

EMERGENCY CONTACTS Charlotte County

Charlotte County Animal Control
941-833-5690
www.charlottecountyfl.com/animal

Animal Welfare League
941-625-6720
www.awlshelter.org

Charlotte County Emergency Management
941-833-4000
www.charlottecountyfl.com/emergency

American Red Cross
941-629-4345
www.redcross-charlotte.org

Suncoast Humane Society
941-474-7884
www.humane.org



PET SHELTER RULES

Report to your designated shelter as soon as the shelter has been opened.

Assure you have identification for yourself, pets and family members.

Provide a crate large enough to house your pet and to include water/food/litter (if feline).

Show current medical records when asked.

Pets are to be leashed at any time they are out of their carriers.

Owners are responsible for all daily care of their pet(s); pets are to be fed/exercised twice daily.

Owners must dispose of any waste immediately.

Cage doors must be latched and secured.

Animals that are diseased, have parasites or are unruly will not be allowed in public sheltering.

Any animal abandoned in the shelter will be relocated to Charlotte County Animal Control. Disposition is at the discretion of CCAC.

Owner is liable for damages or in the event of any injury caused to any person or other animal.

Pets are not permitted in "resident" areas. There are separate "living areas" for pets and for people.

Currently, pet-friendly shelters house cats and dogs only. No other species of animal may be kept at these shelters.

You will be asked to sign a release at the time of entry to the shelter. Failure to sign or follow the above rules will result in removal of the animals.

**LEAVING YOUR PET BEHIND IN A DISASTER
DECREASES ITS CHANCE OF SURVIVAL
DRAMATICALLY**

DISASTER PLANNING FOR YOU AND YOUR PETS



ARE YOU READY?

PROPER PLANNING CAN AVOID THE NEED FOR PUBLIC SHELTERING

- Have a disaster plan that includes leaving the area
- Contact motels/hotels that are pet-friendly
- Ask your veterinarian about boarding facilities
- Have an "emergency kit" ready BEFORE the event
- Check various pet publications and websites for alternative housing other than public sheltering
- Have current photos of your pets AND you with your pets

THE BEST PLAN IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY IS
TO LEAVE THE AREA IMMEDIATELY

IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY, LISTEN TO
LOCAL RADIO AND TELEVISION FOR CURRENT
INFORMATION ABOUT EVACUATION AND
SHELTERING

PREPARE EARLY BECAUSE CHANGES CAN HAPPEN
RAPIDLY

MAKE SURE YOU ARE AWARE OF YOUR
EVACUATION ZONE PRIOR TO AN EMERGENCY

PREPARE A FAMILY AND FRIEND "PHONE TREE"
SO YOUR LOCATION CAN ALWAYS BE
DETERMINED

IF YOU CHOOSE NOT TO EVACUATE PLEASE BE
FAMILIAR WITH ALL RECOMMENDED SAFETY
SUPPLIES AND MEASURES TO ASSURE YOUR
ABILITY TO SUSTAIN AND SURVIVE AN
EMERGENCY



