



Companion animals and cyclones

Have a cyclone plan

In a cyclone, 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 cyclone plan could be as simple as having a conversation with your household about:

- where will you shelter during a cyclone and can your companion animals be there with you? Most emergency shelters do not allow pets, with the exception of assistance animals.
- 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 a cyclone 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 – know where they will stay and how you will transport them

- ✓ Make final preparations under amber alert
- ✓ Do not move animals under red alert
- ✓ Do not leave shelter until safe to do so.

Remember: Some animals are likely to sense a cyclone long before conditions actually become dangerous. If panicked, they may run off, so should be contained early on as the emergency unfolds.

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.

Cyclone alerts

Cyclone alerts are issued by the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) and cyclones are tracked by the Bureau of Meteorology (BOM). Learn what the different alerts mean and what to do at each stage.

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