



Pet Friendly Shelter

Marion County, Florida

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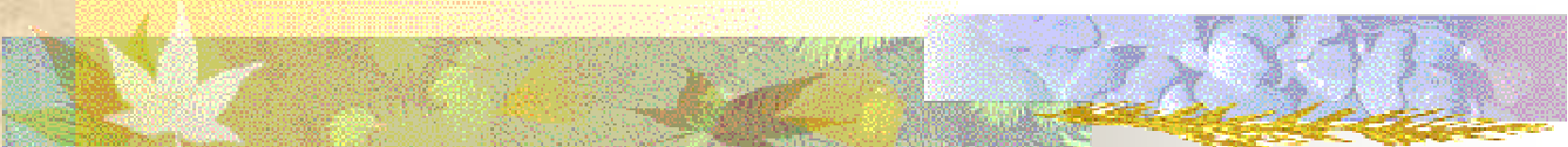
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When Disaster Strikes

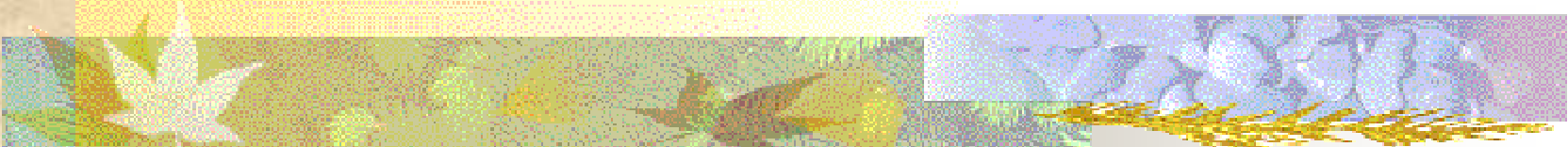
“We’ll Be Ready”





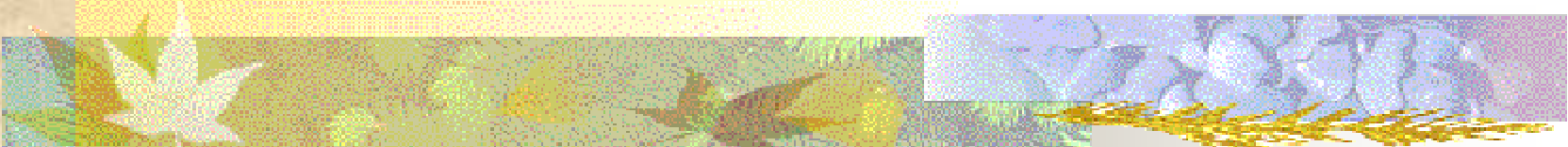
PURPOSE

Provide a safe haven for pet owners and their domestic pets in the event a disaster strikes Marion County and a Red Cross shelter is open for evacuees.



BASICS OF THE PROCEDURAL PLAN

- Animal Housing area set up
- Check in
- Registration
- Animal Photo
- 24 Hour monitoring
(staff and owners must leave during impact of storm)
- Sign out
- Break down and clean up



STAFFING:

Animal Care Technicians

shelter set up, animal intake, instructions, overall pet care

Code Enforcement Officers

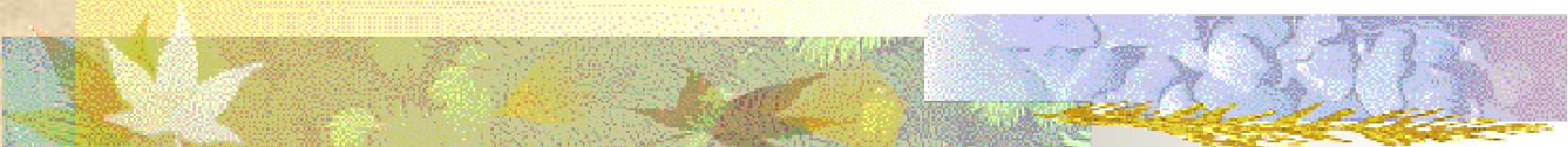
assist in shelter setup, animal intake

Volunteers

assist technicians and owners

Resident Pet Owners

care of own pets

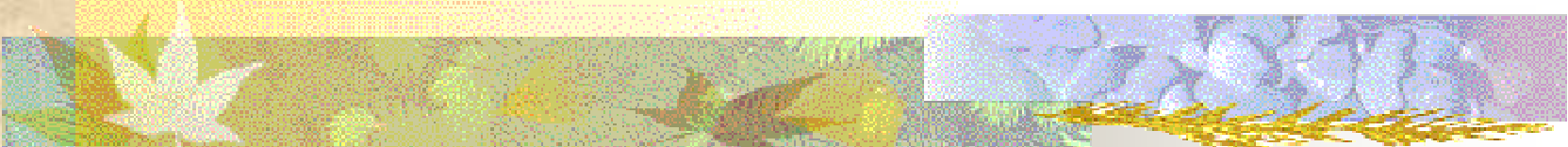


Acceptable Animals at the Pet Friendly Shelter

- Dogs under 80 lbs
- Cats- Friendly
- Domestic Breeds
- Birds
- No Exotics
- No Reptiles
- No Aggressive Animals

Projected Capacity

120 Large Dogs
240 Small Dogs & Cats

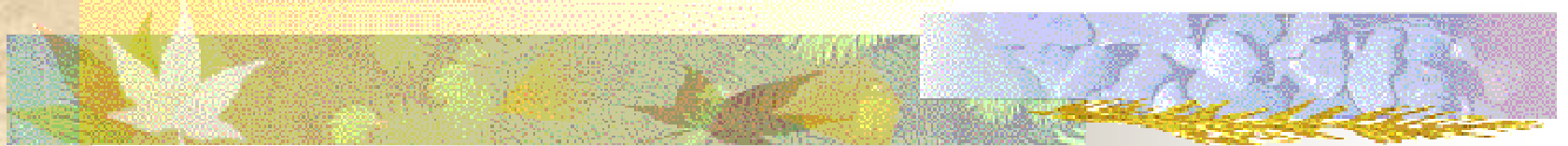


WHERE?

VANGUARD HIGH SCHOOL

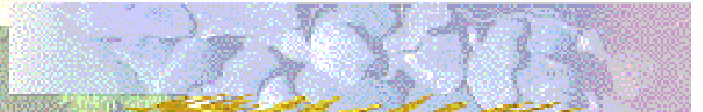
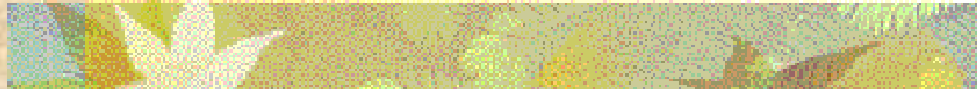
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ANIMAL HOUSING AREA







