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Freya: A Heartwarming Tale

This year at the Starlight Auction (see centerfold), the lovely Freya was our Canine Guest of Honor. Freya came to us by way of St. Landry Parish, Louisiana. The animal control in St. Landry called upon ARC to assist in the care of this truly deserving case. Freya was underweight, heartworm positive, and nursing 8 large puppies. Heartworm disease requires a lengthy and expensive treatment, and many animal shelters are not able to provide this level of care. Thanks to our generous supporters, ARC is able to treat a dozen or more dogs for this potentially fatal infection every year. Freya's 8 adorable puppies were fully vetted-spayed/neutered, microchipped, fully vaccinated, dewormed, and started with basic training. All of her puppies found excellent homes and are thriving.

After the puppies were placed in loving homes, it was time for Freya to go through heartworm treatment. She spent many months in activity restriction. Freya may have even been a little bit spoiled, because she spent much of that time curled up on a giant dog bed in the clinic office with Certified Veterinary Technician, Amanda Hosny. Now free of heartworm disease, Freya was unveiled at the Starlight Auction as finally being available for adoption.

Animal Refuge Center, Inc.
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- \$25 Friend
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Cats Wish List
 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 conditioner/heaters for our residents' housing. Please contact us for model # details!

Off Site Adoption Centers

Cats are available for adoption every Saturday and Sunday from 11-3 at the PetSmart at the Northpoint Shopping Center, 1819 NE Pine Island Rd, Cape Coral.

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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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

Upcoming Events...

4th Annual Purses for Pooches
 March 3, 2018, 12 p.m.-3 p.m.
 at the
Fiddlesticks Country Club
Lunch • Silent Auction • Purse Fashion Show • Live Auction • Giveaways

Help the animals at ARC by cleaning out your closets and donating your previously loved designer purses.

Please drop off your donations at:

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 3409 Del Prado Blvd., S. Ste. 103
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For more information contact **Betty Hughes** at **239-841-0810**
Sponsorships available

4th Annual
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Details available at www.animalrefugecenter.com ...

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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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Mark Your Calendar: Charitable Giving & Estate Planning Workshop

Would you like to know the 2018 tax implications of charitable giving related to estate planning? Have you ever wondered how to designate a charity such as ARC in your will or trust? Do you have questions regarding the tax consequences of charitable giving upon death? Did you know you may be entitled to a present charitable deduction under some forms of charitable giving?

If so, join us on Saturday, February 24, 2018 from 10:00 – 11:00 am at the new ARC Adoption Center (18011 Old Bayshore Road, North Fort Myers) for a workshop on estate planning and charitable giving by probate attorney Elizabeth Bentley. Topics to be covered include charitable remainder trusts, gifts to charity for those who have a taxable estate, gifting at death via a will or trust, and gifting through a Durable Power of Attorney. All attendees will be encouraged to participate in a brief tour the Animal Refuge Center following the workshop. Refreshments will be provided. Cost: a suggested tax deductible donation to ARC of \$25 is encouraged. Register to attend by February 16 by calling Betty Hughes at (239) 841-0810.

Elizabeth Bentley is an associate attorney with the law firm of Patrone & Kemp in Fort Myers, and has been licensed to practice for seven years. Her areas of specialty are probate, estate planning, guardianship, and trusts. She graduated from the Florida Coastal School of Law with a Juris Doctorate, and also has a Bachelor of Science Degree in International Studies (cum laude) from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.



Our Best Friends Deserve Better Plans

Many people name the Animal Refuge Center in their estate plan and never let us acknowledge their invaluable support. If you have named us as a beneficiary, we hope you will share this with us. We feel strongly about expressing our gratitude and would be honored to welcome you to **The Legacy of Hope Club**.

Membership in **The Legacy of Hope Club** is open to anyone who has made a lasting gift through a will, estate plan, life-income or other deferred gift to the Animal Refuge Center. It is our way of recognizing such a thoughtful gift.

