

SCOTTS VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT		
STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES	ARTICLE: II	SOP: 2710
	SECTION: 2700	INCIDENT COMMAND FIREGROUND OPERATIONS
	SUBJECT: ANIMAL RESCUE EMERGENCIES	

Purpose: To provide consistent guidelines when handling animal rescue emergencies.

Scope: To be followed by all personnel when receiving calls from the public pertaining to animal rescue emergencies.

Procedure:

A True Rescue:

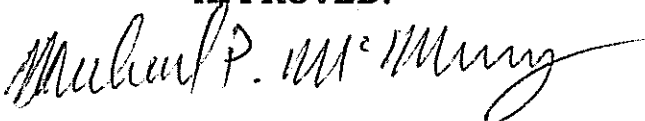
1. Animals that are stuck on a second story roof or commercial building with no way to climb down.
2. An animal that has become entangled or stuck in something.
3. An animal that is injured or unable to help itself.

Example of an Animal Rescue:

- Fire District or the Animal Control Officer needs to determine that we have a true animal rescue.
- Fire District and the Animal Control Officer need to set up a time to meet at the address. Fire District will provide ladders for the Animal Control Officer for access.
- The Animal Control Officer will make the rescue.

Large Animal Rescues:

For large animals such as horses and cows, the Felton Fire District has the equipment and training to handle these calls. Felton Fire District will need an engine company from the requesting agency to assist with the rescue. Notification for Felton's Large Animal Rescue should be made via by radio through Net/Com.

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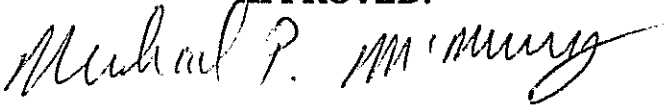
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Rescue Animals from Trees:

1. When the District receives a phone call involving an animal in a tree, the best advice to give the caller is allow the animal time to climb down by itself. This method may take days or longer to accomplish but it is the safest way for the animal and the rescuer.

2. David Jones or any available animal control officer from the Santa Cruz Animal Services will be available to **Counsel** people who just are not satisfied with our recommendation. Mr. Jones's recommendations will be the same as ours, but he has the backing of being an expert in this field. Mr. Jones's phone number is: (831) 454-7303.

The Fire District will still respond out if requested by the animal owner. At this time, Fire District members can determine if the animal is in need of a rescue.

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