



Planning an Animals in Emergencies Display

Here's some ideas and tips to set up a display to help people plan for their animals in emergencies. Many resources are available on the **Get Ready Animals** website: www.getreadyanimals.nsw.gov.au

You might like to do this as part of your breed club, sporting association, emergency service organisation, or charity at your local show, school fete, business, or other event.

Plenty to see – Props and Freebies!

Having some animal related props set up helps draw attention to your display and shows people what they need to do to plan for their animals.



Set up an **Animal Emergency Grab and Go Bag** with the contents on a showbag-like display and don't forget to print out the [Emergency Grab and Go Bag for Pets Poster](#) to go with it.

Another great visual display can be made up using a pet crate or carrier set up with a fluffy toy animal inside, plus all the other Grab and Go Bag contents.

You will need the following:

- Crate, carrier or cage
- Fluffy toy animal
- Pet food
- Bowls
- Toys
- Bag of treats
- Leads, collars, harnesses
- Bedding requirements
- Poo bags, litter tray etc
- Vaccination record



Freebies, like a bowl of dog biscuits, magnets, dog tags, or other merchandise always helps to draw people in. You can then have a **Pet Chat**.....



For the latest information during emergencies go to:
 NSW Department of Primary Industries www.dpi.nsw.gov.au /NSWDPI
 NSW State Emergency Service (floods, storms, tsunami) www.ses.nsw.gov.au /NSW.SES
 NSW Rural Fire Service (bushfires) www.rfs.nsw.gov.au /nswrfs
 Fire + Rescue NSW www.fire.nsw.gov.au /frnsw
 NSW Police www.police.nsw.gov.au /nswpoliceforce
 For life threatening emergencies dial 000 (triple zero)
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Have a Pet Chat

People love talking about their pets, so while they are looking at your awesome display and checking out the freebies, use the opportunity to ask them a bit about their pets. Questions like....

*What type and how many animals do they have?
What breeds are they?*

You can then say something like.....

We're here today to help people plan for their pets in emergencies. If you had minutes to evacuate, have you thought about:

- *How you would find and contain your animals if they are panicked and hiding?*
- *How would you transport your animals?*
- *Where would you go that's safe for you and your animals?*
- *What if you weren't at home when the emergency occurred, who would help your animals?*
- *What would you take with you for your animal if you couldn't return home for a week?*



Resources ready to go

If you have printed out the [Animal Emergency Plan on a Page](#) you can provide that to fill in, or show them how they can fill it out online at the [Get Ready Animals website](#)



You can use an iPad, tablet or laptop to display the [Get Ready Animals website](#), and other websites including:

- NSW Department of Primary Industries www.dpi.nsw.gov.au
- NSW State Emergency Service: www.ses.nsw.gov.au
- NSW Rural Fire Service: www.rfs.nsw.gov.au
- Australian Veterinary Association: www.ava.com.au
- NSW Pet Registry: www.petregistry.nsw.gov.au

There are videos in the **Educational Resources** section of the [Get Ready Animals website](#) plus fact sheets, plans and other handouts for a range of different animals including:

- [Animal Emergency Plan on a Page](#)
- [Emergency Grab and Go Bag for Pets](#)
- [Pet Safety in Emergencies](#)

Have fun and thanks for helping people plan for their animals in emergencies!

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