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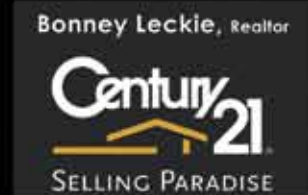
**Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup> 2021**  
 7pm-11pm



**A Bond Themed Gala To Support The Animal Refuge Center**  
 Hosted at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort & Spa  
 Tickets Include buffet and \$2000 in gaming play money

**Sponsorship Opportunities**

- Royale Title Sponsor: \$3,500 (SOLD)
- 007<sup>™</sup> Sponsor: \$2,500
- License to No-Kill Sponsor: \$1,000
- Diamonds Are Forever Sponsor: \$500
- The Dog Who Loved Me Sponsor: \$200
- Additional tickets: \$75.



For More Information Contact  
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**Membership Application**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

New Member \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_

- \$25 Friend
- \$50 Supporter
- \$150 Patron
- \$ 500 Sustaining
- \$1,000 Krieger Leadership Society
- \$5,000 Guardian
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

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|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Cats Wish List</b> | <b>Dogs Wish List</b>     |
| Canned Food           | Biscuits & Treats         |
| Dry Food              | Nulo Canned & Diamond Dry |
| Temptation Treats     | 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!



Your purchases, made through Amazon Smile, can help support ARC. Simply shop on Amazon Smile (instead of Amazon) and select the Animal Refuge Center as your charity to support. A percentage of your purchase will be sent to ARC through the Amazon Smile Foundation!

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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.

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

## Special Thanks to Local Businesses

ARC is so fortunate to have received some extra support in 2020 in the form of grants. Gifts from local businesses can come as surprise blessings for which we are so grateful. Please show your appreciation for their generosity by thinking of them when you do business locally!

O'Brien Auto Park selected ARC for its 2020 winter Share the Love campaign. The Cape Coral Community Foundation provided a grant to our COVID-19 recovery efforts. Keepsakers Ornament Club presented us with Starlight Auction items and a sponsorship boost!



**BECOME A VOLUNTEER TODAY**  
 And make a difference in the life of a  
**SHELTER PET!**  
 Details available at [www.AnimalRefugeCenter.com/become-a-volunteer/](http://www.AnimalRefugeCenter.com/become-a-volunteer/)



## 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.

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

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

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

**Memorials for People:**  
 Janice Driefer & Charlie  
 Mary Lee Goodwin  
 Janine Leduc  
 Rebecca Lipsie  
 Audna Niemczyk  
 Cinbdy Saunders  
 Patricia Singleton  
 Edie Yelland

**From:**  
 Debra LaPointe  
 Elaine Jett  
 Todd Adams  
 Mark & Jane McKenzie  
 Martha Hammond  
 Rose Marie & Don Caskey  
 Philip Jansen  
 Mary Teeple

**Memorials for Pets:**  
 Bailey  
 Bailey  
 Chance  
 Fritz  
 Fritzi & Jozi  
 Rocky  
 Simon

**From:**  
 Eileen & Steven Smith  
 Eileen Severs  
 Nancy Bailey  
 Libby Brasfield  
 Ruth Rowan & Fran Rossadivito  
 Rose Marie & Don Caskey  
 Harriette O'Brien

**People Honors:**  
 Claudette Mayer  
 Emily Merritt  
 Emily Merritt

**From:**  
 Linda Stanford  
 Lisa Pisiak  
 All Her Facebook Friends!

**Pets Honors:**  
 Juju  
 Lily  
 Lily  
 Lily  
 Reagan  
 Roley

**From:**  
 Diana Burkett  
 Foster Mum  
 Stumpie Cat  
 All Her Facebook Fans!  
 Leslie Conner  
 Toomey Law Firm



## Thank You to Our New and Renewing Members

**FRIEND:**

Nancy Axelrod  
 Nancy Bailey  
 Aloma Barnes  
 Kathleen Boynton  
 Charlotte Brejc  
 Stephen Chupack  
 Nancy Colby  
 Margaret Crockett  
 Sharon Daumer  
 Estelle Harrington  
 George Hopgood  
 Charlene Sanders  
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 Joan Thompson  
 Cheryl Williams

