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TINY MASKS MAY AID EFFORT TO SAVE FAMILY PETS IN FIRE

South Santa Clara County Fire District train for resuscitation of pets.

When disaster strikes, family pets can become victims too. Over 40,000 pets die each year from smoke asphyxiation in fires¹. Losing a beloved animal companion is always a difficult experience, but it becomes devastating when we realize that it could have been prevented. Fire fighters can feel helpless when confronted with an animal victim. They want to help, but often lack the proper equipment to do so.

But things are changing, and South Santa Clara County Fire District now has tools to help resuscitate our four-legged family members. Dr. Michelle Griffin and Terry Moriyama held two trainings on the resuscitation of pets this week and distributed 10 resuscitation kits, enough for all the engines throughout the areas covered by this Fire District.

Air For Paws was started by Terry Moriyama in memory of her beloved pups Sammi and Nikki. It is a grass-roots effort, soon to become non-profit organization, which honors all of our animal companions by helping to equip fire/rescue agencies with animal resuscitation kits. The ten donated kits each contain specially designed oxygen masks, instruction cards, emergency numbers, and a leash. The masks are constructed to properly fit animals ranging in size from a hamster to a large dog.

In addition to providing more and expanded resuscitation kits to first responders, the future goals of Air For Paws includes educating the community and individual pet owners to help ensure a complete response to pet emergencies, including emergency planning and temporary shelter.

Please join us....

With special thanks to those who made it possible:

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