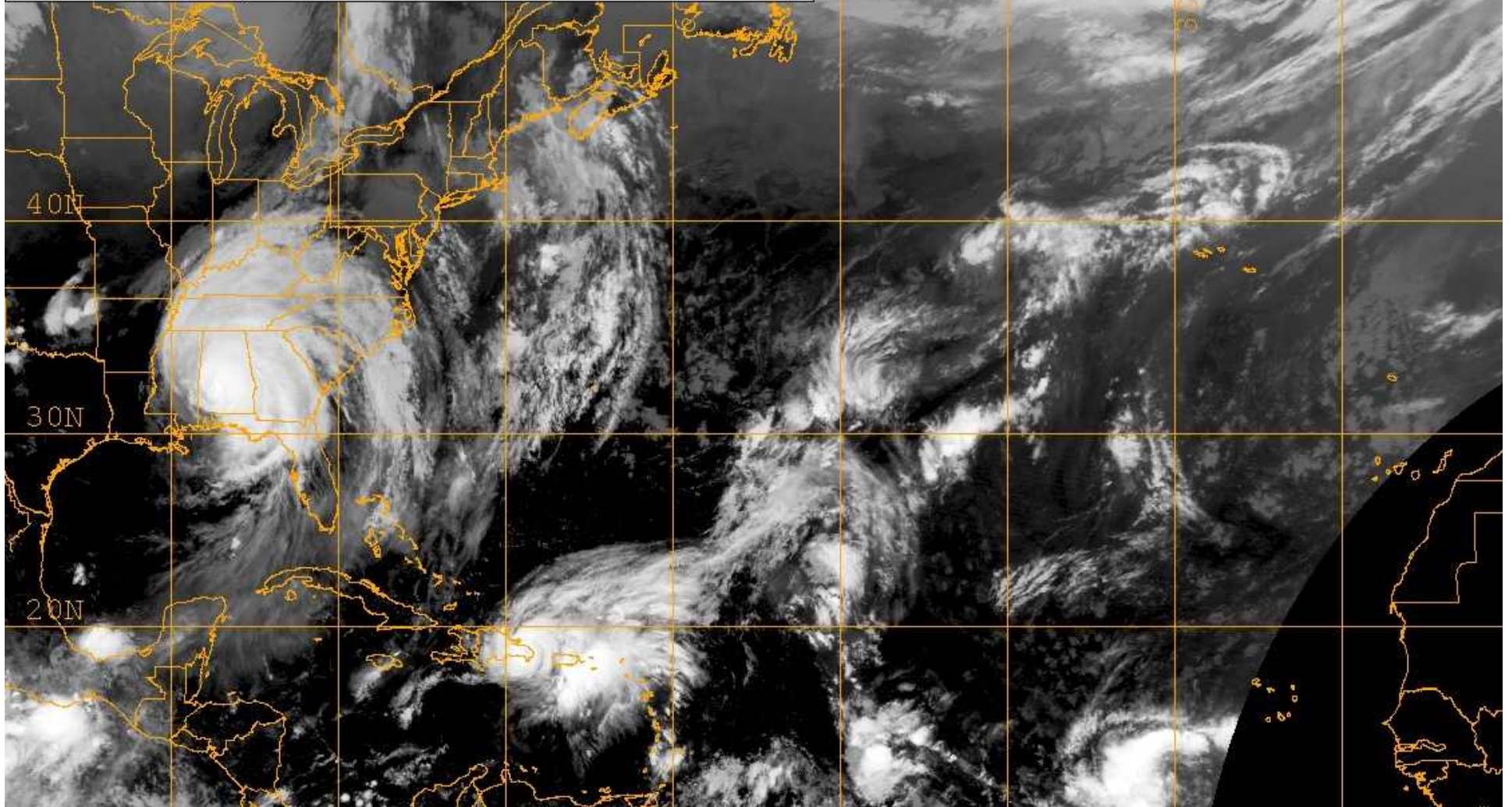
LOADED AND READY TO ROLL





As the hurricanes formed....

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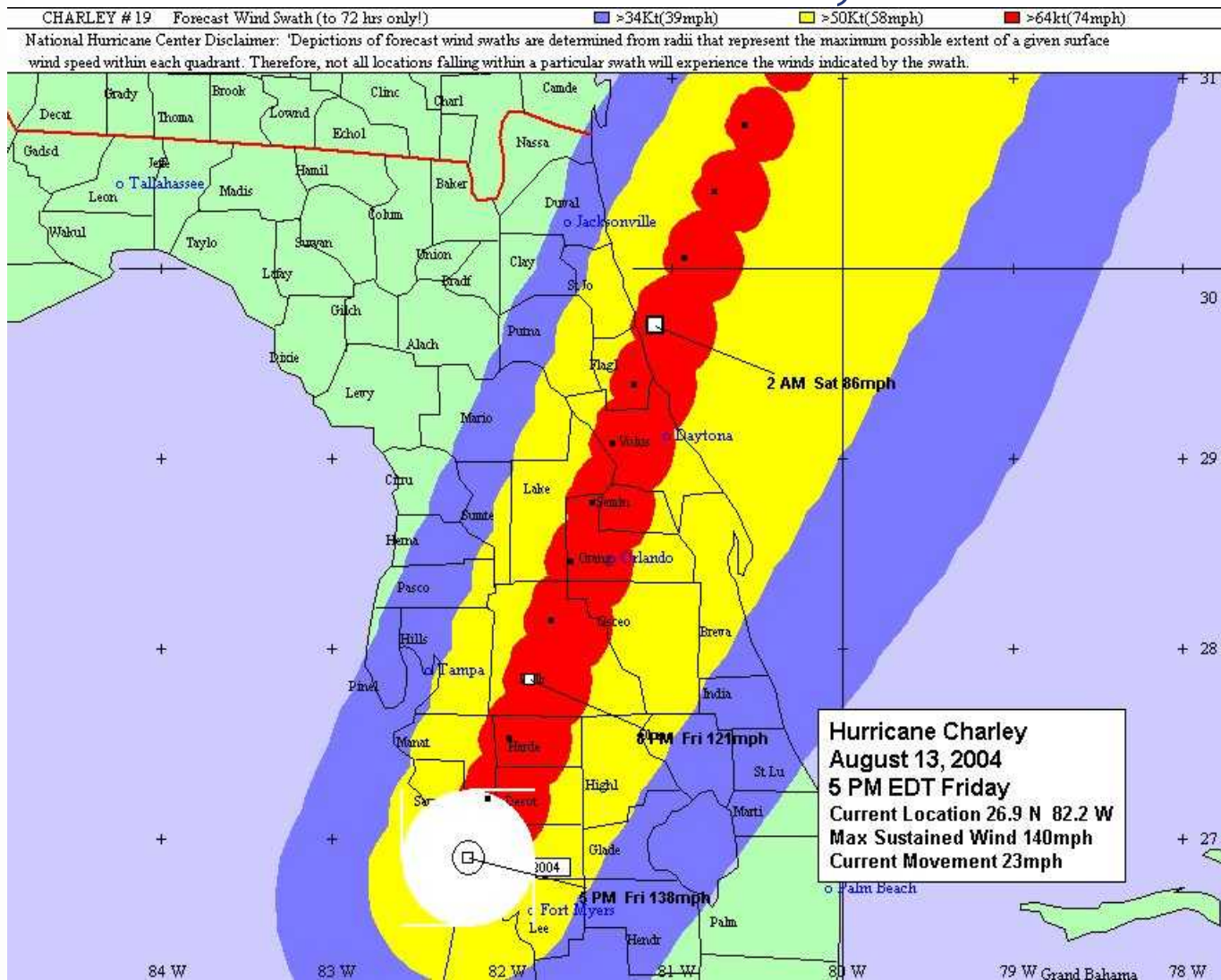


