

IN THE MEWS: Snout Shaped Resuscitation Masks Help Cats Breathe Easier

Should you and your pet ever be caught in a fire, resuscitation masks are now available for your cat as well.

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Firefighters have long been hailed as heroes, braving fiery conditions to save lives. Saving humans suffering from smoke inhalation is a well-practiced procedure, but what about your loving cat?

Because of animal physiology, human oxygen masks do not fit the snout properly, says Debra Bennetts, spokeswoman for the Best Friends Pet Cares Cause for Paws program. In 2005, there were over 40,000 animal deaths resulting from house fires, compared to only 4,000 human deaths. Humans know to leave a house when the smoke alarm goes off; animals usually get scared and hide.

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