



Companion animals and heatwaves

Have a heatwave plan

Heatwaves can place great stress on animals. They may need special care and attention during a heatwave. Access to clean, cool, fresh water and shade is essential. Plan ahead for the safety of your animals by having a discussion with your household about:

- Where will your animals shelter during a heatwave?
- What special precautions do you need to take for your animals during a heatwave?
- How will you provide access to clean, cool, fresh water and shade?
- Who else needs to know your plan? Think about family, neighbours and others who may be able to help.

Be prepared

- ✓ When hot weather is forecast, make sure your animals will be well cared for
- ✓ Cool, clean drinking water is essential
- ✓ Make sure outdoor-living animals have access to shade
- ✓ Consider changing routines to walk dogs in the early morning when the ground is cooler
- ✓ Some animals like to be able to immerse themselves in water
- ✓ Some small outdoor-living animals may need to be brought inside or have special precautions taken.

Heatwave warnings

Heatwave warnings are issued by the Bureau of Meteorology (BOM).

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