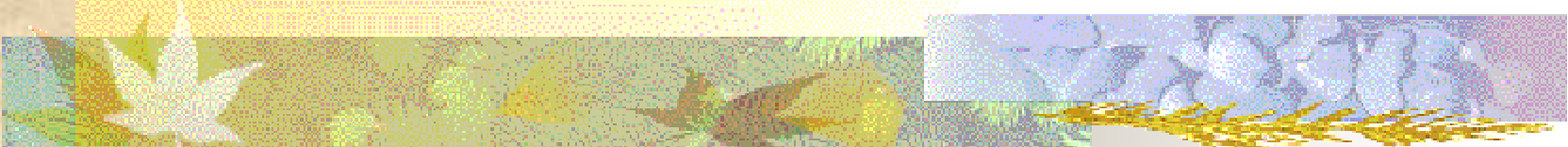
Hurricane Charley



HURRICANE CHARLEY

SEPTEMBER 13, 2004





Hurricane Charley

August 13,14 2004

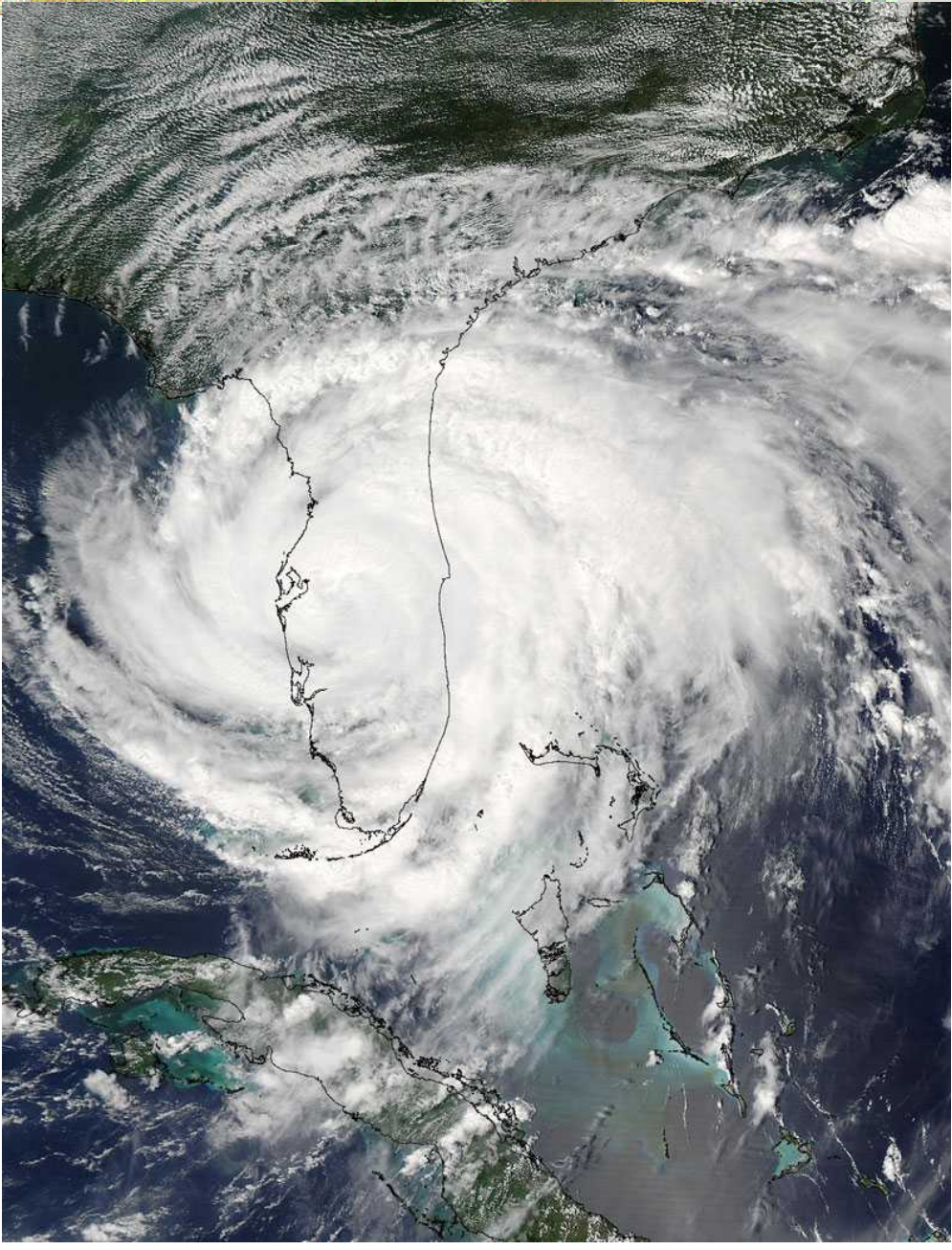
Staff hours

■ Volunteers	66
■ Staff	<u>235</u>
	301

Animals registered

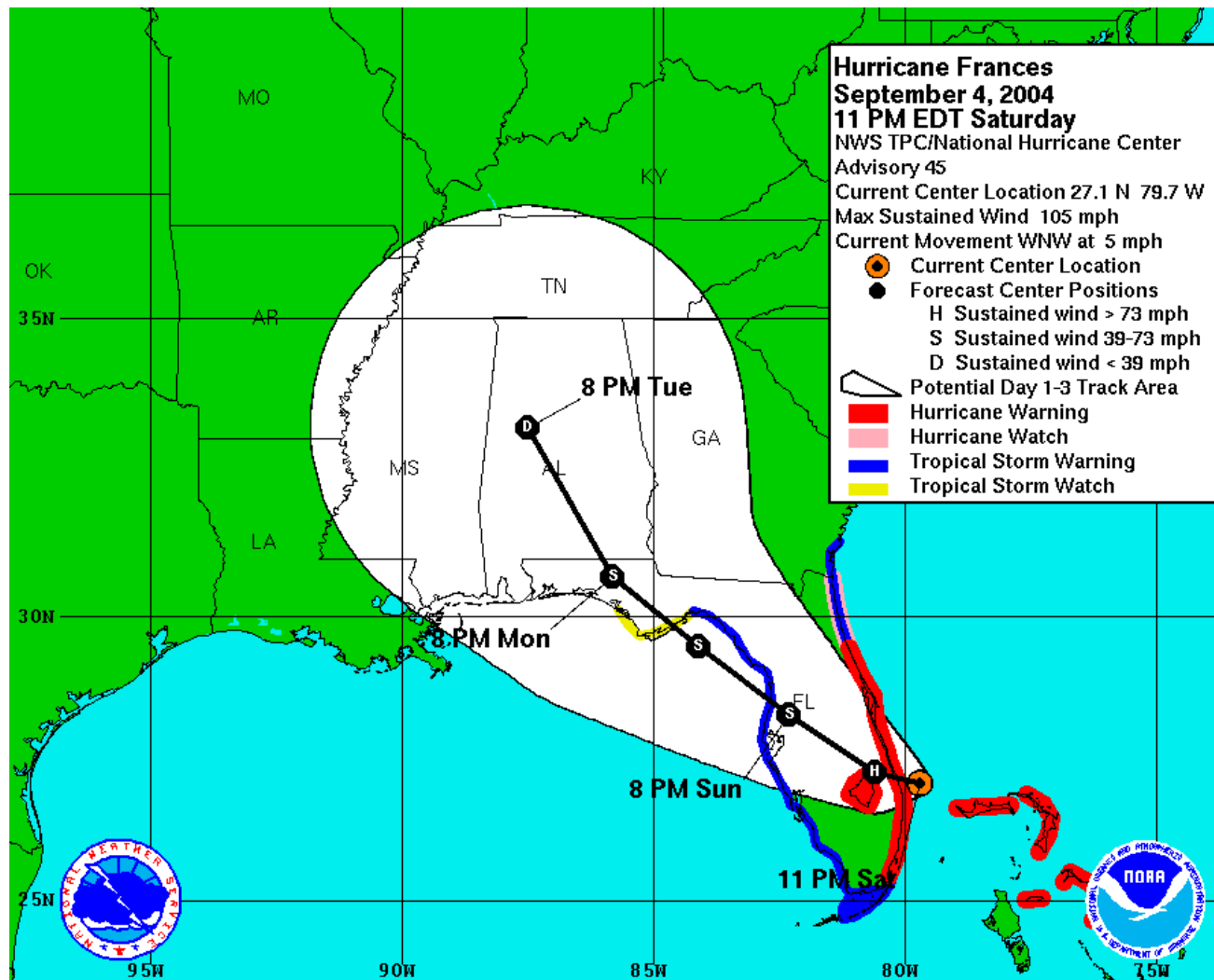
■ 48 cats
■ 140 dogs
■ 3 birds
■ 1 ferret
■ <u>1 rabbit</u>
193

