Registration and Pet-Friendly Public Evacuation Shelter Agreement (Evacuee-Owned Pet Management)

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| Animal Response Team (ART) |  |

I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, understand that an emergency exists and that special arrangements have been made to allow my family and pets to remain together in this shelter facility, or in facilities in close proximity to each other. I understand and agree to abide by the pet care rules contained in this Agreement and have explained them to any other family members accompanying me and my pet(s). I also acknowledge receipt of a copy of the Rules for the Operation of the Animal Shelter and agree to abide by them.

**RULES** - YOUR COOPERATION IN FOLLOWING THESE RULES WILL HELP TO MAKE THIS PET-FRIENDLY SHELTER WORK IN THE FUTURE.

1. My pet will remain in its approved carrier except at scheduled times. During scheduled relief time, my pet (whether cat or dog) will be properly controlled with leash/ harness and muzzle (if necessary). Scheduled times will be strictly adhered to.

I agree to properly feed, water and care for my pet as instructed by an ART volunteer. Owners are responsible for feeding, watering, walking and cleaning up after their pet(s).

I agree to properly sanitize the areas used by my pet, including proper waste disposal and disinfecting as instructed by an ART volunteer. Clean up materials will be provided.

I certify that my pet is current on rabies and all other recommended vaccinations. I agree to assume the cost of any shots or veterinary care, which may be given at the shelter because my pet lacks proof of vaccination.

To avoid the risk of fights and the spread of disease, I will not permit my animal to have any contact whatsoever with any other animal while out of its carrier, nor will I permit any other shelter occupants to handle or approach my pet either while in its carrier or during exercise times. I will make sure that the carrier door is latched and secured with a wire or rope tie.

I understand the pets will be confined to their cages at all times unless being walked on a leash by the owner or by an animal shelter volunteer and that no pet, including cats, will at any time be out of its cage without a leash.

In the interest of public safety, I understand that no child under the age of sixteen (16) years may visit the animal shelter at any time.

I understand that only one (1) adult family member at a time may visit their pet(s) and for no more than twenty (20) minutes every three (3) hours to avoid congestion in the shelter. Space is very limited.

My pet and its carrier will be tab-banded for identification by an ART volunteer upon registration. I agree not to remove these identification bands until after discharge from the shelter.

Very important! I agree to immediately alert animal shelter volunteers if my pet or another appears to be sick, is coughing or has diarrhea.

I will permit my pet to be examined by qualified shelter personnel to determine if medical or stress conditions requiring attention are present. I further agree to the administration of medication to alleviate any symptoms.

I acknowledge that my failure to follow these rules may result in the removal of my pet to anotherlocation. I further understand that if my pet becomes unruly or aggressive, shows signs of contagious disease, is infested by parasites (fleas, ticks, lice, etc.), or begins showing signs of stress-related conditions, it may be moved to a more appropriate location. I understand that any decision concerning the care and welfare of my pet(s) and the shelter population as a whole are within the sole discretion of the ART, whose decisions are final.

I understand that all other shelter safety rules also apply in the animal shelter - no smoking, no firearms and no alcohol, etc.

I certify that my pet has no prior history of aggressive behavior and has not been diagnosed with any contagious diseases for which it has not received successful treatment.

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 damage as a result of the care and sheltering of my animal(s).

I understand that if I leave the shelter when the emergency is declared to be over, and I do not take my pet(s) with me, then it/they will be transferred to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Animal Shelter and be held there for a maximum of five (5) days for disposition, and I shall be subject to the fees charged by the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Animal Shelter. $\_\_\_\_ for the first day, plus $\_\_\_\_ per day thereafter.

I acknowledge that I have provided the following items:

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I acknowledge that the following items were loaned to me to provide proper care and confinement of my pet(s) during the emergency and I agree to return them to ART upon discharge of my pet(s) once the emergency is declared over:

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| **Pet-Evacuee Owner Signature**  | **Printed Name** | **Date** |
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| **Animal Response Team (ART) Representative Signature**  | **Printed Name** | **Date** |