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Beginning April 1, 2008, all Andover Fire Rescue engine companies will be equipped with medical animal recovery oxygen mask sets. The oxygen masks are manufactured in New Zealand by McCulloch Medical and are distributed in the United States by SurgiVet Inc. The mask sets are reusable and easy to maintain.

This equipment will be available for use on animals large and small such as dogs, cats, ferrets, rabbit's etc., when they have been exposed to smoke conditions as the result of a building fire.

The Animal Oxygen Recovery Mask set comes complete with three different sized masks and are designed to be utilized with medical oxygen that is carried on all Andover Fire Rescue apparatus.

Over the next two weeks all Andover Fire Rescue personnel will be trained in the use of the mask sets.

The veterinary staff at the Main Street Animal Hospital located in Salem, New Hampshire donated the animal oxygen sets to several Merrimack Valley Fire Departments as part of a community outreach program.

The mask sets are currently being utilized by many other fire departments throughout the country.