



## Companion animals and floods

### Have a flood plan

In a flood, you need somewhere safe to shelter. Your animals need somewhere safe as well. Planning ahead for your own safety and the safety of animals in your care is essential. Starting to develop your flood plan could be as simple as having a conversation with your household about:

- is your house/property flood prone?
- are you likely to need to evacuate and can your animals evacuate with you? Or do you need to make alternative arrangements?
- who else needs to know your plan? Think about family, neighbours and others who may be able to help.

### Be prepared

- ✓ Include companion animals in your household emergency plan
- ✓ Prepare early – think about food, water and shelter
- ✓ Create an emergency kit with food, water, essential medications for several days; halters, leads, cages and bedding; vaccination records and contact details
- ✓ Move animals to a safe place early, for example when a flood watch warning is issued

- ✓ Companion animals should not be left unless it is impossible to safely evacuate them
- ✓ Do not leave shelter until flood waters have receded.

**Remember:** Small companion animals should be contained within the home at the first sign of an emergency. This ensures they are close at hand if you make the decision to evacuate.

### Identification

Ensure companion animals are registered and microchipped, and contact details are up-to-date. Include proof of ownership/ identification records in your emergency kit.

### Flood warnings

Flood warnings are issued by the Bureau of Meteorology (BOM).

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