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# BUSHFIRE EMERGENCY INFORMATION KIT

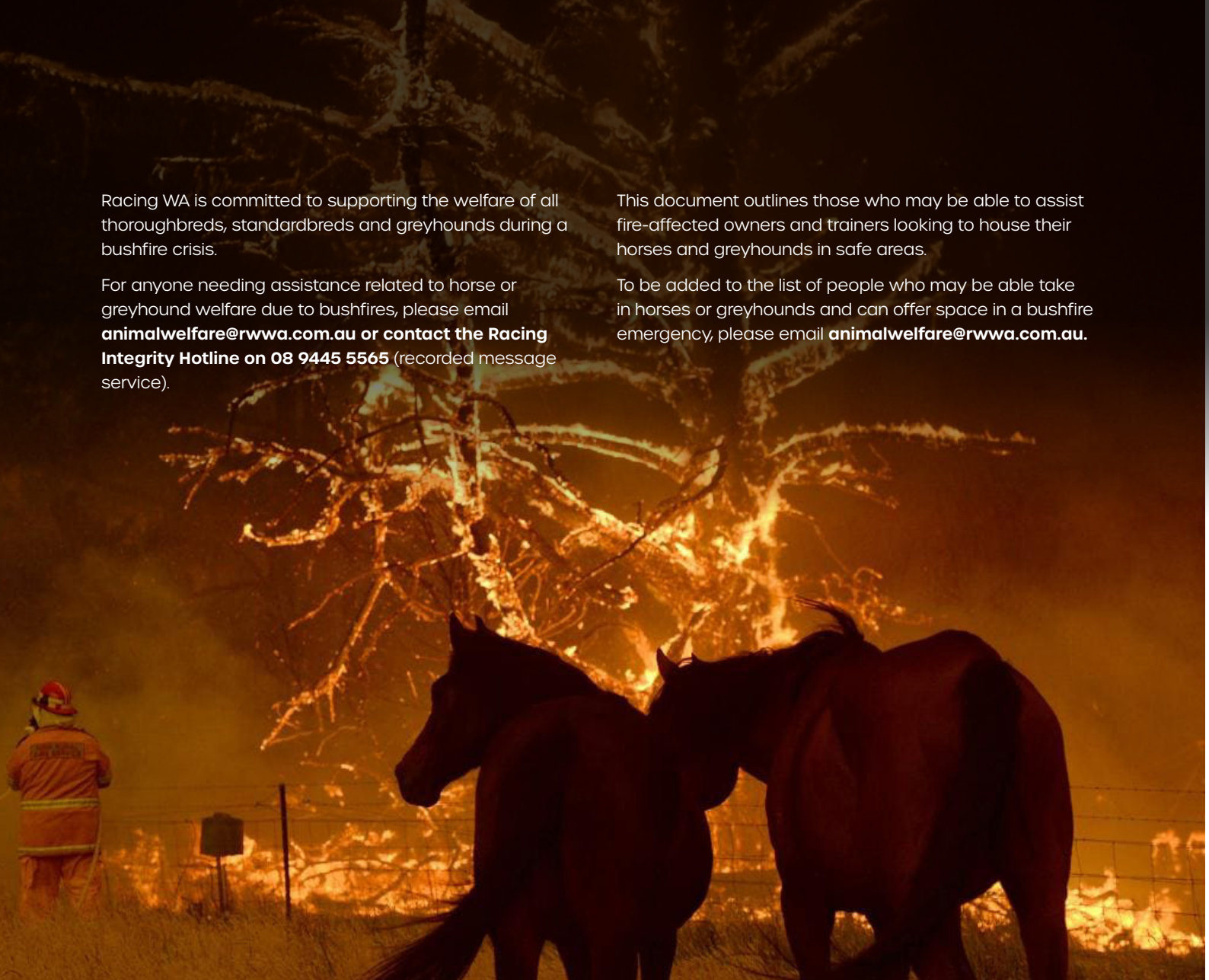


Racing WA is committed to supporting the welfare of all thoroughbreds, standardbreds and greyhounds during a bushfire crisis.

