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**Paul & Rosalie Walton**

**Saturday, July 1<sup>st</sup> 2023**

7pm-11pm

*Paul and Rosalie  
Walton*

**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**

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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 \_\_\_\_\_

**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 conditioners/heaters for our residents' housing. Please contact us for model # details!

Lily and ARC  
 Animal Refuge Center



Hurry and Follow us on Facebook!

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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



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## C.R.O.W. Returns to Sanibel!

Things are a tad quieter at ARC now and we will miss the chirps and caws of so many different birds and the squeaks of babies! Fond farewells are always bittersweet, but we know that C.R.O.W. is very excited to be back at their main facility on Sanibel Island! The dedication of their staff, while at ARC, and the coordination of tending to the needs of wildlife so far from the beaches has been an inspiration!

It was an honor to offer C.R.O.W temporary housing in these very difficult times. We will miss seeing different patients come in, get the treatment they need and be released back into the wild. But, as progress is being made by so many to recover from Ian, it is our hope that everyone impacted continues with their recoveries. May they all get to enjoy that warm homecoming sooner rather than later!



**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: ARC 18011 Old Bayshore Road, N. Ft Myers FL 33917**



## 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:

**People Honors:**

Paul Cloutier  
 Kurt & Marilyn Edwards  
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**From:**

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**Memorials for Pets:**

Cheeseburger  
 Lucy

**From:**

Cynthia Jacunski  
 Quinta West

**Pet Honors:**

Tom Banas Cat  
 Simon

**From:**

Rebecca Russ  
 Janet & James Varey

### Thank You to Our New and Renewing Members

**FRIEND:**

Lee Anderson  
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### Special Needs Pets



For some pets that come to ARC, their next home needs to be "extra special." Ludo is an 11-year-old Pittie who simply adores people and children. However, he does need to be the only pet as he has no use for other dogs or cats. Could you be that person who only wants and needs a single pet? Athena is a 5-year-old FIV positive female. She came to us as a fan-belt victim and needed some special skin grafts to bounce back from her poor choice of shelter! Her sweet nature makes her a perfect house pet.



## PURSES FOR POOCHES - A DOUBLE RECORD BREAKER !

This fun event just keeps getting bigger and better! Over one hundred attendees celebrated our 8th year and relished bidding on seventy purses and entering their raffle tickets for a dozen adorable prizes! Besides a record-breaking attendance of one hundred and five, these generous ladies raised a new income record of just over \$23,000 for the canines in ARC's care! Special ARC guest, Max, was very appreciative because he is a walking example of how surgical funds can give a dog a new lease on life!

We also extend a very special thanks to our Presenting Sponsor; Bonney Leckie - Century 21 Selling Paradise. In addition, we deeply thank fellow sponsors Kathy Totterdale, Peggy Gore, What2Wear Consignment, Storm Smart and Betty Hughes.

This event could not even take place without our very generous purse donors! Seventy, gently loved, purses will now continue to be cared for by very happy winners who raised their bidder cards high and often! **THANK YOU ALL!**



**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/)

*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!

## Adoptions Are Heating Up!

All your efforts, sharing ARC's Web-site and Facebook photos of available cats and dogs, has been so successful in showcasing our adorable cats and dogs. Please keep up the good work as our goal is always to find loving homes for our rescues. We all know spring is baby season which means we need higher adoptions in order to keep up with the new requests to save lives in need.

So please keep spreading the word "Adopt Don't Shop" so fur-babies like these can relish the love and companionship in a home of their own. ARC has a wide variety of one's "next best friend!"



# Bufo (Cane) Toad Poisoning

Bufo toads (also known as cane toads, marine toads, or giant toads) are brown to grayish-brown with black or white spots. Adult toads generally range in size from 6 to 9 inches, but may get larger. Yech! When confronted by a predator, a cane toad secretes a white toxin from the glands on the back of its head. **The secretions are highly toxic to dogs and cats!**

Bufo toads are most frequently seen at night and to avoid attracting toads to areas where pets are, do not leave pet food in open dishes outside. Dogs may bite or lick bufo toads, thus receiving a large dose of the toxins which are directly into the bloodstream. The poison contains cardiac and hallucinogenic toxins.

Symptoms occur within minutes, and can include foamy salivation, difficulty breathing, red-colored gums, staggering and stumbling, vomiting, convulsions or seizure activity, and irregular heartbeat. If the poisoning is left untreated, the death rate from Bufo toad poisoning is very high! There is no antidote for the bufo toad poison, so immediate first aid followed by treatment in the veterinary hospital is required to survive. Hospital treatment consists of intravenous fluids and medications to counteract the seizure activity and cardiac abnormalities.

### First Aid

If you think that your pet has encountered a bufo toad, immediately rinse out your pet's mouth with a soaking wet washcloth several times to remove any toxin from the mouth. Thoroughly wipe out the insides of the lips and cheeks, as well as the gums on the outside of the teeth. Do not use a hose to rinse the mouth as water can be accidentally inhaled into the lungs causing a life-threatening condition called "aspiration pneumonia." Proceed to the nearest veterinary clinic or emergency clinic, as the toxin acts quickly and time is of the essence. The smaller the pet or the larger the toad, the greater the risk of toxicity.

Protect your pets –  
Google humane ways to eliminate BOFO frogs in your yard.

Always wear gloves!

Article by  
Laura Braun-Leinen, D.V.M



# Seniors - Seriously Sweet

This should come as no surprise, because Seniors have had more time to hone their skill at showing affection to a family. Seniors also know how lucky they are to have a second chance at a warm and loving home for their mature years. They will repay that good fortune with higher levels of loyalty, discipline, and love. Won't you consider adopting a Senior who already knows how to adore you?



Zeus



Found

# Out and About Town

Thanks to an expanding volunteer program, that is attracting incredibly committed volunteers, you are probably seeing more and more of ARC out in the community. It has long been a goal for increase ARC's ability to seek out venues and meet and greet the public. Well, ARC is thrilled to be accepting more and more in-person invitations accompanied by dog or cat ambassadors! So, if you see us out and about, be sure to come up and say hi!



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