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.
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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 …
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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
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Assisting communities

- Emergency animal sheltering
- Special needs programs
- Education and awareness
Red Cross training

- First Aid/CPR
- Introduction to Disaster Services
- Mass 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 disasters
- 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 AND MANAGEMENT

County and City coordination
Updated annually in May
Animal Rescue