ANIMALS IN A FLOOD
How to Keep Your Animals Safe in a Flood

If you keep animals on your property and there is a risk of it flooding, please make plans for this eventuality. Please read on to find out what preparations to make before it floods and actions to take during a flood event.

Over 20 million (half of all households) have pets - ensure you keep them safe!
Before it Floods
* Make sure cats and dogs have microchips and/or identity tags
* Plan your escape route
* Have suitable carriers for small animals
* Have contact numbers of people (e.g. neighbours) who can help you move pets
* Move livestock to high ground
* Move tethered horses
* Keep a supply of food, warm blankets and any medicines for evacuation
* If you are concerned that your property might flood, contact floodline on 0345 988 1188

Act Early
* Pets: move them and their food, water, blankets, medicines and toys, upstairs or to somewhere dry. Place important documents relating to your pet in a waterproof bag.

* Livestock: move to high ground and have emergency food and water for them.

If Disaster Strikes
* Pets: transport animals in suitable carriers. Take food, water, bowls and bedding with you. If you must leave them, place them upstairs (if possible), otherwise somewhere dry, with food and water. Contact a neighbour, your local Flood Warden or the RSPCA 0300 1234 999 and place notices on the rooms where you have left animals, so that they can be found.

* Livestock: move to high ground with emergency food and water, if you have not done so already.

Insurance
If your home is flooded, one of the first challenges will be finding somewhere to live whilst it is being repaired. Insurers commonly include domestic pets as part of the family. So, if your policy includes alternative accommodation, pets are likely to be covered - but you should check with your insurer!
Further Advice, Information and Contacts

Find out if your property is at Risk

https://www.floodtoolkit.com/risk/

Flood Warnings for Northamptonshire

https://flood-warning-information.service.gov.uk/warnings?location=northamptonshire

For further information from the RSPCA

https://www.rspca.org.uk/adviceandwelfare/seasonal/floods

Floodline number: 0345 988 1188