

## **REGISTRATION AGREEMENT RULES**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (the owner of the pet(s) understands an emergency exists and special arrangements have been made to allow my family and pet(s) to remain together at the shelter facility. I understand and agree to abide by the pet care rules contained in this agreement and have explained them to other family members accompanying my pet and me.

1. The Pet Friendly Shelter is available to Hardee County residents residing in a mandatory evacuation zone, RV, mobile homes or poorly constructed residence.
2. Pet Friendly Shelter admission will be consistent with other shelter openings.
3. All pets must have a kennel or carrier large enough for the animal to stand and turn around, space for two bowls and a litterbox for cats. Owners must provide pet's food (for at least five days), medications, treats, bedding, toys, etc.
4. For the safety of staff and other animals, we reserve the right to refuse aggressive animals. Animals classified as dangerous or potentially dangerous or registered as guard dogs will be accepted upon the approval of the Kennel Manager. The pet owner will be given a schedule for feeding, cleaning and walking their pet(s).
5. I agree to properly sanitize the areas used by my pet(s), including performing proper waste disposal and disinfecting as instructed by the Kennel Manager.
6. I agree that only one designated person may be in charge of the animal and allowed in the animal housing area. Exceptions will be made at the discretion of the Kennel Manager.
7. I certify that my pet(s) is current on rabies vaccination. I fully understand if my animal should bite or scratch while housed at the shelter, the animal may undergo a 10-day quarantine at an approved site.
8. I will maintain proper identification on my pet(s) at all times including but not limited to the identification issued upon entry.
9. No furniture, weapons, alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs are allowed to be brought into the shelter.
10. No animal will be allowed that shows any sign of contagious disease (mange, etc.). I will permit the Animal Service Technician, or veterinarian to examine my pet(s) to make this determination.

11. I further understand that if my pet(s) become unruly or aggressive or begin to show signs of extreme stress it may be moved to a more appropriate location or Hardee County Animal Services.
12. I understand that any decisions concerning the care and welfare of my pet(s) and the shelter population as a whole are within the discretion of the Shelter Manager/Kennel Manager.
13. I am aware that it is required that pets are current on all vaccinations, and aware that animals will be housed in close proximity to other animals who might not be vaccinated and may be harboring contagious diseases or parasites.
14. I agree that any equipment belonging to the County, used to care for my pet(s) must remain at the facility and maintained in good clean condition while being utilized. All equipment must be left at the shelter upon the departure of my pet(s).
15. I agree when the shelter is closing, I will remove my pet(s) from the property. Any animals that are not re-claimed and removed from the shelter will be the property of Hardee County Animal Services. The owner will be charged impoundment and daily boarding until the animal is picked up by owner. If after 10 days, the pet is not picked up or the owner has not contacted Animal Services, the animal could be adopted out, transferred or euthanized.
16. I agree that if at any time I fail to follow the rules as set forth, my pet(s) and I may be asked to leave the facility.
17. I hereby agree to hold harmless all persons, organizations, corporations, or government agencies involved in the care and sheltering of my animal(s). I further agree to indemnify any persons or entities, which may have suffered any loss or damages because of the care and sheltering of my animal(s).
18. By signing here, I acknowledge that I have read and understand the above rules and regulations.

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**Animal Owner Signature**

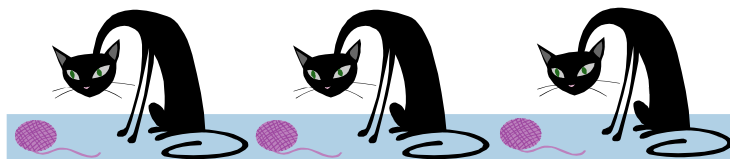
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**Witness Signature**

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## PET FRIENDLY SHELTER RULES

We hope your stay here will be as pleasant as possible, considering the circumstances. The pet-friendly shelter is provided at no cost to you. Please take a few minutes to read the important information below. As additional information becomes available, we will inform you as soon as possible. Please reach out to a shelter worker if you have any questions or concerns.

Hardee County does not discriminate based on nationality, race, religious beliefs, class, disability, political opinions, sexual orientation, or gender identity.

1. Dogs and cats only
2. Owners remain at the shelter with their pet(s)
3. Owner certifies that their pet(s) is/are current on rabies and all other recommended vaccination. Puppies under the age of 4 months must have proof of health certificates.
4. Pet(s) must remain in carrier (except at scheduled exercise times). **Dogs must remain on a leash at all times, and muzzled as/if necessary.**
5. Owner(s) agrees to properly feed, water, medicate and care for their pet(s)
6. Owner(s) agrees to properly sanitize the areas used by their pet(s) – including proper waste disposal and disinfecting.
7. Cage doors will be latched and secured at all times.
8. Owner(s) will maintain proper identification on their pet(s) and carrier(s) at all times
9. Owner(s) agrees that if their pet(s) become aggressive or show signs of contagious disease the pet(s) may be moved to an isolated location.
10. Owner(s) acknowledge that any decision concerning the care and welfare of their pet(s) and the shelter population are within the sole discretion of Hardee County Animal Services along with Kennel Manager.
11. Owner(s) acknowledges that failure to follow these rules may result in the removal of their pet(s).
12. It is required that pets are current on all vaccinations and aware that animals will be housed in close proximity to other animals who might not be vaccinated and may be harboring contagious diseases or parasites.
13. Children **will not** be permitted to visit pets or assist in their care. *Hardee County Animal Services will not be held responsible for any child in the pet area that is hurt by any animal being sheltered. By signing the Registration and Agreement rules, the parent has agreed to a “release and hold harmless” agreement, releasing Hardee County and Hardee County School District from any and all legal action.*

14. Notify a shelter worker if you or a family member have a medical condition with which you need assistance or if you are not feeling well. Please notify a shelter worker if you observe anyone needing medical attention.
15. Parents are responsible for supervising their children while in and around the shelter. Children should not be left unattended.
16. Please check in and out of the shelter every time you enter or leave. This helps us maintain a safe and secure shelter environment.
17. Your privacy and the privacy of all shelter clients are very important to us. Therefore, we do not allow photos to be taken of shelter clients without their written permission – including with cell phones or personal cameras. If you feel that your privacy has been violated, please inform a shelter worker immediately.
18. Please pick up after yourself and follow bathroom courtesy guidelines. Please let a shelter worker know immediately if the restroom is in need of attention.
19. To ensure all residents can get the rest they need, quiet hours will be in effect each night during specified hours. (Usually 10pm-7am).
20. Be respectful to fellow clients and workers. Negative behavior, including foul language, abusive behavior, stealing, destruction of property, or other behavior that is disruptive to others, will not be tolerated.
21. The County is not responsible for your personal belongings. We recommend you lock your personal belongings in your car and out of sight. If that is not possible, keep valuable items with you.
22. Smoking of any kind, including e-cigarettes and other smoking devices, is permitted outside the building in designated smoking areas only. For safety purposes, matches and lighters may only be used outside the building as well. Please dispose of cigarette butts and matches properly.
23. No alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs and weapons (including concealed weapons) are not allowed in the shelter or on the shelter grounds.