

## Growing Families One Pet at a Time

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## DAS PREPS FOR HURRICANE SEASON & PETS

Collier County Domestic Animal Services (DAS) has launched an on-line English and Spanish pet pre-registration for the Emergency Pet Shelter, which will operate for the first time this year. Registrations may also be completed at the DAS Shelter located at 7610 Davis Blvd.

## **Hurricane Pet Shelter (New)**

Collier County will host an Emergency Pet Shelter at North Collier Regional Park located at 15000 Livingston Rd. The shelter will be an adjacency shelter, which means pet owners and pets will be sheltered separately within the park and pets cannot just be dropped off.

The Bureau of Emergency Services (BES) determines the activation of the Emergency Pet Shelter based on mandatory evacuations and storm surge vulnerability. Pet owners who preregister for the Emergency Pet Shelter will be notified by an automated call system when the shelter opens, if they are located in a mandatory evacuation zone or live in manufactured housing. The shelter will hold 75 pets. The County will only accommodate dogs and cats at this time.

Owners are required to provide care for their pets prior to and post storm. DAS staff and trained volunteers will be available to feed and care for the pets during the storm. While DAS will have emergency supplies on hand, owners are reminded that it is their responsibility to provide crates, food, medications, supplies and water for their pets.

Pre-registration for the shelter <u>does not guarantee a space</u> for each animal. It operates on a first come, first serve basis for pre-registered pet owners. Registrations will be suspended if there is a Tropical Storm and/or Hurricane Watch issued for Collier County.

For the safety of all animals, pets in the shelter <u>MUST HAVE UP-TO-DATE vaccinations</u> with a printed copy of the vaccinations available for inspection. Pets without vaccinations or contagious illnesses will not be admitted. Hurricane season runs from June 1 to Nov 30 and if the public has questions they may call DAS at (239) 530-PETS (7387).

Visit <u>www.colliergov.net/pets</u> to fill out a Pet Shelter registration form or download the form and mail to DAS ● 7610 Davis Blvd. ● Naples, FL 34104