

Bushfire Survival Plan for Kennels and Owners of Multiple Dogs



MAJOR BUSHFIRE EMERGENCY:

1. Watch major bushfire emergency on ABC News or Radio; RFS website or Mobile Telephone app <https://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/fire-information/fires-near-me> .

KEEP UP TO DATE.

2. Should the kennel be in line of fire and/or winds be pushing fire in direct of kennel (check BOM website <http://www.bom.gov.au/nsw/forecasts/map7day.shtml>), evacuate on WATCH AND ACT.
3. Ensure fire hoses are connected and ready to go in case of spot fires.
4. Telephone clients or emergency contact to collect pets immediately.
5. Contact local in-town vet to see if they can house any pets unable to be send home.
6. Secure the kennels. Ensure gutters and rooves have been blown down with leaves removed. Block gutters and fill with water. Remove overhanging branches. Ensure lawn is mown. Remove flammable materials from around the house and kennels. Leave message on gate board; "Kennels closed until fire danger has passed".
7. Evacuate your pets and family before EMERGENCY WARNING as roads will close.

IMPORTANT: FIRES MOVE VERY FAST WITH STRONG WINDS BEHIND THEM;
LEAVE EARLY, DO NOT WAIT.

LOCALISED EMERGENCY:

1. Watch localised emergency on RFS website or Mobile Telephone app <https://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/fire-information/fires-near-me> .
2. Should the kennel be in line of fire and/or winds be pushing fire in direct of kennel (check BOM website <http://www.bom.gov.au/nsw/forecasts/map7day.shtml>), evacuate on WATCH AND ACT.

3. Contact local kennel (see contact details on wall), that is not under threat, to arrange for boarders to be re-located.
4. Ensure fire hoses are connected and ready to go in case of spot fires.
5. Secure the kennels. Ensure gutters and rooves have been blown down with leaves removed. Block gutters and fill with water. Remove overhanging branches. Ensure lawn is mown. Remove flammable materials from around the house and kennels. Leave message on gate board; "Kennels closed until fire danger has passed".
6. Telephone clients to let them know where their pet is.
7. Evacuate your pets and family before EMERGENCY WARNING as roads are likely to be shut down.

The following link from the Department of Primary Industries contains information on evacuation centres which accommodate animals: <https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/climate-and-emergencies/bushfires/current-situation>

DOGS NSW would like to also advise members to check if their local showgrounds are in a safe area and if access is available as an alternative evacuation location in case of emergency. Contact details for all NSW Agricultural grounds are on: www.agshowsnsw.org.au