



**ARC Barks and Meows**  
 P.O. Box 6642  
 Fort Myers, FL 33911

ARC General Membership Meeting  
 Home-Tech  
 6400 Techster Blvd., Fort Myers, FL  
 Tues. June 21st. 6:30pm

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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  
 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 washers, dryers 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 Executive Director, Wayne Leinen, at dep\_rep@msn.com!

**June is Adopt-a-Cat Month!**

June is National Adopt a Shelter Cat Month, and we are celebrating with an adoption promotion at the *Animal Refuge Center*. Late spring and summer bring many new kittens to the shelter, and to prevent overcrowding, we invite you out to ARC to consider adding a new furry family member. In the month of June, if you come to adopt a cat of any age, the adoption fee has been reduced to just \$6 as part of our promotion! All of the cats at ARC have been spayed or neutered, microchipped, had a blood test for Feline Leukemia and Feline Immunodeficiency Virus, and appropriately vaccinated. Whether you are looking for a playful kitten, an active young adult cat, or a more mature feline companion, you will be sure to find a new best friend by visiting ARC. Our adoption staff can help pair you with a cat to complement your family purr-fectly. Please consider participating in this nationwide promotion during the month of June!



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Adoptions 11:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.  
 Weds-Sun (except major holidays)  
 or by appointment.

E-mail us at:  
 BettyHughes@Comcast.net  
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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.

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**It's That Time Again!**

Time for ARC's annual Calendar Contest! We will once again be using an online format to auction off the prized cover and each month of the 2017 calendar year! Bidding starts at midnight on June 15th, and ends at midnight on July 15th. The exact link for bidding will be announced on our Facebook pages. As always, the winner of any given month will receive a free photo session with their pet, at Sandbar Photography of N. Fort Myers. That photo, along with a brief bio, will grace that winner's month in next year's calendar. Don't forget, there are literally dozens of advertising spaces available in our calendar, as well!  
 Keep your eye on our Facebook pages!



**ARC Board Candidate Nomination**

ARC is pleased to present the following candidate who has applied for a position as Board Trustee. ARC members can vote to approve this candidate on June 21, 2016 at 6:30pm at Home-Tech 6400 Techster Ave Ft Myers Fl. A brief description of qualifications is as follows.

**Carol Docker:** Currently Human Resource Manager at Johnson Engineering, Carol was a previous Board member until she moved north for a period of time. We welcome her return to Florida and look forward to her resuming her involvement with ARC. Carol has valuable expertise in the area of Human Resources and since returning to Florida, has expressed interest in re-joining our organization. We welcome her guidance in all areas that impact the relationship between ARC and its invaluable staff.

**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.

**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:

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| <b>Memorials for People:</b><br>Georgia Adams<br>Maryann Bloom  | <b>From:</b><br>Todd Adams<br>The Kupec & Caskey Families         | Anna Rush<br>Ann Marie Saati<br>Gayle Stalnos  | Karen Donnelly<br>Steven Rush<br>Paul & Lillian Roth<br>Ann & Daniel Kulig<br>Edward Stalnos<br>Bettie Willis                                | Mimi<br>Onyx<br>Piper<br>Rascals<br>Red<br>Ruger<br>Sadie<br>Sylva        | Vicki Sanisteat<br>Bonnie Martin<br>Bonnie Martin<br>Paul Rodgers<br>Philip Paynter<br>Mary Podowski<br>Donna Tinsley<br>Jennifer & Adam Hosny<br>Dana Darche |
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| <b>For:</b> Kathryn Noble<br>From: Joyce Urban, Janet Urban, Carole & George Hersey, Linda Couture, Donna Guimont   |   | <b>Memorials for Pets:</b><br>Beau, BJ & Becky<br>Breck & Casey<br>CeCe & Bootsie<br>Fritzi & Jozi<br>Jack | <b>From:</b><br>Bob Thinnes<br>Bet Koeninger<br>Betty Hughes<br>Fran Rossadivito<br>Erika & Martin Foye                                      | Phyllis Rieser<br>Ziggy & Roxie   |   |

