



# Pause for your PAWE – heatwaves

Heatwaves can be deadly for animals. Writing down a **Plan for Animal Welfare in Emergencies (PAWE)** detailing how you will care for your animals during a heatwave. Ensure all members of your household or workplace are familiar with your plan.

Use the questions below as prompts to help you write down your plan. Write separate plans for different animal types as their needs will differ.

## Survival plan for your animals' welfare in an emergency

### 1. Animals' names or types of livestock

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### 2. What extra precautions will we take to help our animals cope with heat?

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### 3. How can we plan the timing of husbandry tasks (e.g. drenching, shearing, crutching) to limit animal movement and yarding on hot days?

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### 4. Can we maintain flexibility in tasks to take into account sudden heatwaves (such as arrange our schedule to exercise horses/dogs in the cool of the morning)?

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### 5. Which areas of the property provide the coolest places for our animals, and which animals need priority for these cooler areas?

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### 6. What checks will we do to ensure our animals' welfare during a heatwave?

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### 8. What water infrastructure do we need to install/replace/improve to limit the distance to fresh water?

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### 9. Could we make longterm changes to improve access to shade (e.g. build shelters, planting trees and shelterbelts)?

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## Emergency contacts

Regular vet \_\_\_\_\_

24hr emergency vet clinic  
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