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Pet Friendly Shelter Available in Santa Rosa County **- Pre-registration and Current Vaccinations Required -**

During a storm or other disaster, a pet friendly shelter may be open for residents who wish to shelter with their cat or dog. Pre-registration for the pet friendly shelter, located at Avalon Middle School, 5445 King Arthurs Way in Milton, is required each year and available online at www.santarosa.fl.gov/emergency/shelters.html or by calling animal services at (850) 983-4680. Additionally, to utilize the shelter, all pets must have proof of current vaccinations and owners must bring supplies for their pet. Residents are asked to register, double check their pet's vaccination records and make a kit for their pet before a storm is threatening our area. Preparing now will reduce the stress of last minute preparations.

The only pets allowed in the pet friendly shelter are cats and dogs. Upon arrival at the shelter, pictures will be taken of pets with their owners. Pet owners must stay at the shelter, and will be responsible for caring for their pet and bringing a pet disaster kit. The kit should include:

- Carrier or cage big enough for the pet to stand, stretch, and turn around, and room for food and water
- Collar and leash
- Any necessary medication(s)
- Proof of vaccinations
- Plastic bags
- A five day supply of food and water
- Any special dietary requirements
- Bowls for food and water
- Cat litter pan, litter and litter scooper

Residents using the pet friendly shelter during a disaster will also need to bring:

- A change of clothing, rain gear and sturdy shoes
- Toiletries and personal items
- Blankets or sleeping bags
- Identification and any important papers
- Games or toys for children; books for adults
- Special items for infants or elderly family members
- Any special dietary needs and nonperishable foods or snacks
- Battery operated radio, flashlights and plenty of spare batteries
- Prescription medications or any over-the-counter medications you normally take
- Health insurance and pharmacy cards

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