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 Tuesday, December 22nd, 2015 @ 6:30pm
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2015... It's Been an Incredible Year for ARC!

If you spend any significant time around the shelter, you may hear our motto "ARC doesn't do easy". This phrase typically gets repeated as we are taking in a new animal with special needs, and 2015 has been no exception!

This year brought us many challenging cases. Once again we have faithfully relied on our loyal supporters to step up and help us offer these deserving creatures a second chance at the life they were always meant to have. This year we have treated a dozen dogs for heartworm disease. All too often, dogs with this preventable illness face euthanasia elsewhere since the treatment is lengthy and expensive. Donald, JoJo, Crystal, Shelby, and Camaro all suffered from painful orthopedic conditions that have been successfully surgically corrected! Unfortunately, this year we have had several of our older resident dogs develop cancer. Rockz, Jewels, Baby Girl, Daphne, Ellie Mae, Luna, and Benjamin have received life-saving cancer treatments this year and are currently doing well. From big to small, ARC will try to save them all. Ten small Chihuahua mixes were rescued from a hoarding situation in Clewiston and have underwent necessary medical care to get them ready for adoption. Just recently, we welcomed 11 dogs and 15 cats that were displaced by the flooding in the Carolinas. Rest assured, with your continued support, the Animal Refuge Center will continue to open our doors to animals that may otherwise be seen as a lost cause. Thank you for your generous help in 2015!



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 P.O. Box 6642
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Canned Food
Dry Food
Temptation Treats | Dogs Wish List
Biscuits & Treats
Pedigree dry & Canned food
6' standard leashes |
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- Shelter Wish List**
- Disposables:** Paper Towels, tall trash bags, dish soap, laundry detergent, bleach, Clorox Bleach Wipes, and linens.
- Equipment:** Industrial washable mop heads, brooms, buckets, and dust pans. We can also always use new or nearly new Shop Vacs and pressure washers.

Off Site Adoption Centers

Dogs and cats are available for adoption every Saturday at Petco (the Forum store off Colonial Blvd., Fort Myers) from 11:00 AM until 3:00 PM.

We are always looking for new volunteers to help transport and showcase our available residents at Off-Site Adoption Events. Contact our Executive Director, Wayne Leinen, at dep_rep@msn.com!

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Adoptions 11:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.
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 or by appointment.

E-mail us at:
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ARC is a non-profit, no-kill animal welfare organization and sanctuary operated by tax deductible donations and volunteers.

ARC also promotes animal welfare advocacy and employs education to teach responsible pet guardianship as well as kindness to all creatures.

ARC is a tax deductible, 501(c)3 status organization, funded by individual and corporate donations and memberships, and operated by volunteers.

Upcoming Events!

Purses for Pooches

January 23, 2016 at the Bell Tower Shops

Lunch • Silent Auction • Purse Fashion Show • Live auction • Giveaways

All proceeds will benefit the Animal Refuge Center in their efforts to provide shelter and medical care for needy cats and dogs until they find their forever homes.

Sponsorship Opportunities.

Presenting Sponsor	Catwalk Sponsor	Table sponsors	Individual Tickets
\$1,000	\$500	\$400	\$40

For more information contact Betty Hughes 239-841-0810

Help the animals at ARC by donating your gently used designer purses.

You can drop off your donations at any of the following 3 locations:

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Animal Refuge Center's
CASINO NIGHT
 Presented by
 Bonney Leckie - Century 21 Selling Paradise

The Crowne Plaza at the Bell Tower Shops
 Saturday, February 27th, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.
Blackjack, Roulette, Craps and Texas Holdem

- \$2,000 in Play Money
- 1 Raffle Ticket
- Raffle Prizes & Live Auction Items
- Hors d'oeuvres & Cash Bar Available

Don't let Lady Luck pass you by.
\$40 per person for advance purchase
\$45 per person at the door

For Tickets Contact
Betty Hughes at 239-841-0810
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All gifts to ARC "In Honor" or "In Memory" of a person or an animal are gratefully accepted. Send contributions to ARC, PO Box 6642, Fort Myers, FL 33911. Your listing will be featured in our next newsletter. Please accept our apologies and notify us immediately if your gift has been overlooked.

Always alive in the minds of their owners, the following pets have been memorialized through donations:

Referred for their kind hearts and the joy they bring, the following people have been honored through donations:

Contributions have been received in memory of the following persons for their compassion and concern for animals:

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Carol Allegretti



A Great Day for Rescues!