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 Anne Ingalls  
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 Karen & Charles Young

**KRIEGER LEADERSHIP SOCIETY:**  
 Paul & Julie Ben-Susan  
 Brenda & Howard Sheridan  
 Thomas & Tamea Sutphen

**GUARDIAN:**  
 AJ & Lynda Scribante

## SISTERS NEED A BREAK!

ARC pulled these two girls from a shelter when they were "out of time." Elsa has beautiful green eyes and Snow White has one blue and one green eye. This is caused by a rare genetic trait called Heterochromia and occurs in less than 1% of the feline population.

Because Elsa is deaf and very bonded with Snow White, we are offering a BOGO! Their recent adoption did not work out due to the resident kitty not accepting them, so after two weeks they were returned. Might you be one with more patience and willingness to offer them love?



Elsa

Snow White

## Light up the Night with Lights of Love

December is a wonderful time of year to remember pets we have cherished and to honor pets that still currently share our homes. Whether they light up our hearts or light up our lives, pets mean so much to us.

So, at Lights of Love, ARC celebrates pets remembered by illuminating a tree of white lights and we honor pets still with us by illuminating a tree of colored lights. During the ceremony we recite the Rainbow Bridge poem to "thank" the pets that were once by our sides. But we also celebrate the pets that heal our hearts by currently loving us!

Thanks to our supporters, we celebrated seven hundred pets at this ceremony that included dogs, cats, horses, birds and yes, rabbits! May the love your pets gave you, and give you still, keep your hearts full all year.



## A MEDICAL FOSTER STORY

When my husband, Ted, and I decided to foster for ARC, we figured it would be another one of the many ways we could support the shelter. Homing and caring for overflow cats and dogs until space is available onsite is certainly necessary. It was fun and the fosters soon fit in nicely with our menagerie of 2 big dogs, 2 older cats and a kitten. What we did not expect was the added joy our fosters brought to our lives. It was always hard for us to let go, but through our goodbye tears we would tell ourselves that we needed to make room for more.

So, as is typical, a friend of a friend texted me saying: "I found a Mom and 2 newborn kittens. I have been feeding them but cannot keep them. Can you help?" My answer, "Of course, where do I pick them up?" So begins the saga of Sandy, one of the newborns. Mom, Shelly, and sister, Salty, were readied for adoption after a few months. But Sandy struggled from day one. He failed to meet the same developmental milestones as his sister, i.e., slow to wean (I had to bottle feed for a short time), poor appetite, and lacked muscle development. He began to display an odd head tilt and had an unsteady gait. He survived, but what was wrong with Sandy?

It turns out that Sandy has a very rare disease called osteomyelitis. Simply put, an infection in his bones. Swelling and calcification in his tail, hocks, and jaw were identified at the ARC treatment center leading to the diagnosis. X-rays helped confirmed the diagnosis. A regimen of antibiotics and special food to help boost Sandy's weight, were ordered. Home care was needed. Were Ted and I ready for this added responsibility? Absolutely!

Last summer, we fostered, Oso, an owner-surrender dog with a broken leg. Ted and I worked every day to help get Oso healthy again and, once adoption ready, Oso quickly found his forever home. We are now committed to fostering Sandy through this very difficult time, and right now, it is still touch and go. We never thought that fostering could be even more rewarding but fostering these medical special needs pets has brought even more joy and fulfillment into our lives.

Hyperion, a young, very friendly, sweet natured German Shepherd, remains at ARC while a medical foster is found. Hyperion has a subaortic stenosis, a heart condition that will significantly shorten his life span. Symptoms are manageable and treatable to some extent but ultimately, the condition will result in an untimely death. The required semi-annual echocardiograms are costly for some, so that's why ARC is looking for a medical foster.

