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FL SARC Deploys Under SPCA Florida Umbrella to Assist Animals Impacted by Kentucky Flood

**Lakeland**: Lakeland FL - SPCA Florida is on a mission to save lives through a variety of initiatives both locally and nationally. Since the absorption of Florida State Animal Response Coalition, “FL SARC”, a nonprofit 501(c) 3 emergency response organization on September 1, 2021, volunteers have deployed to Kentucky in support of animals impacted by the floods.

At the request of the [ASPCA](http://www.aspca.org/)® (The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals®) FL SARC is responding to Kentucky to provide daily care for displaced animals in the Santa Fe area. FL SARC has been on the ground providing assistance; including pet food distribution, cleaning, and exercising the animals at Kentucky Humane Society and Kentucky River Regional Animal Shelter. Seven trained volunteers have boots on the ground to assist animals impacted by the floods. Providing daily animal care is the focus for the deployed volunteers.

The animals at both shelters are receiving much-needed housing and care, including medical and behavioral services, until they can be reunited with their families or, if surrendered, placed into new homes.

This is the second collaboration with the ASPCA National Field Response team in 2022, and third partnership in less than a year. The ASPCA has asked FL SARC team members to extend to help prep incoming responders on proper PPE usage and care.

“The original mission of Florida SARC was to train volunteers to assist Florida Communities with natural and man-made disasters,” said Shelley Thayer, Executive Director of SPCA Florida. “However, it quickly became apparent that the need for trained volunteers extended to the US and FL SARC, a program of SPCA Florida has deployed personnel to New Mexico and Kentucky this year,” said, Thayer. “We are grateful to these dedicated individuals for their unwavering commitment to help animals where ever the need,” said Thayer.

SPCA Florida will continue to assist rescued animals throughout 2022.

**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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