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October is National Adopt-a-Dog Month!

October is National Adopt A Dog month, and ARC is celebrating with an adoption promotion! All month, the adoption fees for dogs and puppies are reduced to just \$50. This low fee includes all routine vaccinations appropriate for their age, heartworm testing, deworming, spay or neuter, and a microchip.

Reasons to adopt a dog:

- 1.) Dog owners are healthier! Dog owners have lower blood pressure, children raised with dogs have less allergies, and dog owners suffer from lower rates of depression.
- 2.) Dog owners have a better sense of humor! Who doesn't laugh when their dog tries to catch it's own shadow?
- 3.) Dog owners have more fun! Trips to the park, dog beach, and long rounds of playing fetch with your best friend . . . the fun times never stop when you share your life with a dog.

The Animal Refuge Center has almost 50 wonderful dogs available for adoption!
 Never owned a dog before? Check out our article, *Choosing the Right Pet for Your Home*, in this issue!



Animal Refuge Center, Inc.
 P.O. Box 6642
 Fort Myers, FL 33911

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City _____ State _____ Zip _____

New Member _____ Renewal _____

\$25 Friend
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 Canned Food
 Dry Food
 Temptation Treats

Dogs Wish List
 Biscuits & Treats
 Pedigree dry & Canned food
 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 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 Volunteer Coordinator, Amy Sera, at vcarc@animalrefugecenter.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 Board Candidate Nominations

ARC is pleased to present the following candidates who have applied for positions as Board Trustees. ARC members will vote to approve these candidates on Oct 20, 2015 at 6:30pm at Home-Tech, 6400 Techster Ave, Fort Myers FL.

A brief description of their qualifications follows:

Casey Erny: As an avid ARC volunteer for eleven years, Casey has an in depth view of our volunteer program and is eager to assist with its expansion. Casey also teaches at Lehigh Acres Middle School and can help expand ARC's focus at increasing volunteerism at schools and universities. Her perspective as a volunteer will help to identify opportunities to help make volunteering at ARC even more rewarding than it currently is!

Rob Spicker: As morning news anchor for WINK, Rob is looking forward to utilizing his broad networking skills to further ARC's mission. Through his public relations and media experience, Rob can enhance our presence in the community and introduce ARC to an even broader base of people and businesses. Rob and his family were introduced to ARC through our Junior Ambassadors Program, so that is also an area he has interest in.

Kathy Totterdale: Over twenty years of corporate management experience in the banking/financial world has armed Kathy with a variety of skills that will benefit ARC. Kathy is also an avid volunteer. She is looking forward to adding her expertise to events, grants and public speaking, in addition to maintaining her relationship with our canine population.

Purses for Pooches

Coming January 2016 at the Bell Tower Shops

Lunch • Silent Auction • Purse Fashion Show • Live auction • Giveaways
and much, much more!

Help the animals at ARC by cleaning out your closets and donating your gently used designer purses.

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.

Look for your invitation to this fun event soon.

For more information contact Betty Hughes 239-841-0810
Animalrefugecenter.com

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

18011 Old Bayshore Road
 North Fort Myers, FL, 33917
 239-731-3535

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 Fort Myers, Florida 33966
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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 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:

Memorials for Pets:

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 Annie
 Bella
 Billy Jo
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 Phoenix
 Phoenix

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 Anonymous
 Tom & Pat McGough
 Marilyn Latch

From:

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 Connie Hook & Evy
 Hummon
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Thank You to Our New and Renewing Members

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 Roselyn Bowers
 Carmen Deleon
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 Marlene Gray
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 Shirley Felkner
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Don't Delay ~ Order Your 2016 ARC Pet Calendar Today!

ARC's 6th Annual Pet Calendar online auction was a rousing success! We offered the cover and twelve individual months to our Facebook fans for their bidding pleasure. Some bidders won a month for each of their pets! Others won a month for a combo pet photo portrait. Two months were won but donated back to ARC to highlight a pet of their choice.



After six weeks of bidding the winners were determined! Gracing the cover of our 2016 calendar is none other than ARC's charming mascot, Lily.

Our monthly winners, starting with January, are: Sparkle & Fern, Lily, Gracie & Jerry / Nala and Cagney, Gracie, Angus, Milo, Hector, Isabelle & Libby, Dixie Belle, Phoenix, Cooper & Baylee, and last but certainly not least, Stumpie & Little Bob.

