

Preparing for a Large-Scale Seizure

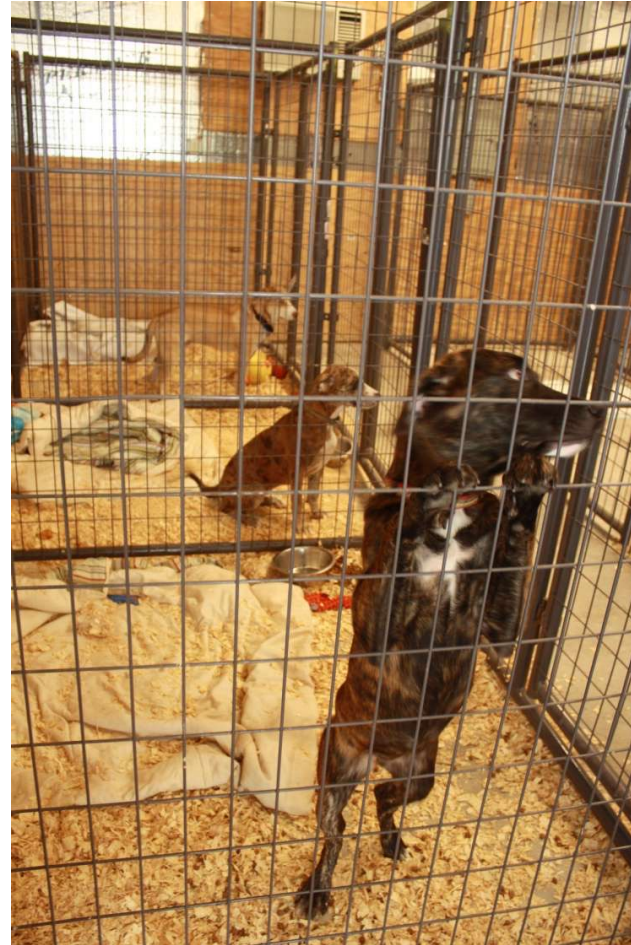
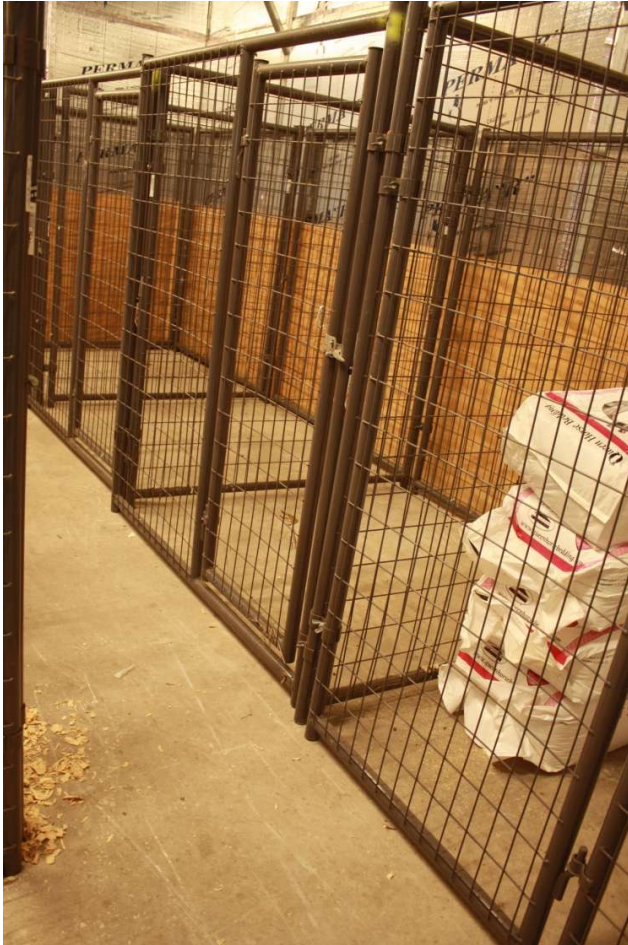
Determine housing needs and & identify how to ensure and maintain humane housing for current population as well as incoming population:

- Communication is critical. Can intake happen in stages?
- Create space within shelter for temporary housing (conference rooms, sally port, other climate control spaces)
- Identify offsite locations with water and power available
 - Vacant county warehouse or other buildings, fairgrounds, MOUs with outside agencies)
- Have supply of magnum kennels on hand for easy set up and configuration
 - These situations drag out longer than you anticipate, pop up crates are not appropriate long-term housing
 - Magnums can also be used for cats (no more than 4 per magnum)
 - Pop up crates with dowel perches for roosters with visual barriers between
 - Arrange magnums in small pods
 - small pods are important for noise control and infectious disease control
- **Call to action to transfer out current available/adoptable pets**
 - **Sending pets with behavior issues is the best way to burn bridges**
- **BE CREATIVE AND THINK OUTSIDE OF THE BOX**



Vacant firehouse in Citrus County used for new arrivals while shelter was experiencing a disease outbreak

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Above: co-housing chickens, photo courtesy of ASPCA FIR Team

Left: Citrus County climate-controlled warehouse used as temporary shelter after large scale seizure

Animal Care

Identify how to ensure and maintain humane care for current population as well as incoming population :

- All animals must receive exam and appropriate preventive health care on intake (vaccinations, dewormer, flea prevention, heartworm test, ID band, weight, photographs)
- If forensic exams or necropsies needed
 - have list of qualified veterinarians available to perform
 - have forensic exam protocol in place
 - utilize UF College of Veterinary Medicine as a resource
- **Call to action for volunteers to assist in daily care or to free up staff from other tasks such as adoption concierges**
- **All-hands-on-deck (ask to borrow staff from other departments & even other agencies)**
- **Florida SARC, Red Rover, ASPCA, HSUS, FACA**



Photos courtesy of Hillsborough Pet Resource Center. 350 small breed dogs & puppies seized from breeding facility in 2019

Not Sure Where to Start?

Scan our QR code to access your digital packet of info specific to animal shelters in Florida!

Included in your packet:

- Trainings available (FREE)
- Contact information for hurricane planning
- Mini-guide to Florida's hurricane response process for animal shelters
- Florida hurricane animal shelter specific FAQs
- and more.....

Also check out our website:

<https://sheltermedicine.vetmed.ufl.edu/shelter-services/emergency-response/>



Make Sure Your Contacts are Updated

Scan our QR code to fill out your shelter's emergency contact information!

What does our team need to make sure you get the assistance you need before, during, and following a disaster:

- **Primary and secondary contact information**
- **Social media contacts**
- **Information about your shelter (flood zones, indoor/outdoor kennels, etc.)**
- **Resources your shelter has (crates, food, potable water, etc.)**
- **If you already have or need help with an Emergency Action Plan**
- **Whether or not your shelter is used as a County pet-friendly evacuation shelter**
- **Whether or not your team is responsible for setting up County pet-friendly evacuation shelters**
- **Whether or not you know who your ESF-17 contact is or, if not, where to find that information**

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