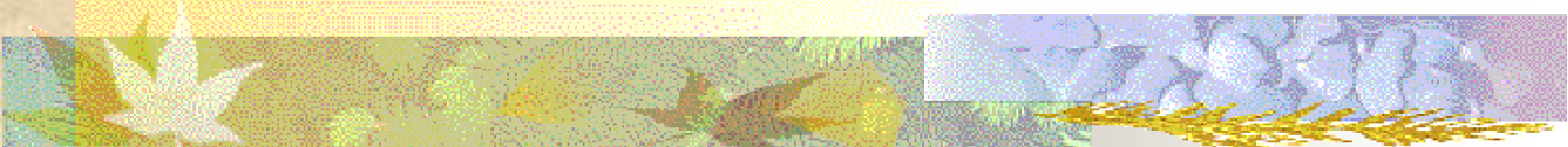
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Hurricane Frances Path





Hurricane Frances

September 2-7, 2004

Staff Hours

■ Volunteers	185
■ Staff	<u>575</u>
	760

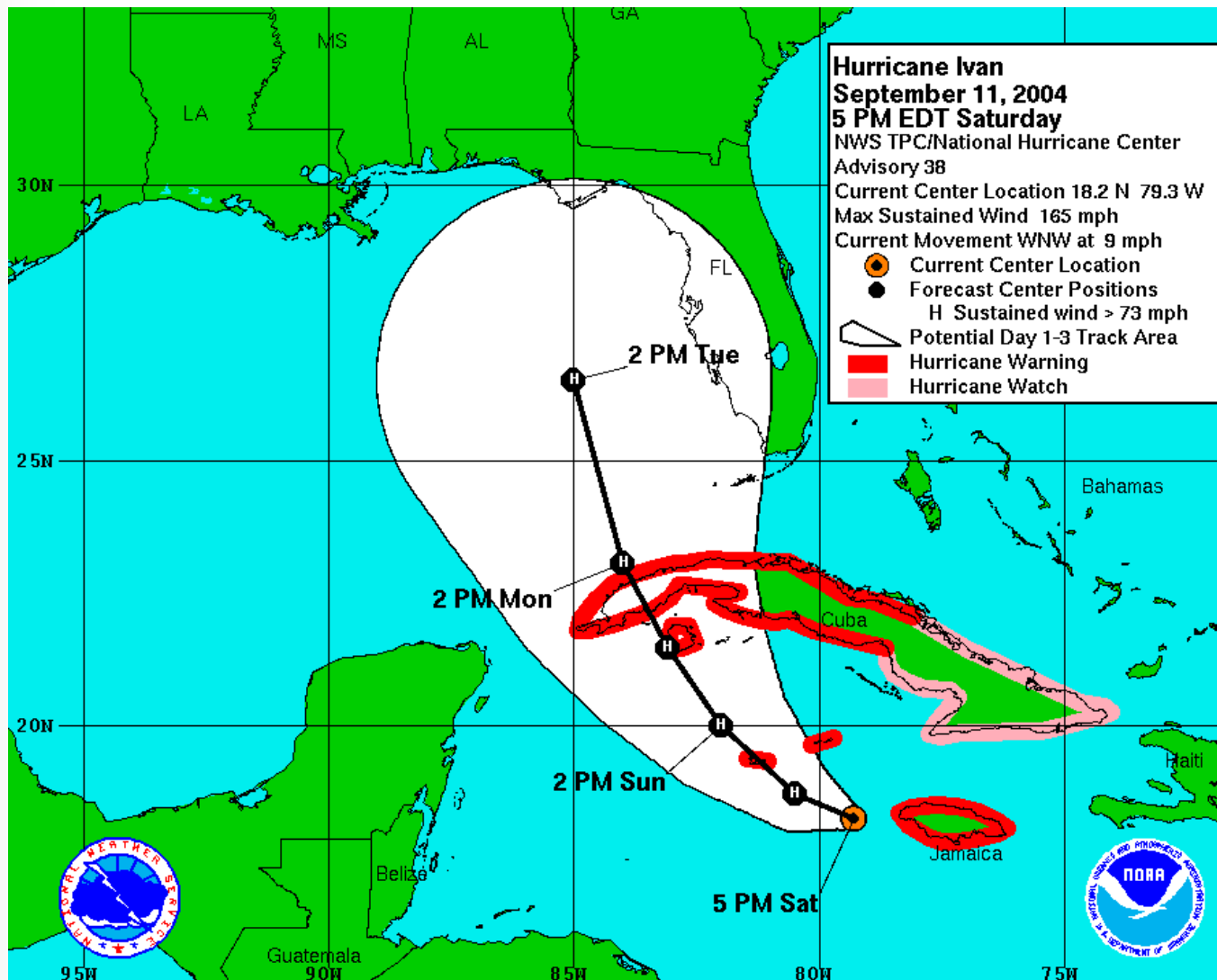
Animals Housed

■ 87 cats
■ 211 dogs
■ 28 birds
■ 3 rabbits
■ 1 guinea pig
■ 2 ferrets
■ <u>5 hamsters</u>
337

