

## The CatChannel Newswire

**Top stories: California wildfires threaten Shambala; cats may hold the key to malaria vaccine.**

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### California Wildfires Threaten Shambala "Big Cat" Sanctuary

Flames are roaring across the street from the Shambala Preserve, an exotic animal center in Acton. But the 64 lions, tigers, leopards and other big cats that live here are staying put. The area around the preserve is under mandatory evacuation order, Gallucci said, but the crew at the preserve has decided to stay and fight the fire, if necessary, the Los Angeles Times reports.

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### Cats May Hold the Key to Malaria Vaccine

The contents of a cat's litterbox may have given microbiologist Laura Knoll an idea about how to deliver a vaccine for malaria, one of the planet's worst infectious diseases, Examiner.com reports.

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### Nebraska Animal Shelter Sees Boost in Cats and Kittens

Not only are young kittens being brought in at a rate of as many as 17 a day, but owners are finding it necessary to give up their pets due to financial hardship, said Beatrice Humane Society Executive Director Gina Grone, the Beatrice (Neb.) Daily Sun reports.

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