



# CITY OF GLENDORA

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## **ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER ASSISTS VICTIM IN GLENDORA HOUSE**

In a tremendous act of compassion, an animal control officer comforted a Glendora woman who lost her pets in a house fire last week. On Wednesday, June 25, 2014, the Glendora Police Department responded to a house that was fully engulfed in flames in the 300 block of South Treanor Avenue. Initially, it was believed that the resident was possibly trapped inside, but the resident soon returned home just as L.A. County firefighters knocked down the blaze. Unfortunately, the resident's three dogs and four cats perished in the fire. Another two other cats are still missing.

The city's animal control provider, Inland Valley Humane Society & SPCA, immediately responded to the scene. Seeing the resident distraught about her beloved animals, IVHS Animal Control Officer Michael Rivera went into action and gently removed and cleaned up the pets so that the resident could say one last goodbye before Rivera took them away.

"IVHS provides outstanding service to the residents of Glendora," said Glendora Police Chief Tim Staab. "But the actions by Officer Rivera went above and beyond. His kindness and empathy towards this grieving woman was commendable."

The city of Glendora contracted with Inland Valley Humane Society & SPCA in July of 2013. For more information about the services provided by IVHS, check out their website at [www.ivhssPCA.org](http://www.ivhssPCA.org)

Fire officials determined that the fire was started by an electrical cord underneath a rug.

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