



Fire Safety for Your Pets

WHAT WILL YOU DO WITH YOUR PETS IN THE EVENT OF A BUSHFIRE?

What ever you decide to do, you should have your property prepared and a current Bush Fire Survival Plan:

- Do not tie animals up during a major emergency, it could be fatal for them.
- In bush fires, move animals to a well grazed or ploughed area, preferably around the home and sheltered away from the winds.
- Check your property insurance for (animal) related items.
- Remove all covering from stock e.g. rugs and veils as these can burn animals if they come into contact with embers.
- If it is your decision to relocate your animals, this **MUST** be done long before the bush fire is in your area. Make sure your animals are clearly indentifiable with your contact details on all labels and tags.
- Do your animals have any special needs or require medicines or vet assistance. Make a note of these requirements and put it with your relocation kit.
- Before you leave your property check that your chosen place to relocate your animals is accessible.
- Do not leave at the last minute, this is the most dangerous option for you and your animals.

Your Bush Fire Survival Plan must include the wellbeing of your animals

- Long before any bush fire consult your local Council, Department of Primary Industries or the RSPCA for information on animal refuges in your area.
- Listen to the local radio for updates on bush fire conditions in your area and check www.rfs.nsw.gov.au.
- Decide what your trigger will be to put your Bush Fire Survival Plan into action.
- Because of the potential stress on animals in a major bush fire, we recommend that you relocate your pets early to a safer location.
- If you are going to stay and actively defend your property, small domestic animals should be put in a secure place, a small room (toilet, laundry), a place that will be easy to clean after the event.
- Animals can sense danger and could easily become stressed. Keep a watch on them and reassure them. Birds should be caged with a covering (damp towel) over it, leave appropriate food and water in the room / cage.
- PREPARE** your Bush Fire Survival Plan today. Download a plan from www.rfs.nsw.gov.au



The safety of your pets and animals in a bushfire is YOUR responsibility.

