

一只从大火中救出的猫成为伦敦第一只使用特制动物氧气面罩的宠物。消防人员扑灭了大火，救出了两只猫，并给其中一只戴上了氧气面罩。

London Fire Brigade say human lives are always the **priority**, but that owners will often put themselves in danger to save their **pets**, and the introduction of special equipment should give them **reassurance**.

伦敦消防队表示，救人始终是当务之急，但宠物主人经常不惜冒生命危险，也要救下宠物，因此投入使用特殊设备应该能让他们放心。

A not-for-profit group, Smokey Paws, has created three sizes of pet oxygen therapy mask for dogs and cats, ranging down in size to rabbits, snakes and mice. They'll be carried on fire engines in Battersea, Paddington, Richmond and Hammersmith, [parts of London] as part of a **pilot scheme** and could be **rolled out** across the capital if successful.

非营利组织“Smokey Paws”制作了三种尺寸的宠物氧气治疗面罩，分别用于狗和猫、兔子、蛇和老鼠。作为试点计划的一部分，这些专用面罩将在伦敦巴特西、帕丁顿、里士满和汉默史密斯地区的消防车上随车携带，若行之有效，则可能在整个伦敦推广使用。

The first crew to use one, at a house fire in Paddington, said having **specialist** equipment that fitted properly around the cat's **muzzle** saved its life.

在帕丁顿一处房屋发生的火灾中，首批使用这种面罩的消防队员说，随行携带能紧贴猫鼻口处的专业设备挽救了这只猫的生命。

1. 词汇表

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| priority | 优先考虑的事情，当务之急 |
| pets | 宠物 |
| reassurance | 能消除疑虑、让人安心的行为 |
| pilot scheme | 试点计划 |
| rolled out | 实行，推广 |
| specialist | 专业的 |
| muzzle | (动物) 鼻口 |

2. 阅读理解：请在读完上文后，回答下列问题。（答案见下页）

1. Why do some people trapped in a fire put their own lives in danger?
2. True or false? *During a fire, firefighters try to save an owner's pet first.*
3. How many sizes of pet oxygen therapy masks are available?
4. Which word used in the report describes how a mask was fitted on a cat in a way that was suitable, and correct?

3. 答案

1. Why do some people trapped in a fire put their own lives in danger?

London Fire Brigade say the owners will often put themselves in danger to save their pets.

2. True or false? *During a fire, firefighters try to save an owner's pet first.*

False. London Fire Brigade say human lives are always the priority.

3. How many sizes of pet oxygen therapy masks are available?

There are three sizes of pet oxygen therapy mask for dogs and cats, ranging down in size to rabbits, snakes and mice.

4. Which word used in the report describes how a mask was fitted on a cat in a way that was suitable and correct?

The word is 'properly'. The first crew to use one said having specialist equipment that fitted properly around the cat's muzzle saved its life.