


# ON ALL FRONTS

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## MASKS of life

**DOG SAVES OWNER FROM FIRE.** It's a headline seen so often that sometimes we wonder if it's even news anymore. Throughout history, dogs have rescued people from flames by barking at the first whiff of smoke, running for help, or dashing into burning buildings to drag victims out.

**EMERGENCY** is trying to return the favor. **EMERGENCY** has started a program—**EMERGENCY**—to supply fire departments with pet oxygen masks, specially designed to fit over a canine muzzle. These lifesaving devices may also be used on other pets, including cats and ferrets.

It is estimated that at least 40,000 companion animals perish each year in house fires, mostly from smoke inhalation. Many of these animals might have survived if they had been treated immediately with oxygen. But, without a mask tailored to an animal's facial structure, the treatment won't work.

So far, **EMERGENCY** has donated more than **EMERGENCY** pet oxygen-mask kits throughout the **EMERGENCY**. For more information, or to make a donation, visit **EMERGENCY**.



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### Paws Up >>

... to the third-grade students at Dorothy L. Bullock School for bringing a dog park to Glassboro, New Jersey.

It began as a lesson in municipal government—teacher Shelley Petrozza invited Glassboro council members to speak to her class, and in return, they invited the class to sit in on a city-council session.

But Petrozza's class did more than just observe. After discussing ways to improve their community, specifically for the

canine residents, the students presented a proposal to build a dog park.

Complete with charts, a petition, and funding suggestions, the proposal appealed to the city council—but not immediately. Three months passed before the council gave the go-ahead.

The dog park, which is estimated to open in about nine months, will most likely be built near the school. A plaque will be placed at the park to honor the class's efforts.