

Lafayette County Emergency Management Department

Emergency Management is an ALL HAZARDS program responsible for the Mitigation, Preparedness, Response and Recovery of all types of natural and manmade incidents. This department is also responsible for Emergency Management in Buckville, Day, Hatchbend and Mayo. Planning for wind events, large fires, hazmat, terrorism, agricultural incidents, weather events and everything in between is the primary role of our department. Interaction with all local municipalities is crucial to ensure that all agencies involved in the incident are working on the same plan.

Lafayette County's Pet-Friendly Shelter Program

The Pet-Friendly Shelter Program is in the developmental stages through a collaborative effort between The Lafayette County Board of County Commissioners, The Lafayette County Emergency Management Department, The Lafayette County School Board, The Lafayette County Health Department, Lafayette County Extension Office, The State Agriculture Response Team, The American Red Cross, and the animal service providers in Lafayette County.

Mission Statement

It is the mission of the Pet Friendly Shelter Task Force to establish a refuge of last resort to provide a measure of safety for domestic household pets and their owners during catastrophic disasters.

Registration

All pets and their families must pre-register to be eligible for the program. Registration is easy and takes a few minutes. Contact Emergency Management at (386) 294-1950 for a Pet Friendly Shelter application form.

Staff

The Pet Friendly Shelter will be staffed by volunteers and trained animal care professionals. Additionally, there will be a veterinarian on-call for emergencies. Only animal owners and/or authorized pet care providers will be permitted to contact the animals while in the shelter.

Acceptable Animals at the Pet Friendly Shelter

Dogs—Puppies:

- Must be in a crate or kennel large enough for the animal to turn and lie down.
- Aggressive or growling dogs will be admitted only with the approval of the on-call veterinarian.



Cats—Kittens:

- Domestic cats only, no feral or wild-trapped.
- Must be in a crate or kennel.



Birds:

- Only domestic birds in cages at all times.



Ferrets/Rodents/Rabbits):

- Only common domestic breeds.
- Must be in cages at all times.



Animals that are not permitted

- ◆ Exotics (primates, snakes, etc.)
- ◆ Spiders/Insects
- ◆ Farm/Agricultural animals

All animals must have the following

- ◆ Collar and ID tag
- ◆ Proof of current vaccinations
- ◆ Proof of ownership

What to bring

- ◆ Food
- ◆ Leash (if applicable)
- ◆ Toys/comfort items
- ◆ Crate, cage, kennel
- ◆ Bedding