Florida State Animal Response Coalition (FLSARC)

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FLORIDA
State Animal Response Coalition

Animal Rescue

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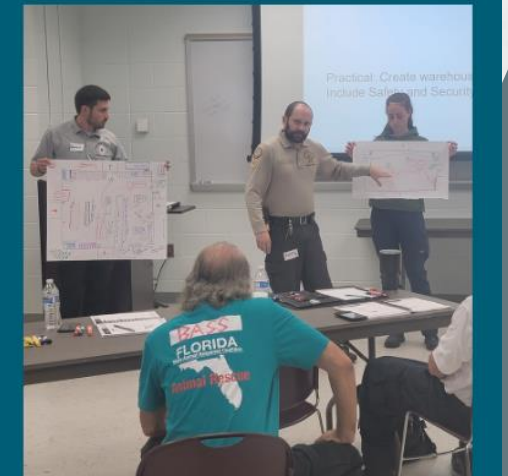
FL SART Planning Conference
June 6-8, 2023
Daytona Beach FL

HISTORY

- Founded in 2011 as a 501 (c) 3 non – profit

- *Merged with SPCA Florida in September 2021 as a disaster response program*

- Over 250 Level 1 and Level 2 classes taught to date, including ONLINE beginning in 2020
  - *Many in FL, Several out of state: VA, OK, LA, GA*

- Over 4500 Students registered for courses
  - Approximately 2700 taught
  - Over 1200 registered as volunteers
  - Approximately 840 considered available to deploy or pending eligibility

HISTORY

- 2011: FOUNDED
- 2011 - present: Supported numerous FL State Exercises and Training
- 2012: Cat Caboodle (700 cats), Jacksonville FL
- 2017: Hurricane IRMA; Gainesville Hoarding
- 2018: Hurricane Michael
- 2019: Hurricane Dorian; Alaqua Animal Refuge – support for Holmes County 250 dogs hoarding case

- 2021: COVID-19 – Clay County hoarding (250+ animals)

- 2022: Hurricane Ian (several counties w/daily shelter care); HSUS - 4000 Beagles; ASPCA Nevada Sheltering Ops (300 dog cruelty); Kentucky Flooding Shelter Care; New Mexico Wild Fires; Citrus County Daily Shelter Care (80 dog hoarding case)

- 2023: HSUS 170 cat hoarding case MS; HSUS shelter assistance MD (200 dogs – over 80 rescued from S. Korean Dog Meat market industry)

What is our value to you?

VOLUNTEER HOURS TO DATE: 32,332

    Dollar Value: $ 969,690
    Equivalent FULL TIME Employees: 20

VOLUNTEER MILES TRAVELED: 86,000
almost 4 times around the Earth

VOLUNTEER MILES VALUE $ 56,330

CLASSES

Emergency animal sheltering training for Florida, its counties, and communities.

- Teach the unique procedures, skills, and knowledge necessary to build and operate a temporary emergency animal shelter in response to natural disasters and large cruelty cases.

- Created and designed by experts from many organizations

  - Florida State Agricultural Response Team (SART)

  - University of Florida Veterinary Emergency Treatment Service (VETS) Team

  - FLSARC leadership

CLASSES

- FEMA approved / FDEM certified courses.

  - <mark>ONLY PROGRAM NATIONWIDE TEACHING THESE COURSES!</mark>

- Successful completion is required to deploy with the FLSARC Volunteer Responder Team.

To host a class at your location, contact Steve Carriere – scarriere@spcaflorida.org

8 Modules

- Pre and Post Test
- Brief Slideshows
- Practical (practice)
- Afternoon Scenario
  Practice Emergency Sheltering

Awareness Level (Level 1) – Introductory Level

- **The Disaster Process** - Understanding how disasters are managed.

- **Preparing for Deployment** - Checklists and considerations so you are ready when needed.

- **Building a Temporary Emergency Shelter** - Strategies for shelter location and design. Basic equipment assembly.

- **Animal Behaviors** - General understanding of animal behaviors, facial expressions, stresses, and more.

- **Daily Care** - Skills and procedures to provide daily care of animals.

- **Diseases & Parasites** - Processes and skills for recognizing and reporting illness.

- **Cleaning & Disinfecting** - Considerations to limit spread of disease. Procedures and options.