Congratulations winners and special thanks to Barbara Van Orman for donating Lily's birthday month of February to her and Elaine Gierut for donating her month of September to ARC canine Dixie Belle!

100% of the proceeds of this year's calendar goes towards the care of over one thousand cats and dogs that come to ARC or get adopted each year. The calendars are \$10.00 each (\$9.43 plus \$.57 tax). If you buy 9 you will receive 1 free, buy 25 and get a 25% discount. They can be purchased at ARC, the 2015 Starlight Auction (Nov 28), 2015 Lights of Love (Dec 18), 2016 Purses for Pooches (Jan 23) and 2016 Casino Night (Feb 27) or anywhere an ARC representative is present. You can contact any ARC Board member for one of these keepsakes or simply email Bettyhughes@comcast.net for delivery/pickup details and quantity discounts or call 239-841-0810.

We would like to give our sincerest thanks to all the businesses that advertised in this year's calendar. We truly value your participation and encourage our fans to patronize your businesses in a show of support. Lastly we want to thank SandBar Photography and Arthur Printing, without whom this project would not be possible. Once again you both have done an amazing job!

Adoption Accomplished!

Worth the Wait... A Home for Nu-Bie

The very lovely "Nu-Bie" was found tied to the main gate at ARC in May of 2012. She was understandably afraid, confused, cold, and abandoned. Sadly, she was far from the first ARC resident to be found this way. We took her in, fed her, and treated her medically. Most importantly, we taught her how to trust again, and gave her love. Nu-Bie was a very sweet girl. She loved to go for walks with her favorite staff members and volunteers. She was affectionate, smart, and loved attention. For whatever reason, she was often overlooked by potential adopters.

But finally, 1106 days after coming to ARC, Nu-Bie has found her forever home!

Her wonderfully kind adopter, Bob Trosher, says,

"I can't believe I got a dog like her! We're buddies. She is doing fine! She's a wonderful dog, (and I) wouldn't sell or give her up for a million dollars."

We're so happy for you, Nu-Bie!



Choosing the Right Pet for Your Home

By Laura Braun, DVM

As a veterinarian, I frequently have clients ask for advice on selecting their next family pet. Choosing a pet that fits your lifestyle, home, and family is so important! While I never recommend "breed-profiling" or saying certain breeds of dogs all have the same characteristics, there are types of dogs better suited to specific environments. There are exceptions to every rule, of course. Mixed breed dogs have always been my favorite- they have unique characteristics and appearances but often maintain many of the traits of the breeds of which they are composed. Carefully considering what individual breeds were designed for can help guide your selection. The American Kennel Club recognizes 7 groups of dogs- the Toy Group, Hound Group, Sporting Group, Terrier Group, Working Group, Herding Group, and the Non-Sporting Group. The table below lists examples of dog breed for each of these groups, as well as some common traits and the types of homes each breed might be best suited for.

Group & Example Breeds	Traits	Best Home
Herding Group: Border Collies, Australian Shepherds, Cattle Dogs	Very intelligent, active and obedient. Easily bored.	These dogs thrive in a home where the family is home OFTEN. They love exercise and training.
Toy Group: Maltese, Cavalier King Charles Spaniel, Havanese	Love to spend time with their families. Great 'lap dogs'. May require frequent grooming. Travel well.	Best with families that are home frequently, or enjoy travelling with their pets.
Hound Group: Greyhounds, Salukis, Afghan, Beagles, Basset Hounds, Bloodhound	Great hunting dogs. Good natured. Like to bark and are known to dig. Good escape artists.	These dogs make great family pets. They love exercise and excel at training.
Sporting Group: Labrador & Golden Retrievers, English Setter, Springer Spaniel, Pointers	Very intelligent and active. They make great family pets if provided enough exercise.	Excellent with children These dogs love to swim and play fetch.
Terrier Group: Parson Russell, American Staffordshire, Schnauzer, West Highland White, Cairn	Tough, tenacious and energetic. Very intelligent, but can be stubborn. May be prone to barking.	For the right families that appreciate their antics, terriers can make great pets.
Working Group: Boxers, Doberman Pinschers, Great Danes, Mastiffs, Rottweilers	Usually large, and originally used as guard dogs. Very loyal to their families, but wary of strangers. Obedience classes and socialization encouraged.	If a potential family is willing to put in the work of socializing and training these dogs, they can make wonderful pets.
Non-Sporting Group: Poodle, English Bulldog, Dalmation	These diverse dogs are intelligent, beautiful, athletic, comical, and active.	The best homes for these dogs may vary widely.

