

Florida SARC News

News, Updates, and Important information
from Florida SARC HQ to our volunteers

Because the ***ENTIRE*** Family Matters!

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NEWS AND HAPPENINGS

Mississippi Cat Rescue

On January 28th, FL SARC received an urgent request to help support rescue operations in Jackson, MS involving over 170 cats recovered from a severe hoarding and neglect case.

Within a few days, we dispatched two FL SARC volunteers, Melody Pyle and Desiree Bauman-Smith, to provide daily care and sheltering for these wonderful animals.

COVID-19 reared its ugly head, causing a setback to daily operations. Fortunately, with safety protocols in place, the outbreak subsided. Since then, Adam Jackson deployed to help finish up shelter operations and begin breakdown and demobilization.



HUMANE SOCIETY VIDEO



Click the link above to see some heartwarming video and information about this case!



HURRICANE SEASON 2023 FL SARC FUNDRAISER

Help FL SARC prepare for Hurricane Season 2023 and reach our \$10,000 goal by 1 June! Your help and contributions are critical to helping FL SARC continue to deploy when disasters strike, to support national organizations with regional and national disaster/emergency sheltering response, and provide local and statewide support for animal shelter emergencies - all crucial to helping families and pets stay together - Because the ENTIRE family matters!

Click the link below to donate to FL SARC!

FL SARC HURRICANE SEASON 2023 FUNDRAISER

FL SARC is now part of **SPCA Florida**, a 501 (c) 3 organization (EIN: 59-1939655) dedicated to eliminating animal suffering and to engaging the whole community in the welfare and well-being of animals. All funds raised will go towards expenses associated with disaster response, preparedness, mitigation, planning, and recovery. Your donation is tax deductible!

Volunteers assist Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS)

On February 8th, four volunteers from FL SARC drove to Bushnell, FL to help Florida's Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS) replenish one of their MARE units (Mobile Animal Response Equipment). Thanks to one of our long-time partners and original founders, Ronnie Graves, we were able to provide FDACS with nearly \$5,000 worth of crates and food bowls.



A huge shout out goes to Adam Jackson, Marsha Quarles, and Lisette [Jungera-Eljaiek](#) for [coming](#) together and helping sort and load heavy boxes and packaging, as well as meeting Ronnie and hearing a few stories about FL SARC!

Introducing our new FL SARC Manager Steve Carriere

Hello everyone! We need to thank our previous managers, Jordan, Meghan, and Ailigh for handling the SARC leadership reigns these last couple of years. They did a heck of a job under some unique and trying circumstances. Most importantly, many thanks and appreciation goes out to our original, long time FL SARC founders and volunteers who helped me immensely, and continue to help, in learning what this role is about and where FL SARC can go with you.

A little bit about me: I retired from the Coast Guard in 2016, then moved to Jacksonville FL with my partner Elena and our 9 cats in 2018. The next year we joined FL SARC. I deployed for a few events, supporting the Alaqua Animal Refuge in 2019, Citrus County in 2022, Kentucky 2022 floods, and then Hurricane Ian in Desoto County supporting donation management with Andy Bass.

Elena and I also rescue and foster kittens - LOTS of them!. We became very involved with the TNR program in Duval County in 2019, rescuing several kittens and cats through TNR and private rescue partnerships. All together, we



estimate having fostered over 120 cats and kittens in the last 7 years and TNR'd close to 170 cats. We also have four children, 5 grandchildren, and now 12 cats, including 3 fosters (yes, we are a foster failure family too)!

An opportunity to complete Train the Trainer in January 2022 coincided with finishing my masters degree program in emergency management. From there, I started teaching Level 1 and 2, meeting a plethora of great students and instructors along the way. It's been an absolute blessing working and engaging with folks like **Andy Bass, Consie von Gontard, Kathy Drew, Pam Moreman, Ronnie Graves**, and many more, including our own SPCA Florida leadership and staff. All have been nothing short of supportive and encouraging in this transition, and for that I thank you all.

We have a lot of work ahead of us. As a part of SPCA Florida, we have resources and networks available to us which we need to better utilize moving forward, but we have things to fix along the way. I'm excited to be in this role and even more humbled by what was accomplished before stepping in. I'm very grateful for everyone's support and look forward to moving ahead with you, getting re-engaged, and with you, helping FL SARC get back to doing what we do best - **Because The ENTIRE FAMILY matters!**



Volunteer Profiles Are you UP TO DATE?

We have over 1200 listed volunteers in Volgistics, the web site to access your profiles. A review of over 150 profiles showed many profiles are missing documents and certificates. These help ensure you are deployment eligible.

How can you help us help you? What should you send?

First, have an ACTIVE Volgistics Profile! Go to these links:

**Create Your
Profile!**

**Update your
Profile!**

Next, in your profiles, you can add any volunteer hours, add training, document contributions in your community or with FL SARC! Use the drop down menu to select the activity, then enter your date and time:

Volunteer information for [Redacted]

[Home](#) [Mail](#) [My Profile](#) [My Schedule](#) [My Service History](#) [Time Sheet](#) [Account](#)

Instructions

To post your hours, enter your service information in the Time Sheet box and then click the "Continue" button.

Time Sheet

What was the date of your service? February 22 2023

Which assignment did you serve in? Choose one

How many hours did you serve?

How much Mileage?

[Continue](#)

Your recent service e

Date	Assignment	Hours	Mileage
02-07-2023	Administrati		
02-06-2023	Administrati		
01-28-2023	Lead Instru		
10-14-2022	Hurricane Ia		
10-13-2022	Hurricane Ian 2022	7:00	0

For your complete service history select the "My Service History" tab.

