



This checklist will help you be prepared in the event of an emergency or natural disaster in your area.

EMERGENCY PLANNING

CHECKLIST

Coming into the summer season the risk of bushfire in Victoria is high. It is important that all Victorians have an emergency plan for their family and property, including evacuation options for people and animals where possible.

- ▶ Prepare an emergency plan that covers the major disasters which have the potential to impact on your family, including your greyhounds.
 - ▶ My plan covers fire, flood and
- ▶ Ensure grass is kept mowed low around kennel blocks, yards, exercise runs and other areas where your greyhounds are kept on your property.
- ▶ Regularly remove rubbish and other garden waste from around your property to reduce fire hazards.
- ▶ Ensure your greyhounds always have a water supply that will last them several days, even if you expect to be home that evening. Water containers must be unspillable.
- ▶ Choose a trusted neighbour, family member or friend and give them a key to your house/kennel block in case they need to access your greyhounds.
- ▶ Prepare a list of preferred boarding kennels, animal shelters or friends that would be prepared to temporarily house and care for your greyhounds in case of an emergency.
- ▶ Check with your local council for a list of evacuation or relief centres.

In the event of an emergency, you may have to leave your property at very short notice.

An emergency kit will ensure you have everything needed to care for your greyhounds.

- ▶ Prepare emergency kit. An emergency kit should include:
 - ▶ Food and water containers. Include enough food and water for at least three days.
 - ▶ Leads, muzzles, and travel crates.
 - ▶ An information list including your name, address and phone numbers.
 - ▶ Greyhound first aid items and essential medications.
 - ▶ Greyhound medical history, vaccination certificate and veterinary contacts.
 - ▶ Blankets, towels and bedding.
- ▶ Emergency kits should be located somewhere that will be easily accessible in case you need to evacuate quickly. My emergency kit is located:

If you can't take your greyhounds with you and they need to be left behind during an emergency make sure you:

- ▶ Leave them in a secure area inside your home or in a place where they will have the best protection possible.
- ▶ Leave at least 10 days supply of water. Fill multiple bowls - don't leave just one container as it may spill.
- ▶ Leave at least 4-5 days supply of dry food. Raw food will go off quickly if the power goes out.
- ▶ If flooding is a threat, ensure your greyhounds have access to elevated areas that will allow it to stay out of the water.

For further information, check your local council's website or go to:

- cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare
- agriculture.vic.gov.au/agriculture/emergencies/pets-in-emergencies