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### SPCA Florida Acting As Hurricane Ian Distribution Center

Lakeland FL – SPCA Florida is acting as a distribution and transport center to receive and deliver food, supplies and vaccines to areas in need and affected by Hurricane Ian. To help provide relief, Hill’s Pet Nutrition’s [Disaster Relief Network](https://www.hillspet.com/about-us/community-support/disaster-relief-network) generously donated and delivered 10 pallets, totaling 10,000 pounds of dry and wet cat and dog food to SPCA Florida and FL SARC to distribute to in-need shelters affected by Hurricane Ian. FLSARC, a program of SPCA Florida, will help triage incoming requests for support and assist with shelters who need support

Hill’s Disaster Relief Network is a first-of-its-kind network established in 2013 through their Food, Shelter & Love program with a mission to provide nutritional support for pets and shelters in need.

The mission of Hill’s Disaster Relief Network is to provide free pet nutrition to shelters, vet clinics, governmental organizations, and other large non-profit organizations caring for pets after a disaster.

Hill’s provides nutrition for two primary purposes.

* To feed an influx of pets coming into a shelter’s care after disaster
* To be distributed to the community, if people have been displaced from their homes with their pets and have nothing to feed

All too often, pets become silent victims when disasters strike. Tornadoes, earthquakes, and wildfires can leave local shelters inundated with dozens of pets that get displaced from their homes.

“We are extremely grateful to Hill’s Disaster Relief Network,” said Shelley Thayer, Executive Director, SPCA Florida/FL SARC. “After Hurricane Ian hit Florida, the Hill’s truck was the first to arrive at our warehouse which was completely empty after giving all our food to other organizations who had none. There was a lot of cheering when the Hill’s truck pulled in.”

Donations: hurricanereliefflsarc@spcaflorida.org

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**About SPCA Florida**

*Founded in 1979, SPCA Florida exists to eliminate animal suffering and engage the entire community in the welfare and well-being of animals. SPCA Florida will help and heal 20,000 dogs and cats through its SPCA Florida Animal Medical Center and provide direct care for 6,500 animals through its Adoption Center this year. Ani-Meals and Food Assistance Programs, provide food and medical care for animals of homebound families and families who need supplemental food for thousands of dogs and cats each year*

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