

# 2022 Auction for **Animals**

The Auction for Animals is SPCA Florida's biggest fundraiser of the year. This year is the 30th anniversary, and with the impact of Ian and a huge need for help across the state, it is more important than ever.

We take flight at the Florida Air Museum to share modern day transports that save lives. Terrie Lobb has created a five-course dinner of five-star delicacies, each beautifully paired with an exquisite wine and rescue tale.

The evening will feature a silent auction, live auction with Marty Higgenbotham, celebrity guests, and EMCEEs Ken Suarez and Melissa Marino.



Visit [www.spcflorida.org/flywithme](http://www.spcflorida.org/flywithme) for details and tickets. Do you want to sponsor the auction? Call 863-577-4600 or e-mail [marketing@spcaflorida.org](mailto:marketing@spcaflorida.org) for more information.



Ready to take the leap?  
**We have open positions!**



SPCA FLORIDA  
 Network of Hope

**Current openings include:**  
 Adoption Center Counselor  
 Animal Care  
 Campus Custodian  
 Veterinarian  
 And more

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## Voted Best Veterinarian

**Dr. Robyn Barton**  
 SPCA Florida Shelter Veterinarian!

If you have adopted or fostered a pet from SPCA Florida in the past couple of years, Dr. Robyn Barton was their life-saving veterinarian. She tirelessly treats the sick, heals the wounded, and spays/neuters thousands of cats and dogs every year. In 2021, she spayed or neutered 2,778 pets and performed 416 critical surgeries!



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### Adoption by Appointment

SPCA Florida's Adoption Center works on an appointment system. Go to [spcaflorida.org/appointment](http://spcaflorida.org/appointment) or call 863-577-4615 to schedule a time to visit the cats and dogs!

5850 Brannen Road S.  
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Adoption Center  
Mon - Fri 11 AM to 6 PM  
Sat - Sun 11 AM to 5 PM

SPCA Florida Medical Center  
Mon - Fri 7:30 AM to 4 PM



[www.spcflorida.org](http://www.spcflorida.org)

# paws TALK

for the love of animals



**Hurricane Ian Special**

Thank you, everyone who helped!



## Purrs and Woofs from the Pets

The tall bipeds call me a full-figured diva. How dare they? Diva, sure, but full-figured? It gets worse: they use my weight as an excuse to try to make me eat wet food - BLECH - and restrict my treats. If you are ready for a Queen who will rule the house with a fair but firm paw, come see me. I am purrticularly looking for new servants who will adore me. -- Dior



My name is Gustav and I'm not really a crab. I'm a dog! Just trying my dress on for Howloween. Looking good, right! I'm an American Bulldog, approximately 6 years old, and if you're looking for a snuggly couch potato who is good with kids, I'm your boy. I love to eat, I walk well on a leash, and I know some basic commands.



To come see Dior, Gustav, and our other pets, make an appointment at [www.spcaflorida.org/appointment](http://www.spcaflorida.org/appointment)

## Pitties and Kitties

The Medical Center and Adoption Center exam team worked as one to spay/neuter 100 pitties and kitties belonging to the public in just one day! The event was partially funded with a grant from the George W. Jenkins Fund within the GiveWell Community Foundation.



## A special post-hurricane Thank You to...

- The SPCA Designated Crisis Fund within the GiveWell Community Foundation for supporting our purchase of a powered forklift and generators. These items were crucial through and after the storm.
- Greater Good Charities who supplied pet food and supplies, beds, and many other items to be distributed to shelters in need
- Hill's Disaster Relief who provided food for shelters in need.
- Chewy who sent a truck filled with pet beds to help rescued and relocated pets.
- AKC Kennel Club for transportation funds to deliver equipment, supplies, cages, and other pet supplies.
- Seminole Feed Store, HALO, Wedgworth, Clay County Fair, Purina, Merck, First Coast No More Homeless Pets, HSUS, Cattleman Feed, Greater Birmingham Humane Society, Honey's Mini Therapy Adventures, Frogmore Ranch, Hillsborough 4H, Nutravet, Zoetis, Tractor Supply, and all other donors who contributed to these lifesaving efforts!



### Exciting Raffle!

Win \$3,000, \$2,000, or \$1,000 CASH to save or spend as you wish!

Suggested donation \$25 per ticket or 5 for \$100. The drawing will be held at the 2022 Auction for Animals, but you do not have to be present to win.

[www.spcaflorida.org/flywithme](http://www.spcaflorida.org/flywithme)

## Deploying after the Hurricane

**SPCA Florida made it through Hurricane Ian with only minor damages, but not everyone was as lucky. Members of FL SARC - Florida State Animal Response Coalition - went to work immediately.**

In the days right after the hurricane, organizations like Greater Good, Halo, Purina, Chewy, and many others started sending trucks with donations for shelters in the hardest hit areas. We have distributed food, vaccines, beds, collars, bowls, litter, and much more. We also emptied our warehouse of food to share with Manatee County Animal Control, whose public pantry was empty, and welcomed animals from other shelters.



On October 2, two members of FL SARC joined the incident command post in Arcadia and coordinated donations and rescue efforts from there until the command post was demobilized two weeks later. On the way there, they went north to pick up feed for 26 horses, a generator, and supplies for a shelter that did not have power. The normal drive time for their mission would have been 7.5 hours, but with roads flooded it took 13 hours.

Only two days after arriving in Arcadia, the FL SARC volunteers had received and helped distribute over 110,000 pounds of agricultural feed, and among other things located and assisted two truck drivers who got lost and stuck while trying to deliver over 250 hay bales to animals in need.

Not only animals with four legs needed help after the disaster - the team also handled 3,500 gallons of bee syrup to assist the apiary community.

We are so very grateful to everyone who stepped up to help. A special thank you to the team in Arcadia, but also everyone who donated, gathered supplies, drove, and helped in other ways.

There is still a tremendous need in the area and rebuilding will take time. You can help too! Visit [spcaflorida.org/ian](http://spcaflorida.org/ian) and contribute to our Hurricane Relief Fund. Every dollar helps!

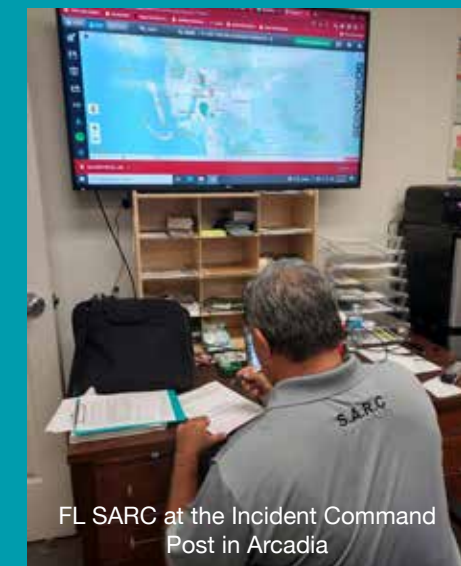


## FL SARC, When Disaster Strikes!

Florida is hit with disasters that impact animals every year, and this became painfully true with Hurricane Ian. To make it worse, animals are not only faced with natural disasters, but man-made disasters as well. FL SARC volunteers ensure these animals have someone on their side when they need it the most.

Volunteers attend FEMA approved training sessions throughout the state of Florida, from Panama City to the FL Keys and from coast-to-coast. The trained and certified volunteers from FL SARC are then ready to deploy to disaster locations within Florida, Georgia, Alabama, North and South Carolina, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Tennessee.

You can help! See available courses at [www.flsarc.org](http://www.flsarc.org).



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State Animal Response Coalition

