Welcome to Pinellas County

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Favorite Season

Turtle Nesting Season
May 1 – Oct 31
The Other Season

1. Know Your Risk
2. Make a Plan
3. Stay Informed
4. Get Involved
Survey Says

• Hurricane Katrina – 44% of people did not leave home because of a pet

• Miami-Dade Survey  50% respondents have a pet
✓ 5% pet owners would use pet friendly shelter
✓ 34% of those with pets did not know we had a pet friendly shelter
Figure 7.2.23: 2014 Factors Preventing Evacuation (n=2,010)

- Pet: 31%
- Job: 16%
- Need to care for another person: 10%
- Spouse/Significant Other won't leave: 15%
- Need to stay and protect property: 24%
- Lack of money: 22%
- No place to go: 17%
- No transportation: 9%
- Traffic: 21%
- Lack of gas/fuel for vehicle: 14%
- Disability/Health Issues: 6%
- Other (please specify): 2%
- No obstacles would prevent me from evacuating: 26%
- I would refuse to evacuate no matter what: 2%
Pinellas Experience for Irma

- Hurricane Irma – many sites that normally board pets shut down
- Over 2,000 pets sheltered
- Moved pet friendly sites to High schools from Middle schools
- Hotels may waive pet policy
Additional Challenges
Thank you

In case of a hurricane
TAKE YOUR PETS WITH YOU!

Hurricane season runs from June 1st through November 30th. Be sure to include your pets in your disaster preparedness planning.

If you’re riding out the storm in the home of a family member, friend or neighbor, take your pets with you. If you can’t take your pet with you, Miami-Dade County offers Pet-Friendly Evacuation Centers for residents living in qualified evacuation zones, unsafe structures or mobile homes.

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SURVIVING THE STORM
Do You Have a Hurricane Plan for Your Pet?
Before any Emergency, Plan Ahead!

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Building a BUG-OUT BAG for Your Cat