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Score a box of cookies with a donation

ALBUQUERQUE — Girl Scouts in New Mexico will be working to help a very specific population group impacted by the devastating wildfires in the state May 14 – animals.

Girl Scouts will be collecting food and supplies for pets and livestock that have either been evacuated or abandoned due to the combined Hermits Peak and Calf Canyon Fires.

The public is invited to contribute dog or cat food, hay, grains, or any additional supplies that can be donated to organizations addressing this immediate need in San Miguel, Mora, and Santa Fe Counties.

"Many Girl Scout troops leapt into action to collect and deliver toiletries, food, and clothing for the people being evacuated. Even troops that were being evacuated themselves used proceeds from their Girl Scout Cookie sales to buy supplies for evacuees and help feed wildland firefighters," Rebecca Latham, CEO of Girl Scouts of New Mexico Trails, said. "When the girls learned that many of those people had to leave suddenly without food for their pets, or that some of them had to leave animals behind, they wanted to help."

Girl Scouts will be collecting the following donations at their Albuquerque Headquarters, <u>4000</u> <u>Jefferson Plaza NE</u>

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, from 9 am to 6 pm:

Cat food

Dog food

Cat treats

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Animal crates

Cat litter

Hay

Livestock feed (horse, cow, chicken, rabbit, pig, goats, sheep)

Feeding troughs

Feeding bowls

In addition to collecting items, Girl Scouts will give away a box of Girl Scout Cookies for each car that makes a donation. Financial contributions to purchase hay and feed for livestock are

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also being accepted through Facebook.com/NMGirlScouts .

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