

Are the animals on your lifestyle property ready for summer?

Have you checked...



That you are registered with a local veterinary clinic?

Yes

No

Register with a vet clinic.



Your animals' vaccinations and parasite management are up-to-date, and you have enough of their medications?

Yes

No

Contact your vet.



You have enough of the animals' food for the holiday period?

Yes

No

Contact your food supplier.

Great! During the holidays are you...



Having a staycation at home with your animals?



Leaving your animals with someone else while you're away?

Have you prepared for summer by:

- Knowing the signs of heat stress to watch out for in your animals <https://nzva.org.nz/public/heat-stress/>
- Arranging adequate ways of keeping your animals cool <https://nzva.org.nz/public/heat-stress/>
- Ensuring your gates, fences, yards, barns and stalls are secure.
- Completing the Ministry for Primary Industries 'Livestock and Lifestyle Block Animals' Emergency Plan Checklist <https://nzva.org.nz/public/disaster-planning/>

Have you prepared the person by leaving:

- Instructions on when, what and how much to feed each animal.
- Enough feed for while you are gone.
- Clearly labelled medications and supplements with instructions.
- Instructions for checking the pump and water systems, and who to call if there is a problem.
- Instructions for turning off electric fences and what to do if they stop working.
- The codes for alarms or locks.
- Instructions on what to do in an emergency or natural disaster.
- The contact details of a support person (such as a knowledgeable neighbour) in case they need assistance.
- Your vet's contact details.
- Advice on when they should call the vet (make sure they know the signs of heat stress and how to keep your animals cool).
- A brief summary of any health conditions the animals might have/have had recently.
- What level of authority the person has to make decisions about your animals in an emergency if they are not able to contact you. This might vary depending on the individual animal or species of animals involved in an emergency.

**Your animals
are all set!
Happy
holidays!**