

GET READY FOR BUSH FIRE

PREPARE YOUR PETS AND ANIMALS

Planning for pets and animals is an important part of your household's bush fire preparations. Safety for your pets and animals is your responsibility. Being prepared is essential to you and your animal's survival.

✓ EMERGENCY SURVIVAL ITEMS

- Food:** At least three days' worth of non-perishable food (canned or dried) in an airtight, waterproof container
- Water:** At least three days' worth of water
- Medicines:** Store in a waterproof container, as well as any special dietary needs or supplements
- Veterinary/Medical Records:** Store copies of any medical and vaccination records in a watertight container including your vet's name and telephone number
- First Aid Kit:** Store extra cotton bandage rolls, bandage tapes, scissors, tweezers and latex gloves in addition to those required for yourself
- Blanket/Bedding:** Familiar items like a favourite blanket or toys can help reduce stress
- Sanitation:** Useful items include newspapers, paper towels, plastic bags, gloves and household bleach (to dilute) to clean

✓ IDENTIFICATION

- Collar or tag:** Ensure that your animal's name, your name, phone number and, if there is room, your address are clearly visible
- Register and microchip:** Ensure your animal is registered and their microchip details are current
- Photograph:** Store a current photograph of your animal in a waterproof container, including notes on: distinguishing features, name, sex, age, colour and breed. Also include a photograph of you and your animal together as this helps prove ownership
- Back up:** Save microchip details, medical and veterinary details, key contact details and all photographs electronically



EQUIPMENT

Sturdy lead, harness or muzzle: plus any other equipment that will help control your animal

Evacuation Centres may not accept pets and larger animals inside due to health and safety regulations and consideration of other people. Guide and disability support dogs are accepted.

Plan to take your animals to a suitable friend or family member's house in a safer location.

Cages or carrier: This is to transport your animal safely and ensure they cannot escape. Ensure it is large enough to enable them to stand, turn and lie down.

IF YOU ARE EVACUATED

Include animals in your planning and take early action to protect or relocate them to appropriate premises.

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NSW Department of Primary Industries

W: www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/emergency



For more information on what you can do to prepare for bush fire this season:



NSW Rural Fire Service Website

www.rfs.nsw.gov.au

www.myfireplan.com.au



**Your nearest NSW RFS
Fire Control Centre:**



Bush Fire Information Line

1800 NSW RFS (1800 679 737)

