

40685**Determine care and handling requirements for companion animals during an emergency**

Kaupae Level	3
Whiwhinga Credit	1
Whāinga Purpose	This skill standard is for people working with companion animals in an emergency. People credited with this skill standard are able to: – during an emergency – identify and minimise stress behaviours in companion animals and determine care and daily husbandry requirements for companion animals and service and disability assist animals. This skill standard can be used for assessment within programmes across the Emergency Management sector.

Hua o te ako me Paearu aromatawai | Learning outcomes and assessment criteria

Hua o te ako Learning outcomes	Paearu aromatawai Assessment criteria
1. Identify and minimise stress behaviours in companion animals during an emergency.	a. Recognise common signs and causes of stress in domestic animals.
	b. Identify safe handling techniques that minimise stress and the risk of injury to the animal and handlers.
2. Determine care and daily husbandry requirements for companion animals and service and disability assist animals during an emergency.	a. Describe the legal status of service and disability assist animals in emergencies.
	b. Determine care and husbandry requirements of companion animals and service and disability assist animals.

Pārongo aromatawai me te taumata paearu | Assessment information and grade criteria*Assessment specifications:*

- This standard may be assessed in simulated conditions.
- Learning Outcome 1b must include recognition of equipment and resources used to safely handle the following companion animals: cats, dogs, rabbits, and rodents.
- Learning Outcome 2a must include key elements of managing the care, and husbandry requirements of companion animals. This may include but is not limited to – food and water requirements, hygiene practices, behavioural and exercise needs, ill health, and injury.

Definition:

- *Companion animal* refers to any animal that lives with humans as a companion and is dependent on humans for its welfare.

Ngā momo whiwhinga | Grades available

Achieved.

Ihirangi waitohu | Indicative content

- Common stress behaviours in companion animals: vocalisation, trembling, aggression, hiding, or refusal to eat.
- Causes of stress: unfamiliar environments, separation from owners, loud noises, overcrowding, and handling by unfamiliar people.
- Principles of safe handling: appropriate restraint techniques, lifting methods, and use of carriers or cage.
- Essential equipment: leashes, harnesses, crates, and bedding.
- Companion animal dietary needs including emergency feeding options.
- Signs of ill health could include – loss of appetite, changes in urination or defecation pattern, vomiting, nasal, ear, eye, or vaginal discharge, coughing, abnormal temperature, pulse or respiration (breathing) or restlessness (e.g. panting, whining, pacing, scratching, barking).

Rauemi | Resources

Where the resources have been updated, please refer to the latest version.

- Animal Welfare Act 1999.
<https://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/1999/0142/latest/dlm49664.html>.
- Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002.
<https://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/2002/0033/latest/whole.html>.
- Dog Control Act 1996.
<https://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/1996/0013/latest/DLM374410.html>.
- Health and Safety at Work Act 2015.
<https://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/2015/0070/latest/DLM5976660.html>.
- Human Rights Act 1993.
<https://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/1993/0082/latest/DLM304212.html>.
- Human Rights Commission: Te Kāhui Tika Tangata, (n.d.). *Disability assist dogs and rights of access*. <https://tikatangata.org.nz/resources-and-support/guidelines/disability-assist-dogs-and-rights-of-access>.
- Ministry for Primary Industries, Manatū Ahu Matua. (2022). *How MPI helps animals in emergencies*. <https://www.mpi.govt.nz/animals/animal-welfare/animal-welfare-emergency-management/how-mpi-helps-animals-in-emergencies/>.
- Ministry for Primary Industries, Manatū Ahu Matua. (2022). *National and regional animal welfare emergency management plans*. <https://www.mpi.govt.nz/animals/animal-welfare/animal-welfare-emergency-management/national-and-regional-animal-welfare-emergency-management-plans/>.
- Ministry for Primary Industries. (n.d.). Codes of welfare: animal species.
<https://www.mpi.govt.nz/animals/animal-welfare/codes/all-animal-welfare-codes/>.
- National Emergency Management Agency: Te Rākau Whakamarumarū. (2020, November 9). *Guidelines and technical standards issued under the CDEM Act*. 2002. <https://www.civildefence.govt.nz/cdem-sector/guidelines>.

- National Emergency Management Agency: Te Rākau Whakamarumarū. (2020, September 20). *Welfare services, arrangements and resources for welfare in an emergency*. <https://www.civildefence.govt.nz/cdem-sector/welfare>.
- National Emergency Management Agency: Te Rākau Whakamarumarū. (2020, November 9). *CDEM Groups*. <https://www.civildefence.govt.nz/cdem-sector/cdem-groups>.

Pārongo Whakaū Kouna | Quality assurance information

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