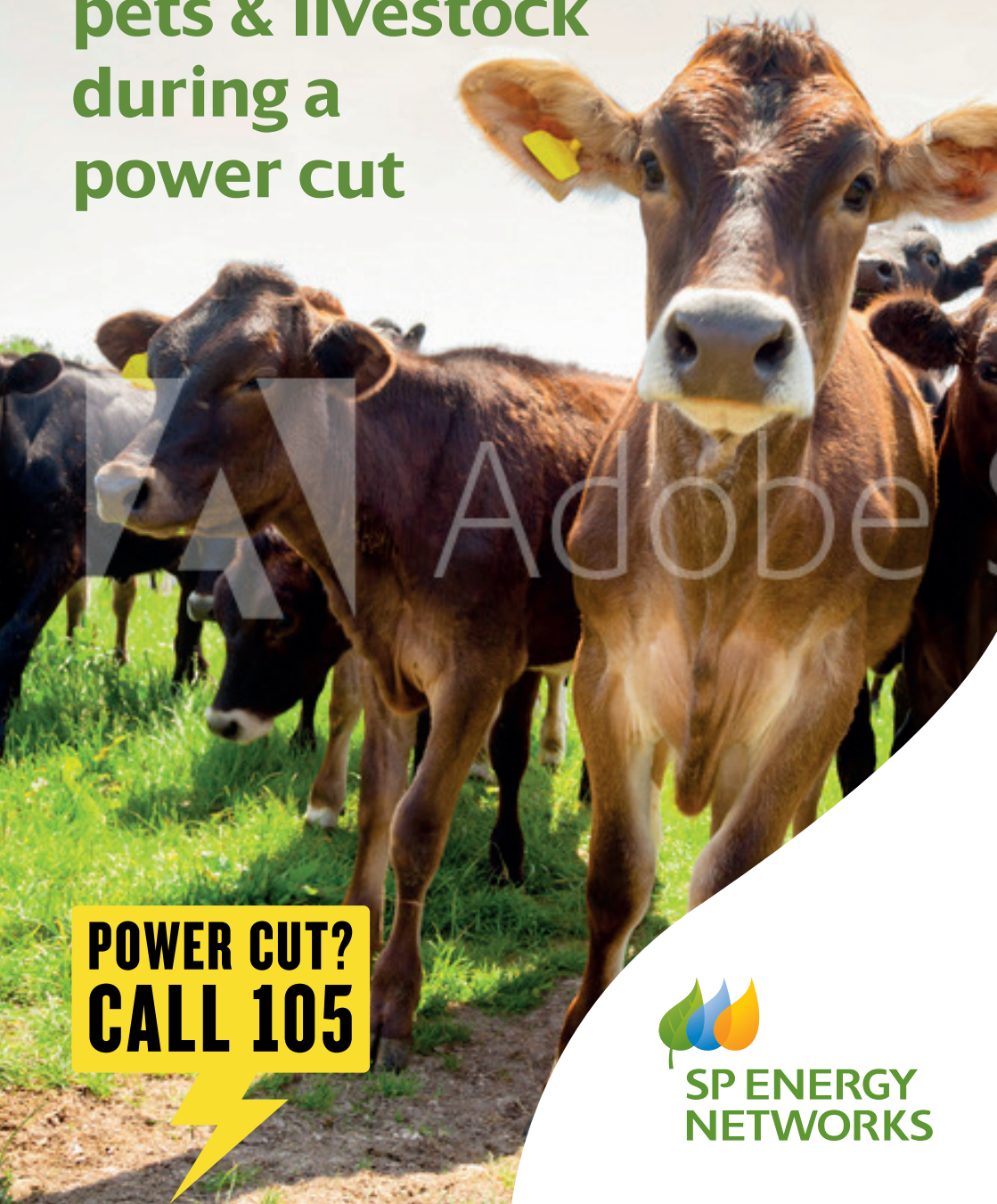


Looking after your pets & livestock during a power cut



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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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