

## Displaced and lost animals

During flood and heavy rainfall, animals may become displaced or lost when homes, sheds and fences are damaged or destroyed.

Lost animals should be returned to their property of origin as soon as practical. Livestock that are found to be injured must be provided with appropriate treatment and care as per the *Animal Care and Protection Act 2001*.

### Who to call

- For lost and found companion animals, contact the RSPCA hotline 1300 852 188 or 1300 ANIMAL (264 625) or your local council
- If you find displaced cattle call Agforce on 3236 3100.
- To report sick, injured or distressed native wildlife call the RSPCA hotline 1300 852 188 or 1300 ANIMAL (264 625).
- For sick or injured animals contact your local veterinarian.
- For all other matters, contact Biosecurity Queensland on 13 25 23.

### Displacement of cattle

Biosecurity Queensland can assist in locating the owners of stray cattle. Landholders should comply with National Livestock identification System (NLIS) requirements.

### What to do

- If cattle have been displaced to immediate neighbours, these cattle can be returned home as soon as practical whether NLIS tagged or not. An NLIS database transfer is not required. A waybill is required only if cattle are returned on a vehicle.
- Tagged cattle found further afield can also return to their home property, however, notification of the NLIS database is required. This is important in the event of any emerging disease situation.
- Approvals are required to move any NLIS untagged cattle. Owners should discuss the return of any untagged cattle with a Biosecurity Officer or call 13 25 23 to seek advice on how best to identify and record their movements.
- NLIS untagged cattle not returning to their home property must be tagged with a post-breeder (orange) tag for the property of consignment. The receiver of the cattle is required to update the NLIS database as usual and a waybill will be required for cattle being moved on a vehicle.
- For cattle that cannot be identified at all, contact the local council or pound keeper for advice.

### Displacement of livestock other than cattle, including pigs

Biosecurity Queensland is able to assist in providing advice, including peak industry contacts.

### More information

Call Biosecurity Queensland on 13 25 23 or visit [www.biosecurity.qld.gov.au](http://www.biosecurity.qld.gov.au) for more information.