

40689 Provide shelter for domestic animals during an emergency

Kaupae Level	4
Whiwhinga Credit	2
Whāinga Purpose	This skill standard is for people working with animals in an emergency. People credited with this skill standard are able to, in an emergency, provide animal sheltering areas at a designated facility or Civil Defence Centre (CDC) and coordinate in-situ animal sheltering. 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. Provide animal sheltering areas at a designated facility or CDC during an emergency.	a. Identify suitable animal sheltering area locations.
	b. Design sheltering areas in compliance with animal welfare standards.
	c. Record animal intake details and verify ownership.
	d. Discuss animal sheltering protocols with owners.
	e. Allocate animals to appropriate sheltering areas
	f. Prepare post-emergency documentation for the release of animals to owners.
2. Coordinate in-situ animal sheltering during an emergency.	a. Assess the suitability of in-situ animal sheltering locations.
	b. Address any arising issues with in-situ animal sheltering in accordance with lead agency protocols.

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

Assessment specifications:

- This standard may be assessed in simulated conditions.
- This standard must include consideration of sheltering for the following companion animals – cats, dogs, rabbits, and rodents, and for the following common stock animals - horses, cattle, sheep, pigs, and chickens.

- It is recommended that learners complete skill standards 40685, *Handle and care for domestic animals during an emergency* and 40690 *Handle and care for stock animals during an emergency* before assessment against this standard or learners may have equivalent knowledge and skill.
- Assessment activities must be conducted in accordance with CDEM requirements and the lead organisation's Standard Operating Procedures (SOP).
- Learning Outcome 1d must include coverage of owner visitation rights, animal care arrangements, and emergency procedures.

Definitions:

- *Domestic animal* refers to an animal that has been tamed and kept by humans as a work animal, food source, or pet, especially a member of those species that have, through selective breeding, become notably different from their wild ancestors.
- *In-situ animal sheltering* refers to provision of care and support for animals that remain in their original location during an emergency, rather than being relocated to a designated facility or CDC.

Ngā momo whiwhinga | Grades available

Achieved.

Ihirangi waitohu | Indicative content

- Animal sheltering areas: criteria for site selection, enclosures, and layout for multi-species housing.
- Safe operating procedures for animal intake and allocation: documentation procedures, animal health and behaviour assessments, and shelter placement protocols.
- Hygiene and biosecurity: cleaning routines, waste disposal, and disease prevention practices in shelters.
- Common diseases: Kennel cough, Parvovirus, Feline URI, Ringworm, Leptospirosis, Influenza, Strangles, respiratory viruses, Rotavirus, M. Bovis.
- Zoonotic diseases: Salmonella, Giardia, Toxoplasmosis and prevention strategies.
- Documentation protocols for intake and allocation.
- Behavioural assessments and their role in shelter placement.
- Communication with owners: explaining shelter processes, addressing concerns, and providing updates on animal welfare.
- Processes for verifying animal ownership.
- Importance of detailed care instructions, particularly for animals recovering from illnesses or injuries.
- Legal and ethical considerations in transferring animal custody.
- In-situ sheltering: strategies for remote care, resource allocation, and environmental hazard management.
- Disease prevention and monitoring in-situ care settings.
- Handling and treating zoonotic risks in remote or hazardous environments.

- Legal and ethical considerations: compliance with animal welfare legislation and organisational guidelines.

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>.
- Impounding Act 1955.
<https://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/1955/0108/latest/DLM293864.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. (2024). All animal welfare codes
<https://www.mpi.govt.nz/animals/animal-welfare/codes/all-animal-welfare-codes/>.
- Ministry for Primary Industries. (2022) National and regional welfare plans.
<https://www.mpi.govt.nz/animals/animal-welfare/animal-welfare-emergency-management/national-and-regional-animal-welfare-emergency-management-plans/>.
- 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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