

Looking after your  
pets & livestock  
during a  
power cut

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Most pets will not be affected by a power interruption. For specific advice about unusual or exotic animals, contact your local pet shop, supplier or the RSPCA.

## Tropical fish

If the power is only off for a short length of time, most tropical fish will be unaffected. Longer power interruptions may be problematic as mains-operated air pumps, filters and heaters won't work while the electricity is off.

Fish suppliers recommend having a cheap bubble up filter that can be run off a battery powered air pump for use during a power interruption. Battery powered heaters are also available from pet shops.



### **If battery powered equipment is not available to you:**

- Disturb the water surface for 5 minutes each hour by filling a jug with tank water and pouring it back in.
- For insulation, wrap the tank in blankets and/or fill hot water bottles with warm water and place them around the outside of the tank.

# Livestock

If your electricity supply is interrupted, ventilation, heat, light and food supply could be compromised.



## You may wish to consider:

- A generator to provide an alternative source of power
- A contingency plan and enough feed in stock for manual feeding if you ordinarily rely on automatic feeding
- A battery powered unit to provide power to any essential electrical fencing.

## If you do not have a generator available:

- Use automatic drop-out flaps in the building to provide natural ventilation. Increase air circulation by fully opening ventilation flaps and doors.
- In cold weather, provide extra insulation and straw for bedding, especially for young animals. Consider moving any animals you feel are especially at risk to temporary accommodation with bottled gas heating.

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