingo Night will be **October 23rd**, 7 p.m., at Mosquito General. As always, Dawn and Gus will offer a scrumptious dinner special, as well as their regular menu, starting at 5 p.m. There will be no bingo in November or December due to the holidays, but we intend to start bingo back up beginning in January.



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MVFA also graciously receives donations to help the community. For example, Dick Rood recently donated an equipment trailer that will be used to transport our lawn tractor, string mowers and other maintenance equipment. Thank you, Dick! Kudos go out to Gene and Betsy Bowen for donating to MVFA a two-place sit-on-top kayak now available for rent at Finnon Lake.

More thanks go out to Mark Barnett. Mark is a familiar face hiking around Finnon Lake, and he donated five gallons of deck paint to MVFA. It's a beautiful blue-grey color. It will be used by volunteers to paint the inside walls of the bathrooms at Finnon Lake Campground among other things.

Thanks go out to the MVFA volunteers who sort and separate donated CRV bottles and cans, then take them all down to the recycle center in El Dorado. Not only is this an ecological service to the community, but also a source of income for MVFA to pay their bills. Further, we appreciate the consideration of community

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MVFA has many volunteers, such as, Mike and Dee Taylor who have graciously volunteered to join MVFA's wildlife monitoring program at Fannon Lake. As bird watchers, they will keep track of the species that are present around the lake during the year, and make periodic reports. Thank you, Mike and Dee. If you would like to volunteer as a wildlife monitor, contact Dave Angelo at (530)621-3688.

If you have an item to donate to MVFA, Fannon Lake, the campground, café or the fire station, please contact Tom Harris at (530) 642-2333. MVFA is looking for umbrellas for the café garden area, and the fire station needs a good working (big) gas barbeque grill to replace their old one. Thanks!

SCPOA

By **Connell Persico**

We are pleased to announce we have signed an agreement with The Management Trust – Kocal Division for management services for the Association. What differs from a traditional agreement is that we have maintained responsibility and authority for our maintenance staff, and we have agreed the managers will NOT be engaged in the enforcement of our DC&R's. What they will provide is clerical and administrative support, financial management, collections, and communications. Your Board of Directors remains the decision making group for the Association, and we will depend on our new staff to carry out our decisions. You will hear directly from the new team as we make the transition which we are hoping can be as early as October 1st.

In arriving at its decision, the Board reviewed its due diligence efforts which included reference checks, calls to other HOA/POA's, calls to escrow officers, Better Business Bureau rating check (A+), consideration of their customer satisfaction survey results (91.2% satisfaction in their last survey), and discussion of their Yelp reviews. We noted the 12 negative Yelp reviews were out of a possible 31,269 property owners that Kocal serves. Our conclusion was, though imperfect, our new management team is as good as or better than its competition. The transition will take time, and there will likely be some kinks as we move forward. Both the Board and the management team are committed to honest and straightforward communications at the first signs of stress or strain.

We began this process of solving our support staff deficits over six months ago. For those of us who have tried to pick up the slack by answering the phone, checking the emails, responding to escrow demands and problem solving, we are relieved to reassign these tasks. For those of you who didn't receive a timely call back or response to inquiry, relief is also on the way.



At our meeting, we also reactivated our committee structure, which had become dormant under the weight of the controversies and bickering that had taken hold for a while. We will be posting the committee meeting notices on Next Door, on signage at the 'T' at Dyer Lake, and at the Fire Station. Please let your neighbors who might not have access to these limited means of communication know when the meetings are to be held, in case they are interested. And please join us in developing better means of sharing information.

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OKTOBERFEST at the TRADING POST

By Vicki DeKay

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By Sharon Hern & MaryAnn Haywood

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Feeding the Community

Crafters

By Sharon Hern

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Calling All Mosquito/Swansboro Shoppers

By Eileen Guell and Mary Ann Haywood

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By Editor – Reprinted from <https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Keep-Me-Wild>

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If bears and other wild animals damage property or threaten human safety, they might be killed. Allowing wild animals' access to human food is dead wrong.

**Please – stash your food and trash.
Keep them wild.**

WANTED!!!

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Sunday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Closed Monday and Tuesday

(530)295-4980 or mosquitogeneral@live.com

Watch for Specials on our Community Facebook
page!



CLASSIFIED ADS

Free

Pine rounds, ready for splitting. We have plenty!
You haul. call Tim at (408)859-3182. (7)

Horse/compost manure for home or garden call
Cindy at (530)621-1600. (7)

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For Sale

One (1) white, across truck tool box; two (2) white, side
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2 acre parcel of land at 3081 Stope Drive. No water or
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