Fire Safety for Your Pets

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

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.


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