



Companion animals and storms

Have a storm plan

In a storm, you need somewhere safe to shelter. Your animals need somewhere safe as well. Planning ahead is the best approach to help keep your animals safe during an emergency. Make a plan for how you will prepare for and respond to a storm. Work with others in your household and consider:

- what are the potential dangers around your house in the event of a big storm? What shelter do you have for your companion animals?
- what potential damage could a storm do at your house? Are there trees that could come down? Loose objects that could create problems?
- which animals can shelter inside with you?
- what shelter do outdoor-living companion animals? Is it storm proof?
- who else needs to know your plan? Think about family, neighbours and others who may be able to help.

Be prepared

- ✓ Prepare property early
- ✓ Create an emergency kit
- ✓ Move animals or prepare shelter if leaving animals alone
- ✓ Do not leave shelter until storm danger has passed.

Identification

Ensure companion animals are registered and microchipped, and microchip details are updated, to help facilitate their return in case they become lost. Include proof of ownership/ identification records in your emergency kit.

Storm warnings

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

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