

Lee County

1. **South Fort Myers High School**, 14020 Plantation Road, Fort Myers.
2. **East Lee County High School**, 715 Thomas Sherwin Avenue, Lehigh Acres. (Will be used for future storms, only if activated and announced.)

Only residents in mandatory evacuation areas will be eligible for these two shelters. Only dogs and cats will be permitted. Pets and their people will have to stay in separate classrooms and guardians must provide pet's food, leash, etc. No registration is required, but get there early as it's first-come, first-serve. To make sure you and your pet will meet all requirements for entry, review [Hurricane Preparedness Information](#) or call the emergency pet shelter information line is 239-344-4424.

3. **Expo Hall of the Lee Civic Center**, 11831 Bayshore Road, North Fort Myers.

This location will accept dogs, cats and birds belonging to Lee County residents only. Preregistration and confirmation are required and forms can be obtained by calling Lee County Emergency Management at 239-477-3600 or 239-533-3622. .

4. **Other locations** will be announced, depending on the nature of the approaching storm. .

You may also want to check out <http://www.floridapets.net/Vacation.html> for area pet friendly hotels and motels. Some may change pet policies or require special fees during evacuations, so please double check before making reservations.

Lee county Domestic Animal Services recommends that you bring the following items with you Regardless of where you go during the storm:

- Your pet's food
- Bowls for food and water
- Sturdy, impact resistant carriers (no soft carriers or make-shift containers)
- Bedding for the carrier is recommended
- Litter, litter boxes, and a scoop for cats
- Your pet's regular medications
- Toys, chewing objects or other stress relief for your pet
- Lee County license and other identification (Microchip IDs are encouraged)
- Check with your veterinarian to see if your pet is up to date on the recommended vaccinations

Collier County

1. North Collier Regional Park.

Located at 15000 Livingston Road. Pre-registration is required every year after May and can be accomplished at <http://www.colliergov.net> or at the Collier County Domestic Animal Services shelter at 7610 Davis Blvd. Yearly registration is required, but the shelter will still use the first-come, first-served method of allowing people in. If you registered last year, you will need to register again this year and pre-registration doesn't guarantee a spot.

This shelter will hold 75 pets, dogs and cats only. Pets will be housed in one building and their guardians will be housed in another building that's only 100 feet away.

- Be sure to bring:
- a 3-day supply of food and water per pet,
- pet crate,
- litter box,
- any needed medications,
- cleaning supplies
- toys, blankets, bedding, leash, collar with identification attached,
- current vaccination record (no one will be admitted without the current record in hand)
- and, for identification purposes, 2 pictures of your pet; one of the pet alone and one with the pet and guardian together.

For more information, call 239-252-7387.

2. **Palmetto Ridge High School**, 1655 Oilwood Road, Naples, is a **special needs shelter, NOT for the general public**. It is operated by the emergency management department, along with Collier Domestic Animal Services, for the pets of special needs patients. The program includes transportation for the people and animals in the program. Participating pets must be pre-registered, have identification and be up to date on required immunizations. Special needs residents can register their pets for this program by calling the Collier County Emergency Operations Center hotline at 239-252-8400.

You may also want to check out <http://www.floridapets.net/Vacation.html> for area pet friendly hotels and motels. Some may change pet policies or require special fees during evacuations, so please double check before making reservations.

Hurricane Check List

Tips to keep you and your pet safe during hurricane season

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If you're reading this, hurricane season in Florida is either coming soon or has already arrived. Yes, you read the same stuff every year about how to prepare, but would you really know what to do to keep your animals safe and sound if a monster storm was approaching your town? Here are some tips that simply bear repeating - just cut the center column of this page out and stick it to your refrigerator or bulletin board:

BEFORE THE STORM

Prepare a hurricane kit for your pets to include:

- ___1. Secure pet carriers for cats and small dogs and sturdy leashes/harnesses for larger dogs and appropriate-sized crates or cages for other type pets such as reptiles, birds, etc.
- ___2. Place medications and medical records, including proof of current vaccinations, in a waterproof container.
- ___3. Check and see if your vet provides something like a laminated card with proof of current vaccinations at each annual visit which can be used at motels and hotels in case evacuation is necessary.
- ___4. A two week supply of any medication your pet may be taking on a regular basis and familiar food and water. Also take bowls and a manual can opener.
- ___5. Cat litter/pan, extra litter and a litter scooper.
- ___6. An information sheet including: medical conditions and treatment schedule if needed, feeding instructions, name and phone number of your veterinarian or a kennel outside your area in case you need to board your pets - an arrangement which is, of course, **not** going to be your first choice. Trust us, it's simply safer to keep your pet(s) with you during times of disasters.
- ___7. Current photos of your pet(s) in case they get lost. Also, be sure each of your animals have name tags, rabies tags, etc., securely fastened to their collars. **Important Note:** When planning to evacuate, attach the phone number and address of your temporary shelter or of a friend/relative outside the affected area to the back of your pet's ID tag.
- ___8. Portable pet beds, a familiar blanket, and lots of toys.
- ___9. Plan ahead to have a safe place to take your pets because public shelters, like the ones operated by the Red Cross, do **not** allow family pets. Service dogs are an exception.
- ___10. Don't wait until the last minute to make plans for your pets. **And don't even think about leaving them home!** You would never forgive yourself if something happened to them because you left them behind to fend for themselves. Prepare **now** by doing the following:
- ___11. Ask friends or relatives outside the affected area if they are willing to shelter you and your animals. If not, see item # 2.
- ___12. Check out FloridaPets.net's list of [pet-friendly vacation facilities](#) throughout the state of Florida. If necessary, contact other lodging facilities outside your area to check on policies on accepting pets and any restrictions on number, size and species. "No pet" policies are sometimes waived in an emergency.
- ___13. Review the [FloridaPets.net yearly Pet Friendly Emergency Shelter Guide](#) which lists pet-friendly shelters in each county as we receive word of them. Bookmark the page and return to it if a storm approaches your area.
- ___14. Always keep a list of all these "pet friendly" places with your other emergency supplies.

AS THE STORM APPROACHES

- ___1. Know your evacuation zone.
- ___2. Remember, all mobile home residents must evacuate regardless of location.
- ___3. Hurricane guides with evacuation zone maps are available from local media sources, grocery stores and other merchants. Keep one in your home and one in your vehicle.

PREPARING TO EVACUATE

If you feel you might have to leave your property to ensure everyone's safety:

- ___1. Call ahead to confirm emergency shelter arrangements.
- ___2. Bring all pets into the house so you won't have to search for them if you have to leave in a hurry.
- ___3. Be sure all pets are wearing their collars and I.D. tags.
- ___4. Be sure your pet's hurricane kit, discussed above, is ready to travel.
- ___5. Remember: animals - like people - will react differently when under stress. Keep all dogs securely leashed and cats in sturdy carriers. Even a normally calm pet may panic and try to escape or even bite in a stressful situation.

AFTER THE STORM

- ___1. Whether or not you physically left your home, walk your pet(s) outside on a leash until they become re-oriented to their surroundings.
- ___2. Don't allow pets to consume food or water which may have become contaminated.
- ___3. Watch for downed power lines and other debris that can be hazardous to both you and your pet(s).
- ___4. If your electric is out for awhile and you use alternate sources of light, never leave an open flame from candles, oil lamps, etc., unattended around your animals.

DO THIS NOW

Print the above checklist

Trim sides from page

Slide list into a plastic protector

Prepare list of local emergency numbers

Store both lists with hurricane supply box