

Sheltering with Pets on Campus during a Tornado Watch/Warning

The Magnolia Deck Best Available Refuge Area (BARA) is designated as the on-campus shelter for students and employees who choose to shelter with a pet during a tornado watch/warning. If space is available, the pet may shelter with its owner under the following conditions:

1. Pet owners must be present with their animal.
2. Pets must be under the complete control of the owner at all times.
3. Only domestic animals are permitted.
4. Animals over 140lbs are not permitted.
5. Reptiles, fish and insects are not permitted.
6. Dogs should be in a crate or leashed and muzzled. All other animals must be in a crate.
7. Animals will be excluded from the shelter if they exhibit dangerous or disruptive behavior, or are otherwise believed to present a hazard.
8. Pet owners should bring a bowl for water.
9. Pet owners must clean up after their pet.
10. Animals should be vaccinated as appropriate.

For safety reasons, those persons violating these rules may be asked to leave.

All service dogs accompanying individuals with disabilities are welcomed in all campus shelters. If the owner is unable because of a disability to use a muzzle, harness, leash, or other tether for his/her service dog, or if the use of a muzzle, harness, leash or other tether would interfere with the service dog's performance of work or tasks, then the service dog must be otherwise under the owner's control (e.g., voice commands, signals, or other effective means).