

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

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

ACT EARLY

- ▶ 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

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

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

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