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23rd Annual Starlight Auction

The Night Sparkles While Orphaned Pets Shine!

Join us in celebration of our 23rd 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 23rd annual auction at 6 PM, November 25, 2017. 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 E-mail BettyHughes@comcast.net

Animal Refuge Center, Inc.
 P.O. Box 62605
 Fort Myers, FL 33906

Membership Application

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City _____ State _____ Zip _____

New Member _____ Renewal _____

- \$25 Friend
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- \$ 500 Sustaining
- \$1,000 Krieger Leadership Society
- \$5,000 Guardian
- Other _____

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| Cats Wish List | Dogs Wish List |
| Canned Food | Biscuits & Treats |
| Dry Food | Nulo Canned & Diamond Dry |
| Tempation Treats | 6' standard leashes |

Shelter Wish List

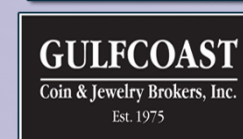
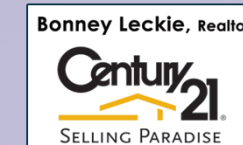
Disposables: Paper towels, tall trash bags, dish soap, laundry detergent, bleach, Clorox Bleach Wipes, and linens.

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!



To become a sponsor fill out the information below and return to ARC, PO Box 62605, Fort Myers, FL 33906.

Title Sponsor	\$10,000	_____
Platinum	\$7,500	_____
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Tellurium	\$1,000	_____
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Tickets \$75 each x _____	=	_____
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Adoptions 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM
 Weds-Sun (except major holidays)
 or by appointment.

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 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

Our Sincerest Thanks...

The Animal Refuge Center would like to extend our most sincere thanks to the amazing folks at *LGI Homes*. As part of their corporate Service Impact Day, 13 employees of *LGI* came out to ARC this past June to not only give of their skill and time, but also a generous donation.

One need that we had at the shelter, was a new shed to house our riding mower and landscaping equipment. Our current shed was at least a decade old and in pretty bad shape. *LGI* not only funded the new shed, but spent an entire day constructing it. They also brought along with them, a \$3100 donation! It's companies and people like this, that truly make a difference at ARC.

Thank you *LGI Homes*!



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:

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:

Memorials for People:

Frank Cunnius
 Frank Cunnius

Rebecca Anne Lepsie
 Ray Livingston
 Al Shaw
 Lynne Wilson
 Lynne Wilson
 Lynne Wilson

Memorials for Pets:

Fritz
 Joe
 Little
 Ophelia (Phee)
 Ramona
 Spinelli
 Wilbur

From:

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 Carolyn & Thomas Lechowicz

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 Max & Hanson
 Serenity

From:

Tracy Kaswinkle

Don Strothman
 Judith & Dave Weyant
 Martha's Girlfriends
 Linda Waters

From:

Carmilla Thompson
 Patrick & Carrie Meehan
 Jurgen Reinhoudt



Thank You to Our New and Renewing Members

Friend:

Arlene Bancroft
 Ruth Bigus
 Raymond Beard
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 Henry Dunn
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 Carol Schoenhals
 Nanelle Wehmann
 Phyllis Wells

Sustaining:

Lubomir Havranek
 Gregory Kerr
 Phillip Paynter

Krieger Leadership Soc:

Charles Bodenhafer
 Caroline Wolf

A Star is Born at the Platinum Coast Cat Fanciers Cat Show

ARC Mascot, Lily, has been a great spokes-cat for special needs pets for over four years. She firmly believes that being born different is no obstacle to attaining one's goals! Lily has appeared at presentations, schools, ARC events and fundraisers advocating adoptions of special needs pets.

This July, she decided to try out for a cat show contest as a shelter household pet entry. Eight different judges, over a two-day period, had Lily go through her paces. The fact she was born with radial agenesis did not slow her down a bit! She can scratch a post and chase a feather toy with the best of them! Her antics and good nature, combined with her beautiful colorings, resulted in winning the hearts (and points) of all eight judges. Lily's cumulative scores resulted in her winning *Best Household Pet!*

Charlene Campbell presented the "Morris Award" which will stay in Lily's possession until next years' contest! Charlene also crowned Lily "Queen of Show" which was an honor bestowed by the local 4-H club show volunteers. Perhaps the biggest winner of all was Percival who was adopted by Dr. Cheryl Ankenbrandt!



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.

Adoption Center Progress Report

Construction of the *Brighter Beginnings Adoption Center* has been well under way for the better part of the last six months. We are extremely excited to report that we expect this massive project to be completed by mid-August! This building was designed with a few objectives in mind. Our primary goal was to create a place where the most important part of what we do, finding forever homes for our wonderful residents, could be done efficiently and comfortably. We also wanted to create a space that our many dedicated volunteers could utilize for meetings and project planning. Lastly, we needed a place where our hard working administrative staff could more effectively carry out their jobs, as well as a place for our tireless Animal Care staff to get a break from the relentless Florida sun. This beautiful building will allow for all of this and more! Stay tuned at www.animalrefugecenter.com, for grand opening information...