For anyone needing assistance related to horse or greyhound welfare due to bushfires, please email [animalwelfare@rwwa.com.au](mailto:animalwelfare@rwwa.com.au) or contact the **Racing Integrity Hotline on 08 9445 5565** (recorded message service).

This document outlines those who may be able to assist fire-affected owners and trainers looking to house their horses and greyhounds in safe areas.

To be added to the list of people who may be able take in horses or greyhounds and can offer space in a bushfire emergency, please email [animalwelfare@rwwa.com.au](mailto:animalwelfare@rwwa.com.au).



## AWARENESS

**In an emergency, it pays to be prepared. Being aware of the conditions around you may give you valuable time to enact your bushfire plan.**

Use the fire danger rating tool daily during bushfire season to monitor conditions in your area.

If you see smoke or flames call triple zero (000)

In the event of a fire, take note of the bushfire warning systems for updates on the severity of bushfires once they are underway.

**There are various ways you can stay informed regarding warnings and advice for your area:**



**Local news:** Listen to ABC Local Radio, commercial and designated community radio stations



DFES public information line: 13 3337



**Visit the Emergency WA website:**  
[emergency.wa.gov.au](http://emergency.wa.gov.au)

**Follow DFESWA on social media:**

 [facebook.com/dfeswa](https://facebook.com/dfeswa)

 [twitter.com/dfes\\_wa](https://twitter.com/dfes_wa)

# WARNING LEVELS

Each warning level has a set of action statements to give the community clear and concise information about what to do. Below are some action statements you might see with a warning.

## Advice

An incident is active but there is no immediate threat to lives or homes. Be aware and keep up to date.

- Prepare now
- Stay informed
- Monitor conditions
- Avoid the area
- Return with caution
- Avoid smoke
- Threat is reduced

## Watch and Act

There is a possible threat to lives or homes. Take action now to protect yourself and others.

- Prepare to leave/evacuate
- Leave/evacuate now (if you are not prepared)
- Prepare to take shelter
- Move/stay indoors
- Stay near shelter
- Monitor conditions as they are changing
- Be aware of ember attack
- Limit time outside
- Avoid the area
- Stay away from damaged buildings and other hazards
- Prepare for isolation
- Protect yourself against the impacts of extreme heat
- Not safe to return

## Emergency Warning

There is a threat to lives and homes. You may be in danger and need to take immediate action.

- Leave/evacuate
- Take shelter now
- Too late to leave

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# HORSES - WHAT TO DO IN A BUSHFIRE EMERGENCY

## Bushfire plan

It is important to have a plan of action for how you will keep your horses safe during a bushfire. By writing down a plan for animal welfare in emergencies, you can ensure you make the best possible decisions to protect the safety of your horses.

Survival plan for your horses' welfare in an emergency.

### 1. Evacuating horses:

- a. Which horses will we evacuate?
- b. Which horses can't be evacuated?
- c. How will we know when it is time for us to evacuate the horses? (high risk days, smell/see smoke, emergency alerts)
- d. How will we transport the horses being evacuated?
- e. Where can we take the horses? (e.g., agistment or boarding options, friends, relatives, saleyards, pony clubs, race clubs)
- f. What are the possible evacuation routes? (consider the fire moving in different directions)
- g. If we are not at the property, who is our back-up contact who can move our horses for us in the case of an evacuation?

### 2. Safer areas for horses:

How will we protect horses if they are unable to be evacuated? (e.g., moving horses to paddocks with no vegetation or overhead power lines).

### 3. What is our plan for after the fire?

How will we keep horses contained if fencing is destroyed, and how will we provide food and water? (in the case of burnt paddocks, destroyed sheds, mains water unavailable, contaminated dams).

Ensure everyone at your household/property is aware of the bushfire plan. Print out the plan and display it where everyone can see it.

## Emergency kit

On high fire risk days, assemble essentials to take with you in case you have to evacuate:

- At least three days of feed.
- Halters and leads.
- First aid kit and any medications.
- Proof of ownership/identification records.

