

# SARASOTA COUNTY EVACUATION CENTER RULES FOR PET OWNERS

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As the owner of a pet who is taking refuge from severe weather in a Sarasota County Evacuation Center (SCEC), I agree that I will:

1. Report to the designated pet registration location prior to the impact of the storm.
2. Maintain personal and pet identification information on myself, my pet, and its cage.
3. Provide an appropriate animal crate or cage for pets.
4. Ensure my pet has the appropriate vaccinations.
5. Recognize that pets are only permitted to enter designated “pet areas”.
6. Feed, water, sanitize and exercise my pet on a scheduled frequency of no less than twice daily until the arrival/departure of 45 mph winds.
7. Properly and immediately dispose of any waste created by my pets.
8. Properly leash my pet when it is outside of the cage.
9. Not permit other shelter occupants to handle or approach my pet(s).
10. Keep cage doors latched and firmly secured.
11. Recognize that pets demonstrating unruly or aggressive behavior, showing signs of contagious disease, or are infected by parasites (fleas, ticks, lice, etc.) may not be accepted or may be quarantined. Ensure my pet is being protected by flea/tick preventive.
12. Recognize that failure to follow these rules may result in the removal of the pet(s).
13. Know that pets found, abandoned or without an owner present, are relocated to Sarasota County Animal Services. Final disposition is left to the discretion of Sarasota County Animal Services.
14. Understand that exotic animals are not permitted in County evacuation centers.
15. Recognize that I am liable for all damages caused by my pet.
16. Acknowledge that I am liable if my pet injures any person or any other animal.
17. Realize that during storm conditions (winds > 45 mph), if my pet is in a separate building, I am not permitted to shelter with or visit my pet.
18. Understand that an environment where many animals are grouped together may represent some risk to my pet’s health and/or welfare and by remaining in this location I accept that risk.

# REQUIRED PET EVACUATION KIT ITEMS

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## Items you must bring for your pet:

- Supplies such as any toys, comfort items, blankets, bedding supplies, etc. A minimum of a three (3) day supply of non-perishable food and water for each pet
- Appropriate bowls or dishes for each pet's food and water
- Appropriate crate/cage for each pet (specifications are below); for cats, large enough to include a litter pan
- If your pet is a cat, cat litter, scoop and pans (pan must fit in crate)
- A sheet or other covering material for each crate to reduce the visual stimuli of the pet
- A secure collar and sturdy leash for each pet
- Pet waste bags, disinfectant and paper towels
- Medications needed including Flea/Tick preventive

Although we do not list numeric specifications for the size of any one crate or cage, the following criteria apply for dogs and cats:

Housing must be large enough to allow the pet to stand, turn around, and fully recline. It should be constructed of wire or heavy plastic and must be well ventilated. Crates/cages excessive in size and exercise pens are not allowed. Smaller pets may be housed together if they are fully socialized and the provisions for movement are met for each pet.

## Recommended Vaccination Guidelines for Dogs:

Rabies (Required by Florida law)	Distemper/Parvo (Recommended)
Bordetella (Recommended)	Coronavirus (Recommended)

## Recommended Vaccination Guidelines for Cats:

Rabies (Required by Florida law)	Feline Leukemia (Recommended)
Rhinotracheitis (Recommended)	Calicivirus (Recommended)
Panleukopenia (distemper) (Recommended)	

## SARASOTA COUNTY EVACUATION CENTER PET AGREEMENT

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- I have received, read and understood the “Rules for Pet Owners” and “Required Evacuation Pet Kit Items” and agree to abide by the “Rules for Pet Owners” and provide the listed items on the “Required Evacuation Pet Kit Items” for my pet(s).
  
- I certify that my pet(s) are in good health. If at any time my pet is deemed a health or safety risk to any person or animal, quarantine or removal may occur. This includes flea or tick infestation or any active parasitic or fungal infection such as ringworm or mange. I agree to my pet being examined upon request. I understand and agree that at all times, regardless of compliance with all requirements, Evacuation Center Management retains sole discretion in accepting persons and pets to the Evacuation Center.
  
- I certify that my pet(s) are current on all required vaccinations.
  
- I understand and agree that if for any reason my pet is left behind, it is considered abandoned and I will be responsible for any and all fees, fines, or monetary remittance payable to Animal Services under their adoption, reunification, or euthanasia policy.
  
- I understand that the feeding, replenishing of water, and removal of waste materials from the cage or designated area is the responsibility of the adult family member. Immediately upon request of Sarasota County Evacuation Center (SCEC) staff to care for my pet, I will do so and perform any feeding, watering, or waste removal necessary.
  
- I hereby agree to hold harmless all persons, organizations, corporations, or government agencies involved in the care and sheltering of my pet(s) at the SCEC and agree to waive any claim against such persons, organizations, corporations or government agencies involved in the care and sheltering of pet(s) at the SCEC. I further agree to indemnify any persons or entities, organizations, corporations or government agencies which have suffered any loss, damage, or claim related to the care and sheltering of my pet(s) at the SCEC.

**I have read, understood and agree to the above rules and conditions.**

**Owner Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Owner Printed Name:	Cell Phone #:
Address:	

## PET INFORMATION

Pet ID or Microchip #:
Pet Name:
Description/Type (Dog/Cat):
Breed/Color Age/Gender:
Crate Location:

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