

Florida SARC News

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Don't miss out on our Operations Classes

For a limited time we are able to offer our Operations (level 2) class for FREE to our team! Use code AWARE at registration to sign up! Pre-requisites:

- Completion of Awareness (Level 1) class
- Completion of FEMA-IS 100, 200 and 700 (all online and free)
- 10+ hours handling experience each with cats and dogs

Visit our website on www.fl sarc.org/training to sign up!

**March 6th and March 13th
SPCA Florida, Lakeland**

**May 14th and 15th
Humane Society Naples**

**May 21st and 22nd
Orlando Cat Cafe**

**June 11th and 12th
SPCA Tampa Bay**

www.fl sarc.org/training

Transporting animals to safety with Florida SARC

Not all disasters are the same, and to a rural shelter that is out of space and facing freezing temperatures, the thought of not having an option for their beloved dogs was not an option. Florida SARC teamed up with SPCA Florida, SPCA Tampa Bay and Pinellas Animal Services to drive up to Suwannee county and help deliver their precious canines to safety. We are thankful to be able to help Suwannee County Animal Services in their time of need, and thankful to our team who will willing to dive in with very little advance warning!

Transports across our states and beyond help animal shelters to move their pets to safety, find new adopters, and open up resources in small or overwhelmed facilities. We are looking forward to helping more shelters in this way in 2022!



Come see us in Orlando at the HSUS Animal Care Expo 2022!

Who is thrilled that in-person events are back? WE ARE!

This year, Florida SARC will be at the HSUS Animal Care Expo 2022, on April 19th to 22nd, at the Orlando World Center Marriott. We are excited to have our very own booth to talk to attendees about Florida SARC and all we do for animals across the US!

Will you be at the HSUS Expo? If so, let us know! We would love to host a get-together for Florida SARC team members to catch up and make new friends!

Want to learn more? Registration for this wonderful learning event is still open (either in person or virtually!). Visit www.humanepro.org/expo/animal-care-expo-2022 for more information!



Join SPCA Florida's Walk for Animals!

On April 9th, 2022, animal-lovers from Lakeland and beyond will be walking to raise money for SPCA Florida and Florida SARC! The annual Walk for Animals provides fun for the whole family with a stroll around Lake Mirror in Downtown Lakeland. This is a day when pet lovers come together to walk and raise funds for the homeless animals!

Not in Lakeland? Join us virtually by registering as a participant - you will still get to enjoy all of the prizes, along with the opportunity to have your pet on the 2023 Lakeland Fire Department Calendar!

- The top sponsor or individual fundraiser this year will be featured with a Lakeland Fire Department Firefighter on the cover of our 2023 calendar!
- The next 12 fundraisers will then be featured on the month of their choosing. These pets will also be photographed with a firefighter.
- All participants who fundraise \$100 will have their pet featured on any day of their choosing.



When: Saturday, April 9th, 9am - Noon (registration opens at 8am)

Registration Your \$35 registration fee (\$25 for ages 10 and under) includes event t-shirt, doggie bandana, and contest entries. Plus, your \$35 will help us care for the animals.

Get registered as a participant and then start sharing! Invite your friends, family, co-workers and everyone you know to get involved! You can even create a team for some friendly competition while helping the animals. Get cool prizes based on how much you raise. Top fundraising individuals and teams can win the grand prizes!

www.spcafloida.org/walkforanimals

Could you be a Florida SARC Mentor?



Do you remember the first time you deployed? Was it daunting, did you have questions about what to expect, or what to pack?

Do you remember when you came back from that deployment? Did you have questions, feedback, or did you feel like you needed someone to talk with who understood some of the things you had seen?

If you felt that way, you are not alone. As I connect with you all, I hear stories of Florida SARC volunteers wishing that they had someone they could talk to who had been there. For this reason, we would like to set up a **Mentorship Program**.

This program is in its early stages, but what we need more than anything is experienced Florida SARC volunteers who would be willing to connect with to a small number of new volunteers. Essentially, we need **your help** to make this happen. If you are interested in learning more, please email me on mallan@scaflorida.org

Please welcome our newest FLSARC members!

With trainings in Lakeland, Orlando and Sarasota in January and February, we have a host of new Florida SARC team members! These wonderful volunteers have completed their Awareness class, and you may see them on your next deployment! Please extend a warm welcome to:

George Bushn	Ellie Levine	Jessica Rogers
Jessica Collopy	Brittney Judah	Megan Tanner
Jeffrey Donahue	Mayme Plumlee	Julia Fogel
John DuBios	Sandi Simpson	Lexi White
Keli Godin	Nandy Town	Sandy Konarske
Marissa Gulick	Donald Town	Ryan Simonson
Lisette Junquera-Elijaiek	Alexis Love	Becky Helms
Michelle Paton	Amber-Leigh Simons	Kayla Jones
Jason Rea	Brecken Bowland	Eilleen Lunsford
Lois Shumanski	Jeri Segan	Shelley Smith
Morgan Sistrunk	Stacey Ciesla	Tara Stiles
Amber Van Denzen Suarez	Nancy King	Fredrick West
James Yarnell	Skylyn Plotts	Andie Antonik
Peyton Davis	Kiann Plotts	Kathie Owens

Congratulations!