



Arvada Fire Protection District

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TO: All News Agencies

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Firefighters Rescue Twenty-Two Dogs

The Arvada Fire District was called to a structure fire at Best Friends Pet Kennel on Monday, January 01, 2007. The initial call was received at 8:02 am and the first fire engine arrived on scene just under 6 minutes later. The reporting party told dispatchers that there was smoke everywhere in the building and that the floor of the building appeared to be black. The initial fire engine on scene reported heavy smoke coming from the back of the one-story, brick building. In all, four Engine Companies, one Ladder Company, two Chiefs and two Fire Marshals responded to this call.

There were 25 dogs in the affected building when the fire broke out. Ten dogs were placed in another kennel on the property, ten dogs were transported to Wheat Ridge Animal Hospital for observation, two dogs were resuscitated by fire crews and transported to Wheat Ridge Animal Hospital in critical condition, and three dogs perished. Doctors from the Wheat Ridge Animal Hospital were on scene to triage and treat the dogs before sending them to the hospital for follow-up.

After investigating the cause of the fire, the Arvada Fire Protection District Fire Marshal's office determined it to be accidental in nature started by the water heater in the building's workroom.