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ARC & The Everblades: A Winning Combination

Nothing is more exciting than Teddy Bear Toss night at the Hertz arena! Nothing that is, except for ARC sponsoring this fan favorite event! The first goal resulted in 8,000 plus bears being tossed onto the ice for area hospitals. Our beloved Blades outdid themselves by winning against the Greenville Swamp rabbits in overtime!

The topper of the night was a post-game auction of 30 team jerseys that were designed specifically for ARC. Complete with ARC's logo, paw-prints and dog tag at the neckline, these jerseys raised funds to help ARC start the new year off on the right "paw."

Bidding was as fast and furious as the Blades skated that night and winning bids ranged from \$400 to \$1,200!

The Blades season runs through April 6th, so catch a game and be sure to check out our backlit sign in the arena next to the Breakaway Sports Pub! Look for us to pull a hat trick next season as well!

Animal Refuge Center, Inc.
 P.O. Box 62605
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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 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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Adoptions 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM
 Weds-Sun (except major holidays)
 or by appointment.

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 Animal Refuge Center
 Lily and ARC

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



Zeus (m)
 5 1/2 Year Labrador Retriever Mix
 Time at ARC: 5 Months
 Please consider giving me a
 forever home! I'm wonderful!



Mindy (f)
 2 1/2 Year Old DSH Mix
 Time at ARC: 10 Months
 I will love you forever!
 Please give me a chance!

BECOME A VOLUNTEER TODAY

And make a difference in the life of a shelter pet!



Details available at 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.

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:

Cody
 Lily
 Sandy

From:

Martha Hammond's Pet Care
 Martha Hammond's Pet Care
 Jill, marion & Buford Uhler

Memorials for People:

Marie Bartrem
 Marie Bartrem
 Jutta Fraser
 Janine Leduc
 Rebecca Lipsie
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 Melanie Nicholl
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 Rose Marie & Donald Caskey
 Nancy & tom McElreath
 Rachel Gonzales

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Cindy Allen
 Roger Boyle
 Robin Foubert
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 Jennifer Nichols
 Anthony & Christina Viola

From:

Hal Gibson
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 Jennifer & Josie Buffington
 Skinny Dogz Bakery
 The McWilliams
 Sarah White
 Barbara Yost
 Albert Viola

Honors for Pets:

Lazy Boy

From:

Carol Emmick



Thank You to Our New and Renewing Members

Friend:

David Aiken
 Susan Arkenau
 Cyndy Atkins
 Debbie Barnett
 William Barrick
 Michelle Bourne
 Vera Conner
 Dawn Driscoll
 Valerie Grimm
 Linda Hanzevack
 William Jones
 Phyllis Morsman
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 Sandra Knapp
 Angie & Joseph McGilvrey
 Lisa Bernsteain & Debbie Pearce
 Carol & Robert Petersen
 Christopher & Susan Riley
 Ellen Ruland
 Stephen Scholle
 Jonathan & Evelyn Silverman

Guardian:

Lisa & Steven D'Amico
 Jonathan & Evelyn Silverman

Sustaining:

Linda & Scott Allison
 Polly Ann & Norman Bryant
 Michele Chambre-Burns

Upcoming Events!

5th Annual
Purses for Pooches
Presented by
Bonney Leckie - Century 21 Selling Paradise

February 23, 2019, 12 p.m.-3 p.m.
at the
Fiddlesticks Country Club

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

Sponsorships available

Catwalk Sponsor \$1,500	Canine Couture \$500
Puparazzi Sponsor \$750	The Cats Meow \$250
Individual Tickets \$45	

For more information contact Betty Hughes 239-841-0810

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

Drop off Locations

Bonney Leckie, Realtor



SELLING PARADISE
3409 Del Prado Blvd. S. Ste. 103
Cape Coral, FL 33904



Animal Refuge Center
18011 Old Bayshore Road
North Fort Myers, FL, 33917



Home-Tech
Service That Works
6400 Techster Boulevard
Fort Myers, Florida 33966



Details available at www.animalrefugecenter.com/events

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.

Please consider making a donation to ARC using the enclosed envelope, or online at www.animalrefugecenter.com/donate.

Above & Beyond: Generosity Knows No Bounds



A huge thank you from
Sun Coast Credit Union and CU Auto Branch!

As part of an ongoing charitable effort of theirs, Sun Coast raised a massive \$2900 to benefit the residents of ARC!

Representative Michelle came out to present us with this wonderful gift.

Thank you so very much!



A wonderful group from Gartner came out to help with our Canine Agility Area!



New retirees Jill and Linda requested donations for ARC in lieu of gifts!



8 year old Lucas celebrated his birthday by collecting donations for ARC!