## Preparations

Ensure your horses always have a water supply that will last them at least five days, even if you expect to return to your property that evening.

Have a map of your property with gates, food and water locations marked in an easy-to-find place, in case someone has to move your horse for you.

Remove rugs, halters and fly veils from horses on high fire risk days because they can melt and cause burns during fires.

Ensure your horse float/truck is operational and roadworthy at all times.

### Further suggestions to prepare your property:

- Cut the grass around your property to 10 cm or less.
- Prune shrubs so they are not dense and remove any shrubs from against the home.
- Clean gutters.
- Check that gas valves face away from your property.
- Keep gas cylinders away from the likely direction of fire.
- Remove wood, mulch or any flammable material against or near the house.
- Create a minimum two-metre gap between your house and tree branches.
- Install metal fly-wire mesh on all windows and vents and install a protective screen on evaporative air conditioners.
- Block any gaps under floors, in roof spaces, under eaves, external vents, skylights, chimneys and wall claddings.

### Additional suggestions for rural properties:

- Make sure fire trucks can access and turn on your property.
- Check bridge loading and cattle grid loading for fire truck access.
- Create fire breaks along paddock boundaries.
- Store petrol and gas safely away in a shed.
- Install underground water pumps that lead from dams to the house.
- Create a mineral earth firebreak along the boundary of your property.



## Things to remember

- Do not shut your horse in the stable on high fire risk days.
- Evacuate as early as possible – horses instinctively react to extreme conditions such as a fire with nervousness and panic, and may become aggressive or resist capture if you wait until a fire is close before evacuating.
- Do not cut fences or leave external property gates open during a fire as this can pose a safety risk to people evacuating and emergency responders.

## If it is too late to leave

If things do not go the way you had planned and you have to remain on the property, ensure there is a back-up plan.

- Think about the best place to seek shelter for your horses – an area outside that has already been burnt such as a paddock or a large dirt paddock with a dam.

## Returning to your property

Before returning to your property, wait to be given the go-ahead by the appropriate authorities.

- Firstly, return without the horses to assess and prepare the property for their return, including:
  - » Assess food supply.
  - » Check for water contamination.
  - » Remove debris.
  - » Check fences.
  - » Check for fallen or falling electrical wires/ poles.
  - » If you have left any horses behind, assess them for illness or injury potentially sustained during the fire.
- Ensure the ground has completely cooled before returning horses to paddocks.
- Take care when releasing horses back to the property – they may become disoriented or frightened if the environment has changed.
- Monitor horses daily to ensure they are eating properly, have no injuries and are settling.
- Monitor horses for signs of aftereffects e.g. smoke inhalation and burns can manifest symptoms days after a fire.

The most important consideration in the short term is ensuring horses have access to safe drinking water and a reliable food source:

- Do not allow horses to drink water that is stagnant as it could contain harmful bacteria, ash or debris.
- Dispose of contaminated water and replenish with fresh drinking water.
- Ensure horses have access to quality feed and/or pasture.
- Be cautious of food items stored in refrigeration because power supplies may have been interrupted.