[Exit](#)

These updates are VERY important! They help track how much value your contributions are worth to the community. It also helps us determine your experience essential to deploying you in more important roles!

SECOND:

To deploy as a LEVEL 1 Responder (AWARENESS):

- Complete LEVEL 1 AWARENESS (certificate issued)
- Complete FEMA ICS 100 (certificate issued)
- Have CURRENT Tetanus (within 10 years - provide proof)
- Signed Code of Conduct
- Current FL SARC Profile

To deploy as a LEVEL 2 Responder (OPERATIONS)

- Level 1 Deployable (see above)
- Complete Level 2 Operations (certificate issued)
- Complete FEMA 200 and 700 (certificates issued)

- Provide proof of the following animal handling experience:
 - 10+ hours feline AND/OR 10+ hours canine

Link to FEMA Training: [FREE FEMA COURSES AND STUDENT ID](#)

THIRD:

FL SARC volunteers will be contacting you. You may be asked to submit any documents found missing in your profiles and to verify your deployment eligibility. Any additional documents you would like added, such as additional FEMA training, professional courses or certifications, pet and human first aid training, CPR, etc. can be sent to:

training@flsarc.org

VACCINATIONS

FL SARC DOES NOT REQUIRE YOU TO BE COVID VACCINATED!

- Other organizations MAY require it to support their deployments. If you are vaccinated, we strongly recommend you provide a picture or scan of your Covid vaccination card so you may deploy in their support.
- In addition, it is strongly recommended you get vaccinated for Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, and obtain a pre-rabies shot series.
- Send proof any vaccinations to volunteer@flsarc.org

UPCOMING TRAINING

Check the calendar at www.flsarc.org/training to find a class near you, or scan the QR codes on the flyers below. Use your mobile device or tablet to scan and register for each class!

TRAIN WITH FLORIDA SARC

UF/IFAS, Florida State Agricultural Response Team and Florida SARC are partnering to provide training on how to save animals and operate temporary emergency shelters. Train with Florida SARC to learn how to respond to local, state and national disasters



Join us on Sunday, March 5th at
UF/IFAS Extension Collier County

Use code **SART** at check out to attend this training for
FREE!



Scan the QR code to sign up or visit
www.flsarc.org/training for more
information



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Join us on Monday and Tuesday, March 6th and 7th at
UF/IFAS Extension Collier County
Level 2 OPERATIONS

Use code **SART** at check out to attend this training for
FREE!



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TRAIN WITH FLORIDA SARC

Sarasota Cat Depot, Florida State Agricultural Response Team and Florida SARC are partnering to provide training on how to save animals and operate temporary emergency shelters. Train with Florida SARC to learn how to respond to local, state and national disasters



Join us on Saturday, March 11 at
Sarasota Cat Depot
Level 1 Awareness Training

Use code **SART** at check out to attend this training for
FREE!



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www.flsarc.org/training for more
information



Cat Depot

TRAIN WITH FLORIDA SARC

Flagler Humane Society, Florida State Agricultural Response Team and Florida SARC are partnering to provide training on how to save animals and operate temporary emergency shelters. Train with Florida SARC to learn how to respond and lead teams in local, state and national disasters



Join us on Saturday and Sunday, March 25/26 at
Flagler Humane Society
1 Shelter Drive, Palm Coast FL
Level 2 OPERATIONS

Use code **SART** at check out to attend this training for **FREE!**



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information



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TRAIN WITH FLORIDA SARC

Sarasota Cat Depot, Florida State Agricultural Response Team and Florida SARC are partnering to provide training on how to save animals and operate temporary emergency shelters. Train with Florida SARC to learn how to respond to local, state and national disasters



Join us on April 22 & 23, 2023 at
Sarasota Cat Depot
Level 2 Operations Training

Use code **SART** at check out to attend this training for
FREE!



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information



Cat Depot

TRAIN WITH FLORIDA SARC

First Coast No More Homeless Pets, Florida State Agricultural Response Team and Florida SARC are partnering to provide training on how to save animals and operate temporary emergency shelters. Train with Florida SARC to learn how to respond to local, state and national disasters, or just learn how to be better prepared for you and your pets!



Join us on Saturday, April 15th
First Coast No More Homeless Pets
Joseph Strausser Learning Center
Level 1 Awareness Training

Use code **SART** at check out to attend this training for
FREE!



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FCNMHP

TRAIN WITH FLORIDA SARC

Bay County Emergency Services, Florida State Agricultural Response Team and Florida SARC are partnering to provide training on how to save animals and operate temporary emergency shelters.

Train with Florida SARC to learn how to respond to local, state and national disasters



Join us on **Saturday, June 10, and Sunday, June 11** at
Bay County Emergency Services

Use code **SART** at check out to attend this training for
FREE!



Scan the QR code to sign
up or visit
www.flsarc.org/training
for more information



Welcome Our New Team Members!

Three Level 1 AWARENESS classes have been held since the last newsletter.
Congratulations to all 28 students below on passing your Awareness Level Class!
Next Up - OPERATIONS!

December 2022 Bay County Awareness



Kayla Sparkman
James Faulk
Peter Russ
Donna Faulk
Rick Tutunick
Edward Bowdler

January 2023 Flagler County Awareness



Susan Merkle
David Bartlett
Jacqueline Bartlett
Nicholas Blaisdell
Patti Powell
Carlos Brisolla
Mick Van Mook

February 2023 Vero Beach Awareness



Jacquie Hall
Ricardo Pellot
Cindy Lafferty
Kenny Nelson
Kelsie Colonna
Jane Fides
Summer Rulapaugh
Brett Adams
Jacquelyn Adams
Virginia Maier
Carlin Philips
Biana Varas
Ashley Cook
Deborah Driskill
Tammy Richardson

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