



# EMERGENCY PET PREPAREDNESS: PLANNING AHEAD

COLLIER COUNTY  
DOMESTIC ANIMAL SERVICES



# EMERGENCIES IN FLORIDA

- Hurricanes
- Tropical Storms
- Flooding
- Fires
- Tornadoes
- Man-made Disasters



# GETTING YOURSELF READY...AHEAD OF TIME!

- Microchip your pets!!
- Make a kit for you and your pets!
- Make a plan, and share with others.
- Be in the know!: Collier County Emergency Services
  - Twitter: @CollierEM
  - Website: <http://www.colliergov.net/your-government/divisions-a-e/emergency-management>
  - Weather Radio <https://tinyurl.com/EmergencyWeatherRadio>



**KEEP  
CALM  
AND FOLLOW THE  
EMERGENCY  
PLAN**

# SUPPLY KITS

- **Food/Water:** Keep at least three days of food in an airtight, waterproof container. One gallon of water per day, per pet.
- **Medication/Medical Records:** Keep an extra supply of medicines your pet takes on a regular basis. Keep them clearly labeled!
- **First Aid Kit:** A typical kit has most of what you need. Include a pet first aid reference book.
  - Manual:  
<http://www.wholisticpawsvet.com/articles/Wholistic Paws Basic First Aid.pdf>



# SUPPLY KIT CONTINUED

- **Collar, ID tag, harness or leash:** Your pet should wear a collar with its county tag and identification at all times. Include a backup leash, collar and ID tag.
- **Important Documents:** Your pet's registration, adoption papers, proof of ownership, vaccination documents, microchip registration number, and medical records
- **Crate/Pet Carrier:** Make sure your pet has a sturdy crate that is big enough to stand up and turn around in. Be sure your crate is clearly marked with your last name written on or attached. Include your pet's favorite bedding and toys.
- **Storage:** A storage bin that is water tight is best to keep these things while still being portable.



## HOW TO PLAN AHEAD

- Your pets need you! **DO NOT LEAVE THEM BEHIND!!!**
- Have an evacuation plan. Where will you go? How will you get there? What about a back up plan?
- Work with friends, family, neighbors! More people working together can make it easier for everyone.
- What happens if you're unable to care for your pets?
- What will you do if something happens to your pet?



# SHELTER ALTERNATIVES

- Consider a boarding facility for your animals.
  - Call around for pet friendly hotels.
  - Call ahead, they fill up fast!
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- A Dogs Dream Daycare 2430 Shadowlawn Dr. Suite 12 Naples, FL 34112 (239) 793-6000
  - All Dogs Hair Haven 9577 Tamiami Trl. N Naples, FL 34108 (239) 592-6700
  - All Pets Grooming and Boarding 100 Rose Blvd. Naples, FL 34119 (239) 649-7387
  - Pet Paradise - Naples, LLC 2021 Pine Ridge Rd. Naples, FL 34109 (239) 592-9663
  - Camp Bow Wow 3382 Mercantile Ave. Naples, FL 34104 (239) 352-2275
  - Humane Society Naples – Boarding 6551 Bur Oaks Ln. Naples, FL 34119 (239) 597-5060
  - Love my Dog Resort & Spa 2079 Pine Ridge Rd. Naples, FL 34109 (239) 262-1200



# EMERGENCY VET SERVICES

- Collier County:
  - **Animal Specialty Hospital:** 10130 Market Street, Naples, FL 34112
    - (239)263-0480 <http://www.ashfl.com/>
  - **Emergency Pet Hospital of Collier County:** 6530 Dudley Drive Naples, FL 34105
    - (239)263-8010 <http://www.naplesemergencypet.com/>
- Lee County:
  - **Specialized Vet Services:** 9500 Marketplace Road, Fort Myers, FL 33912
    - (239)947-0588 <http://svsfl.com/>
  - **SWFL Veterinary Specialists:** 28400 Old 41 Road, Suite 1 Bonita Springs, FL 34135
    - (239)992-8387 <http://swfvs.com/>
  - **Animal ER of SWFL:** 1327 NE Pine Island Rd #110 Cape Coral FL 33909
    - (239)673-7426 <http://www.animalerofswfl.com/>