**If your horse has any injury or health problems seek veterinary assistance.**



# EVACUATION AREAS

Region	Evacuation areas/facilities	Address	Contact
Metropolitan	Ascot Racecourse	71 Grandstand Road Ascot WA	CEO James Oldring - 0477 191 791 Chief Operating Officer Tony Favazzo - 0412 447 085
	Byford Trotting Club	Corner Briggs Road and Binshaw Avenue Byford WA	President Craig Murphy - 0408 909 321 Manager Steve Van Der Klashorst - 0439 973 257
	Darlington Pony Club	Seaborne Road Parkerville WA	President Lauren O'Neill - 0417 989 698
	Gidgegannup Horse and Pony Club	Old Coach Road Gidgegannup WA	Jan Lawrie - 0402 760 860
	Gloucester Park Harness Racing	3 Nelson Crescent East Perth WA	CEO Michael Radley - 0431 945 329
	Lark Hill Training Centre	70 Stakehill Road West Port Kennedy WA	General Manager Greg Horne - 0432 830 290
	Magic Millions	56 Dale Road Middle Swan WA	David Houston - 0408 609 994 Charlotte Geoghegan - 0417 846 981
	Orange Grove Horse and Pony Club	Grant Street Orange Grove WA	Nicole Christie - 0430 104 719
	Peel Metropolitan Horse and Pony Club	467 King Road Oldbury WA	Dianne Ould - 0418 905 324
	State Equestrian Centre	303 Cathedral Avenue Brigadoon WA	Facilities manager - 9296 1200 or 0418 810 933
	Wanneroo Trotting Training Complex	Nanovich Park 139 Benmuni Road Wanneroo WA	John Padberg - 0418 909 867
Wooroloo Pony Club	Bailup Road Wooroloo WA	Pauline Hudson - 0438 692 346	
Gascoyne	Carnarvon Race Club	Cornish Street Massey Bay WA	Operations Manager Geoff Rodier - 0497 076 450 Chair Chris Fox - 0423 081 352
	Eastern Gascoyne Race Club (Lander)	Yakabindie Station Via Leinster WA	Secretary Sandy Wendt - 0418 942 282
	Junction Race Club	Carnarvon Mullewa Road Gascoyne Junction WA	Secretary Nadine Collins - 0439 983 860
Goldfields	Esperance Bay Turf Club	McCarthy Drive Esperance WA	Secretary Jen Brown - 0417 989 356 President Ken Norton - 0427 311 948
	Kalgoorlie Boulder Race Club	Meldrum Avenue Kalgoorlie WA	President John Relph - 0439 886 454 CEO Rob Murison - 0477 889 090
	Laverton Race Club	Great Central Road Laverton WA	President Rob Wedge - 0417 951 153
	Leinster District Race Club	Lot 5000 North Road Leinster WA	President Peter Craig - 0418 950 572
	Leonora Racing Club	Biggs Avenue Leonora WA	President Ross Norrie - 0409 377 386
	Norseman Turf Club	Old Coach Road Norseman WA	Secretary/Treasurer Pat Hogan - 0429 927 249
Great Southern	Albany Racing Club	261 Roberts Road Torndirrup WA	General Manager Mark Bayliss - 0417 911 427
	Albany Harness Racing Club	Lancaster Road Albany WA	Vice President Petra Moreth - 0411 308 511 Secretary Kassandra Hull - 0477 915 241
	King River Pony Club	Corner of Willyung and Chesterpass Roads Albany WA	Michelle Ericsson - 0427 984 433
	Kojonup Polo and Polocrosse Club & Race Club	Blackwood Road Kojonup WA	Secretary Andrea McGuire - 0427 192 341
	Mount Barker Turf Club	Frost Park Racecourse McDonald Avenue Mt Barker WA	Secretary/Treasurer Raylene Ross - 0447 512 873
	Pingrup Race Club	Gaby Street Pingrup WA	Secretary Alan Smith - 0427 201 046
	Wagin Trotting Club	Ballagin Street Wagin WA	President Kevin Spurr - 0429 104 145

