

# Florida SARC News

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## **Welcome to your first Florida SARC Newsletter!**

A huge welcome to all reading! Florida SARC volunteers are across Florida and beyond, so what better way to let you know all that is going on in the Florida SARC world than a Newsletter! This newsletter is written and created by Megan, your Florida SARC manager, who is based at SPCA Florida in Lakeland. If you have suggestions or ideas for things you would like including, please let me know! I am best reached via email on [mallan@spcaflorida.org](mailto:mallan@spcaflorida.org). I sincerely look forward to working with and getting to know all of you!

**Thank you everyone for being a part of Florida SARC! We look forward to all we can achieve in 2022 and beyond!**



# Updates from Feline Friends of Southwest Florida, our first deployment of 2022

It might not be "disaster" season yet, but we can still find ways to help animals in need! Feline Friends of SWFL reached out to let us know that they were in desperate need of help with reports for grants - and anyone in rescue knows how important those grants are! Our Florida SARC volunteers stepped up to help with data entry from across the USA, plus we even had offers to help with fostering! Dana, long-time SARC volunteer and Feline Friends staff member, has been amazed with SARC volunteers willingness to help, commenting how SARC is a "gold mine of talented and highly motivated volunteers". Feline Friends are always looking for foster parents - if you are in the Sarasota area and would like to foster, please reach out to Megan to be put in touch with the team!



Photo Credit: Feline Friends of Southwest Florida

## We need your help to recruit more FLSARC Volunteers!

Can you help us to grow our Florida SARC team? We are looking to our existing volunteers to help people want to join our team and understand what its all about! All we need is a small quote - anything from what you took away from deployment, how you felt, what you look forward to or even what SARC means to you would be perfect! A photo of yourself with an animal (yours or otherwise!) would add extra meaning. We will be turning these into Facebook and Instagram posts to help people connect to what we do. By sending it in, you are agreeing to your words, first name and photo (if applicable) being posted on our social media. Quotes and photos can be sent to Megan on [mallan@scaflorida.org](mailto:mallan@scaflorida.org)

**"Deploying with Florida SARC was one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. I worked hard, but it was worth every second to know I was saving animals impacted by a natural disaster"**

**Megan A**



Because the **entire** family matters

# Upcoming Operations and Awareness classes for you and your friends

Ready to take Level 2 - Operations? Operations provides our volunteers with the training to take on a more advanced role in FLSARC deployments.

Operations classes are open exclusively to team members who have taken Awareness Level and are designed to help you build your skills and lead a team. This class is a two day class, with 8 hours per day. Thanks to our friends at Florida SART, we are able to offer this class for **FREE** for a limited time only. 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

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

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

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

**[www.flsarc.org/training](http://www.flsarc.org/training)**

# Upcoming Operations and Awareness classes for you and your friends

Do you know someone who would be perfect for Florida SARC? We have many upcoming Level 1 - Awareness classes upcoming for them to join!

Awareness class is the first step to joining Florida SARC. We offer these classes frequently to people who have a passion for animals and the desire to do more!

If you know of somewhere that would like to host a Florida SARC class, get in touch! We are looking for locations across Florida, all we need is a big space with a tv/projector. Any interested locations can contact Megan on [mallan@spcaflorida.org](mailto:mallan@spcaflorida.org)

**January 29th**  
**Orlando Cat Cafe**

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**February 5th**  
**Cat Depot, Sarasota**

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**February 12th**  
**SPCA Brevard, Titusville**

**February 20th**  
**SPCA Florida, Lakeland**

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**February 26th**  
**Humane Society Naples**

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**March 26th**  
**SPCA Tampa Bay**

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