



Pet Survival Plan

Just as we need to prepare for natural disasters we also need to prepare our animals. As the owner or carers of animals you have a duty of care to provide appropriate food, water, shelter and treatment for injury or disease for your animals.

Never turn animals out on to the road to run free. This is dangerous for fire trucks and vehicles, and you may be legally responsible if they cause a crash. Animals will panic during a bushfire which may result in injuries if they are not secured.

It is likely to be several days before emergency services give the all clear for you to be allowed to return home after an incident. When returning home it is important to obey the authorities and road closure information as there may be hazards in the area such as falling trees and branches, downed power lines and damaged or blocked roads.

**Ignoring these instructions
could put your life and the
lives of emergency services
personnel at risk**

What if your pet is not a dog or cat?

The majority of households have pets such as dogs, cats and birds. If your pets include animals such as, reptiles, small livestock (pigs, fowls, chickens, goats, horses, cattle and sheep) or an aquarium; it is suggested that you contact agencies such as Department of Agriculture, the RSPCA, your animal's veterinarian or local pet shop for specialised advice and planning for emergencies.

Always Remember

- That your pet has access to plenty of food and fresh water.
- Your pet has shelter and bedding
- All of your animals are easily identifiable – tagged and or micro chipped
- Never leave an animal on a motor vehicle

Pet Emergency Kit – Checklist

As a pet owner the best thing you can do is to be prepared. This allows you to make informed decisions to protect your pets during emergencies or natural disasters. Having a pet emergency kit prepares your pets for relocation at short notice.

Like your household emergency kit, it is important to keep your kit in a handy place and make sure everyone knows where it is.

- Registration or licence papers
- Pet medications, medical and vaccination records, and veterinarian contact details
- Sufficient food and water for each animal for up to two weeks period, bring a canopener for tinned food
- Plastic bowls for food and water
- A familiar pet blanket or bedding, toys and grooming equipment
- A secure pet carrier cover, cage, leash and or harness to transport and keep animals safe
- If you are a bird owner place special food and water dispensers in bird cages and have a cover for the cage
- Consider your animal's sanitation requirements and include rubbish bags, kitty litter and dog litter disposal bags
- Include recent photos of your pet for identification
- Include gloves, disinfectant and paper towels for your own hygiene.



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When developing your pet emergency plan it is important to consider the following:

- Animals will require a constant source of water and food, shade and safe place shelter
- If you need to move your pets to a safer place, think about where and *how* you will relocate them
- Animals are not allowed in relocation centres, except guide dogs

 **Pet Emergency Kit (Checklist for each animal)**

- Identification Details
- Medications
- Vaccination records
- Veterinarian details
- Bedding, toys
- Grooming Equipment
- Food, can opener
- Water and bowl
- Secure Carrier/cage, lease, harness
- Sanitation needs

 **Pet Medical Information**

- Name.....
- Medication.....
- Dosage and how often.....

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 **Important Telephone numbers**

Police Fire Ambulance 000
State Emergency Service 132500
Veterinarian
RSPCA 1300 CRUELTY (1300 278 3589)
Local Council or Government
Local Ranger
Pet Insurance Provider
Pet information and advisory service
Workplace
Workplace
Neighbours
Neighbours

 **Household contact details**

Name
Phone – Work and Home
Mobile Number
Email Address

 **Nominated household emergency contact**

Nearby contact name
Address
Home/work phone numbers
Email Address
Out of town contact name
Address
Home/work phone numbers
Email Address