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### Tornado shelters face dilemma with pet lovers



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As the spring tornado season ramps up, many pet owners are facing a difficult choice: whether to leave their furry friends behind at home or take them to a shelter. In a recent interview, a local shelter manager explained the challenges of accommodating pets in emergency situations.

"We have a lot of pet owners who are concerned about their animals' safety during a disaster," she said. "While we do have some pet-friendly shelters, many of them have strict rules about the types of animals allowed and the number of pets per household."

The manager noted that shelters often face space constraints and may not have the necessary facilities to care for a large number of animals. Additionally, the presence of pets can sometimes create safety hazards in crowded emergency shelters.

"It's a tough decision for pet owners," she said. "We encourage them to have a disaster plan in place that includes their pets. This might mean having a designated safe room at home or a pet-friendly shelter nearby."

### 2 men drop their federal lawsuit over Kansas voter ID law

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Two men have dropped their federal lawsuit challenging the state's voter identification law. The lawsuit, filed in federal court in Kansas, sought to block the implementation of the law, which requires voters to show a government-issued photo ID at the polls.

The plaintiffs, who were represented by a federal attorney, argued that the law violated the Constitution. However, they have now agreed to a settlement with the state, which has agreed to provide certain accommodations for voters who do not have a photo ID.

The settlement includes provisions for voters who are unable to obtain a photo ID, such as those who are elderly, disabled, or living in rural areas. It also allows for the use of alternative forms of identification in certain circumstances.

