

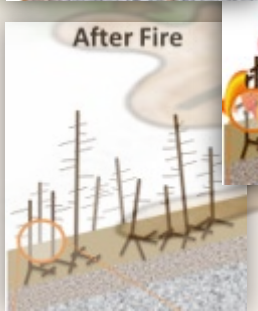
DEBRIS FLOW



Before Fire



During Fire



After Fire

When a wildfire burns very hot and long enough, the ground changes. This causes the water to quickly run off because the hillside cannot soak up the water like a sponge does. Debris flows can happen during heavy rain after wildfires. A debris flow can happen after only a few minutes of heavy and fast rain. If you live downhill or downstream from a burned area also known as burn scars, you should know how to prepare to evacuate with your pet.

What is a Debris Flow?

A debris flow is a landslide. Mudslides or mudflows are also landslides, but a debris flow is the strongest and most dangerous. Debris flows can happen very quickly and move really fast. Landslides can be very dangerous and can destroy homes, roads and the forest because they can carry mud, rocks, boulders, trees, and even homes and cars. Debris flows can travel faster than you can run and can even catch up to a car. This is why it is very important to make a Go Bag for your pet so you can leave early and quickly. Remember that your pets count on you to keep them safe.

Preparing for a Debris Flow

BEFORE

- Make an evacuation plan for your family and pet. Include evacuation routes.
- Make a Go Bag and stay home emergency kit for your family and pet.
- Sign up for county emergency alerts and weather alerts.
- Know your community's landslide evacuation plans.
- Find shelter locations for your family and pet.
- Evacuate **EARLY** if local authorities ask you to go to a safer place.
- Listen for unusual sounds such as trees cracking or boulders knocking.

DURING

If Indoors, stay indoors

- Move to the highest part of your house with your pet if you can.
- Take cover under a piece of strong furniture. Let your pet find a safe place to hide.

If Outdoors, get out the path of the debris flow

- Go to high ground away from the flow. Carry your pet with you if possible. Don't risk your life.
- Shelter under a group of trees or a building if rocks & other debris are getting near.
- Curl into a tight ball & protect your head if escape is not possible.

AFTER

- Watch for flooding that may happen.
- Listen to local authorities to find out if it is safe to return to your home.
- If someone else evacuated your pet, check with them using text messages or social media
- Give first aid to your pet if needed. Your pet's Go Bag should have a pet first aid kit.
- Create a safe place for your pet, return to normal routines, and provide plenty of comfort.
- Replace items used in the Go Bag during the emergency.