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It's National Pet Fire Safety Day! Did you know that according to the National Fire Protection Association, over 1,000 house fires are accidentally started by pets! Here are some helpful tips to educate yourself on preventing your pet from starting a fire and keeping your pet safe:

- **Extinguish open flames**- Pets are curious and will explore candles or a fire in your fireplace. Be sure to not leave your pet unattended around an open flame and make sure to thoroughly extinguish any open flames before leaving the house.
- **Remove stove knobs**- Be sure to remove stove knobs or protect them with covers before leaving the house. Stove knobs are the #1 piece of equipment involved in a pet starting a fire.
- **Invest in flameless candles**- Flameless candles contain a light bulb as opposed to an open flame. This will prevent any risks of your pet knocking over a candle.
- **Never take your pet's collar off**- Keep collars on pets and leashes nearby in case firefighters need to rescue your pet. When leaving pets home alone, do your best to keep your pet in areas near entrances where firefighters can easily find them.
- **Secure young pets**- Keep young pets, especially puppies in crates or behind baby gates and make sure puppies are removed from any potential fire-starting hazards. Ensure that your puppy or kitten is in a safe environment while you are away from home.
- **Since pets left alone can't escape a burning home**- Consider using a monitored smoke detector which are connected to a monitoring center that will contact emergency responders when you're not at home.
- **Attach a pet alert window cling to your front window**- Write down the number of pets inside your residence and attach the cling to a front window. This is crucial information that will save rescuers time when locating your pets. Be sure to update the number of pets listed.