



## OWNER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

### Under New Zealand Law:

It is the owners responsibility to always see to the physical, health and behavioural needs of there pets.

It is an offence to desert or abandon your pets without reasonable excuse.

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# GET YOUR PETS THRU TOO!



# “IT IS SAID THAT YOU NEVER KNOW WHEN A DISASTER MAY STRIKE”

As a pet owner, you may suddenly find yourself having to care for your pets as well as your family. So it is especially important to include them in your Disaster Planning.

If you need to evacuate, take your pets if at all possible. If it is too dangerous for you to stay at your property then it will probably be too dangerous for your pets and anyone coming to their rescue. Also you don't know when you may be able to return to them.



## PREPARE YOUR PET:

It is essential that your pet is able to be identified as a matter of course you should have a permanent disc on your pets collar that clearly states your name, phone number and address.

If you have a dog ensure that it wears a current registration tag and is microchipped. If your dog is microchipped and registered with the Whangarei District Council this information will automatically be registered on the National Dog Database, enabling better identification and tracing of your dog.

Contact the Whangarei SPCA on **09 4389-161** regarding Microchipping options for animals other than dogs.

Ensure your pet has regular vaccinations as many animal shelters will not accept unvaccinated animals.



## HAVE A PLAN

When you sit down to plan how your family will respond to an emergency, remember to plan for your family pets as well, to help them get through safely.



## BE PREPARED AT HOME

**Include pet supplies in your emergency kit:**

- ✓ Food and water for at least 3 days
- ✓ Medication that the animal may need
- ✓ Supplies for the animal's hygiene



## INCLUDE IN YOUR GET AWAY KIT

- ✓ Collar, leash or a cage or carry box
- ✓ Muzzle for the dog
- ✓ Vaccination cards – this will help if your pet needs to be accommodated
- ✓ Feeding bowls
- ✓ A photo of your pet to help with identification and to help re-uniting you with your pet
- ✓ Pet litter and / or litter box
- ✓ Rubbish bags to clean up after your pet
- ✓ Newspaper, etc to ensure hygiene to suit the pet
- ✓ Favourite toy, blanket or bedding
- ✓ Record of current registration and microchip numbers