Mission Statement: The Florida State Animal Response Coalition (Fl-SARC) is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to all-hazard disaster preparation, planning, training, response and recovery during animal emergencies.

Fl-SARC is organized under the auspices of Florida state and local emergency management agencies utilizing the principles of The Incident Command System (ICS)
Florida State Animal Response Coalition

- Brings together groups and individuals to plan and assist animals impacted by disasters

- Coalition members have combined knowledge and experience over many years responding to both manmade and natural disasters

- By pooling that experience we have created a preeminent team of professional disaster animal responders
Standardized Trainings

Task Based Training
Small Animal Emergency Sheltering

- Awareness Level – Level 1
- Operations Level – Level 2
- Technician Level – Level 3
Awareness Level Sheltering training (course # 11-26326) is the foundation course required to assist with caring for sheltered animals during a disaster.

This course is certified by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and has been placed in the Florida course catalog as FL-003-RESP.
Course topics include:

• Personal Preparedness
• Overview of the Incident Command System,
• Deployment Preparedness
• Assisting in Shelter Set Up
• Daily Care and Feeding
• Proper Cage Cleaning and Disinfection
• Animal Behavior
• Stress Management
• Code of Conduct for Response
• Zoonotic Disease
• Personal Safety
• Post Traumatic Stress
• and more...
Level 2 - Operations Level

This is the next step to becoming a leader in Emergency Animal Sheltering.

After completion of the Operations Level training, you will understand and be able to work in a variety of positions, including being a team leader in jobs such as: Volunteer registration, Animal Intake, Lost and Found, Donations, Kennel Row Lead, Animal Export/Transport, Animal Decontamination, Supply section, and more.
Level 3 – Technician Level

After completing this level you would be able to coordinate, set up and manage an Emergency Animal Shelter.

At this level you would also work in close coordination with State and Local authorities during an emergency or disaster to plan, assist, shelter and reunite animals with their families.
Where are we now?

- 950 volunteers in our data base
- 590 trained in 2018
- 217 through 6/1/2019
But wait, there’s more!

• University of Florida VETS
• Florida Veterinary Medical Association
• Florida Animal Control Association
• Red Rover responders
• Code 3 Associates
• American Humane Association
• Humane Societies
• SPCA’s
Inviting only trusted partners to the table

- Self deployed groups doing “rescue”
- No training
- Not working within the system
- Illegally entering homes and removing animals
- No plan or way to support their operations
- Disruptive
- Cause unnecessary drama
“Give me six hours to chop down a tree and I will spend the first four sharpening the axe.”

— Abraham Lincoln
REALITY: The Cavalry is Not Going to Save You...You Must Save Yourself!

Nothing replaces a good plan!

• Be proactive and not reactive
• An MOU is NOT a plan! It is your backup plan
Gettin' good players is easy. Gettin' 'em to play together is the hard part. ~Casey Stengel
Upcoming offerings of the Awareness Level Small Animal Emergency Sheltering Course can be found on the SARC website at

www.flsarc.org/Training.html

To book a class, please call or email

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