

The choices for students with ESA's are as follows:

1. Go home to be with family with their animals
2. Stay with family or friends locally with their animals
3. Find a local vet office that they can board their animal (at their expense)
4. Go to a hotel at their expense
5. **Last resort-** students can pre-register for the pet friendly shelter (only one in the county) **Park Vista Community Center in Boynton Beach – West Boynton Recreation Center, 6000 Northtree Boulevard, Lake Worth, FL 33463**
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<https://www.rightservicefl.org/palm%20beach/node/18867> Website to pre-register their animal at the pet friendly shelter

http://discover.pbcgov.org/publicsafety/animalcare/pdf/pet_friendly_shelter.pdf

If the student does pre-register only one person and pet are allowed and they must bring their supplies for their animal these will not be provided. Animals need to be crated or in a pet carrier.

The Pet Friendly Shelter is available to Palm Beach County residents residing in a mandatory evacuation zone or in mobile homes. Proof of residency is required. Space is limited and restrictions apply. Pet owners are required to stay at the shelter. The shelter can accommodate approximately 300 people, 400 cats, 250 birds and small pocket pets, and 240 small and large dogs. Livestock and reptiles will not be accepted. Pets will be housed in separate area from people. Pet owners will be given a schedule to attend to their animal's needs. Please call for more information.

PET FRIENDLY SHELTER PRE-REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

- To pre-register for the Pet Friendly Shelter (disaster shelter for pets and people), complete the application and waiver forms. Please send a copy of your proof of Palm Beach County residency, which is required (driver's license, utility bill, etc.).
- Once completed, mail to: PBC Animal Care and Control Pet Friendly Shelter 7100 Belvedere Road West Palm Beach, FL 33411
- If you have questions, please call 561-233-1200, ext. 0 and reference the Pet Friendly Shelter or e-mail pbacc@pbcgov.org.
- The Pet Friendly Shelter is for pets and people living in mandatory evacuation zones or in mobile homes.
- Pet owners are required to bring a kennel or carrier, food for five days, bedding, bowls, toys, and any special medications for their pet(s).
- Livestock and reptiles will be NOT accepted.
- Aggressive animals or animals classified as dangerous or potentially dangerous will NOT be accepted.
- All dogs and cats must have a current rabies vaccination, County license tag, microchip, and be current on flea and tick preventative.

I hope this is helpful, Michelle

State of Florida Emergency Management

<https://www.floridadisaster.org/contact-us/>

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<http://discover.pbcgov.org/publicsafety/dem/Pages/default.aspx>

Palm Beach County Emergency Management

561-712-6400 main number

561-712-6321 Bill Johnson

561-712-6269 Keith Wall

Other resources:

- <https://www.ready.gov/animals>
- <https://www.aspca.org/pet-care/general-pet-care/disaster-preparedness>
- <http://www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies/pet-disaster-preparedness#Pet-Emergency-Plan>
- <https://www.cdc.gov/features/petsanddisasters/index.html>
- https://www.fema.gov/media-library-data/1392389819026-75460345a2f4adcc5418a1da7cb25eef/2014_PrinterFriendly_PetOwners.pdf

Retrieved on DSSHE Listserv

Great overview of understanding the law regarding ESA's in hotels or other temporary housing (not main dwelling)

The Fair Housing Act obligates ESA accommodations for a singular purpose -- to assure an occupant with a disability "an equal opportunity to use and enjoy a

dwelling." 42 U.S.C. 3604(f)(3)(B). Nothing in the Fair Housing Act extends the right to keep an ESA beyond the dwelling; under the FHA, an ESA is a housing accommodation, not an all-purpose disability accommodation. The key word limiting the coverage of the Fair Housing Act is "dwelling," defined in 42 U.S.C. 3602(b) as a facility "occupied as, or designed or intended for occupancy as, a residence by one or more families."

By contrast, Title Three of the ADA, applicable to public accommodations, defines public accommodations to include "an inn, hotel, motel, or other place of lodging...." 42 U.S.C. 12181(7)(A). The distinction between dwelling (occupancy) and motel (lodging) is important and deeply rooted in American law; motels and hotels that provide short stay lodging (as distinct from long term occupancy) are public accommodations governed by the ADA but are not "dwellings" within the meaning of the Fair Housing Act. (Similarly, landlord-tenant law does not apply to motels; motel customers are business licensees, not tenants).

Stated simply, the ADA, but not the Fair Housing Act, governs the rights of individuals with disabilities who stay in a motel or hotel. Under DOJ's ADA service animal regulations applicable to public accommodations, individuals with a disability have a right to bring service animals, but not ESAs, into motels and hotels. Because, under DOJ regulations enacted with the force of law, ESAs are not service animals, a person with a disability who has an ESA has no right under the ADA to bring an ESA into a motel. Because a motel is not a dwelling, that person also has no rights under the Fair Housing Act to bring the ESA into a motel this includes emergency shelters.

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