Junior Ambassador Macey collected gifts for ARC in lieu of birthday presents!

Our sincerest thanks to these and so many others that give of their time, money and physical donations...

A Letter From the President



It is my pleasure to start a second term as Board of Trustees President for the Animal Refuge Center. We have worked hard to make 2018 a success and will continue to build upon our successes throughout 2019.

One of my main goals when I started was to increase our visibility, and hopefully we have done that. A cat or dog from the ARC is now featured regularly on the FOX 4 morning news as a "Pet of the Week." We have had great luck finding homes for the pets we have featured soon after the segment aired. Look for us at 7:45am on the first Wednesday of the month. Our dogs are also being featured on NBC-2 News Today in their "Who needs a walk" segment during the weather forecast. We produced two commercials which aired on more than a dozen Comcast Cable channels this fall and we sent out press releases before and after all our events. Lastly, we got great coverage for our rescue of 19 cats and 7 dogs from South Carolina that faced being euthanized because of Hurricane Florence.

Another thing I really encourage our friends and supporters to do is to take the next step. Things like spending an extra day volunteering at the shelter, attending one of our fundraisers, increasing your donations or even getting a friend involved can really make a difference. My family took those words to heart and fostered a litter of four kittens with their mother in the spring and a litter of eight plus their mother in the fall. We are now officially "foster failures" too, because we are adopting one of the kittens, our second cat from ARC.

For 2019, the Board's focus will be on fundraising. We really need to increase our level of sponsorships and donations. *Purses for Pooches* is coming up February 23rd, the *7th Annual Casino Royale* is June 28th and the *Starlight Auction* will be November 30th. I hope that you, your business or someone you know will support us and join us at these events. The only funding the Animal Refuge Center operates on is what you provide. We can't continue to be the home for hundreds of animals and take on the hard cases without you.

Thank you for being there. I look forward to a great year ahead.

Rob Spicker

Did you know?

ARC does speaking engagements! We love to go out into the community and speak about our animals, our facilities, and about what makes our shelter so very different from every other in southwest Florida! We present to clubs, gated communities, organizations... you name it. We're even happy to bring a resident or two with us!

Would you like to schedule a speaking engagement with your group? Please contact ARC's Executive Director, Wayne Leinen, at (239) 233-4375. We hope to see you soon!



Acclimating Your New Shelter Pet to Your Home

Adoption Day is the day your new pet has been waiting for. While this is a very happy time for you and your new pet, the changes can be very stressful on your new cat or dog. There are many steps you can take in order to make this transition an easier one.

Cats

When bringing home a new cat from a shelter, the cat will understandably be stressed. You will need to give your cat time and space to allow them to acclimate. Before you bring the new cat home, prepare a safe room for him/her. Put your new friend's food, water, and litter box in this room and make sure there is a place for him or her to hide, such as a cardboard box with a sheet draped over it. If possible, buy the same food that the shelter was feeding your cat. It's also a good idea to place some toys in the room, as well as a scratching post. Your new roommate will need some time to get used to the smells and sounds of your home. Spend time with the new them in short increments. When he or she is comfortable in the safe room (which may take a few days or even a few weeks), you can start introducing him or her to the rest of the house. The most important thing to remember is that it is a transition period and it will take time before your new cat will feel comfortable and relaxed in your home.

Dogs

When adopting a shelter dog, you should have a crate ready for them at your house. This will serve as their safe place and their own little "den." When you arrive home for the first time, take your new buddy to the designated potty spot and reward them with a treat for using it. Bring your new dog into your house on a leash, and give him or her a house tour while still leashed. Remember that even if the dog was housetrained at a previous home, he/she will still need frequent trips outside to prevent accidents in their new surroundings. Your new dog may also have accidents due to the stress of the new environment. Ensure your new dog has chew toys so they do not chew on the wrong things. Ask the shelter what food your new dog has been eating so you can get the same food. At ARC, we provide all adopters with roughly a week's worth of food to ease the transition to whatever healthy new food you may decide to switch him or her to. Try to establish a daily routine so your dog knows what to expect in the morning and in the evening. Dogs need structure, so you will need to teach your new dog the house rules and set boundaries. Don't leave your new dog unsupervised at first, especially if there are any other pets in the household. Every canine adoption from ARC includes 4 free sessions with a canine trainer. Be sure to take advantage of this offer!

The first few weeks after an adoption are a time of transition for both you and your new pet. Don't rush to judging your pet's actions, as they may be out of character due to the stress of the change in environment. Instead, offer patience and time for your new cat or dog to adjust to your home and schedule.

Your new pet will offer you a lifetime of love for giving them a forever home.