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Kimberley	Broome Turf Club	Gantheaume Point Broome WA	Chair Michael Roe - 0408 177 551
	Kununurra Race Club	Victoria Highway Kununurra WA	President Tom Vickers - 0409 291 950
	West Kimberley Turf Club (Derby)	Ashley Street Derby WA	President Rod Giblett - 0429 900 095
	Wyndham Turf Club	Lot 624 Great Northery Hwy Wyndham WA	President Des Daniel - 0475 603 286
Mid-West	Dongara Irwin Race Club	North Shore Drive Dongara WA	Secretary/Treasurer Janette Gooch - 0409 086 647
	Geraldton Turf Club	71 Eastward Road Geraldton WA	Manager David Wrensted - 0427 471 945
	Meekatharra Race Club	Wiluna Road Meekatharra WA	Secretary Kylie Moses - 0491 972 800
	Mingenew Turf Club	Recreation Centre Road Mingenew WA	Secretary Rikki Smith - 0427 745 015
	Moonyoonooka Horse and Pony Club	Bernie Clune Drive Moonyoonooka WA	Jennine Smith - 0418 957 755
	Mt Magnet Race Club	Great Northern Highway Mount Magnet WA	Secretary Rob Lefroy - 0407 198 524
	Yalgoo Jockey Club	Geraldton-Mt Magnet Road Yalgoo WA	Secretary Melissa Evans - 0427 199 281 Shire of Yalgoo - 9962 8042
Peel	Off the Track WA Estate	18 Money Road North Dandalup WA	Off the Track WA Estate and Retraining Manager Kate Alexander - 0417 675 634
	Pinjarra Harness Racing Club	7 Paceway Court, Pinjarra WA 6208	General Manager Dale Putland - 0424 145 910
	Pinjarra Race Club	210 Racecourse Road, Pinjarra WA	CEO Michael Lodding - 0409 113 001
Pilbara	East Pilbara Race Club (Newman)	Yakabindie Station Via Leinster WA	President Josh Andrews - 0428 240 344
	Marble Bar Amateur Race Club	Halse Road Marble Bar WA	Secretary Larry Foley - 0422 972 029
	Nor-West Jockey Club	North West Coastal Highway Roebourne WA	President Natasha Ball - 0457 519 693
	Port Hedland Turf Club	Lot 2 McGregor Street Port Hedland WA	Troy Morrissey - 0424 375 005
South West	Bridgetown Harness Racing Club	Les Woodhead Avenue Bridgetown WA	Secretary Jo Moore - 0422 888 288
	Bunbury Horse and Pony Club	746 Bussell Highway Gelorup WA	Jenny Dunlop - 0428 955 504
	Bunbury Trotting Club	Milligan Street Bunbury WA	Manager Jonathon Calver - 0415 304 836
	Bunbury Turf Club	Milligan Street Bunbury WA	CEO Alex Doble - 0437 000 026
	Busselton Trotting Club	71 Adelaide Street Busselton WA	President Dennis Russel - 0438 543 762
	Collie Harness Racing Club	Bridge Street Collie WA	Secretary Peter Hemsley - 0400 670 879
	Collie Horse and Pony Club	Lot 5220 Mungalup Road Collie WA	President Lara Burek - 0406 617 624
	Collie Race Club	McVee Road Collie WA	Secretary Rosanne Pimm - 0428 176 817
	Log Fence Pony Club	40 Hoffman Road Yarloop WA	Jenni Tieleman - 0409 487 312
	Margaret River Horse and Pony Club	98 Roxburgh Road Margaret River WA	Shazza Schaftsman - 419936 572 or 9758 8494

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Wheatbelt	Bonnie Rock Horse and Pony Club	Lake Brown Road Bonnie Rock WA	Romina Nicoletti - 0427 414 763
	Bruce Rock Pony Club	Lethlean Street Bruce Rock WA	Valmai Buller - 0429 197 220
	Central Wheatbelt Harness Racing Club	Connelly Street Kellerberrin WA	Secretary Jenna Saunders - 0429 058 793
	Moora Race Club	Ferguson Street Moora WA	President Greg Wright - 0429 089 914
	Mortlock Pony Club	Peartree Drive Goomalling	Sally Hoddy - 0428 311 578
	Narrogin Race and Pace	Clayton Road Narrogin WA	Manager Cathi Trefort - 0447 066 703
	Northam Harness Racing Club	Burswood Park Clark Street Northam WA	Manager Raelene Goulden - 0400 623 642
	Northam Race Club	175 Yilgarn Avenue Northam WA	Manager Catherine Armstrong - 0417 186 547
	Toodyay Race Club	172 Racecourse Road Toodyay WA	President John Prater - 0413 154 347
	Williams Harness Racing Club	Cnr Albany Hwy & Pinjarra-Williams road, Williams	Secretary Brooke Rintoul - 0427 851 031
Online animal emergency evacuation groups	EASEWA	N/A	Facebook: <a href="https://facebook.com/EASEWA/">facebook.com/EASEWA/</a>
	PetResQ	N/A	Facebook: <a href="https://facebook.com/teamresq/">facebook.com/teamresq/</a> Website: <a href="https://petresq.com.au">petresq.com.au</a>



# GREYHOUNDS - WHAT TO DO IN A BUSHFIRE EMERGENCY

## Bushfire plan

It is important to have a plan of action for how you will keep your greyhounds safe during a bushfire. By writing down a plan for animal welfare in emergencies you can ensure you make the best possible decisions to protect the safety of your greyhounds.

