

# Sierra Animal Wellness Center

Specializing in Holistic, Integrative Veterinary  
Medicine



August 10, 2017



## Clinic Hours

Monday, Thursday and Friday  
from 9:00 to 6:00

Tuesday from 9:00 to 3:00

Wednesday from 12:00 to 6:00

## Contact Us

1506 S. Canyon Way  
Colfax, California 95713  
530-346-6611  
Fax: 530-346-6699

[sawc285@gmail.com](mailto:sawc285@gmail.com)

[Subscribe to Our Newsletter!](#)

## Quick Links

[Sierra Animal Wellness Center](#)  
[Toy Poodles Bred by Bev Enoch, RVT](#)  
[Pembroke Welsh Corgis Bred by Peggy Roberts, DVM](#)

## Are You Prepared?

One of the greatest risks in our beautiful little corner of the world is wildfire. Fire season is at its peak during September and October. If a fire forces evacuation in your area, would you be ready to go? The time to prepare is now, not when you have been given 10 minutes or an hour to get out. Having a plan in place can be not only lifesaving for you, your family and your animals, but can also help you return to your home safely after evacuation and, if the worse should happen and you lose your home, help you have all the information you'll need to start the recovery process.



There are a number of online resources that can help you prepare and different counties have resources available to residents. You can see the Emergency Preparedness pages for [Placer County here](#) and for [Nevada County click here](#). Both offices offer planning brochures and advice. Nevada County also has a fire season guide and pages 9, 10, 11 and 12 have excellent checklists, no matter where you live, for what to do before, during and after an evacuation. To get the guide, [click here](#). Sammie's Friends also has an emergency planning guide that includes guidance on preparing evacuation kits for cats, dogs and horses as well as preparing an animal first aid kit. You can find that guide by [clicking here](#).

Make sure all your animals have ID tags and you may want to consider having them microchipped. For our small animal companions one of the very best things you can do is have an accessible carrier for every pet and make sure your cat or dog is comfortable in it. This is not the time to be fighting to get your critter in the crate! Make the crate a safe and happy place, not just a torture device used once a year to transport your friend to the vet. This can be a matter of life or death, especially for cats who are very adept at hiding. Keep the crate out all the time. To help your dog or cat get used to it keep the crate door open all the time, include comfortable bedding and maybe a favorite toy, and throw in a favorite treat now and again. Once your friend feels comfortable in the crate not only will it make evacuating much safer, but visits to the clinic will be a whole lot less stressful for all concerned.

Of course, a crate and ID tags aren't enough. Check out this great article from *Dogster* "[Our Tips for Evacuating with Dogs](#)" and from *Catster* "[Our Tips for Evacuating with Cats](#)".

Until next time, be well.

- Dr. Peggy



**Is Your Dog's Evacuation Kit Ready For an Emergency?**

1. Accessible carrier for each pet
2. A clear, current photo of each pet
3. Photocopies of ownership documentation
4. A list of important phone numbers
5. Water
6. Food
7. Harness with a ring for a leash
8. Medications
9. Pee pads or newspapers
10. Paper towels and wipes
11. Tranquilizers or calming remedies
12. Comfort items

from your friends at **dogster**

## Is Your Cat's Evacuation Kit Ready For an Emergency?

- 
1. Accessible carrier for each pet
  2. A clear, current photo of each pet
  3. Photocopies of ownership documentation
  4. A list of important phone numbers
  5. Water
  6. Food
  7. Harness with a ring for a leash
  8. Medications
  9. Litter box, litter, scoop, and baggies
  10. Paper towels and wipes
  11. Tranquilizers or calming remedies
  12. Comfort items

### In Closing

We appreciate you taking the time to read this edition of our e-newsletter and hope you've found it informative. Please let us know what you think. Your comments and suggestions are always welcomed.

If you have any questions or concerns about your animal's health, don't hesitate to call or email us.

Best always,

Dr. Peggy, Bev and All the Staff  
Sierra Animal Wellness Center

