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Donations help wildfire-displaced animals

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Donations now being accepted at Perks, next to the Lafayette Library. Photo Pippa Fisher

Lafayette resident Vickie Balestrieri is taking the lead in gathering donations of pet food and other supplies to help support animals displaced by the Bay Area wildfires.

With a drop-off spot right beside Perks (formerly Caffino) next to the Lafayette Library, Balestrieri is hoping to gather supplies such as crates, pet carriers, pet food, clean old towels, blankets, pet beds, leashes as well as cash donations.

Balestrieri decided to help after hearing friends of hers from Saratoga discussing on social media the plight of animals that had been rescued from the fires, including horses, chickens, goats, cats, dogs, and rabbits that are being held now at the Gilroy Fairgrounds. She has been delivering carloads of supplies over the past few weeks.

More locally Balestrieri is now working to collect donations for Jelly's Place and the Milo Foundation, community nonprofit rescue shelters that are also welcoming animal victims of the fires. All are grateful for any supplies.

The collection drive at Perks is set to continue until Sept. 20.

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