



Pets in an Emergency – Fact Sheet



In emergency situations, pets are often the most vulnerable member of the family. It is important to consider what will happen to our pets in the event of a natural disaster.

This means thinking about what plans you can put in place now to make sure your pet is cared for if you were unable to get home, or what you would do with your pet if you had to evacuate.

PREPARE A PLAN

Being prepared well before a natural disaster strike will save you valuable time and give you peace of mind. Your household's emergency and evacuation plan should be tailored to the number and type of animals you care for.

In your plan:

- **Identify a safe place to take your pets:**
If evacuation is required during a disaster, pets (excluding service animals) may not be allowed in evacuation shelters so the best way to protect your furry friend is to organise for a family member or friend to care for them
- **Consider transport options:**
Have arrangements in place for transporting animals including livestock in emergencies.

- **Record your pet's ID:**
Have your pet microchipped and registered with Fraser Coast Regional Council. Have them wear a collar with their Council issued tag and up-to-date contact information.
- **Write down your vet's contact details:**
Include a hard copy of your vet's contact details in your plan.
- **Identify a safe place at home:**
If you need to leave your pets behind, leave them indoors in separate rooms with small or no windows, like your bathroom or laundry. Provide adequate food and water in large, heavy bowls. Do not leave your pets tied up outside.

PACK AN EMERGENCY KIT

Include at least five days' supply of essential items for your pet in your Household Emergency Kit.

Your kit should contain:

- Food and water for at least five days.
- feeding bowls.
- medicines, medical records and first aid.
- leash and collar with ID tag.
- bedding and toys.
- shelter coverage for birds.
- pet carrier.
- litter tray, waste bags and cleaning products.
- copies of important documents like registration, vaccinations, insurance, and service animal papers.
- photos of yourself with your pet for identification.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information on how to protect your pet this disaster season:

- Call your Vet, or
- Visit www.getready.qld.gov.au/pets

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