

**Pets and bushfire – what do we know**



**Feedback Survey**

**Q11: What actions will you take as a result of this webinar to improve your bushfire safety?**

- 1 For the past 4 years we already had a fire plan in place which includes our animals, but I gained some very useful tips from this seminar which I will implement, such as buying a collapsible pen, considering a plan B or C for the animals, and what to do if we see injured/endangered wildlife.
- 2 The idea of a long term plan as well as immediate actions is empowering. It makes bushfire fire preparation seem less daunting. We'll do that. We have an annual meeting with our neighbourhood to create a plan to deal with preparation, cross checking, vulnerable people and creatures. We have only one pet, but having all their essentials in one place as a fire kit is happening. I am recommending the webinar program to anyone who'll listen.
- 3 Number chicken crates and prepare a to-do-list of what chickens will go together in which crates. Use a paint pen to write their names on the crates so the whole family will know what to do. Get new goat collars and leads with my details on them. Write a hard copy of all my pet's microchip numbers. Our plan this year would be to stay, so I will do a plan of which pets will go where.
- 4 Update my emergency evacuation box - fresh batteries for torch and radio. Make a separate box for my dog with all necessary items except perishables. Keep my family informed of what I'm doing now and plan for my evacuation with them. Familiarise myself with the information on the various websites recommended last night and download relevant apps.
- 5 I've now downloaded What3Words. Added a power charging pack to the to get list. Added keeping the cars fueled up to our fire plan. Added keeping cash in bag to my go-bag. Will be passing the link to these webinars on to more friends and groups.
- 6 I need to talk to my neighbours! What if I'm not home and my pet is? What if I am home but my neighbours aren't? Should we have a chat about how we can help each other!
- 7 Send the recording onto our adult children so that they can also think and prepare. Take action on the Apps etc e.g.What3Word. Think through our strategy. Stick a bullet point version of key issues/ checklist on our 'Fire Box'. Include a copy in our visitors' book.
- 8 Will put together a 'go' kit for our dogs, gather copies of their documents etc and have this sitting ready in the house. Am considering arrangements for the chooks if we need to evacuate.
- 9 I don't have any pets but my job as a Community Liaison Bushfire Engagement for CFA I help other people to plan for bushfire and many don't think about the time it will take to load pets or that they may not be able to catch them.
- 10 Practising transporting pets, checking my pet "kits" have the necessary items in them, relocating pets in advance to be arranged with friends/family.
- 11 During the 2019 fire threat our neighbour across the creek slashed his paddock to a very low level and had a sprinkler system set up for neighbours to meet at, park cars, caravans and bring livestock

- 12 Our Fireguard Group will check council arrangement for pets at emergency evacuation centres. If pets are not being accepted at our Council emergency evacuation centre. Investigate an alternative and be aware families could possibly be split with owners needing to be with their pet. If placing pets in a kennel is needed we will investigate kennels in areas of low fire risk.
- 13 Prepare a really well-thought out and practical plan for each of our lovestock/livestock and improve upon it each year as resources become available.
- 14 Great information for me to pass on to my community through my role as Country Fire Service Community Engagement Officer.
- 15 Find a good local Vet clinic.  
Investigate Online Pharmacy for anxiety and pain medication and repeat scripts in required.  
Leave cat carrier open and inviting to familiarize cat and take cat on drive to clinic / vet.  
Have ready to go kit including water, food, towels, medicines. Check collar is a good fit. Buy a lead.  
Have all important documents / paperwork ready / saved online.  
Print checklist in big print and have ready for the whole family. Get to know the Neighbours, local council, various help groups.  
Have emergency, weather and what3words apps downloaded on devices.  
Check flammable vegetation, possible fire breaks, water access etc  
Have cash in wallet, fuel in tank, chainsaw ready to load.  
Know your route/s out and where you are going
- 16 Prepare a really well-thought out and practical plan for each of our lovestock/livestock and improve upon it each year as resources become available.
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- 18 Food and water, tin cans, containers and cat cage and blankets will be ready. I will spread the word on your organisation and information.
- 19 Metal bins and buckets full of water, mops by the doors. Visit vet regularly (went today).
- 20 Certainly would communicate with neighbours.
- 21 Create a plan and work out at what point I will leave as I have too many horses to take with me. It would be good to know where we will be able to take horses and other pets beforehand.
- 22 Update and practise our plan. Get the place ready - clearing gutters, trees close to the house and so on. Prepare kits for ourselves and our dog. Move precious items. Planning on using my gas fibre kiln as a safe place to store such items.
- 23 I will definitely make an action plan.
- 24 Spread this within our Fire Group member brigades.
- 25 Talk to other people about options for where we could take our pets in the event of needing to evacuate.
- 26 Ensuring that we have food, water, meds, bedding and a lead ready to take as well as the seat belt restraint for our dog.
- 27 Continually reinforces what we need to do to each year to prepare for the summer.
- 28 Updates to fire plan - making sure animals are contained early for evacuation.
- 29 With a bad summer coming I will get a good pump and hose reel to defend home.

- 30 Let my horses get familiar with my whole property in case of fire and having to open all internal gates.
- 31 Complete bush fire emergency planning including handling of 'lovestock'.
- 32 Check out dog accepted shelters prior to end August. Review serviceability of dogs' evacuation equipment & variety of replacement available. Buy new metal carrier for dog.
- 33 Create a bushfire plan and practise it.
- 34 Living in a bush fire prone area, fire and its consequences are front of mind. Just being mindful of the coming season. Taking action now.
- 35 Determine a location to leave pets in advance of a possible evacuation.
- 36 Open our fire safe bunker to check items and restock before summer.
- 37 Review my plan, discuss it with neighbours, encourage neighbours to share their plans.
- 38 I don't have pets but have friends in bushfire prone areas who do have pets. I will send the link to them when it is available plus to all others in our bushfire ready group.
- 39 Update our fire plan and document changes.
- 40 Promote webinar through the local community.
- 41 Specific plans for dogs, already have one for horse.
- 42 Start planning for a safe paddock. Think about Plan B. Review current fire plans.
- 43 Ember and ash bucket and mop ready, printed checklist, 5 year property plan, torches and power bank.
- 44 I will review my own plans to ensure I have Plan B and C in place. I will also share information with my community.
- 45 Supporting Red Hot Tips in Tassie to use our property to train small landholders in fire prevention. Partake in the Tas Fire Services Fire Plan challenge. Do more fuel reduction burning and preparedness.
- 46 Have more meaningful discussions with members of our Community Fireguard Group who have pets, livestock and horses.
- 47 Three word location is a must. Will encourage it in our Community Fireguard Group.
- 48 We need to actually put our plan onto paper, with LARGE PRINT checklist.
- 49 Plan better for pets and "lovestock" in the event of fire. Have safer havens for our ducks and small stock.
- 50 Revise plan and discuss it. Add items for dog.