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## Oxygen masks for pets

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The Fire Department has received a set of oxygen masks designed for use on pets in emergencies. “Very often in a fire, the animals are the last living things to get out,” said Susan Curtis, executive director of the Marlborough-based Massachusetts Veterinary Medical Association Charities Inc. “If people aren’t home, they’ll crawl under something out of fear.” She said the masks are insets of three different sized muzzles, so they’ll fit cats, dogs, ferrets, or other small-mouthed animals, and can be used to resuscitate animals injured in a fire or near-drowning, “wherever oxygen is needed.” The masks were provided through a program of the association, which is trying to equip all communities in the state, she said, adding that the program is sustained by donations. For more information, visit [mass.vet.org](http://mass.vet.org)