Going the Extra Mile: Panda

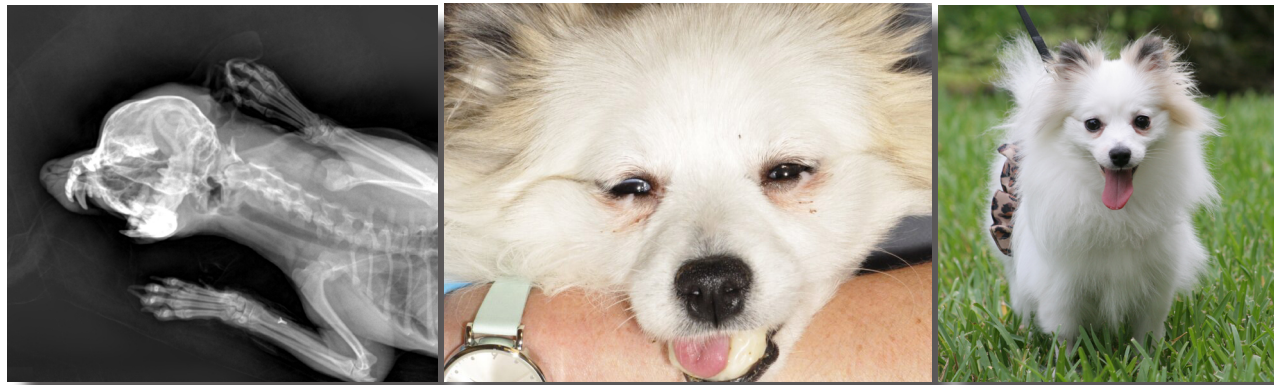
At seven months old and full of unbridled energy, Panda sprinted across her front yard and into the path of a car. Against all odds, this five-pound Pomeranian survived but she was left with two hip fractures and four fractures of the jaw.

ARC got the call... Would we intake this baby and try rehabilitation? At the very least, Panda deserved further assessment. So we rushed her to *Specialized Veterinary Services*. Treatment would be tricky as both ends needed surgery almost simultaneously. On day one it was hip surgery at SVS and on day two it was jaw surgery at *Pet Dental Center*. Dr. Eisele and Dr. Gingrich charted out a coordinated plan and so began her long journey!

Recovery would also hinge on foster care. Not only did Panda require restricted mobility for her hips to heal but she needed to be tube fed every 5 hours for six weeks. When her dental mold was removed she would need weeks of hand feeding to slowly work the hinge of her jaws. Mobility progressed from thirty percent to ninety five percent, and the day Panda could finally close her jaw was a day of celebration!

Panda's path back to health was a long one but so worth the time and effort. She is now looking for a quiet and safe home where she will continue to be treated like the special girl she is. Panda enjoys going to dog events and interacts very well with other dogs and cats. Young children tend to make her nervous so she would do best in an "empty nest" or retiree home.

If you think you'd like to provide Panda a loving home, please call her foster home at 239-841-0810. If you can't adopt at this time, but wish to support ARC's life-saving surgical/medical fund, please click visit our web site at: www.animalrefugecenter.com/donate. Thank you for making a difference!



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!



Get Involved! - There's Something for *Everyone* at ARC



From an early age, my parents taught me the value of volunteer work. They would frequently include me in various service projects such as helping at women's shelters, collecting food for food pantries, and "adopting" a family during the holidays to make sure they would have presents to open. My parents taught me many lessons, but they certainly showed me that everyone has something they can give. When we did not have extra money to give, we gave of our time. When spare time was nearly non-existent, we saved our money to make a charitable contribution.

Now, I see those same giving opportunities with the Animal Refuge Center. There are so many different ways to help, that there truly is something for everyone. Becoming a volunteer at ARC allows you to come help with dog and cat care at the shelter, but also lets you volunteer at adoption events, fundraisers, help with grounds maintenance, or even help in the office. We could not do what we do without the assistance of our dedicated volunteers!

Adopting an animal from ARC is always celebrated; but maybe you are unable to make a lifetime commitment at this time. If so, fostering an animal can be an amazing opportunity! We frequently have mother cats with litters of young kittens that would love to be in a home until the kittens are weaned. Some of our more shy animals would benefit from being in a home environment for socialization while we look for their forever home. When ARC assists other shelters with large-scale intakes during natural disasters, we rely on foster families to step up to help so that we do not go above capacity. As a foster family, you can help share photos of your foster pet on social media to help assist us in finding an adopter. This is a very rewarding way to help.

With many of our supporters leading such busy lives, sometimes making a donation can be the best way to help. We keep an updated list on our website and in our newsletter of products that we go through frequently- paper towels, bleach wipes, etc. Financial donations are always appreciated since it takes a lot of money to properly care for ARC's many animals. Businesses or individuals can help out by becoming sponsors or donors for our fundraising events. You can also become an ARC member easily on our website by making an annual donation. One of the sweetest ways I have seen individuals make a contribution, is when children decide in lieu of gifts at their birthday party, they ask for donations for our dogs and cats. Everyone can do something to help- and the benefits you get in return are typically bigger than what you give. -*Laura Braun, DVM*- ARC Board President

