Pet Friendly Shelter
Marion County, Florida

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When Disaster Strikes  
“We’ll Be Ready”
PURPOSE

Provide a safe haven for pet owners and their domestic pets in the event a disaster strikes Marion County and a Red Cross shelter is open for evacuees.
BASICS OF THE PROCEDURAL PLAN

- Animal Housing area set up
- Check in
- Registration
- Animal Photo
- 24 Hour monitoring
  (staff and owners must leave during impact of storm)
- Sign out
- Break down and clean up
STAFFING:

Animal Care Technicians
shelter set up, animal intake, instructions, overall pet care

Code Enforcement Officers
assist in shelter setup, animal intake

Volunteers
assist technicians and owners

Resident Pet Owners
care of own pets
Acceptable Animals at the Pet Friendly Shelter

- Dogs under 80 lbs
- Cats - Friendly
- Domestic Breeds
- Birds
- No Exotics
- No Reptiles
- No Aggressive Animals

Projected Capacity

120 Large Dogs
240 Small Dogs & Cats
WHERE?

VANGUARD HIGH SCHOOL

7 NE 28TH STREET OCALA

352-671-4900
ANIMAL HOUSING AREA
LOADED AND READY TO ROLL
As the hurricanes formed....
Hurricane Charley
Hurricane Charley
August 13, 14 2004

Staff hours
- Volunteers: 66
- Staff: 235
- Total: 301

Animals registered
- 48 cats
- 140 dogs
- 3 birds
- 1 ferret
- 1 rabbit
- Total: 193
HURRICANE

FRANCES
Hurricane Frances Path

Hurricane Frances
September 4, 2004
11 PM EDT Saturday
NWS NHC/National Hurricane Center Advisories

Current Center Location 27.1 N, 79.7 W
Max Sustained Wind 105 mph
Current Movement NWW at 5 mph

- Current Center Location
- Forecast Center Positions
  - H Sustained wind > 73 mph
  - S Sustained wind 39-73 mph
  - D Sustained wind < 39 mph

Potential Day 1-3 Track Area
- Red Hurricane Warning
- Pink Hurricane Watch
- Blue Tropical Storm Warning
- Yellow Tropical Storm Watch
Hurricane Frances
September 2-7, 2004

Staff Hours
- Volunteers: 185
- Staff: 575
  Total: 760

Animals Housed
- 87 cats
- 211 dogs
- 28 birds
- 3 rabbits
- 1 guinea pig
- 2 ferrets
- 5 hamsters
  Total: 337
Hurricane Ivan
Ivan’s projected path
Jeanne
Jeanne’s predicted path
# Hurricane Jeanne

**September 24-27, 2004**

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Florida Hurricanes ~ 2004
Deployed Pet Friendly Shelter the evening before each storm was due to impact Florida

1. Load Truck (pet food/kitty litter)
2. Staff and volunteers on scene
3. Truck and trailer arrives
4. Began unloading truck and trailer
5. Stocked storage room with supplies
6. Started constructing cages
7. Laid out 140’ plastic, taped up onto walls
8. Heavy duty rubber runner in the center
9. Lined one wall with large crates
10. Lined opposite wall with medium crates
11. Set up registration table/chairs
12. Lined garbage cans
13. Filled Kitty litter bins
14. Filled Dog Food barrel
The trailer unloaded and ready to assemble cages
Lining the hallway with plastic
Rubber Runner
Setting up cages
Supply setup
Registration Process

- Registration form filled out
- Photos taken
- Cages Assigned
- Neckbands placed on dogs
- Wristbands placed on owners
- Instructions given individually
Registration begins
PETS AND OWNERS IDENTIFIED
Owners caring for pets
And there were birds, rabbits, ferrets, guinea pigs and hamsters
Animals were in every corner of the building
No Power going on the 3rd day….
Our youngest volunteers caring for special needs pets
Team work fixed the generator
Tear down and clean up
The shine was left on the floor….easy clean up
Family storm shelter
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Know your plan and route
Stock up and be ready…don’t forget your pet food and medications….
Leave early - expect delays........
Keep your pet with you
Be sure to keep your pet on a leash and have identification on it.
Watch the weather and stay informed
Animals left behind puts everyone at risk.....
…..left behind to watch the storm?
…..lucky to be rescued
A BIG THANKS TO .........

- Animal Center Staff
- Code Enforcement Staff
- Volunteers
- Marion County Administration Staff
- Marion County School Board Principals
- Pam Stewart, Principal of Vanguard High School
- Scott Borth, Assistant Principal of Vanguard High School
- Debbie Dugan, Cafeteria Manager
- Steve Huffstutler, Director School Board Risk Management
- Dr Kierstein, for volunteering his services if needed

DEDICATED TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY
Phase 2

- Additional emergency management plans are needed

- Where do we take the pets if we have direct impact from a storm and schools need to reopen?

- Owners may still be displaced from homes
Lessons Learned

- Comfortable bedding is a must!
- Restocking had to be fast, didn’t know when next storm was coming
  Funds taken from the Animal Center operating budget
- Hard work
- Long hours
- More volunteers needed for relief hours
- Post the rules
- Set open and close times and post
- Have a sign in/out sheet for staff and volunteers hours
- Large industrial fans are needed
- Volunteer cooks are important
- Let’s face it were spoiled so comforts from home were important