

NCSU Companion Animal Club 07-08' Fundraiser

October 31, 2007-November 28, 2007

GOAL AND PURPOSE:

The Companion Animal Club is composed of people from all majors and backgrounds who are interested in enhancing their knowledge of companion animals, spending time with people with similar interests, and celebrating the contributions made by pets to the emotional and physical well-being of their owners.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

We are taking donations and to raise money for purchasing pet oxygen masks. Human oxygen masks do not properly fit pets, and have been the cause of many problems during household fires. Each set of masks will cost the club \$75. We are trying to buy as many as possible so we can donate them to the local fire departments.



MORE INFORMATION/EXAMPLE:

WOOSTER, OHIO — Roughly 40,000 thousand pets die in fires every year. But now, many Wayne County fire crews are equipped with a special tool designed to save those four-legged friends. Just this week, the Wooster Fire Department added new oxygen masks onto their fire trucks. The masks are cone-shaped, designed to fit over the snout of a dog, cat or other animal. "You can see they're especially designed for the snout of a pet. Like I said, it makes it possible for the total flow of oxygen, where the human mask was contoured to the human face and there was a lot of oxygen loss," says Assistant Fire Chief Frank Kuntz. Twenty-seven kits were donated through the fundraising efforts of "Paws to Pets", a local group focusing on the human-animal bond. The masks otherwise would have cost \$75 for each mask. Kuntz knows this will save the lives of pets, but in some cases, the owners as well. "Actually we believe we had a fatality a couple years ago, where we found a guy in the garage way in the back," says Kuntz, "and then the investigation showed, there was a dog in there." The Wooster Fire Department hasn't used the masks yet, but Kuntz is confident they will help save more than a few four legged friends. www.wkyc.com/news/news_article.aspx?storyid=76466

DETAILS ON DONATING:

- If you would like to donate money for or towards a set of oxygen masks contact Jessica Nomina at jessica.nomina@gmail.com or (704) 641-1077.
- Checks can be made out to "Companion Animal Club" and cash donations will be accepted also.
- Large donations will be recognized on our club Web site: www.cals.ncsu.edu/student_orgs/companion/CompanionAnimalClub.html