Hurricane Ivan



Ivan's projected path



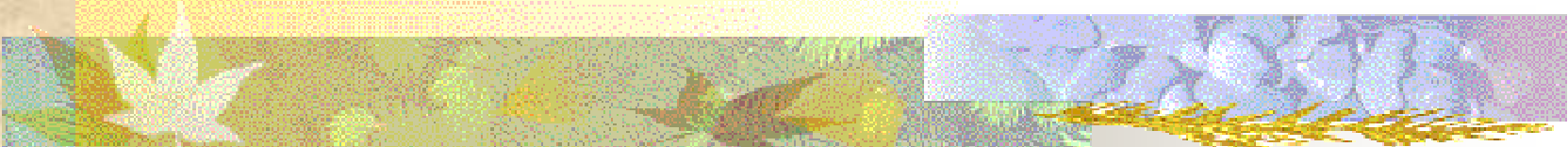


Jeanne



Jeanne's predicted path





Hurricane Jeanne

September 24-27, 2004

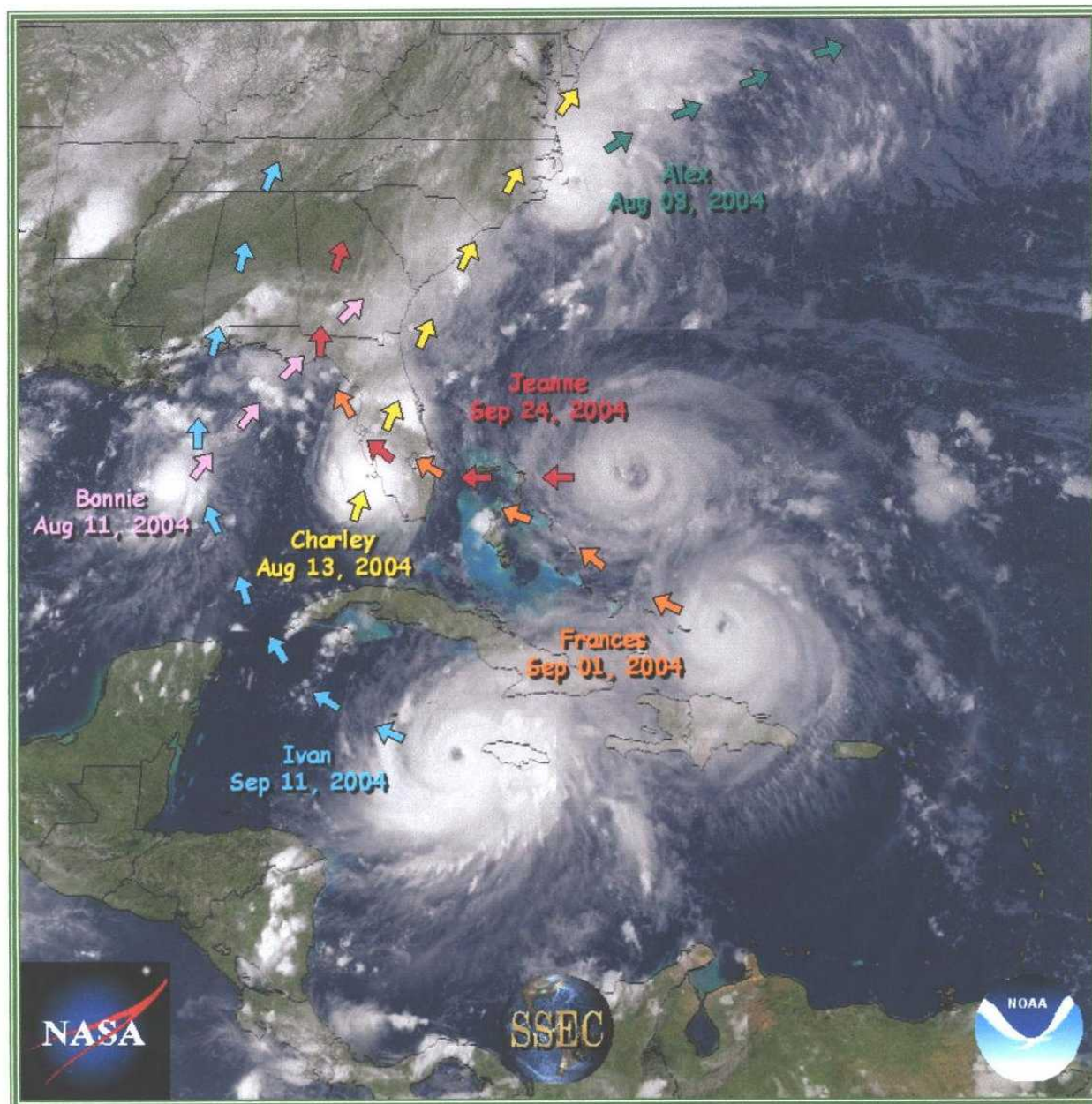
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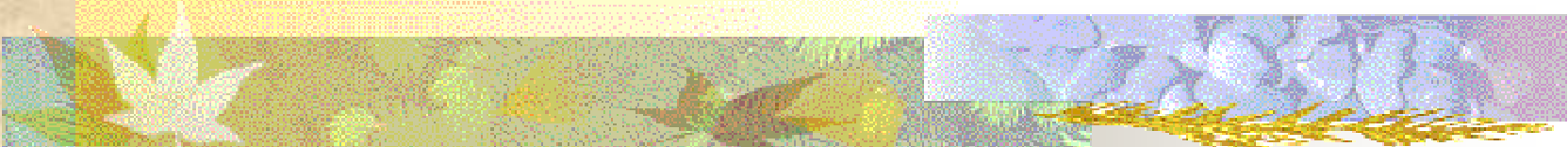
■ Volunteers	120
■ Staff	<u>498</u>
	618

Animals Housed

■ 64 cats
■ 138 dogs
■ 21 birds
■ 23 rabbits
■ <u>1</u> guinea pig
226

Florida Hurricanes ~ 2004





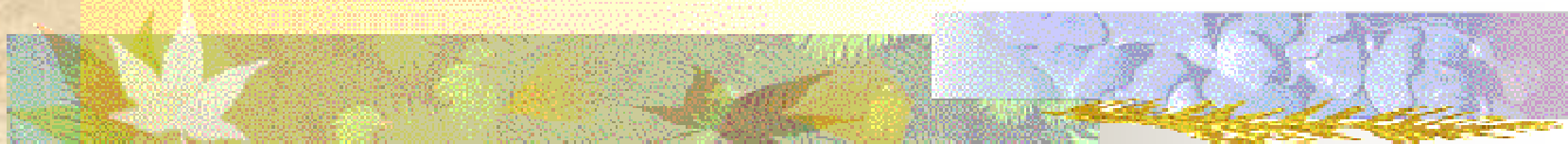
Deployed Pet Friendly Shelter the evening before each storm was due to impact Florida

1. Load Truck (pet food/kitty litter)
2. Staff and volunteers on scene
3. Truck and trailer arrives
4. Began unloading truck and trailer
5. Stocked storage room with supplies
6. Started constructing cages
7. Laid out 140' plastic, taped up onto walls
8. Heavy duty rubber runner in the center
9. Lined one wall with large crates
10. Lined opposite wall with medium crates
11. Set up registration table/chairs
12. Lined garbage cans
13. Filled Kitty litter bins
14. Filled Dog Food barrel



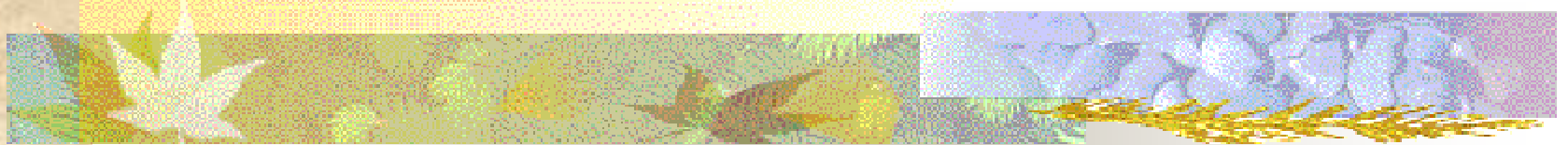
The trailer unloaded and ready to assemble cages