# PET FRIENDLY SHELTER

- **Pre-registration is required.**

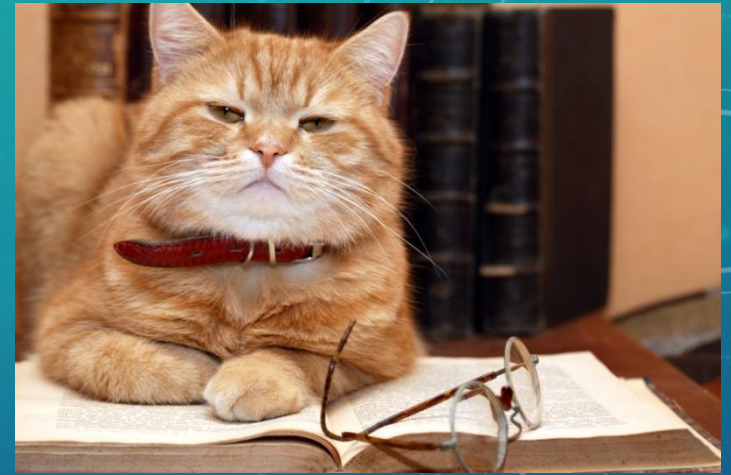
- Registration runs from June 1 through the end of November. Registrations are suspended once a Hurricane Warning has been issued.
- Only cats and dogs are accepted at the shelter
- Animals must have a current rabies vaccination and Collier County License at time of registration.
- Admission is first-come, first-serve for Collier County residents notified by the Bureau of Emergency Services by an automated phone call that they are eligible to report to the Pet-Friendly Shelter due to a mandatory evacuation order given in their residential area. Notification is determined by impacted zones and housing types (i.e. manufactured housing).

# PET FRIENDLY SHELTER

- **Capacity for the shelter is 75 animals.** Pets must re-register each year. At the beginning of hurricane season, we send reminders to those registered last year.
- The Pet-Friendly Shelter opens as directed by the Bureau of Emergency Services.
- The Pet-Friendly shelter is located at North Collier Regional Park, 15000 Livingston Road, Naples, FL.

# PET-FRIENDLY SHELTER RULES

- Pre-registration is **REQUIRED**
- Pre-registration does not guarantee availability
- Owner must bring **PROOF OF CURRENT VACCINATIONS AT TIME OF THE STORM**
- Owner must remain at the North Collier Regional Park human shelter the entire time their pet is at the shelter
- Owner is responsible for caring/feeding/sanitation of pet before and after the storm
- Owner is responsible for providing their pet's food/cleaning supplies/water/crate/medication



## RULES CONTINUED

- Owner must provide picture identification for admission to the shelter
- Owner must be at least 18 years of age and provide a driver's license or photo ID
- Owner is required to sign a sheltering agreement to allow their pet to be handled/cared for/moved as required during the emergency
- Sick or contagious pets will not be accepted at the pet-friendly shelter
- Any animal abandoned at the pet-friendly shelter will be moved to Domestic Animal Services
- Owner agrees to adhere to the rules of the pet-friendly shelter

# LARGE ANIMALS

- If you have large animals such as horses, cattle, sheep, goats or pigs on your property, be sure to prepare **before** a disaster.
- Ensure all animals have some form of identification.
- Evacuate animals whenever possible. Map out primary and secondary routes in advance.
- Make available vehicles and trailers needed for transporting and supporting each type of animal. Also make available experienced handlers and drivers. Note: It is best to allow animals a chance to become accustomed to vehicular travel so they are less frightened and easier to move.
- Ensure destinations have food, water, veterinary care and handling equipment.
- If evacuation is not possible, animal owners must decide whether to move large animals to shelter or turn them outside.

For more information visit:

[http://solutionsforyourlife.ufl.edu/hot\\_topics/disaster\\_prep/hurricane\\_prep\\_ag.shtml](http://solutionsforyourlife.ufl.edu/hot_topics/disaster_prep/hurricane_prep_ag.shtml)



# ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- FEMA guide for helping pets in disasters:
  - <https://www.fema.gov/helping-pets>
- Resources for Emergency Planning, Ready.gov:
  - <https://www.ready.gov/animals>
- ASPCA Guide to Pets in Disasters:
  - <https://www.asPCA.org/pet-care/general-pet-care/disaster-preparedness>
- Collier County DAS website:
  - [www.CollierPets.com](http://www.CollierPets.com)
- Collier County Emergency Management:
  - [www.CollierEM.org](http://www.CollierEM.org)

# QUESTIONS?



What have you done to make sure that your pets needs are met during the next big disaster?

**Pet Disaster Preparedness Can Save Lives!**