- **Tear Down & Cleanup** - Processes during tear down to improve readiness for the next disaster.
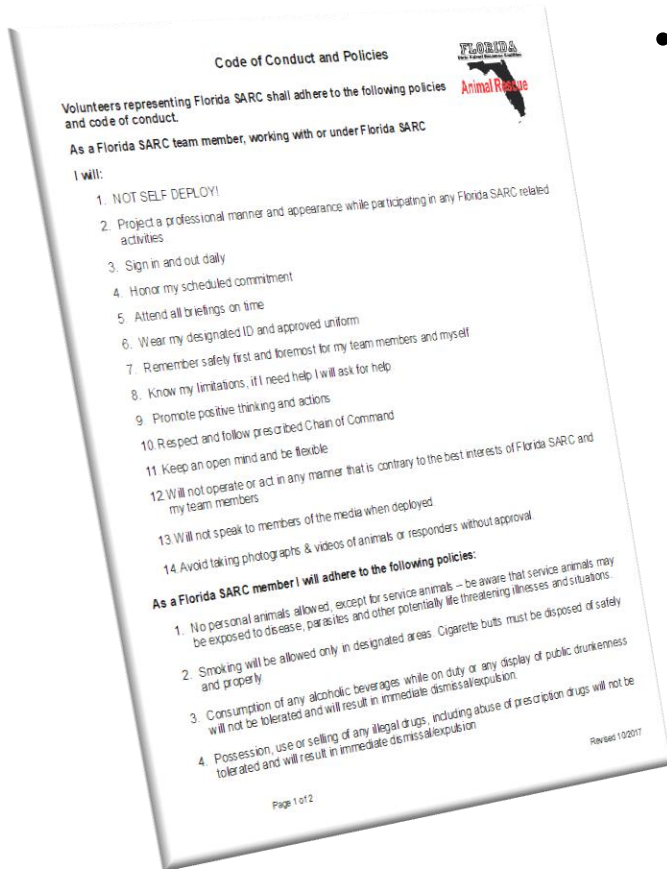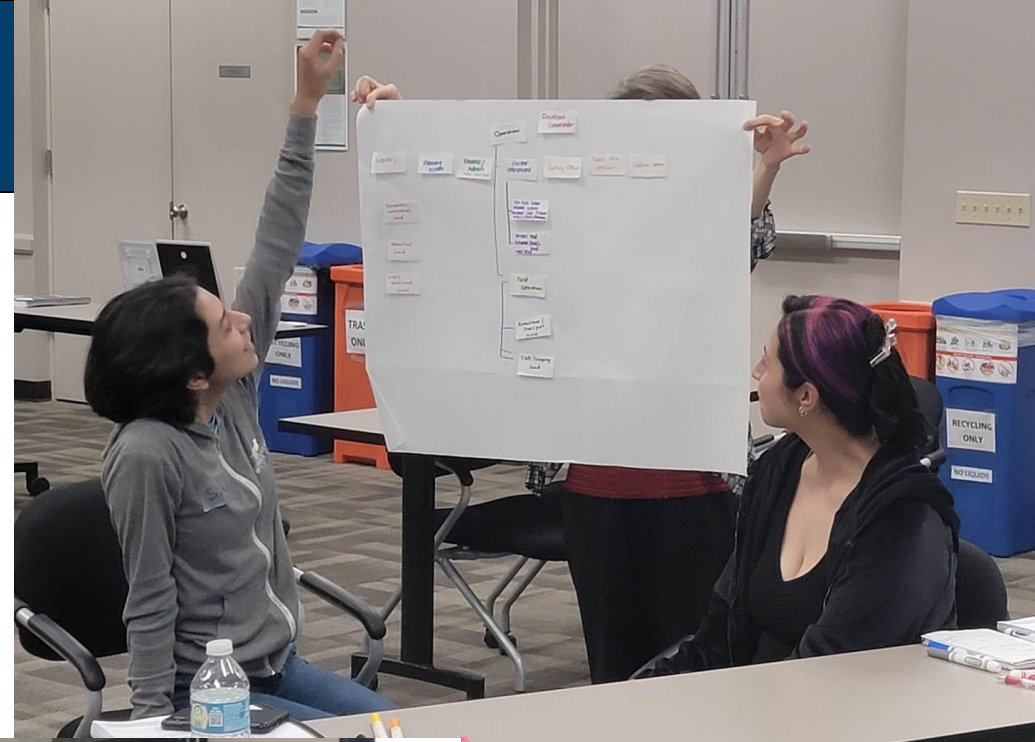
PRE TEST, POST TEST (70% OR BETTER), SHELTER PRACTICAL

Successful completion of Level 1: Certificate and Deployment Eligibility

Deployment Eligibility: Level 1, ICS 100 (current), Tetanus (w/i 10 years)

15 Modules - 2 DAYS

- Pre and Post Test

- Brief Slideshows

- Practicals in each Module (practice)