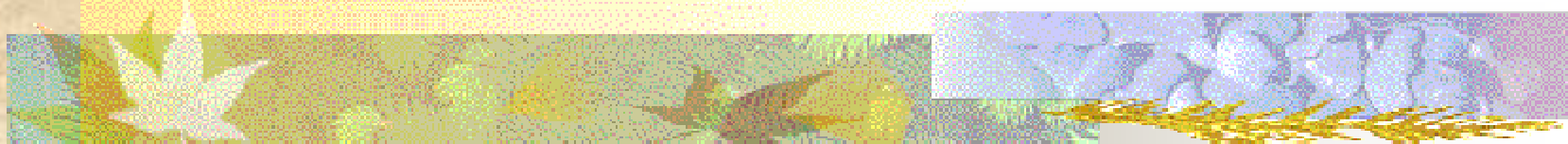
Lining the hallway with plastic





Rubber Runner



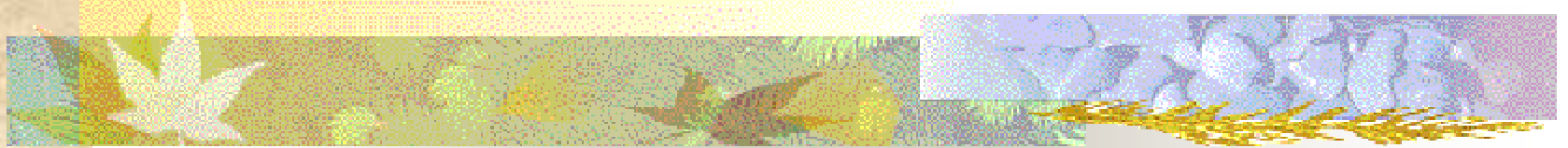


Setting up cages

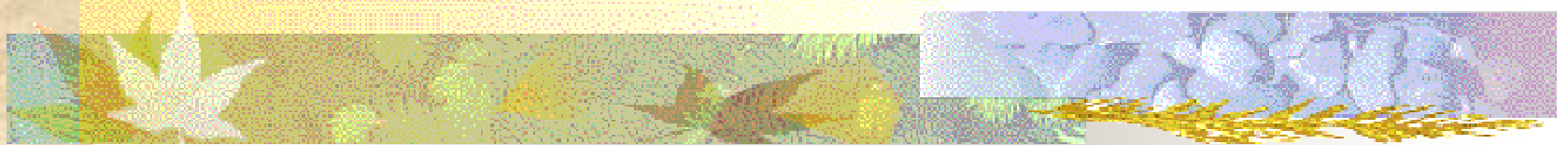






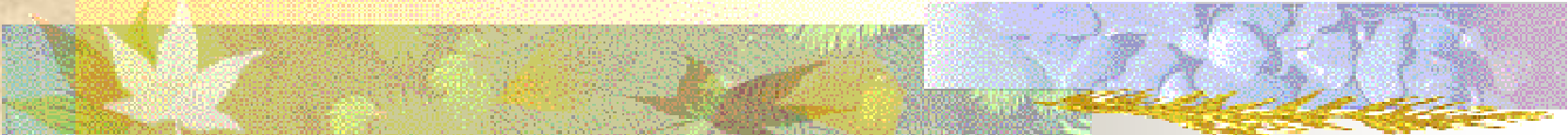






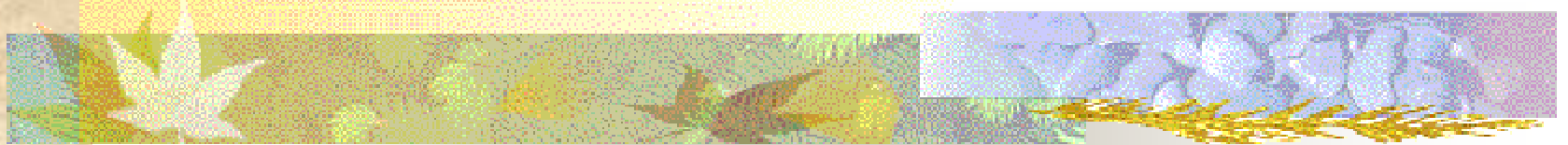
Supply setup





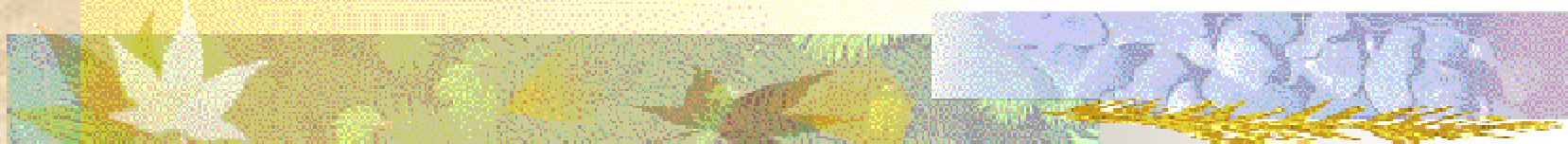
Registration Process

- Registration form filled out
- Photos taken
- Cages Assigned
- Neckbands placed on dogs
- Wristbands placed on owners
- Instructions given individually

