Prepare
There are many things that you can do now to help your animals in an emergency in the future. Incorporate your animals into your evacuation plan - prepare in advance and have an emergency kit packed just in case.

Emergency Kit
In the case of an emergency, valuable items such as passports and photo albums are usually collected. Our pets are unable to pack up their own belongings and with unexpected situations arising, your best friend might be spending some time in considerable discomfort. When planning for an emergency, take a moment to collect and prepare everything you might need to keep your animal companions safe, fed and warm during this difficult time.

Animals should never be abandoned unless it is impossible to evacuate them. If forced to leave them behind, be sure to leave them plenty of food and water. If possible, consider evacuating your animals before the danger arises.

Stay Informed
In the event of an emergency, the best thing that you can do is be prepared. Being aware of your situation allows you to make informed decisions and greatly increases the likelihood of you evacuating all your family members and pets to safety.

RSPCA ANIMAL EMERGENCY CHECK LIST

✔ Prepare
Make sure your animals are prepared for evacuation. Ensure you have determined where your animals will be relocated to if evacuated and keep in mind any requirements they may have, eg. some boarding facilities will not accept unvaccinated animals.

☐ Update your animals’ micro-chip details
☐ Ensure that vaccinations are up to date
☐ Ensure that your pets’ council registrations are up to date
☐ Ensure that you have a supply of any animal medications needed
☐ Flea and worm your animals
☐ Ensure that your animals are wearing clear tags and identification
☐ Research and identify temporary accommodation options for your animals

✔ Emergency Kit
Preparing these items in a bag or a box will take only a few minutes, and could very possibly make the difference between life and death for your animal companion. Be sure that you have:

☐ Registration or licence papers
☐ Proof of vaccinations
☐ Cages, pet carriers, van or animal float
☐ Food and water
☐ Toys
☐ Blankets, bedding, or nesting materials
☐ Medications
☐ Recent photographs
☐ Collars, leads, harnesses, saddles etc
☐ Contact details for your vet, local RSPCA, council and alternative animal accommodation

✔ Stay Informed
Visit websites such as:
RSPCA  www.rspcavic.org
CFA  www.cfa.vic.gov.au
SES  www.ses.vic.gov.au
Bureau of Meteorology  www.bom.gov.au

If you do not have internet access, local radio, television and telephone hotlines are widely available sources of information.
Preparing for your animals’ needs is vital when planning for emergencies. The animals in our lives rely solely upon us for their safety and well-being.

In the case of an emergency, absolutely anything can happen, and it is a sad fact that often animals are not incorporated into evacuation plans and tragically, may need to be left behind. By following a few straightforward steps, you can ensure that all the members of your family, both animal and human, are protected when an emergency arises.

Victorians are subject to the effects of a wide range of natural emergencies, ranging from bushfires, floods, dust storms to damaging winds. The best way to ensure that your animals are prepared for an emergency is to have an evacuation plan in place. In the fear and confusion that can accompany an emergency, animals do not always behave as we would like. Cats, dogs and small animals can become scared, and very difficult to locate and control. Horses and other livestock can present an entirely different set of difficulties, and without sufficient preparation, even the most loving of animal owners can find themselves faced with the very real prospect of losing their best friend. Prepare your animals, for an emergency using RSPCA Animal Emergency Check List overleaf.

Homes can be re-built, and possessions can be replaced. Family pets & livestock cannot.

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**Emergency Contacts**

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<td>Bureau of Meteorology (BoM) Weather Information, forecasts, warnings</td>
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Emergency Planning for Animals

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