



**PET  
EMERGENCY**  
INFORMATION

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QUEENSLAND

# DISASTERS HAPPEN!

Disasters can cause severe disruption and major damage to communities and property. They can be unpredictable and result in hazardous conditions for your family including your pet.

In recent times, our community has endured floods, bush fires and a cyclone! When you prepare for disaster, don't forget your pet!



## Prepare your Emergency Plan

Decide what arrangements you will make for your pet in the case of a disaster. Include them in your Emergency Plan and be prepared with a Pet Emergency Kit.

Make sure your pet's registration and/or microchip information is up to date in case you become separated from your pet during a disaster.

## Prepare a Pet Emergency Kit

To ensure your pet's welfare during a disaster, prepare a kit in a waterproof container that can be easily carried. Your pet's kit should include:

- Collars, leads and ID tags
- Pet carriers (a must for cats)
- Towels and bedding
- Toys
- Medication and medical records
- Animal first aid kit (see your local pet store or vet)
- Current photos and proof of ownership
- Travel bowls
- Food and water
- Litter box and litter
- Cable ties
- Phone numbers - vet, local council, microchip company
- List of "pet friendly" places; hotels, boarding kennels and catteries.

## Prepare your Home

Remove hazards for your pet and make sure your enclosure is secure. Consider asking a friend or relative outside of the disaster area to shelter your pets until it is safe for them to return.

If you choose to evacuate your pet, make sure you do so early to avoid dangerous travel.

Remember, animals react differently to people when under stress. Secure your pet indoors early and comfort them through the experience. Larger animals that cannot be housed in a building should be evacuated where possible.

## Evacuation

Evacuation centres may not take pets. Call ahead before transporting your pet to an evacuation centre.

If you are forced to leave your pet at home during a disaster:

- Confine them to a bathroom or secure part of the house (remember garage doors often blow out during cyclones)
- Ensure they have access to an elevated table or bench in case of flooding
- Leave enough food and water to last several days
- Leave a battery operated radio playing to cover noises
- Leave an old towel or shirt with your scent to comfort your pet
- Return to your pet as soon as it is safe to do so.

## Want to know more?

For more information on how to prepare for a disaster visit [Council's Emergency Dashboard](#).



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