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## 29th ARC Annual Starlight Auction

If you attended last year, you will remember the amazing job Sanibel Harbour Marriott Resort & Spa did to recover from Ian in time for us! Well after this year's finishing touches, they are even more ready to WOW you with a fabulous evening on November 25th at 6 P.M. Lock in the date because this is hands down one of our area's premier events! Make it a weekend stay-cation!

As Title sponsors this year, David & Jennifer Nichols encourage you to bid high and bid often on over one hundred silent auction items and two dozen high end "must have" items! Come share heart-warming stories of rescue with us, meet our featured canine "Miracle" and dine on a sumptuous three course buffet.

We are already gathering items, gift certificates, resort trips, artwork, pet baskets, fine wine, electronics, outdoor gear and much more. As always, our jewelry holds extra sparkle which matches your thousand-watt smile! All your personal and gift giving needs can easily be fulfilled with our desirable silent and live auction items. Is it too early to point out that Christmas is right around the corner? Never!

Every year the ARC Starlight Auction lays the foundation for next year's rescue efforts. Dogs and cats in our community are counting on you to help them on their journey to a happier life! This signature gala changes lives and creates brighter beginnings!

Become a sponsor, donor or attendee at [www.animalrefugecenter.com/events](http://www.animalrefugecenter.com/events) or mail in this coupon. For more details call Betty Hughes (239-841-0810) or email [bettyhughes@comcast.net](mailto:bettyhughes@comcast.net)



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- \$150 Patron
- \$ 500 Sustaining
- \$1,000 Krieger Leadership Society
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- Other \_\_\_\_\_

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| Purina Gentle dry cat food                | Diamond Maintenance dry dog food |
| Purina dry Kitten Chow                    | Caesars canned dog food          |
| Friskies canned cat food                  | Pupperoni dog treats             |
| Temptations Treats & Party Mix cat treats | Milkbone small dog biscuits      |
|   | Power Chewer Nylabones           |

**Shelter Wish List** -Paper towels, toilet paper, tall trash bags, dish soap, liquid laundry detergent, bleach, Clorox wipes, Lysol hand sanitizer, Windex, and linens.

**Equipment:** Equipment: cotton mop heads, brooms, buckets & dust pans. Garden hoses 50 feet & under with hose sprayers. New or gently used washers, dryers, pressure washers and golf carts. NEW air conditioners with heat capability. For make/model # email [mgrarc@animalrefugecenter.net](mailto:mgrarc@animalrefugecenter.net)



Book discounted rooms by Oct 26th by calling 1-800-767-7777 and reference the Animal Refuge Center.  
*The Night Sparkles while Orphaned Pets Shine!*

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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 6:30 pm. Meetings are held at:

ARC 18011 Old Bayshore Road, North Fort Myers, FL 33917

# ARC is Out & About!

Putting our best paws forward, ARC volunteers continue to meet and greet the public showing dog and cats available for adoption. We are so thankful for invitations to attend communities or places of business to share heartwarming stories of rescue and rehabilitation. The final step of all that hard, but full-filling work, is to find more ARC dogs and cats a home that is the perfect fit for them! So, keep those invitations coming because we love making new friends and our dogs and cats love getting out and about!



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Woof Walk at Lee County Sheriff Office



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Making new friends at Pizza & Paws

## 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.**

**Revered 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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Versa

**From:**

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## Where Did Our Normal Summers Go?

Just when you think our summers cannot get any hotter, they do. This year the heat not only poses the normal dangers, it can cause heatstroke to happen faster. In serious cases, irreversible damage and even death can occur.

Common causes of heat stroke include dehydration, elevated body temperature, confinement in hot unventilated spaces and prolonged exposure to sun. It is also important to restrict exercise and walking to early morning or late evening times. Hot pavement can burn the pads of your pet's paws so if you cannot place your hand on the blacktop for more than 7 seconds do not walk your pet on it. Short legged pets feel the heat radiating off pavement even more so than tall pets!

Symptoms of over-heating can include weakness, muscle tremors, excessive salivation, elevated heart rate, dark blue or bright red tongue and/or gums. If you suspect your pet is over-heated, move them into a shady or air-conditioned area, place a cool wet towel underneath and offer small amounts of water frequently. If body temperature is over 104, spray cool water on him and create a breeze. Once lowered to under 103 degrees, get your pet to the nearest veterinarian. Be sure your car is pre-cooled!

Very young kittens and puppies cannot regulate their body temperatures so providing a safe temperature is even more critical for them. Protect your pets and enjoy the summer in safety!

# LEMONADE!



Juzy and friends help humans stay cool!



## 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!

## Summer Adoptions Heating Up!

Every year we think summer cannot get any hotter but wow it is looking like we are wrong again! This makes it even more important to find space for abandoned or surrendered pets in need. At ARC, they get the comfort, care and love they need until that special person or family comes and scoops them up! We love to see the smiles and hugs, wagging dog tails and cat purrs as people and pets meet each other, bond, and fall in love.

We envision them checking out their new home, enjoying grand adventures or maybe just curling up on the couch while their Guardians watch a movie or read a book. Whatever they are doing they are doing it with people that have picked them and are eager to shower them with affection. Now that is a happy ending that we want for all our cats and dogs.

To attain more happy endings, please keep sharing our web-site and Facebook pages to spread the word, "Adopt Don't Shop!" We are certain that ARC has your "next best friend!"



Davey Jones



Max



Pearl



Will



Rowan



Buzz



Serena



Kylie



Senna



Greg



Ren



Bobbie

## Special Thanks!

It is always an honor to accept donations of items, time and/or money from individuals or businesses. Their generosity helps make it possible for ARC to provide for its hundreds of residents and maintain the twenty-three acres they call home.

We also enjoyed conducting an educational tour to a group of homeschoolers from the Morales, Charles & Felipe families. Come see us in the future and adopt!



Hyatt Coconut Office Staff Donation



Homeschoolers learning about ARC



Facebook Fundraiser has Tricia Chinappi assembling 14 Kuranda beds



Quarantine Cages donated by Drs. Barry & Terry Hendon



Suffolk Construction Group donates their time



Suffolk Construction Group tackles landscaping



Maxwell 9 years young!



Tunie 8 years young!

## Seniors Are Sure to Love!

They know how lucky they are to get back into a home like they are use to. Therefore, seniors make sure to give out extra loving and affection to show you how thankful they are. Could you be that family that brings joy and contentment back into the heart of a senior? Bonus points, they come fully trained already!



## Casino Night was Coming Up Aces!



Over one hundred and thirty-six guests came out to support ARC for its' 10th 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 Resort provided a delicious buffet, taco bar and dessert table that kept guests coming back for seconds. It was also the perfect weekend for a stay-cation since all three pools and both water slides were fully restored after Ian!

Rounding out the evening was a live auction with items donated by Dunkin Diamonds, Elite Island Resorts, Betty Hughes, Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort, Primetime Events, Sanibel Harbour Marriott Resort & Spa, Shell Point Golf Club, The Cedar Chest Fine Jewelry, and Lisa Viola. DJ, Richard Nuckols, provided background music and donated his services as a live auction item!

ARC would also like to thank the following sponsors who helped make this the most successful Casino night ever, raising over \$50,000 for ARC's programs that Rescue, Rehabilitate and Re-Home.

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