

Animal Services Increased for Evacuated Areas

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The BC SPCA is escalating rescue efforts to help animals throughout the Cariboo Regional District.

The Cariboo Regional District recognizes that evacuees have concerns about pets and livestock that have been left behind. A number of special constables are now located in the region to provide support in caring for and rescuing animals trapped behind fire evacuation lines.

The SPCA call centre can be reached at 1-855-622-7722. Their call centre is open seven days per week 9:00am to 5:30pm (5:00pm on weekends).

Once a call is received, the SPCA will collect information about when residents were evacuated and the animals that were left behind so that resources can be appropriately deployed.

The SPCA will look after household pets and will also help connect access to resources for stranded livestock (including those on hobby farms) with partner organizations such as the BC Cattlemen's Association.

The deployment of resources to assist stranded animals will be determined on a day-to-day/case-by-case basis in collaboration with the BC Wildfire Service to ensure entry to areas is safe as the wildfire situation constantly evolves.

For those on evacuation alert, please ensure you include a plan for your pets if you were to be evacuated. Prepared BC has provided a guide to help which is available for download here:

<http://bit.ly/1SVlrxm>

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