

Taking Care of Your Pets and Animals in Emergencies

Your animals are your responsibility and you need to include them in your emergency planning and preparation. You need to be as prepared to take care of your pets & other animals as you are of your family.

Rarangi may be cut off, in which case you will need to have enough pet and animal supplies to last 3-7 days. You may need to evacuate and if you do you will need or want to take your pets and supplies with you. If it's not safe for you, it's not safe for them. The better prepared you are to take care of your pets the easier it will be.



Some things you can do in preparation:

- Identify local hazards – floods, earthquake tsunami, fire and how they could affect you and your pets & animals.
- Have in store enough food, water and supplies for your animals for at least three days, preferably more. Remember that animals often drink more water than usual when under stress.
- Make sure you microchip your pets. Register them with the New Zealand Companion Animal Register (NZCAR). Keep these details up to date and include details for an out-of-region contact.
- Review your pet insurance policy to see if it covers emergencies.
- Keep up-to-date copies/backups of necessary documents and records.
- Arrange with someone who can check on your animals if you are not at home when an emergency strikes and let them know where your emergency supplies are.
- Make a list of contact details for your veterinary clinic, kennels, catteries, pet friendly motels, equestrian centres....

In case you need to evacuate:

- Have a pet getaway emergency kit packed – and check it regularly
- Have a way to transport your pets safely e.g. leash, cage, crate...
- Have a plan for where you will go

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