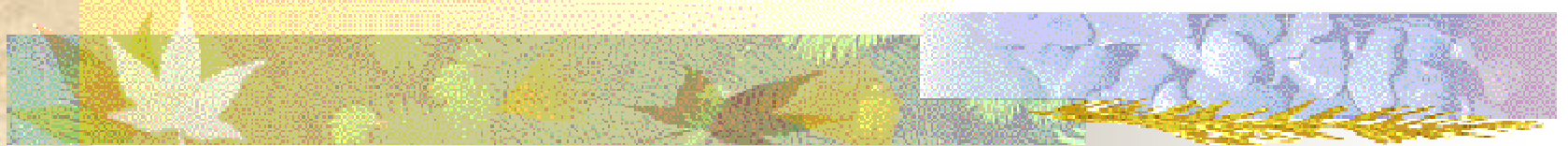


Registration begins

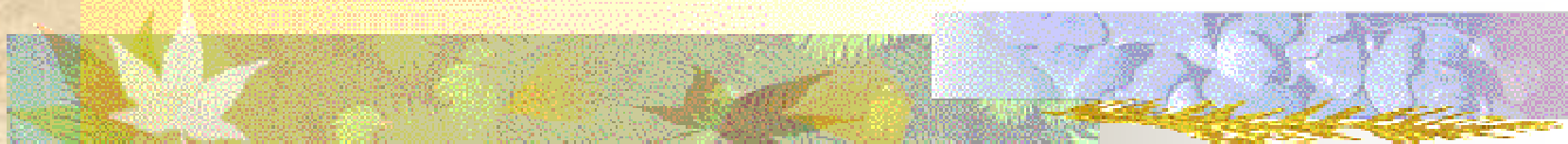














PETS AND OWNERS IDENTIFIED

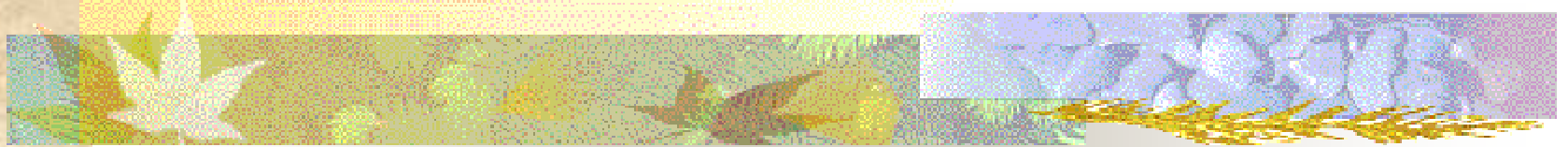


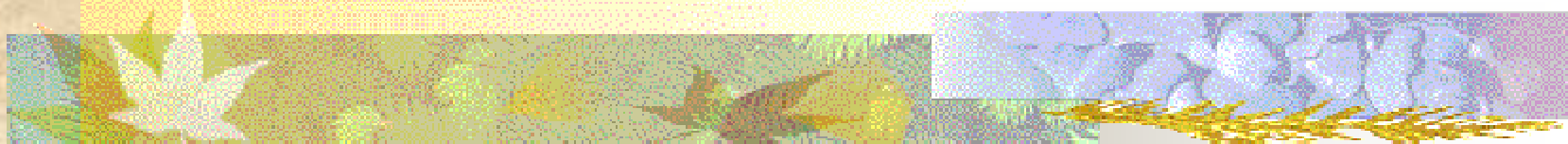


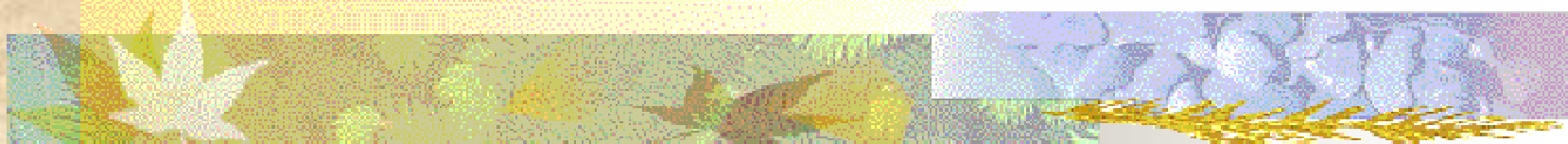


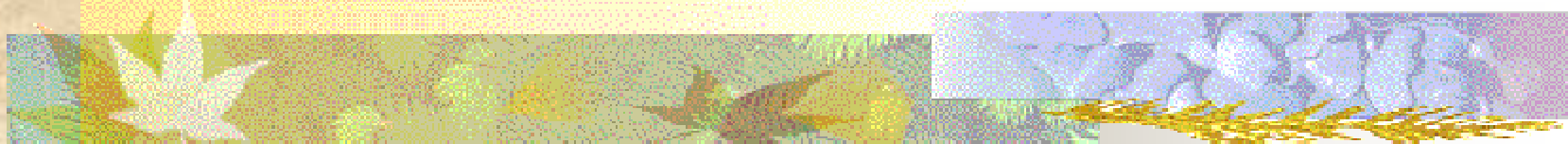
Owners caring for pets



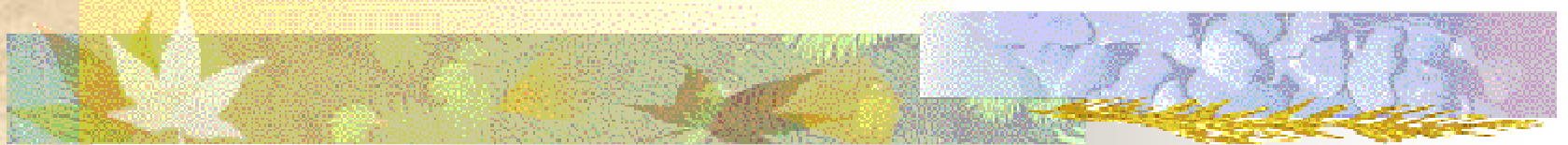


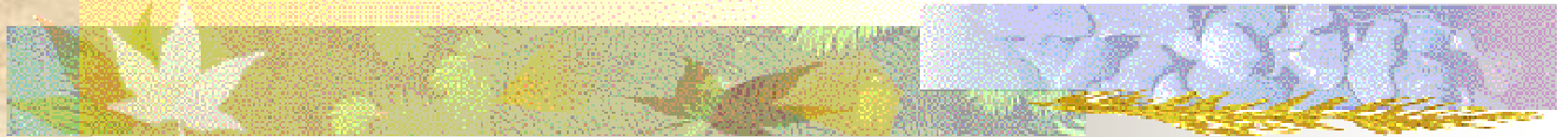














And there were birds, rabbits, ferrets, guinea pigs and hamsters

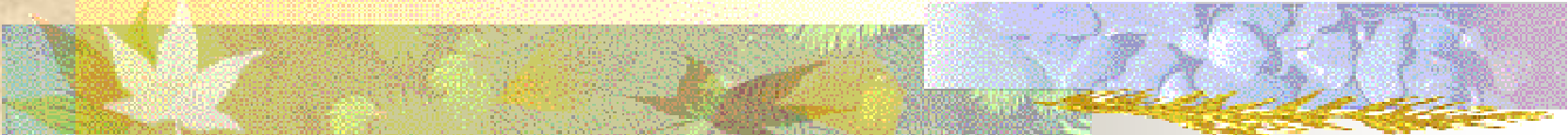


Animals were in every corner of the building



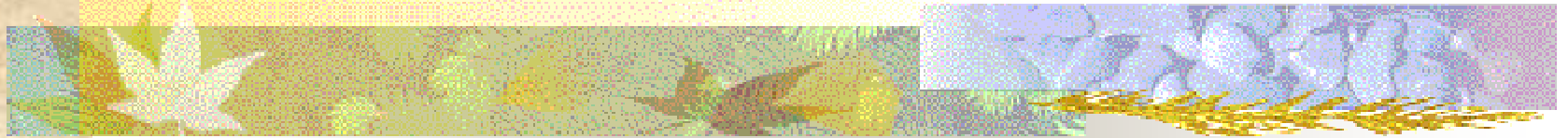
No Power going on the 3rd day....

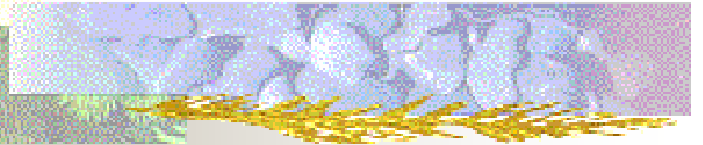
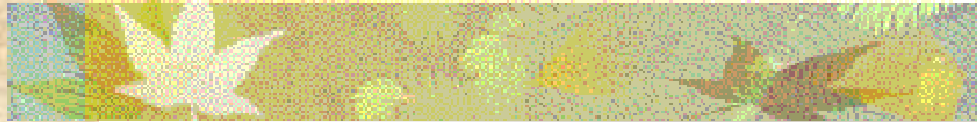


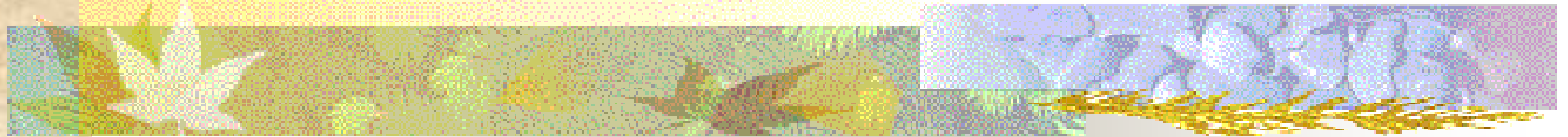


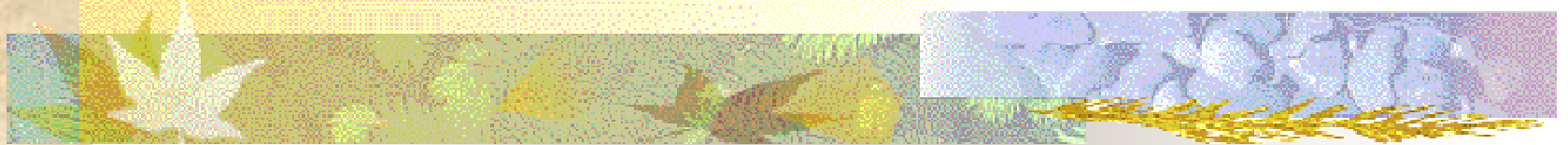
Our youngest volunteers caring for special needs pets