Survival plan for your greyhounds' welfare in an emergency:

### 1. Evacuating greyhounds:

- a. Which greyhounds will we evacuate?
- b. Which greyhounds can't be evacuated?
- c. How will we know when it is time for us to evacuate the greyhounds? (high risk days, smell/see smoke, emergency alerts).
- d. How will we transport the greyhounds being evacuated? Know where cages, leads etc. are stored.
- e. Where can we take the greyhounds? (e.g. family, friends, boarding facility).
- f. What are the possible evacuation routes? (consider the fire moving in different directions).

### 2. Safer areas for greyhounds

How will we protect greyhounds if they are unable to be evacuated? (e.g. moving them to paddocks with no vegetation).

### 3. What is our plan for after the fire?

- a. How will we keep greyhounds contained if fencing is destroyed how will we provide food and water? (in the case of burnt paddocks, destroyed sheds, mains water unavailable, contaminated dams).

Ensure everyone at your household/property is aware of the bushfire plan. Print out the plan and display it where everyone can see it.

## Emergency kit

On high fire risk days, assemble essentials to take with you in case you have to evacuate:

- At least three days of food for your greyhounds.
- Harnesses, leads, halters, muzzles.
- First aid kit and any medications.
- Vaccination records.
- Proof of ownership/identification records.
- Bedding for your greyhounds.

## Preparations

- Ensure your greyhounds always have a water supply that will last them at least five days, even if you expect to return to your property that evening.
- Ensure your animal trailers are roadworthy at all times and easily accessible.
- Ensure greyhounds are microchipped and that microchip details are updated, to facilitate their return in case they become lost.

## Further suggestions of what you can do to prepare your property:

- Cut the grass around your property to 10 cm or less.
- Prune shrubs so they are not dense and remove any shrubs from against the home.
- Check that gas valves face away from your property.
- Keep gas cylinders away from the likely direction of fire.
- Remove wood, mulch or any flammable material against or near the house.
- Create a minimum two-metre gap between your house and tree branches.
- Install metal fly-wire mesh on all windows and vents and install a protective screen on evaporative air conditioners.
- Block any gaps under floors, in roof spaces, under eaves, external vents, skylights, chimneys and wall claddings.



#### **Additional suggestions for rural properties:**

- Make sure fire trucks can access and turn on your property.
- Check bridge loading and cattle grid loading for fire truck access.
- Create fire breaks along paddock boundaries.
- Store petrol and gas safely away in a shed.
- Install underground water pumps that lead from dams to the house.
- Create a mineral earth firebreak along the boundary of your property

#### **Things to remember**

- Dogs may hide or flee during fire. They should be brought inside so they can be easily found in case of evacuation.

#### **If it is too late to leave**

- If things do not go the way you had planned and you have to remain on the property, ensure there is a back-up plan.
- Think about the best place to seek shelter for your greyhounds – a room that has two entry and exit points like a laundry or an area outside that has already been burnt such as a paddock.

#### **Returning to your property**

- Before returning to your property, wait to be given the go-ahead by the appropriate authorities.
- Firstly, return without the greyhounds to assess and prepare the property for their return, including:
  - Assess food supply.
  - Check for water contamination.
  - Remove debris.
  - Check fences.
  - Check for fallen or falling electrical wires/poles.
  - Check for kennel damage.
- If you have left any greyhounds behind, assess them for illness or injury potentially sustained during the fire.

