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We're Good Pets, So How Did We End Up in a Shelter?

When some people visit shelters there seems to be implications that we did something wrong which caused our Guardians to no longer consider us a part of the family. But the reality is that most of the time pets like us are given away through no fault of our own. You might be surprised at the top five reason pets are surrendered or abandoned which are:

- 1) The family was moving to a location that didn't allow pets.
- 2) There was a change in the family (new baby, divorce, death, etc.).
- 3) The family didn't have enough time to spend with the pet.
- 4) They were unable to afford the cost of care.
- 5) They had too many animals already (usually unexpected litters or stray animals).

Most of these reasons can be avoided with better planning or with backup plans in place which provide a safety net under one's pet. In any case none of these reasons are the pets' fault and none of these reasons should label a pet as "bad."

Life's road for unwanted pets can be a rocky one and fraught with dangers. But the road that leads to ARC can be life changing! So how does one get on that road? ARC intakes pets through direct owner inquires or through transfers from other shelters. By law, ARC (and other private shelters) cannot intake strays. The central location for these lost or abandoned pets is Lee County Domestic Animal Services. There they will be scanned for a micro-chip and reunited with their owners. If not claimed they will be placed for adoption or, in the case of over-crowding, neo-natal, behavioral or medical cases, LCDAS will reach out weekly to private shelters like ARC to pull. ARC partners across five counties to help pets in need and in the case of natural disasters will reach out across state lines.

Shelter pets like me should get a second chance at a happy home. If you think your home can offer a lifelong commitment then please come to ARC and take home one of my friends! Oh, and don't worry about me. I just got my forever home!

Woof woof.....Bernie



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Canned Food
Dry Food
Temptation Treats

Dogs Wish List
Biscuits & Treats
Nulo Canned & Diamond Dry
6' standard leashes

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 washers, dryers, and pressure washers. We can also always use NEW air conditioners/heaters for our residents' housing. Please contact us for model # details!



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 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.

ARC's General Membership Meetings are held annually on the 3rd Tuesday of both June and December at 6:30pm. Meetings are held at:
 Home-Tech, 6400 Techster Blvd, Fort Myers, FL 33966

The Heat is ON!

Summer came early and intense this year, so let's go over some impacts on your pet. The short spurt into the store and leaving Fido in the back seat of a closed car is over! While this is never a good practice it is downright life-threatening until Florida cools down (Dec. if we are lucky).

It is also important to remember the hot pavement rule. If you can't leave the back of your hand on the pavement for 7 seconds it is too hot for dog paws. Veterinarians see a huge influx of dogs with scorched pads in summer. Please keep walks on the grass and do this in the early morning or early evening. For mid-day outings let Fido do any "business" in the backyard!

Learn the signs of heatstroke and how you can cool your pet down in an emergency. Shade and a constant source of fresh water helps avoid serious overheating. It's summer. Kick back and relax and let your dog do the same!



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 And make a difference in the life of a
SHELTER PET!

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Gifts of Love



All gifts to ARC "In Honor" or "In Memory" of a person or an animal are gratefully accepted. Send contributions to ARC, PO Box 62605, Fort Myers, FL 33906. Your listing will be featured in our next issue. Please accept our apologies & 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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Elderly Pets in Need

Life at a Shelter Does Not Have to Be a Permanent Situation. Pets come to ARC for all sorts of reasons and we are proud to be there for them. But, every senior dog or cat deserves to live their final years in a loving home. Won't you consider giving pets like Trixie or Vaya a gift of joy in their sunset years?

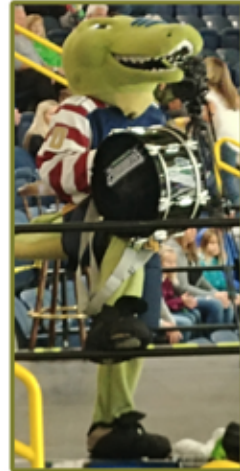


Skating for the Win!

Our beloved Florida Everblades hosted Nickelodeon Night in April for the benefit of ARC! The autographed PAW Patrol specialty jerseys from the weekend game were auctioned online via the DASH Auction app and resulted in gross proceeds raised of \$22,100.



ARC is overwhelmed by the success of the online team jersey auction and the proceeds will provide much needed funds for ARC to continue intaking abandoned pets and pulling special needs cases from area shelters that cannot accommodate them. Congratulations to the Everblades organization, for their successful 'think outside the box' online approach to this fabulous fundraiser!"



"We are grateful to have been able to raise this much money to donate to ARC through our PAW Patrol jersey auction this past weekend," stated Chris Palin, Everblades Executive Vice President of Business Development. "ARC continues to do incredible work for our local pets and families. We are so thankful for our dedicated fans and DASH auction to be able to raise this much money for ARC."