On October 24th, ARC was pleased to participate in the Southwest Florida Pet Rescue Festival. It was the inaugural year for this massive pet adoption event in Port Charlotte. Over 16 animal rescue organizations were included in this event, and everything from kittens to horses were available for adoption, on site. Volunteers, staff, and board members worked together to make sure this event was a success! ARC was tied for the most adoptions with 7 of our residents finding new loving homes at the event. Additional connections were made with residents of Charlotte County that resulted in even more adoptions in the following weeks. We look forward to participating in this fantastic adoption event next year!



Carolinas Rescue Effort



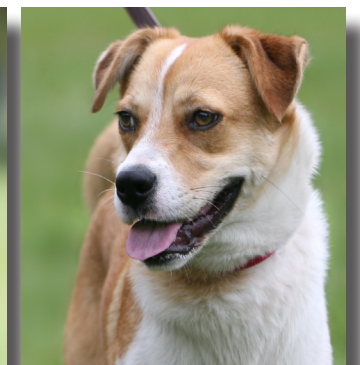
This October, North and South Carolina experienced severe flooding due in part to Hurricane Joaquin. The flooding caused widespread devastation, and thousands of animals were found stray, abandoned, and displaced during the disaster. The already full shelters in this region were struggling to provide care for their residents and just could not fully accommodate this massive influx of additional animals.

Brother Wolf Animal Rescue based near Asheville, North Carolina, organized a relocation effort to help disperse dogs and cats to areas that were not experiencing sudden overcrowding. Because of our loyal supporters, the Animal Refuge Center was able to welcome 11 dogs and 15 cats from the Carolinas. Volunteers from Brother Wolf traveled the nearly 800 miles to deliver these creatures to our doorstep. From there, we formed an assembly line to examine all the animals, booster vaccinations, perform any needed diagnostic testing, and further assess their needs. Many animals were quickly placed in foster homes, but some needed to be spayed or neutered, and others needed treatment for heartworm disease. At this time, there are still a handful of dogs and cats from the Carolinas that are eagerly awaiting adoption or fostering at the Animal Refuge Center. Stay tuned to our Facebook page for more updates on these special dogs and cats.

Adoption Accomplished!

A Home for Harley...

Harley defied all the stereotypes that make Pit Bulls a challenge to find homes for. This beautiful, loving, gentle girl was good with other dogs, children, cats, and all people. She had good manners and a calm demeanor. Yet she was overlooked for more than 300 days. After spending the day with Harley at the Southwest Florida Pet Rescue Festival, Board Trustee Laura Leinen was determined to find this sweet girl a home. She dressed Harley up in a variety of Halloween costumes and created a silly, but appealing, video campaign that was shared on Facebook. It was a success! The Dunsworth family that already shared their home with an ARC dog, Boowinkle, made Harley their newest addition. Harley will surely be enjoying her very own home this holiday season. If you are interested in adopting a terrific dog or cat, please contact ARC and we will pair you up with your perfect match!





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ARC's 21st Starlight Auction

Presented by Arthrex Inc.

The Night Sparkled While Orphaned Pets Shined

Sanibel Harbour Marriott Resort & Spa's ballroom lit up with excitement as it filled with hundreds of guests and reigning Miss Florida beauty queens! Rob Spicker (WINK) began the evening by expressing gratitude to Presenting Sponsor Arthrex Inc. and to our Gold sponsors; Bonney Leckie – Century 21 Selling Paradise, Chiquita Animal Hospital, Coral Veterinary Clinic, Gulf Coast Coin & Jewelry Brokers, Sanibel Harbour Marriott Resort & Spa and Specialized Veterinary Services.

Auctioneer Bruce Scott and his wife Karen proceeded to launch the evening into the stratosphere with a rapid fire, quick cadence live auction chant. This year Baby Girl, a severely neglected chocolate lab, took the stage rehabilitated and represented the depth of commitment ARC has for "Building Brighter Beginnings."

Known state-wide as a special combination of shelter & sanctuary, guests raised just over \$240,000 to help ARC stay that way. As ARC's mascot Lily would say; the evening was "purrfect." Words cannot adequately express our sincere appreciation for the continued support of our sponsors, area businesses and auction attendees for their incredible outpouring of generosity. We pledge to continue our critical work in 2016 to change lives for the better!



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1. The ballroom looked beautiful, as always.
2. Our lovely models for the evening.
3. Board Trustees Wayne & Laura Leinen with our canine Guest of Honor, Baby Girl!
4. Some of the many devoted ARC volunteers that helped to make the night a success.