Choosing a mixed breed dog or a purebred dog with characteristics that fit well with your lifestyle, family, and home will lead to greater harmony than selecting a dog with traits that are not complementary. Adopting a puppy or young dog can be wonderful, but often requires much more training, patience, and time than adopting an adult or older dog. Older dogs frequently require less exercise, which can make them a better choice for busier owners. The Animal Refuge Center has dogs of all ages, sizes, and breed mixes available for adoption. Our adoption staff would be thrilled to discuss your family's needs and make suggestions of dogs that will be well suited for your lifestyle.



21st Annual Starlight Auction

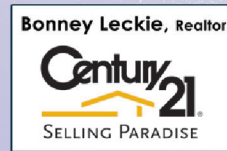


The night will sparkle while orphaned pets shine!

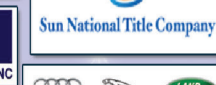
Join us in celebration of our 21st annual Starlight Auction by being a sponsor, by donating an item for our auction, or by attending our signature event. Your support makes a difference in the lives of over one thousand pets.

The Sanibel Harbour Marriott Resort and Spa will graciously host our 21st annual Starlight Auction at 6 PM, November 28, 2015. Let us gather together and cherish the success stories of last year, yet remain steadfast in our mission to help future pets in need. Tickets are \$75 each and include admission, dinner, dessert, and cocktail. Over two hundred sought after auction items will be offered for your bidding pleasure. These items include: South African Photo Safari trips, artwork by local talents, exquisite jewelry, fine wines, electronics, resort packages, high end restaurant gift certificates and much more.

Sponsorship opportunities are still available and offer high visibility on our web-site and Facebook pages. For more details on sponsor benefits please contact Betty Hughes at: (239) 841-0810 or BettyHughes@comcast.net



Call (239) 418-2826 for special room rates auction night.



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New Technology at Starlight Auction!

As we mentioned in our last Newsletter, ARC will be using BidPal technology for this year's Annual Starlight Auction for the Animals! BidPal is an extremely easy to use mobile bidding solution, and we believe it will revolutionize our premiere annual fundraising event!

What does this mean for you as an auction attendee?

Bid on items you're interested in from the comfort of your table! Enjoy your meal and company without those mad dashes back to the Silent Auction section to see if you've been outbid. Be instantly notified if you've been outbid!

No checkout line! When you register at the start of the night, we'll swipe your preferred credit card for payment. Once the event is over, you're automatically checked out! Just pick up your won items!

Keep an eye out on your email, our website, and our Facebook page! We'll be launching our new auction website in the next couple of weeks. From there, you'll be able to pre-register, browse some of our items, buy tickets, donate items, etc. Stay tuned!



Going the Extra Mile - Donald

You would never know it to see him today, but when Donald returned to ARC earlier this year, this charming fellow was having significant problems with lameness. Both of his rear legs were unstable due to torn cranial cruciate ligaments. This is an injury much like a torn ACL that human athletes suffer from.

Some smaller dogs with torn cruciate ligaments can do fairly well even without surgical repair, but Donald is a young large breed dog that would suffer from severe arthritis without surgery. Donald was skillfully evaluated at Specialized Veterinary Services by Dr. Jason Eisele. Dr. Eisele recommended that we stage Donald's surgery to repair one knee first and let him fully recover before proceeding with the other leg. Donald has had an extraordinary surgical recovery! He has been gradually getting longer walks to help rebuild his muscle and has handled physical therapy like a champ. Donald will have his second surgery this month, and once recovered from that, he will be available for adoption. It has been a lengthy process rehabilitating Donald, but we know he will enjoy the rest of his life running and playing pain-free with his future family.

Would you like to help with special cases like Donald? The Animal Refuge Center opens its doors to challenging cases with special medical needs like his frequently, but we cannot do this without help from the community. To donate to ARC's Special Medical Fund, please go to our website www.AnimalRefugeCenter.com and click on the Donate tab, and then select the Special Medical Fund. We truly appreciate your support of this program!