OPS (Level 2) – Advanced Level

Details leadership roles and strategic considerations of emergency animal shelters. Modules include:

•**Incident Command System** - How it is used in shelter operations

•**Biosecurity & Decontamination** – Includes understanding pathogens and concepts of decontamination

•**Facility Design Considerations** - Including locations, resources, and facility options

•**Supervising Volunteers** in emergencies

•**Leadership Roles** - Review Lead roles & their responsibilities in an emergency shelter.
  - Safety Officer
  - Animal Intake
  - Volunteer Resources
  - Donation Coordination
  - Supply & Logistics
  - Reunification
  - Kennel Lead
  - Transport

PRE-TEST, POST-TEST (70% OR BETTER), PRACTICALS IN EACH MODULE

Successful completion of Level 2: Certificate and Leadership Deployment Eligible

Deployment Eligibility: Level 1 Deployable; ICS 200, 700 (soon 800); verifiable 10 hours animal handling (canine OR feline)

Class AND Deployment Pre-Requisites

LEVEL 1 AWARENESS

Volunteer to help animals in natural
and man-made disasters

CLASS:

    18 YRS OF AGE

DEPLOY:

    Pass Level 1 Class
    Have current
Tetanus Vax
    ICS 100 Certificate
    Volunteer Profile

*EMGT & ACO/Shelter staff CAN substitute SART
ONLINE Pet Friendly Sheltering course for our Level 1

    https://flsart.org/training/petshelter/

LEVEL 2 OPERATIONS

Volunteer in a Lead or Management role to help
animals in natural and manmade disasters

CLASS:

    Passed Level 1*
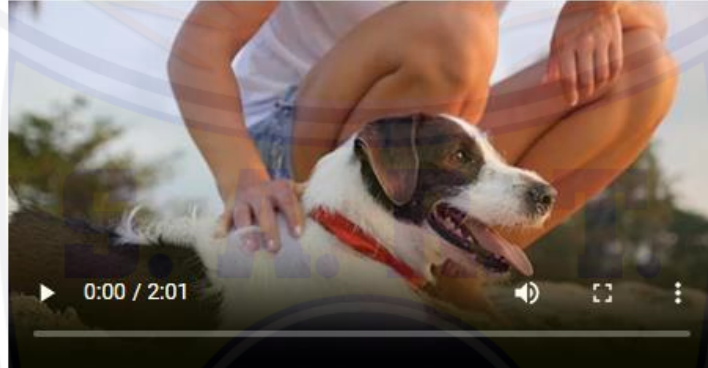
DEPLOY:

    Level 1 Deployable
    ICS 200/700 (SOON 800)
    Verifiable 10 hours handling:
    Canine   OR   Feline

*Note: Other organizations we
support MAY require additional
criteria (Covid Vax, Hep A/B,
additional ICS trainings)*

Pet-Friendly Sheltering Online Training (FL-017)

You must either register as a Guest or be a SART member to access the training.

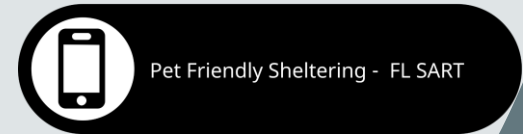**Sign In Here**

Course Date
August 2020

Course Overview
The Pet-Friendly Sheltering Online Training is the first of its kind to be offered in Florida. The training provides guidance to private, local and state entities on how to plan for and operate a pet-friendly shelter to ensure that individuals evacuating from a disaster with their household pets are accommodated. While this training will provide you with basic information and guidance, further training with local or state emergency management programs is essential to fully prepare for pet-friendly sheltering in your community. The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services developed this training collaboratively with the Florida State Agricultural Response Team (SART). This training is state-certified by the Florida Division of Emergency Management (Course Code FL-017).

Course Objectives
At the completion of this online training, you should be able to:
- Understand the benefits of and requirements for opening pet-friendly shelters during emergency evacuations.
- Understand the concept of the Incident Command System (ICS) and how it can be applied to pet-friendly shelter planning and operations.
- Identify strategies and planning considerations for writing a pet-friendly shelter plan for all-hazards.
- Understand the benefits of establishing partnerships and Multiagency Coordination Groups with key agencies and organizations to achieve local resource allocation for pet-friendly shelter preparedness.
- Understand the critical role social media plays in emergency communications, and how to develop an accurate and effective message about available pet-friendly shelters in a disaster.

Pet Friendly Sheltering - FL SART

HOW CAN FL SARC HELP YOU?

