

# PETS IN EMERGENCIES

## ACTION GUIDE

Your animals are your responsibility. It is up to you to prepare for the safety and welfare of your pets in case of an emergency.

### BE PREPARED

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- ▶ Include your animals in household emergency plans
- ▶ Properly identify your pets (eg name tags, microchip or band)
- ▶ Keep a list of emergency phone numbers on display
- ▶ Be aware that some evacuation centres may not accept animals so plan alternatives accordingly

### ACT EARLY

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- ▶ If moving animals to a safer place, do so early to avoid unnecessary risk
- ▶ Ensure there is access to plenty of food and water
- ▶ If staying at home secure animals in good time so that they do not take flight

### BE CONSIDERATE

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If you have to leave pets behind:

- ▶ if possible, leave your pets indoors
- ▶ place pets in separate rooms with small or preferably no windows (eg laundry, bathroom)
- ▶ provide adequate food and water in large heavy bowls
- ▶ if left outside, do not tie them up

### ACT SAFE

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- ▶ Your safety, and that of your family, is paramount
- ▶ Don't risk human life trying to find and protect pets

*For more information refer to [www.rspca.org.au](http://www.rspca.org.au)*

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