Maybe someone reading this will consider fostering Hyperion? How about adding some extra joy into your life? Consider fostering a medical special needs cat or dog by applying on our web-site under "get involved." It is so worth it.  
Lisa Ehrlich – Board Secretary



## Animal Refuge Center's 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Purses for Pooches

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

**Purses for Pooches is temporarily postponed this year.**

We are still collecting purses for this event. Please help the animals at ARC by cleaning out your closets and donating your previously loved designer purses & scarves.

### Drop off Locations



18011 Old Bayshore Road  
North Fort Myers, FL, 33917



6400 Techster Boulevard  
Fort Myers, Florida 33966



### Sponsorships available

Presenting Sponsor \$2,500

Catwalk Sponsor \$1,500

Puparazzi Sponsor \$750

Canine Couture \$500

The Cats Meow \$250

Individual Tickets \$45

For more information  
contact **Betty Hughes**  
**239-841-0810**

## Ups and Downs at ARC

We are thrilled to watch the new 4,000 sq. foot cat building going up. Construction continues to gain speed and considering we are close to kitten season it can't come fast enough.

We have more BIG news. Demolition of the Gable Village is complete which makes way for a new medical treatment Center to go up! Big machinery made short work of tearing down a 5,000 sq ft building and grading the land for a new slab! The Sharon Bodenhafer Critter Clinic will be a state-of-the-art facility to tend to the medical needs of our residents.

Excitement and gratitude does not begin to describe our feelings for both of these projects.



## ARC "Skates" for the Everblades Again!

For the third year ARC will be a sponsor of a specialty team jersey auction night. This year we have selected the "Paws Patrol" game on April 17th. An added bonus is you can bid on actual team jerseys, designed for ARC, online on the DASH ap! This auction goes live, on the DASH ap and DASH web-site, Wednesday April 14th through April 17th.

Want to attend in person and root the blades towards victory? Tickets can be purchased on our web-site with proceeds going to ARC. We only have 50 tickets at this amazing price so grab them early! <http://animalrefugecenter.com/all-upcoming-events>



## Our Best Friends Deserve Better Plans

Membership in The Legacy of Hope Club is a program that helps pet guardians place a safety net under their pet's care in the event they can no longer do so. Plans are tailored for cat and /or dog care and based on accommodations that your pet needs to live the rest of their lives in comfort and safety.

The Legacy of Hope Club is also our way to recognize people who have made a lasting gift through a will, estate plan, life insurance or other deferred gift to the Animal Refuge Center. Please contact Betty Hughes at 239-841-0810 or email [bettyhughes@comcast.net](mailto:bettyhughes@comcast.net) to discuss how you can make a lasting gift to our shelter/sanctuary. Your estate planning can ensure ARC is there, in the future, for thousands of pets in need, including your own!

## When Saying Good-Bye is Beyond Hard

How do you say good-bye to a life well lived and lived fully? With deep affection and respect. "Just as ripples spread out when a single pebble is dropped into water, the actions of individuals can have far-reaching effects."-Dalai Lama.

Lee Allor created more than ripples. Lee created a tsunami as Board President for the majority of his tenure with ARC. Two-character qualities served Lee well at work, at home and at ARC. The ability to be a teacher/mentor, a deep connection to family and God, and his deep love for animals came into play at everything Lee took on.

Lee's ability to unite others into a cohesive team elevated him to District Manager of Royal Canin with a territory that stretched from Tampa to Marco Island. He always taught the people reporting to him that the key to success was "to be the first one at work and the last one to go home". This belief also served ARC well because when Lee wasn't working, he was "working" on ways to help ARC. Whether it was related to expansion plans or dietary needs of abandoned and abused pets, Lee was always "on the job."

When disasters struck Lee had the ability to unite area Veterinarians and Vet Technicians to assist ARC with mass intakes. His reach stretched further than SW Florida. It reached across state lines and so many pets in need owe their chance at a future filled with love and care to Lee.

The entire ARC family, readership and supporters extends their heartfelt sympathy to Lee's wife of 51 years, Janet, and his daughter Susan. Thank you for sharing him with us for nineteen years.

