# FLORIDA STATE ANIMAL RESPONSE COALITION



### Disaster Animal Response Teams















- Volunteers started the program in 1996 with the guidance of the HSUS regional office
- Education for the public was main focus
- Assist local emergency managers in preparation for all types of disasters involving animals
- Operate pet friendly shelters for county







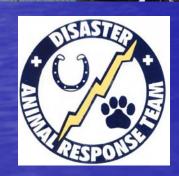


### Florida DART Teams

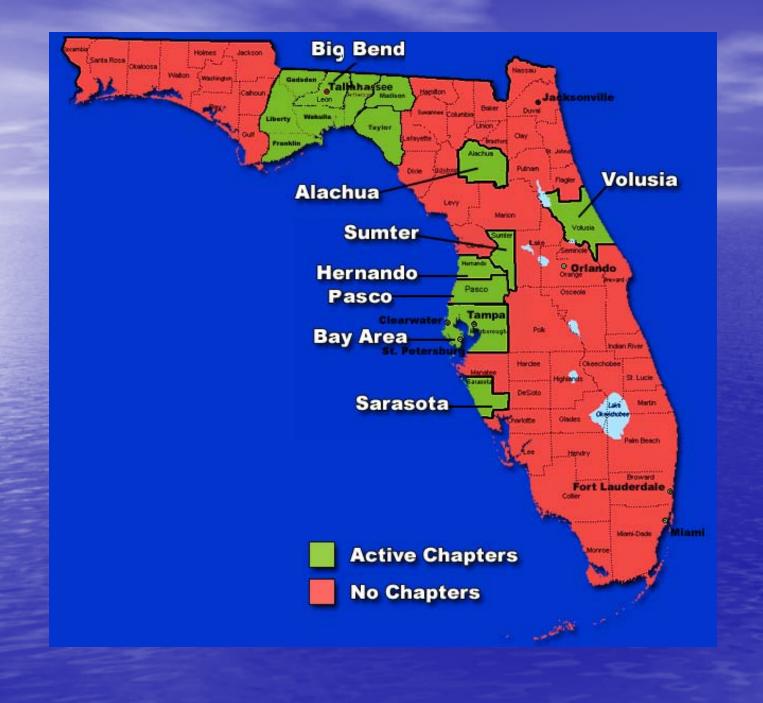












### Florida State Animal Response

- Teams are comprised of groups of animal responders trained together and working together to assist communities with animal issues during a disaster.
- Coordinate with county emergency responders, humane associations/shelters, and other disaster volunteers.
- We strive to educate the public to be prepared while furthering our own education through various training and networking activities.







### Florida State Animal Response Coalition

#### **Pinellas County**

350,000 pets /Approximately 1,000,000 residents

15 ACO's and 1 full time veterinarian

Surrounded on 3 sides by water

BAY AREA DART 300 + trained volunteers

Statistics say approximately 630,000





### FLORIDA TEAMS

- When a disaster strikes, members move quickly to assess the damage and evaluate the impact on animals, and then provide the most appropriate support to the community.
- This could be a major disaster, a house fire or a car accident.
- Recently teams have utilized in large animal seizures ...

### Fl State Animal Response Coalition

Emergency Management ESF-17/

**Local Animal Services** 

Local DART teams

**University of Florida Vets Team** 

Florida Veterinary Technicians

Florida State Agriculture Response team

**EARS/UAN** 

**ASPCA** 

**HSUS** 

Wildlife Responders





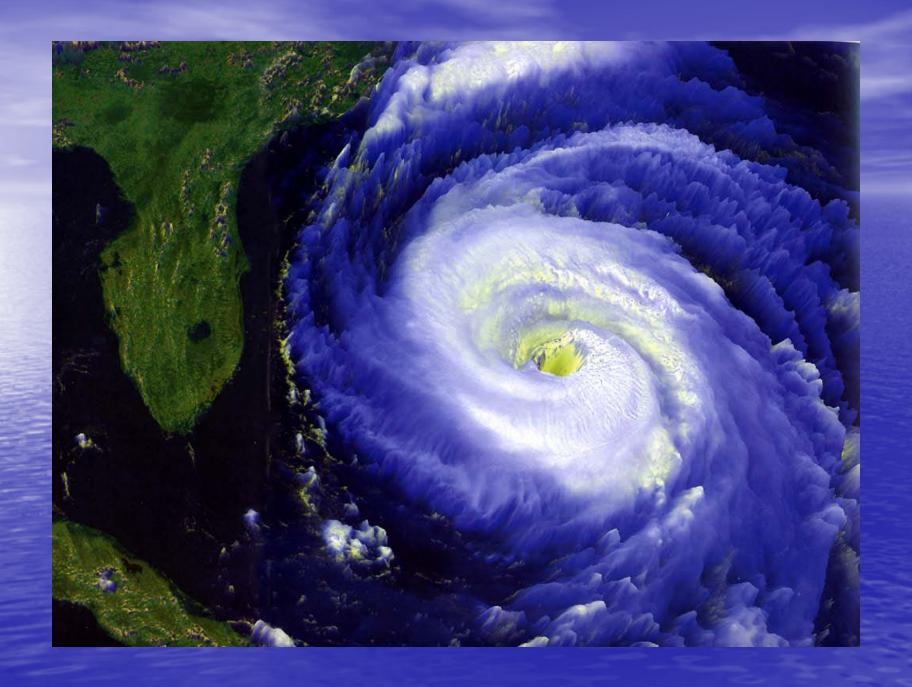
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#### The following Volunteer requirements must

- Complete Florida SARC awareness training.
- Complete FEMA ICS-100/200 (Incident Command System) course.
- Complete FEMA NIMS 700 (National Incident Management System) course.









# Complete 30 hours of volunteer work Animal Handling, Feeding and Cleaning





### FI State Animal Response Coalition

### Assisting communities



- Emergency animal sheltering
- Special needs programs
- Education and awareness







#### Red Cross training





- Introduction to Disaster Services
- Introduction to Disaster ServicesMass Care/Shelter Operations
  - Shelter Simulation/Mass Care
- Emergency Assistance to Families











# Prepared to assist Florida SART with response in all disasters







### TRAINING

- The Humane Society of the United States
   DART Training / Emergency animal
   sheltering
- American Humane Association
- EARS /UAN training in Emergency animal sheltering



### AWARENESS LEVEL TRAINING

- Human animal bond
- Personal preparedness and planning
- Planning for pets in a disaster
- Legal considerations for responding to disasters
- Safety and Security in a disaster
- Overview of ICS
- Ethics responding to animals in disa
- Workplace /Personal ethics

## Awareness Level Training

- Cage assembly
- Daily care of animals, feeding, water
- Animal behavior and communication
- Preventing and reducing stress
- Recognizing illness in animals
- Zoonotic diseases
- Shelter management
- Returning home
- Post traumatic stress
- Test

































# PET FRIENDLY SHELTERING EMERGENCY ANIMAL SHELTERING Management and staffing











### SPECIAL NEEDS PLANNING AI MANAGEMENT



County and City coordination
Updated annually in May























