

**MONROE COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT  
EMERGENCY SHELTER AGREEMENT FOR PETS OF SPECIAL NEEDS CLIENTS**

I acknowledge that I am registered with Monroe County Emergency Management on the Special Needs Registry. I am the owner of the pet(s) listed on the registration form. I understand that when an emergency exists for which I have requested to be transported to an emergency shelter that special arrangements have been made to allow my pet(s) to be sheltered in the same facility as to that to which I will be transported. I understand and agree to abide by the pet care rules contained in this agreement. I also understand that Monroe County may terminate this agreement and withdraw its permission for pets of Special Needs Clients in shelters, and that the continuation of the permission also is contingent upon the approval of the School Board with respect to those shelters which are schools.

**RULES:**

1. Only such pets that are identified in my Special Needs Registry Application are allowed in the emergency pet shelter. It is my responsibility to keep my emergency shelter agreement for pets up to date and to notify Monroe County Emergency Management whenever the pets which I desire to have covered by this agreement changes.
2. My pet(s) will remain collared, tagged, and contained in its approved carrier except at scheduled times.
3. I am to supply individually portioned meals/food, necessary medications, a small toy, and any special instructions for a minimum of two (2) weeks. I must also provide a food and water bowl for each animal I shelter.
4. I understand that my pets may be kept in a secure location separate from me and that if so sheltered, they will be attended to by Monroe County Staff. If I am sheltered in the same areas of my pets and can provide care to the pets myself, I agree to the following:
  - i. During scheduled relief times, my pet(s) will be property confined with leash, harness or muzzle (if necessary) that I provide. Scheduled times will be strictly adhered to,
  - ii. Properly feed, water, and care for my pet(s) as instructed by the shelter manager. I understand all medication will be controlled by the shelter manager and administration will be properly documented.
  - iii. I agree to properly sanitize the areas used by my pet(s), including proper waste disposal and disinfecting as instructed by the shelter manager.
  - iv. I will not permit other shelter occupants to handle or approach my pet(s) either while it is in its carrier or during exercise times. I will make sure the carrier door is latched and secure with a wire or rope tie.
5. I certify that my pet(s) is current on rabies vaccinations and all other required vaccinations (bordetella and DA2PP for dogs and FVRCP for cats). I will be required to provide proof of vaccinations at time of sheltering. It is recommended that you have you pet treated for flea and tick prevention as well.
6. I will permit my pet(s) to be examined by qualified animal shelter personnel to determine if medical or stress conditions requiring attention are present. I further agree to the administration of medication to alleviate any symptoms.
7. I acknowledge that my failure to follow these rules may result in the removal of my pet(s) to another location. I further understand that if my pet(s) becomes unruly, aggressive, shows signs of contagious disease, is infested by parasites (fleas, ticks, lice, etc.), or begins showing signs of stress related conditions, it may be removed to a more appropriate location. I understand that any decision concerning the care and welfare of my pet(s) and the shelter population as a whole are within the sole discretion of the shelter manager, whose decision is final.
8. I further understand that any damage to persons or property caused by my pet(s) will be my responsibility.
9. I certify that my pet(s) has/have no previous history of aggressive behavior and has not been diagnosed with any contagious disease for which it has not received successful treatment.
10. I hereby agree and hold harmless all persons, organizations, corporations, or government agencies involved in the care and sheltering of my animal(s), including injury or loss to/of the pet. I further agree to indemnify any persons or entities which may suffer any loss or damage as a result of the care and sheltering of my animal(s).
11. I will sign for any items loaned to me to provide proper care of my pet(s) during an emergency.
12. I acknowledge that if I use the County's emergency transportation services to reach an emergency shelter with my pet(s), I and my pet(s) will be in a vehicle with other animals.
13. I understand that the County takes precautions to prevent the spread of disease by requiring all animals included in the program to have certain inoculations and to be on a flea/tick control program. Notwithstanding these precautions, I understand that it is possible for disease to spread between animals and/or people when placed together in the same vehicle.
14. I hereby waive any right or claim which might arise as a result of being in the same vehicle as the animals of other special needs clients using the same pet-friendly program.