- Ensure the ground has completely cooled before returning greyhounds to the property.
- Take care when releasing greyhounds back to the property – they may become disoriented or frightened if the environment has changed due to fire.
- Monitor greyhounds daily to ensure they are eating properly, have no further injuries and are settling.
- Monitor greyhounds for signs of after effects e.g. smoke inhalation and burns can manifest symptoms days after a fire.

The most important consideration in the short term is ensuring greyhounds have access to safe drinking water and a reliable food source:

- Do not allow greyhounds to drink water that is stagnant because it could contain bacteria, ash or debris.
- Dispose of contaminated water and replenish with fresh drinking water.
- Ensure greyhounds have access to quality food.
- Be cautious of food items stored in refrigeration as power supplies may have been interrupted.

**If your greyhound has any injury or health problems seek veterinary assistance.**

# EVACUATION AREAS

Region	Evacuation areas/facilities	Address	Contact
<b>Metropolitan</b>	Greyhounds WA Cannington	6980 Station Street Cannington WA	General Manager Noel Reilly 0437 054 941
	Greyhounds as Pets	357 Furley Road Southern River WA	Emergency phone line 0408 883 669
<b>Peel</b>	Greyhounds WA Mandurah	Kanyana Park Gordon Road Mandurah WA	General Manager Noel Reilly 0437 054 941
<b>Online animal emergency evacuation groups</b>	EASEWA	N/A	Facebook: facebook.com/EASEWA
	PetResQ	N/A	Facebook: facebook.com/teamresq Website: petresq.com.au

# RESOURCES

Further resources for assisting you in the lead up, during and post bushfires

## Preparation for a bushfire

Australian Red Cross	<a href="http://redcross.org.au/prepare">redcross.org.au/prepare</a>
Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development	<a href="http://agric.wa.gov.au">agric.wa.gov.au</a>
Department of Fire and Emergency Services	<a href="http://dfes.wa.gov.au">dfes.wa.gov.au</a>
WA Horse Council	<a href="http://wahorsecouncil.com.au">wahorsecouncil.com.au</a>

## During an emergency situation

Australian Veterinary Association	<a href="http://ava.com.au">ava.com.au</a>
Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development	<a href="http://agric.wa.gov.au/animalwelfare/animal-welfare-emergencies">agric.wa.gov.au/animalwelfare/animal-welfare-emergencies</a>
EASEWA	<a href="https://facebook.com/EASEWA/">facebook.com/EASEWA/</a>
EmergencyWA	<a href="http://emergency.wa.gov.au">emergency.wa.gov.au</a>
Greyhounds as Pets WA	<a href="http://greyhoundsaspets.com.au">greyhoundsaspets.com.au</a>
Off the Track WA	<a href="http://offthetrackwa.com.au">offthetrackwa.com.au</a>
PetResQ	<a href="http://petresq.com.au">petresq.com.au</a>
Register.Find.Reunite	<a href="http://register.redcross.org.au">register.redcross.org.au</a>
Western Australian Veterinary Emergency and Specialty (WAVES)	<a href="http://wavets.com.au">wavets.com.au</a>

## After a bushfire

ATCO Gas Australia	13 13 52 <a href="http://atco.com/en-au.html">atco.com/en-au.html</a>
Greyhounds as Pets WA	<a href="http://greyhoundsaspets.com.au">greyhoundsaspets.com.au</a>
Horizon Power	13 23 51 <a href="http://horizonpower.com.au">horizonpower.com.au</a>
Off the Track WA	<a href="http://offthetrackwa.com.au">offthetrackwa.com.au</a>
Racing Victoria – Management of horses affected by bushfires	<a href="http://cdn.racing.com/-/media/rv/2019-rv/integrity/files/vet-information-bushfires.pdf">cdn.racing.com/-/media/rv/2019-rv/integrity/files/vet-information-bushfires.pdf</a>
Telstra (for residential telephone faults)	13 22 03 <a href="http://telstra.com.au">telstra.com.au</a>
Water Corporation	13 13 75 <a href="http://watercorporation.com.au">watercorporation.com.au</a>
Western Power	13 13 51 <a href="http://westernpower.com.au">westernpower.com.au</a>





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