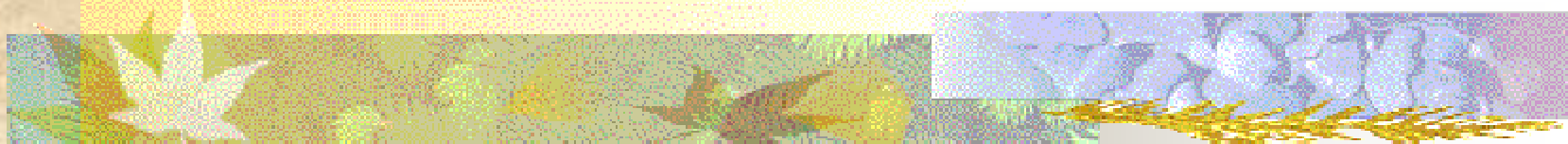












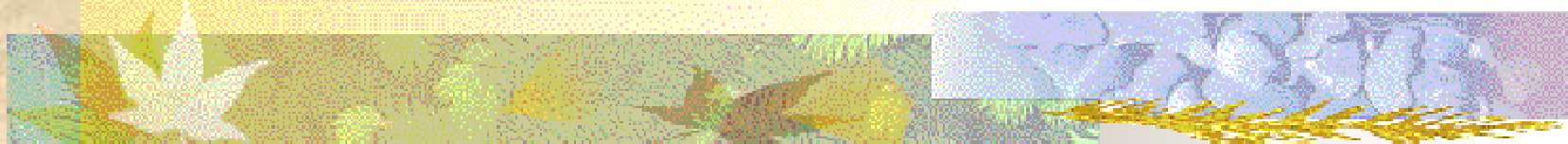
Team work fixed the generator

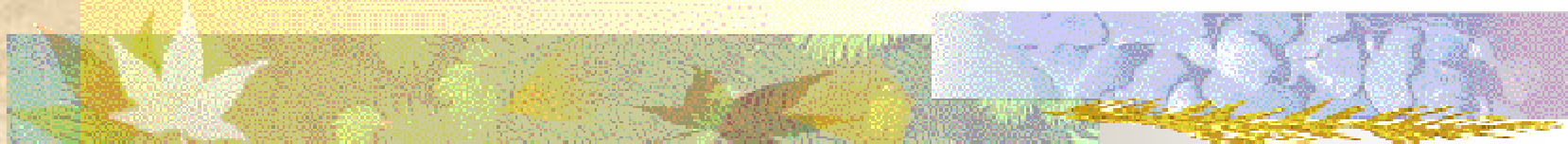


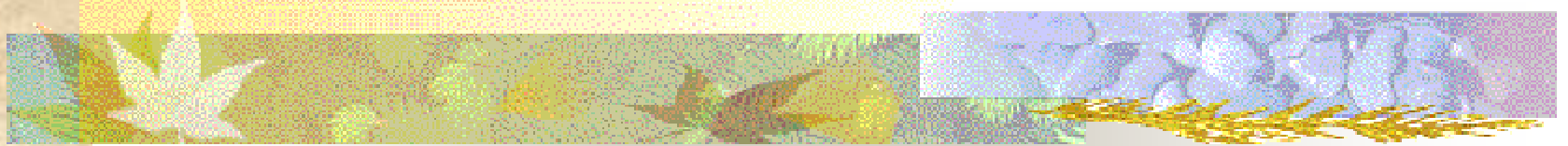


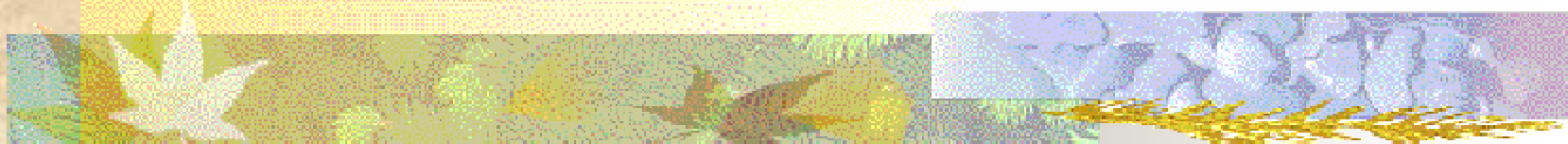
Tear down and clean up











The shine was left on the floor....easy clean up



Family storm shelter





MARION COUNTY FLORIDA

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Bellevue High School 10400 SE 36th Ave. Bellevue, FL

Special Needs

West Port High School 3733 SW 80th Ave. Ocala, FL

Special Needs/General
Population

Madison Street 401 NW Martin L. King Ave. Ocala, FL

Special Needs/General
Population

Saddlewood Elementary 3700 SW 43 Ct. Ocala, FL

Special Needs/General
Population

Vanguard High 7 NW 28 St. Ocala, FL

General Population/Animal

Lake Weir High School 10351 SE Maricamp Rd Ocala, FL

General Population

North Marion High 151 West HWY 329 Citra, FL

General Population

Ft. McCoy School 161 60 NE Hwy 315 Ft. McCoy, FL

General Population

East Marion Elementary 14550 NE 14 St. Rd. Silver
Springs, FL

General Population

Bellevue Middle School 10500 SE 36 Ave. Bellevue, FL

General Population

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Know your plan and route





Stock up and be ready...don't forget
your pet food and medications....



Leave early - expect delays.....

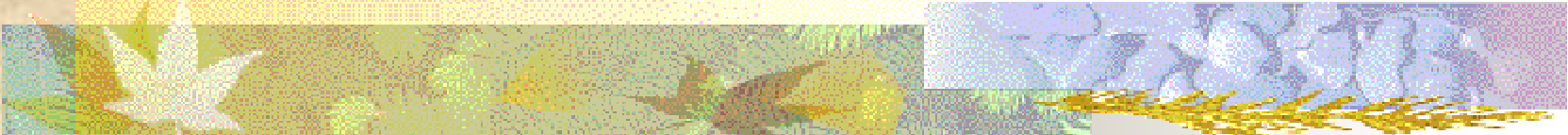


Keep your pet with you



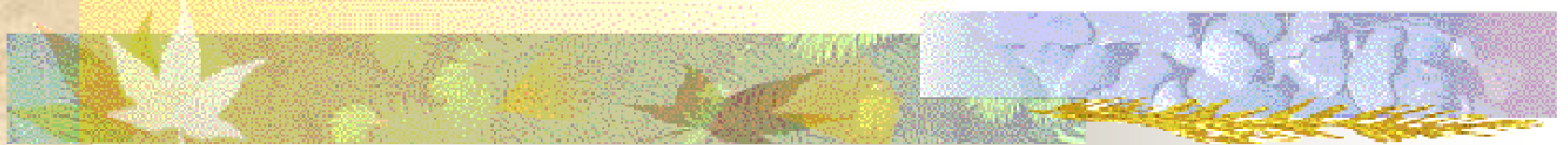
Be sure to keep your pet on a leash and have identification on it.





Watch the weather and stay informed





Animals left behind puts everyone at risk.....

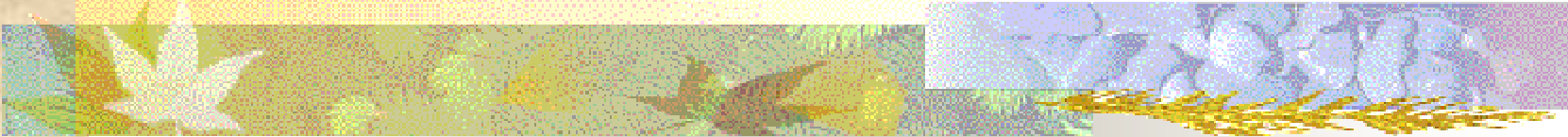


.....left behind to watch the storm?



.....lucky to be rescued

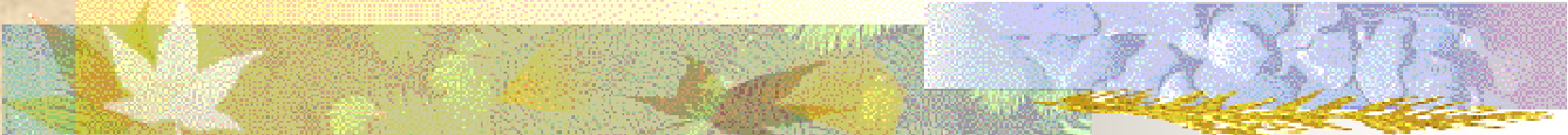




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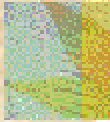
- Animal Center Staff
- Code Enforcement Staff
- Volunteers
- Marion County Administration Staff
- Marion County School Board Principals
- Pam Stewart, Principal of Vanguard High School
- Scott Borth, Assistant Principal of Vanguard High School
- Debbie Dugan, Cafeteria Manager
- Steve Huffstutler, Director School Board Risk Management
- Dr Kierstein, for volunteering his services if needed

DEDICATED TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY

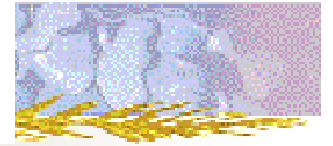


Phase 2

- Additional emergency management plans are needed
- Where do we take the pets if we have direct impact from a storm and schools need to reopen?
- Owners may still be displaced from homes



Lessons Learned



- ✓ Comfortable bedding is a must!
- ✓ Restocking had to be fast, didn't know when next storm was coming
 - Funds taken from the Animal Center operating budget
- ✓ Hard work
- ✓ Long hours
- ✓ More volunteers needed for relief hours
- ✓ Post the rules
- ✓ Set open and close times and post
- ✓ Have a sign in/out sheet for staff and volunteers hours
- ✓ Large industrial fans are needed
- ✓ Volunteer cooks are important
- ✓ Let's face it were spoiled so comforts from home were important

ENOUGH WAS ENOUGH!!

