

Disaster Information: Pet-Friendly Shelters

Pet-friendly shelters have been established at **Lake Region High School (14)**, Eagle Lake; **Haines City High School (17)**, Haines City; and **Tenoroc High School (35)**, Lakeland. Due to space limitations, the sites will be strictly pet-friendly only and will be limited to providing shelter only for dogs, cats, birds and their owners. As in any other sheltering situation, consult the local media or Citizens Information Line to ensure a specific shelter is open and operating before proceeding to that facility. Additional shelter requirements include complete shot records for each pet, which will be reviewed upon arrival at the shelter; an airline-approved carrying case, in which each animal brought to the shelter will remain for the duration of their stay; food for the pet for at least a seven-day period; and an agreement, signed by the pet owner upon registration, that confirms that the pet will be accompanied by an owner throughout the duration of the sheltering. Failure to comply with any of these items could preclude someone being able to enter the shelters.

Special Needs Shelters

The Polk County Special Needs Program is designed to provide sheltering at Special Needs Shelters for residents with medical or physical conditions and/or dependent on medical electrical equipment who require assistance during an emergency. The Special Needs Shelters are **McKeel Academy of Technology (29)**, **Ridge Community High School (12)** and **Polk County Health Department Bartow Specialty Care Unit (4)**.

The program also provides transportation to public shelters and pet-friendly shelters for those unable to evacuate on their own. Pre-registration in the program, for medical needs or for transportation only, is preferred. Contact Emergency Management (863) 298-7027.

LOCAL SHELTERS

AUBURNDALE

1 Auburndale High School

1 Bloodhound Tr, Auburndale

From US 92, turn north on Main St; travel to Lake Ariana Blvd; turn right on Bloodhound Trl.

2 Jere L. Stambaugh Middle School


226 N. Main St, Auburndale

Take Hwy 92 to Auburndale. Turn north on Main St (SR 559) through town, and the school will be on the right. From Interstate 4 follow SR 559 south into Auburndale. The school is on the left.

3 Walter Caldwell Elementary School

141 Dairy Rd, Auburndale

From Hwy 92 travel north on Dairy Rd. The school is past Tanglewood Dr on the right.



**DO NOT PROCEED TO ANY SHELTER
UNTIL YOU HAVE CONFIRMED THAT
IT IS OPEN AND OPERATING.**