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### FL SARC offers Virtual FL SARC Disaster Training Class

**Lakeland**: Florida is hit with disasters that impact our animals every single year. SPCA Florida is on a mission to save dogs and cats when natural disasters and man-made disasters strike.  Trained volunteers with Florida State Animal Response Coalition, better *known* as FL SARC, ensure these animals have someone on their side when they need it the most.  When you join our team, it gives FL SARC the power to:

* Respond to local, state, and national disasters
* Deploy emergency resources and trained responders
* Transport animals to safety before, during, and after a disaster

To register to become a lifesaving volunteer, go to SPCAFlorida.org and click on FL SARC training.

An opportunity to take the Awareness Level Small Animal Emergency Sheltering class on Saturday, March 19 through Sunday, March 20, 2022 virtually via zoom. The Awareness Level (Level 1) class will provide the knowledge and skills needed to work in an emergency animal shelter as a trained professional disaster animal responder.

"By offering virtual training, Florida SARC is able to reach animal-lovers across the State who want to help pets in the aftermath of natural and man-made disasters. Our FEMA-approved online classes will teach attendees all the skills they need to save lives and deploy in animals' darkest times, allowing new team members access to this fantastic training throughout Florida! We look forward to welcoming people of all experience levels to become members of Florida SARC!",” states Megan Allan, SPCA Florida FL SARC Manager.

Class is open to anyone interested in being trained to help companion animals during a disaster. Additional training classes will be listed on the website below as they are scheduled.

<https://flsarc.org/training>

When disaster strikes, together, we will be ready.

**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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