



**PALM BEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL DIVISION
PET FRIENDLY SHELTER DISASTER WAIVER RELEASE FORM**

When any owner elects to house his/her animal(s) at the Animal Care and Control Pet Friendly Shelter, he/she accepts the conditions of confinement. **Owner must provide own cage/kennel, food, toys, bedding, medications for pets.**

CONDITIONS OF CONFINEMENT

1. Only pet owners and their immediate family residing in a mandatory evacuation zone or in a mobile home will be admitted into the shelter.
2. Animal Care and Control Division is not responsible for injury, illness, contraction of contagious diseases or parasites from other animals.
3. Animal Care and Control Division will not be able to prevent the animal from contracting a contagious disease or parasites from other animals.
4. If your animal requires medical treatment, the Palm Beach County veterinarian or veterinarian technician is authorized to treat, sedate, or euthanize if necessary. If possible, the pet owner will be contacted prior to a decision.
5. The final disposition (sterilization, adoption or euthanasia) of any animal which is not claimed at the time the shelter is closed, the animal(s) shall be at the discretion of Palm Beach County Animal Care and Control.
6. All animals housed for disaster must have a current rabies vaccine, rabies license tag, flea or tick preventative medication, electronic microchip and I.D. band.
7. Each family must assign one adult caregiver for animal visitation, walking, cleaning and feeding.
8. Each pet owner and animal(s) will be issued a bar coded identification band, which must be worn at all times.
9. Immediately following the storm, the shelter will be closed. The pet owner, family members and pet(s) must leave the shelter at the same time. **Pet owners may not leave the shelter without their animal(s).**
10. No furniture, weapons, alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs are allowed into the shelter.
11. Pet Friendly Shelter admission will be consistent with other shelter openings.
12. Families must provide their own sleeping bag, bedding and personal toiletries. There is limited space per person; only essential necessities should be brought. Items too large or not considered essential will not be allowed.
13. No aggressive animal or animal classified as dangerous or potentially dangerous or a registered guard dog will be allowed into the shelter. No reptiles/amphibians, exotic or livestock will be allowed into the shelter.
14. Pet owners must provide kennel/cage, toys, bedding, food, bowls, medications, leash, etc. for each animal. All supplies and kennel/cages must have owners name and phone number.
15. Animal Care and Control is not responsible for the loss of any personal items or pet items.
16. No commercially owned animals will be accepted into the shelter. (e.g., pet shops, breeders)

RELEASE

I, the undersigned, have read and agree to the rules and regulations listed above as set forth by Palm Beach County Animal Care and Control Division. I do hereby agree to hold Palm Beach County and the Animal Care and Control Division (ACC) harmless for any claim, demand, suit, loss, cost, expenses, or any damage which may be asserted, claimed or recovered against or from Palm Beach County by reason of any injury to my animal, which damages, arises out of or is incidental to or is in any way connected with the sheltering of this animal at the Animal Care and Control Division or the Pet Friendly Shelter. This includes euthanasia of the animal if unclaimed, regardless of which claim, demand, or loss of expense is caused in whole or in part by the County or any of its officers, agents, employees, representatives or any other persons.

Print Name

Pet Owner # _____ (for office use only)

X _____
Signature

Date

VACCINATION/MICROCHIP WAIVER

1. I am giving permission for my pet(s) to be vaccinated and/or microchipped as needed and acknowledge that such vaccinations do not constitute complete pet health care.
2. I state that me pets(s) have no sign of disease, is not allergic to vaccines and is not pregnant.
3. I understand that vaccinations may cause unexpected reactions in pets. I agree to accept all risks of vaccination and microchipping and personally accept both legal and financial responsibility for all charges incurred as a result of such risks. I understand that it is my responsibility to seek emergency care as needed or directed.
4. I understand that by issuance of a non-sterilized tag, without a Hobby Breeder Permit, I am certifying that my pet will not be used for breeding.

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ANIMAL DISEASES – PANLEUKOPENIA, PARVO, AND CANINE INFECTIOUS RESPIRATORY DISEASE WAIVER

1. **Panleukopenia** is a highly infectious viral disease affecting cats and kittens. Signs include diarrhea (sometimes bloody), vomiting, lethargy and fever, and death. It can range from mild diarrhea to a fatal disease. Panleukopenia is part of the vaccine series recommended for all cats and provides excellent protection. Adult cats that are current on their vaccinations are at minimal risk for this illness.
2. **Canine Parvovirus** is a highly infectious viral disease that affects young puppies and older adult dogs. Symptoms of Parvovirus are diarrhea (sometimes bloody), vomiting, lethargy, weakness, and fever. Diarrhea can be mild, severe, or fatal. The virus also attacks white blood cells, leaving the infected dog much more susceptible to other bacterial infections. Indirect transmission of the disease occurs by environmental contamination with fecal material on the ground or grass, objects such as food or water bowls, or bedding and toys. Transmission may also occur by direct contact between dogs. The virus is very contagious and is spread by exposure to feces. Areas where there are large numbers of dogs are more apt to spread the disease.
3. **Canine Infectious Respiratory Disease** is an acute, highly contagious, respiratory disease of dogs (essentially a dog cold). This disease is caused by a complex of viruses and bacteria and new causes continue to be identified. Most of these pathogens are transmitted in the air but they can also stick to surfaces like clothing, food and water dishes, toys, bedding, and hands and be transmitted from animal to animal. CIRP occurs more commonly in puppies and young adult dogs. It is often caught at kennels or shelters where dogs are exposed to many other dogs. In some animals, especially older pets or pets with other medical conditions, CIRP can progress to a more serious disease including pneumonia.
4. Other animal to animal transmitted diseases are always a possibility in any animal environment.

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