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Deputies Assist Pueblo West Fire in Rescuing Woman from Frozen Pond

Pueblo, CO: Pueblo County Sheriff's deputies assisted Pueblo West fire Tuesday in rescuing a 63-year-old woman who fell through the ice at a Pueblo West pond.

Deputies and Pueblo West Fire responded at about 11 a.m. to Cattail Crossing Pond, 253 S. McCulloch Blvd., after a woman attempting to rescue her dog had fallen through the ice and was in the pond. When deputies arrived, the woman was in the water but was hanging on to a section of ice. Pueblo West firefighters were able to get to the woman and put a rescue rope around her and firefighters along with a deputy pulled the woman to safety.

The woman told deputies that she was attempting to rescue her dog, who had gone out onto the pond chasing geese and fell through the ice. The dog was safely rescued. The woman was taken to a local hospital as a precaution due to the extreme cold temperature.

The Pueblo County Sheriff's Office warns the public to be cautious about going out on ice as it can be unpredictable and unstable. The surface may appear solid, but underlying layers could be compromised and pose a risk for anyone walking on the ice.

If you walk your pet near water, put them on a leash to prevent them from wandering out onto ice. If your pet falls through the ice or if you see someone fall through ice, do not rush out to help them as you may fall through as well. Call 9-1-1 as emergency personnel are trained and better equipped to assist with rescues. If you have access to a rope or a flotation device, try to throw it out to them and assist them from the shore until help arrives.

If you fall through the ice, don't panic. Try to remain calm and reserve your energy. If you can, get your arms onto the ice and kick your feet to help lift you onto the ice and then roll to safety.

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