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## Animal Disaster Service Worker Applications

Sonoma County Animal Services is the region's government shelter and the lead agency for disaster relief efforts, including search and rescue efforts by animal control officers. Sonoma County is the home of thousands of different species of animals. Animal owners understand and have experienced how quickly a disaster can arrive and devastate all planning in a matter of seconds and minutes.

Animal Owners and Animal Lovers who wish to assist Sonoma County Animal Services during these unforeseen events are needed.

If you wish to become a **Registered Animal Disaster Service Worker** for those times of need, please email [scasemergencyresponseinfo@sonoma-county.org](mailto:scasemergencyresponseinfo@sonoma-county.org)

**Subject: A-DSW Application Request.** An application for all inquiries will be provided to each individual directly.



**The Animals Need You...Make A Difference  
Join Us Today!!**



# Get Started on Your Training Today!

## A-DSW Program

### Animal Disaster Service Worker

Emergency Management relies heavily upon the community members and “Volunteerism”. During disasters.

State of California

Disaster Service Worker Volunteer Program

Disaster Service Workers (DSW) are volunteers who provide disaster relief service during a declared disaster. Disaster service is designed to aid in the response and recovery phases in a disaster or emergency. It does not include the day-to-day emergency response activities typically associated with, for example, law enforcement, fire services or emergency medical services.

The Animal DSW volunteers must be registered with Sonoma County Animal Services.

For an Application please email [scasemergencyresponseinfo@sonoma-county.org](mailto:scasemergencyresponseinfo@sonoma-county.org) Subject: A-DSW

Injuries sustained by DSWs are covered through the State of California Disaster Service Worker Volunteer Program (<http://www.calema.ca.gov/PlanningandPreparedness/Pages/Disaster-Service-Worker-Volunteer-Program.aspx>). It provides workers’ compensation benefits to registered Disaster Service Worker (DSW) volunteers who are injured while participating in authorized disaster-related activities, including pre-approved training. The Program also provides the local EOC with limited immunity from liability.

**\*\*Mandatory Training is required for consideration to become a part of the A-DSW Program:**

#### TIER I Training

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|---|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| ◆ SCAS A-DSW 101 Workshop                 | (How to Become an A-DSW) | 6/6/18, 7/21/18, 8/8/18 |
| ◆ FEMA ICS 100, 200 and 700               | FEMA IS 10 & IS 111      | (Free On line Courses)  |
| ◆ SCAS Emergency Animal Sheltering        | 12 Hours                 | 8/10 & 8/11/2018        |
| ◆ Red Cross Shelter Fundamentals Training | 4 Hours                  | TBD                     |

\*\*\*Times and locations for Workshops and Trainings will be provided upon completion of A-DSW Application

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