Your lasting gift to our sanctuary will provide a future filled with hope to thousands of orphaned pets that come to us for refuge or a safe haven for your own cat(s) or dog(s). We welcome the opportunity to talk with you about how to include the Animal Refuge Center in your will or estate plan.

Please contact us at (239) 841-0810 or e-mail bettyhughes@comcast.net.



Above & Beyond: A Season of Generosity for ARC



Our first huge thank you goes to Neida Carvalho, owner of Davidson Irrigation. Neida became aware of ARC through the local Chamber of Commerce. After learning more about us, she came out to visit and take a tour of our beautiful shelter, including our brand new *Brighter Beginnings Adoption Center*.

Neida apparently liked what she saw, because she made the very generous offer to donate both outdoor irrigation and outdoor lighting for the new center! The beautiful landscaping we put in will now thrive, and our new facility is even more beautiful, and now safer to visit during evening hours.

Thank you Neida and Davidson Irrigation!

Our second thank you goes to Sandy Knapp! Sandy is a local animal lover, a realtor, and also works three days a week behind the bar at the beautiful *Lani Kai Island Resort* on Fort Myers Beach. Sandy had also adopted a beautiful kitty from ARC back in March that she named Purrry. For the 5th year in a row, Sandy had decided to raise funds for ARC by donating all of her tips from working the bar on Thanksgiving day. Not only that, but she secured items to raffle off, as well as matching funds from two friends, to increase the money raised!

Sandy worked VERY hard that day, raising two thousand dollars for the residents of ARC! We are so very thankful for her love of animals and her generosity. Of course, we are also very grateful that she has giving one of our residents a wonderful home.

Thank you Sandy Knapp!



The Animal Refuge Center is always extremely grateful for the generosity of people like Neida and Sandy. Do you have an idea for a way that you or your business can make an impact at our shelter?

Please feel free to call or email ARC's Executive Director, Wayne Leinen:

(239) 233-4375 dep_rep@msn.com



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ARC's 23rd Starlight Auction A Magical Evening for All...

For many, the Saturday after Thanksgiving is traditionally spent at Sanibel Harbour Marriott Resort & Spa celebrating ARC's 2017 successes, and laying the foundation for 2018. Board Trustee, Rob Spicker, welcomed the sold-out crowd and recognized the generous support of this year's sponsors. Our Gold Level Sponsors: Bonney Leckie – Century 21 Selling Paradise, Chiquita Animal Hospital, Mr. Chuck Bodenhafer, Coral Veterinary Clinic, Gulf Coast Coin & Jewelry Brokers and Sanibel Harbour Marriott Resort & Spa, lead fifty-six other sponsors in raising funds to further ARC's mission.

These companies & individuals recognize the positive impact ARC has on pets in need. Their support provides a place that gives abandoned pets a brighter future and the opportunity to live a life filled with love. This year, Freya took center stage as an example of the many neglected or abandoned pets that find a brighter future at ARC. Freya came to us malnourished, battling heartworm disease and trying to sustain 8 puppies! Events such as the Starlight Auction help to provide dogs like Freya exceptional medical care. This resulted in all puppies surviving and being adopted, and eradicating Freya's heartworms. Her wish now? A home for the holidays.

Guests were treated to an inspiring performance by renown jazz violinist, Doug Cameron, his sons Alex and Sean, and his sister Cameron on cello. Guests showed their delight and appreciation with a rousing standing ovation. This talented family made the Starlight auction extra special!

The highly anticipated live auction was launched by Auctioneer Mike Joyce and he soon had everyone raising their bidder cards high and often! After all, as he joyfully reminded us, it's all for the animals! Known state-wide as a special combination of shelter & sanctuary, sponsors and guests raised over \$146,000 to help ARC stay that way. Words cannot adequately express our sincere appreciation for this incredible outpouring of generosity. ARC looks forward to saving many more lives in 2018!

