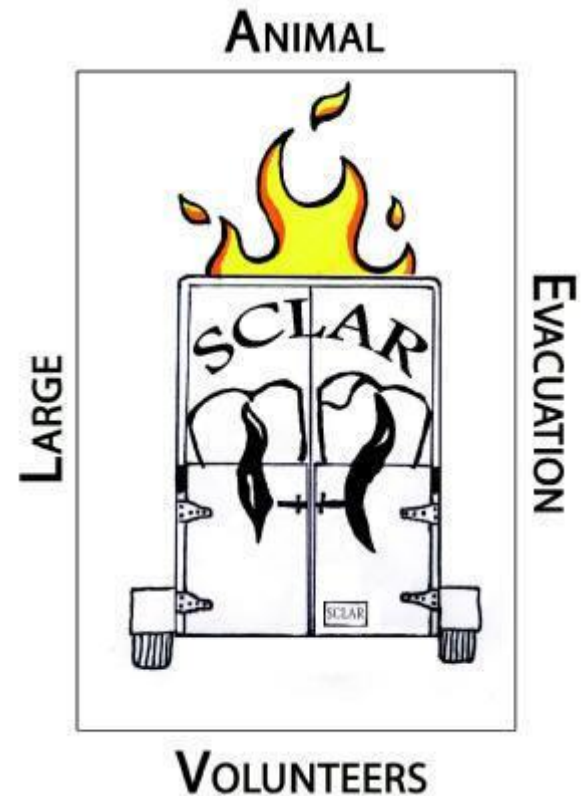


Volunteering with SCLAR

- Who we are
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- Commitment of time
- Meet certain training requirements
- Must be acceptable Registered Disaster Service Worker
- Must love animals
- Must work with others



Who we are

- In 2004 it became clear that arrangements for transportation and evacuation of large animals was an essential part of the evacuation process, lacking in the EDC disaster response plan.
 - The group was formed and volunteers enlisted
 - Contact was made with Animal Services and Office of Emergency Services who now recognize and include us in their disaster response.
 - Sclar is a very desirable county resource. Given recent County and State budget crisis the need for volunteer groups to fill gaps in services is the only way these services will be fulfilled. Officials are looking to cut many aspects of animal services from the budget: They are deemed non essential.
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What we do

- Purpose: To aid authorities in the transportation and evacuation of large animals in the event of a disaster.
 - Our members provide the means to move animals as directed by Animal Services
 - Members are sworn in by the EDC Office of Emergency Services as Disaster Service Workers (DSWs)
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What we do NOT do

- Rescue animals in distress or neglected.
 - Extractions: This is the province of the UCD VERT team or a local extraction team headed by Cheryl Ellis, DVM
 - With rare exception, we do not forward e-mails.
 - Political advocacy for/against individuals
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Time Commitment

30 hours a year

- Meetings, monthly, Jan., thru Oct.
 - Drills, several throughout the year
 - Clinics – Our curriculum held in clinic or class formats
 - Fund Raisers – Volunteers needed to staff booths, participate
 - Actual call-outs – varies
 - Online FEMA courses (3)
 - IS 100, IS 200, IS 700
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Training Requirements

- Large Animal 1st Aid – clinic and/or lecture
 - Small Animal 1st Aid - lecture
 - Human 1st Aid - lecture
 - Fire Department issues - lecture
 - OES Basics - lecture
 - Trailer Safety - clinic
 - Security issues – lecture
 - Communications, Ham Radio, Scanner - lecture
 - F.E.M.A. ONLINE Courses, including IS 100, IS 200, IS 700 - online
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Acceptable Disaster Service Worker

- Attain Registered DSW status.
 - Typically through the OES Basics class held annually
- Must be approved through EDC Sheriff's Department (no felony convictions)



Love of Animals

- The reason we are here – to help authorities evacuate large animals
 - May be field work, may be staging area care and shelter, may be telephone, or clerical, committee, communications (Ham radio), pilot cars
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Work with others

- You don't have to love your fellow man, but you do have to work with them in an effective, pleasant manner.
 - In the event of a call-out
 - During drills
 - During fund raisers
 - Planning and participating in special functions
 - Participating
 - We work with and at the discretion of Animal Services and / or Office of Emergency Services
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The cost of volunteer work

- Volunteer, by definition allows no remuneration for work performed or time donated
 - Time, fuel costs, incidental supply costs are all borne by the volunteer
 - Injuries, damage to property are not compensated by Sclar
 - *Check with your accountant as many of these costs are tax deductible as provided by law. We are a 501(c)3 corporation.*
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Without an active volunteer base

- Sclar will cease to be an effective resource for El Dorado County
 - EDC will be unable to arrange rapid evacuations of large animals in the event of a major disaster.
 - Assistance would have to be arranged through national groups, such as Noah's Wish, HSUS and these groups are days from immediate local response.
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We need you

- We need your fresh ideas
 - A pro-active approach to problem solving
 - To respond to call-outs
 - For fund raising
 - Everyone is good at something. Bringing your special talents will go a long way to helping us help the animals in the event of emergency evacuations.
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