

Rescue for a hot, cross bunny

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A pet rabbit rescued from a Sydenham house fire in Melbourne's west is recovering well.

One-year-old Mister was treated for smoke inhalation and given oxygen on scene.

Lost Dogs' Home general manager Sue Conroy said the rabbit was cared for at the Essendon Animal Accident and Emergency Centre before being taken to Australia's largest animal shelter.

"He's doing really well but it's important we monitor him to ensure there is no damage to his lungs," she said.

Owner Joseph Pinolo, intending to collect Mister today, said: "The vet has checked him over and given him the all-clear."

Firefighters found the distressed rabbit at the front of the house on Friday night.

It took 25 officers half an hour to control the fire after an exhaust fan overheated.