The Everblades followed up this success with clinching the ECHL Brabham trophy. ARC will once again be a sponsor of the 2021-2022 season. We will be there rooting for them to capture the Kelly cup this time around. **GO BLADES!**



Dog Lodge Facelift!

It's puppy season and ARC needs two lodges! Over twenty years of Mother Natures' harshness and dogs getting into mischief has reduced several of our original lodges to past usefulness. Dogs deserve accommodations that are intact, easy to clean and safe! Puppies, in particular, need pristine surfaces and no sharp edges or corners. Each lodge is air-conditioned, heated and has a doggie door leading out to a porch that can be used for lounging. Each lodge has its own yard and shaded area.



We have a generous anonymous donor who will match up to \$7,000 donated towards construction of two lodges. This is a great opportunity to maximize your donation earmarked "dog lodge project". We have others that are on their last legs as well but two is a start!

Please mark your donation envelope (or online donation) "Dog Lodge Project" so it is doubled! Our present and future canines thank you!



Construction Picking Up Speed!

Frustration is finally giving way to progress! It's not easy to build things under the cloud of a pandemic and the world-wide shortage of materials and people. However, patience and persistence has **FINALLY** paid off. The log jam has been busted and its full steam ahead.



We now have cinder block walls up on our new Sharon Bodenhafer Critter Clinic and are eager to see the roof truss get added and inner walls appear. Since we started sooner on the cat side, we are now working on final interior walls of the two inner cat pods and screening on the outer wraparound porches. We can't wait for each of these projects to be "open for business" and start treating and saving lives in need. It's going to happen as we can see that light at the end of both tunnels!



♥ Bentley's Dreams Come True

When this precious Yorkie came to ARC, we had high hopes he might regain the use of his rear legs. While some progress was made regarding flexibility and standing, Bentley never regained motor ability. However, this did not prevent Bentley's happy ending!

Under the foster care of Jean Laack, Bentley was able to: gain weight, heal his skin from dragging himself on harsh surfaces, and learn to give and accept love! Soon he graduated to a "foster to adopt" home with Kim & Earl Richtmyre. Bentley fit right in with their two Yorkies, Taz & Stella, and soon they were the three Musketeers. All for one and one for all!

Bentley is now enjoying a life of travel, boating and most of all, unconditional love. ARC is honored to have been able to put him on a path towards happiness and is so very grateful to Jean, Kim and Earl for making this journey complete.



Casino Night Was a Royal Flush!

Over one hundred and twenty-five guests came out to support ARC at its 8th Casino Royale event. Guests had their pick of Texas Hold'em, Blackjack or Craps in which to bet their money and win raffle tickets for over twenty items. The Hyatt Coconut Point put out a delicious buffet complete with a pasta station that offered individually ordered entrees.

Rounding out the evening was a live auction with items donated by the Cattysack Café, Dunkin Diamonds, Lisa Ehrlich, Betty Hughes, Hyatt Coconut Point, Wayne Leinen Jr., Prime-time Events, Pam & Ken Relyea, The Cedar Chest Fine Jewelry and Zulu Nyala.



ARC would also like to thank the following sponsors who helped make this the most successful Casino night ever:

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Rain Often Brings On "Ringworm" Season

Ringworm is often a death sentence for kittens at municipal shelters that typically do not have the staff or available space to provide the inexpensive but labor-intensive treatment necessary to cure this highly contagious skin disease. Though people and other animals may become infected with the fungus, it predominately affects stray kittens. So, when five kittens (four boys and one girl) just months old were surrendered to Lee County Domestic Animal Services (LCDAS), suffering areas of hair loss with scaly skin, open sores, and scabs, their future was grim. The situation had been made worse by the owner's attempt to treat the skin condition with a home remedy prior to surrender. The kittens' whiskers had fallen out along with much of their hair. Yikes, what to do?

Enter ARC. "As a Pet Rescue Partner of LCDAS, ARC was contacted and asked to pull these babies and begin their rehabilitation. Having an open kitten intake cottage, ARC was able to say YES! The kittens were transported to ARC and examined by our dedicated medical team. The diagnosis was confirmed, ringworm. But have no fear, the kittens began treatment immediately which entailed three weeks of twice weekly Lime Sulfur dips and oral and topical medication administered by ARC's excellent cat staff. Until cured, the kittens who were named, Anthony Fauci, Thomas Edison, Albert Einstein, Madame Curie, and Jonas Salk, were kept in quarantine. After only a week, their condition greatly improved, and their hair was already growing back.

You are thinking what a wonderful success story? And it is. But this is just one of the many success stories that happen at ARC everyday thanks to our staff, volunteers, and most importantly our donors whose contributions allow ARC to make these success stories happen.

Can this story get even better? Absolutely. Three of the five kittens have since been adopted!
Lisa Ehrlich – Board Secretary

BEFORE



AFTER



**THE HAPPY~HEALTHY
FIVE AT ARC!**

