

Wildfires & Animal Rescue: *Lessons Learned from the Butte County Fire*



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**Disasters can occur
without warning**



**Situations can quickly
become dangerous**



**Road closures
can prevent you
from being able
to return home**



**Rescuing your own animals
may not be an option**





Animal Services Officers can enter beyond roadblocks to evacuate animals



**Officers are dispatched out
to calls for rescue
or animal welfare checks**

In large disasters, multiple counties work together to rescue your pets



Officers often arrive at locations that have been drastically changed



Wooden address markers or street signs may no longer remain





**Vehicle descriptions
may not be helpful**

**Downed
power
lines add
to the
dangers
your pet
may face**





Would you do all that you can to help Animal Services Officers locate your pet in a scene like this?



**Outdoor cats
can be fearful and shy**

Food helps officers get close enough to catch



If electricity to your well pump is out, do you have an alternative for providing water?



Rescued pets are brought to the Animal Evacuation Shelter



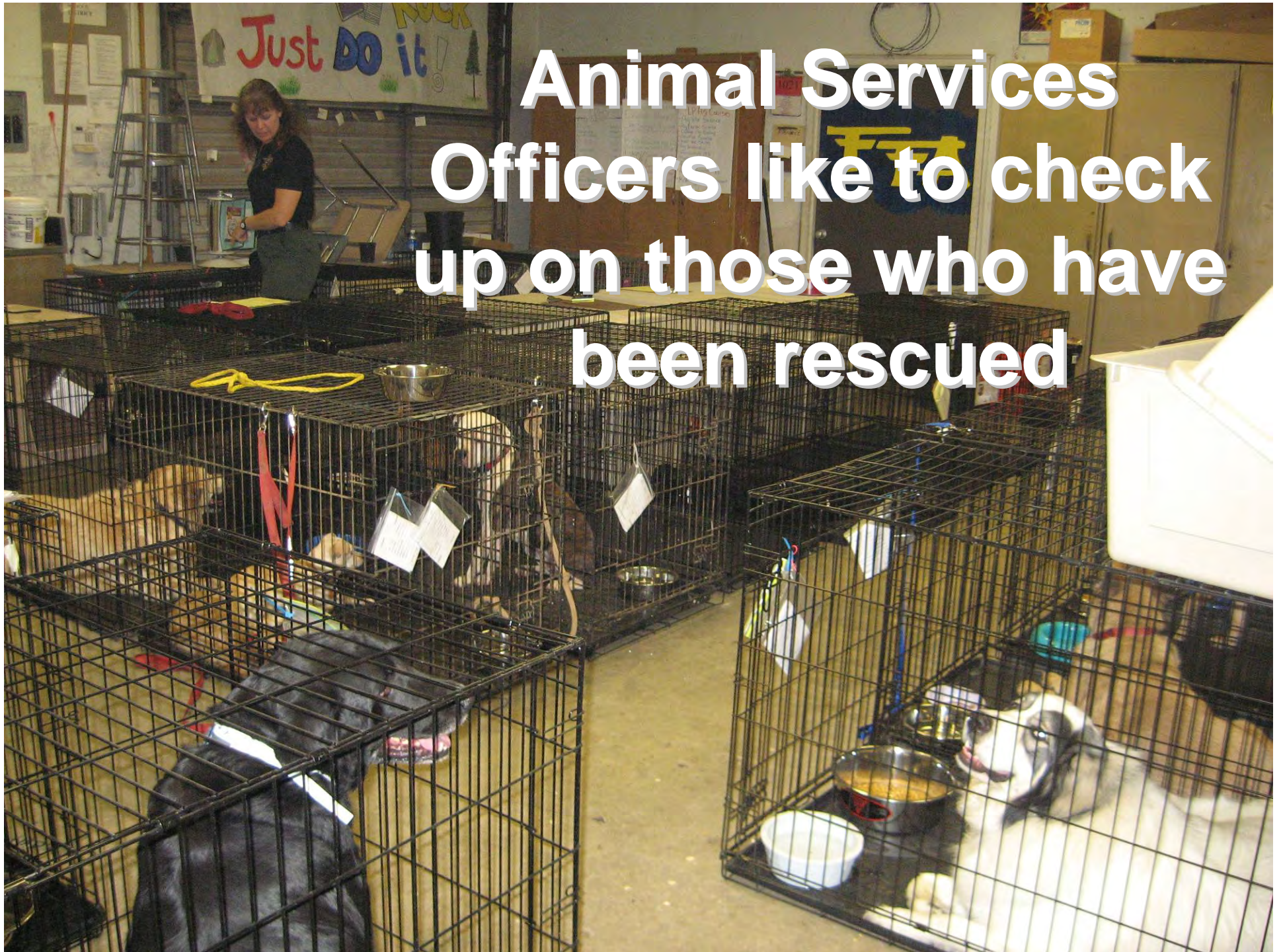
**Volunteers
care for the
animals,
while vet
techs
monitor
them for
signs of
illness**



Pets with injuries are taken for veterinary examinations



**Animal Services
Officers like to check
up on those who have
been rescued**



**Some need extra special care
and attention**



**You CAN help
Animal Services Officers locate,
identify, catch and transport
your pets...**



Have a metal address sign on a metal stake at the entrance of your property



Hide a key in an easy to describe location to allow access to pets that live inside your home



Place metal identification tags on ALL pets. Include animal's name, your last name and address.



Be sure all horses are trained and will load onto a trailer



**Create an alternate water source
for all livestock in case electricity
to well pumps & automatic watering
systems goes out**



NEVER, NEVER “cut animals loose.”
Animals located inside the house or
confined in enclosures are easier
to evacuate





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