

**JANUARY 5, 2021**

**"Folks need to say 2020 was a very trying and taxing year for many of us and especially first responders who were engaged or deployed in a wide range of disasters throughout the year. At Joplin's we end each year by looking back at our engagements and summarize/quantify our activities for the year. The following are just a few of the numbers we thought you might find interesting.**

**. 22 days spent responding to floods/mudslides in Washington state during January and February.**

**. 61 days responding to needs in Lake Charles LA and the surrounding area after hurricanes Laura and Delta**

**. 97 days engaged in responding to the needs of wildfire victims in California, Oregon and Washington (7 wildfires in total including two large complex fires in northern California. Complex fires are where multiple wildfires connect and become one massive wildfire. Note: Over 4,000,000 acres were burned in California alone in 2020.**

**. 145+ days responding to families in need who have been quarantined or isolated due to the COVID pandemic. 23 families assisted so far. We have provided assistance ranging from merely walking dogs twice a day to taking care of over 100 farm animals each day for two weeks.**

**.150+ days sleeping on the ground (in tents) at various rescue camps.**

**. 1100+ animals receiving triage, rescued, transported and/or temporarily sheltered**

**. 80,000+ miles logged on our rescue vehicles' odometers.**

**We are extremely thankful that our team members came through these incidents without any physical injury or sickness. With that said there were many exhausting, stressful and horrific days during these deployments.**

**We are also extremely THANKFUL for all of you have supported us both financially and emotionally. It truly takes all of us working together to make this a better world for both animals and their owners. We wish you all the best and a SAFE and healthy 2021.**

**The photos attached include photos of a dog rescued out of the wildfires in N. California. chickens in the flood water in western Washington in February; Lake Charles after hurricanes Laura and Delta had hit the town head on, and cattle that we fed after rounding them up after a fast moving wildfire destroyed the town of Malden in eastern Washington."**

**We want to thank everyone for their continued support of Joplin's Animal Rescue and our efforts. This transition provides us with an opportunity to stay in touch with the animals that we cared for on a daily basis while providing us with greater capability to respond in times of need and utilize our training and experience to the utmost.**