

AFA Provides Bird Supplies to Wildfire Evacuees

The American Federation of Aviculture Disaster Relief Fund provides assistance to Southern California bird owners and aviculturists

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The American Federation of Aviculture is working to provide relief and help to Southern California bird owners, breeders and aviculturists effected by the recent wildfires through its Disaster Relief Fund.

The fund is used to purchase bird food, cage wire for aviaries and other supplies for evacuated or displaced birds. Many evacuees were able to save their birds, but may have lost everything else in the flames.

Bird owners or aviculturists who are in need of assistance in housing or obtaining supplies for their birds may qualify for relief and can contact the chair of the AFA Action Relief Committee Fred Smith at (863) 858-6739 or e-mail or AFA Southern California Regional Director Genny Wall at (949) 463-3865 or e-mail.

Smith, AFA Florida Regional Director, is spearheading the AFA Action Relief Committee and brings experience in organizing hurricane relief efforts during past disasters. The AFA has helped to provide assistance, relief efforts and veterinary care for birds during hurricanes Andrew, Rita and Katrina.

For information on making a donation to the AFA Disaster Relief Fund visit the AFA website.