



Disaster Preparation for your Pets

Pet Friendly Shelter Information

If your home is a safe place during a storm and officials have not ordered you to evacuate, you and your pet should probably stay at home until the danger has passed. Prepare by stocking up on provisions including extra food, water, pet supplies and pet medications. If you must evacuate, pet owners in Indian River County who reside in an evacuation area now have somewhere to safely evacuate with their pet when an evacuation order is issued.

The Pet-Friendly shelter is offered for residents who live within one of Indian River County's evacuation areas:

- ✓ Barrier Island
- ✓ Mobile/manufactured home
- ✓ East of U.S. #1
- ✓ Areas known to flood
- ✓ Sub-standard housing

The pet-friendly shelter in Indian River County is at the Liberty Magnet School located at 6850 81st Street in Vero Beach, just south of C.R. 510 and west of 66th Avenue. The shelter is limited to the following pets: dogs, cats, birds, rabbits and small rodents.

Pet owners who shelter at Liberty Magnet School are responsible for the care of their own pets and must bring sufficient pet food, carriers, medications and supplies.

Proof of a current county license and rabies vaccine is required. Please contact the Humane Society of Vero Beach & Indian River County for additional information at (772) 388-3331, Ext. 10, or visit their website at www.hsvb.org.

NEVER LEAVE YOUR PET BEHIND!

- ✓ The safest place for your pet is with you. Many hotels make exceptions during an evacuation and accept crated pets.
- ✓ Remember to include your pet in your disaster plans.
- ✓ If you have made arrangements to board your pet, ensure the facility is not in a flood or surge area and will be attended throughout the storm.
- ✓ Pets should be transported in carriers for their protection and yours.
- ✓ Proper ID tags should be worn. The Humane Society offers free pet ID tags and you should talk to your veterinarian about microchipping.
- ✓ Have an ample supply of food and water available.
- ✓ Be sure to have required medications and a First-Aid Kit.
- ✓ Have a photograph of all pets for identification purposes. If your pet should become lost during a storm or evacuation, immediately contact area Humane Societies. Photos will greatly aid in reuniting you and your lost pet.