- Daily Shelter Care / Administration

- Command Post Support
    - Operations - Logistics
    - Resource Management
    - Liaison - Safety
    - RECON/ADVON

- Agency Support – HSUS, ASPCA, and more!

- Classroom Training and Practical Exercises

- Disaster / Emergency Volunteer Mobilization and Support
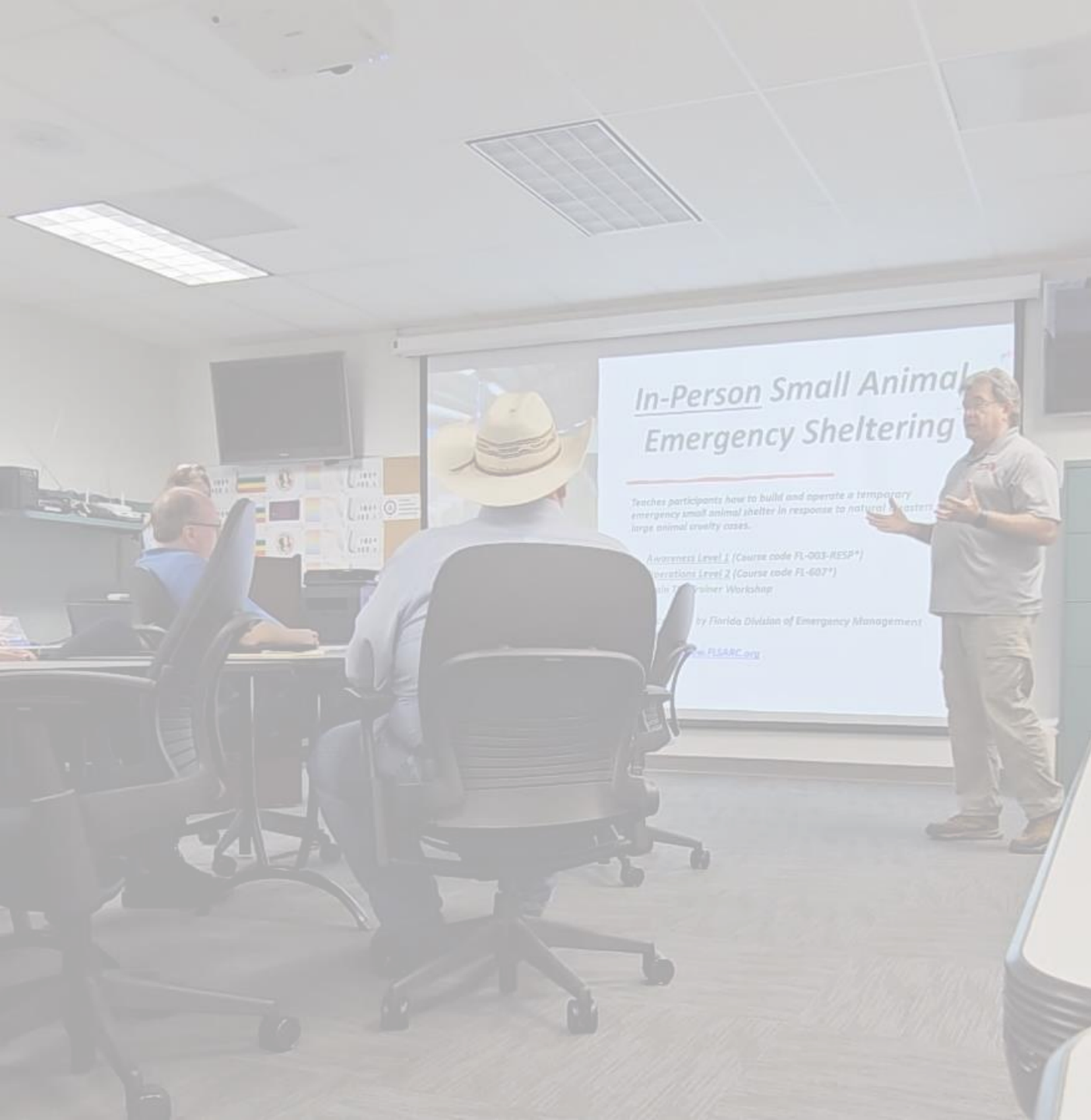
PROPOSED:
- LOCAL Disaster Pet Friendly Shelter Review and Exercise

WHAT WOULD I NEED TO SET UP A PET FRIENDLY EMERGENCY SHELTER??

BASIC LIST PFS

COMPREHENSIVE

QUESTIONS?

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Web Sites:
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Training and Calendar: www.flsarc.org/training

Volunteer: www.flsarc.org/volunteers