**Thank You to Our New and Renewing Members**

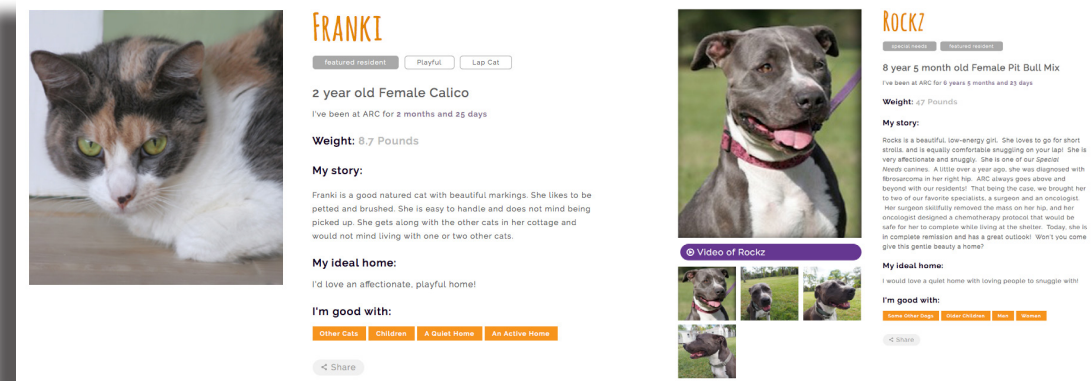
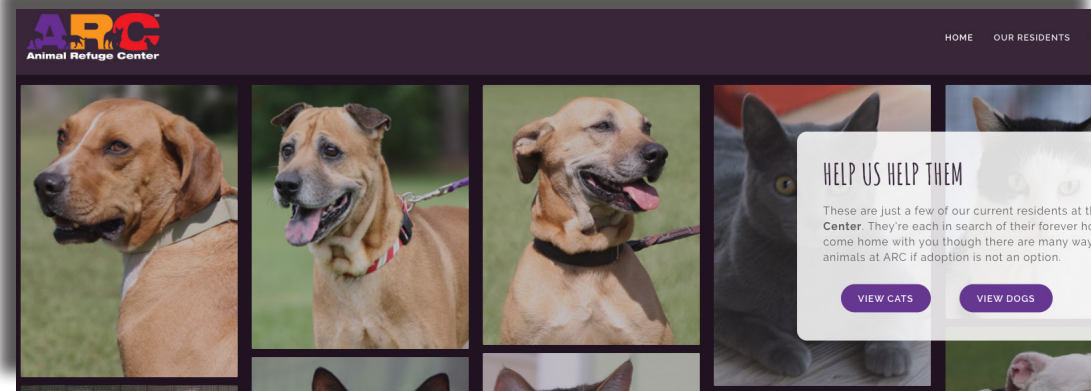
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| <b>Friend:</b><br>David Aiken<br>Lee Anderson<br>Karen Arvey<br>Aloma Barnes<br>Robert Beluschak<br>Theresa Bolton<br>Kathleen Boynton<br>Dorothy Brightbill<br>Kay Brittain<br>Phyllis Brodsky<br>Elton Brown<br>Karleen Canas<br>Stephen Chupack<br>Arlene Cooke<br>Vera Conner<br>Carol Crane<br>E. M. Crain<br>Renate Daughtry<br>Sharon Daumer<br>Carla Durand<br>Delores Eddy<br>Joan Fenwick<br>Shirley Fox<br>Sabine Francisco<br>Kathleen Freitag<br>Mary Gacka<br>Estelle Harrington<br>Trudy Harris<br>Andrea Helms<br>Jean Ketcham<br>Paul Kibble<br>Sandra Krym<br>Heidi Kunstman<br>Karen Leonardi<br>Susan Leverone<br>Stephen May<br>Cindy McCullough<br>Judith McCutcheon<br>George McGee<br>Linda Miller<br>Mary-Lyn Monaco<br>Daniel Morris<br>Phyllis Morsman<br>Charlene Myers<br>Patricia Parker<br>Gail Peluso<br>Loretta Pinkett<br>Thomas Pizzullo<br>Mary Propp<br>Ceil Norwicke<br>Margaret Raizek | Isabel Ramos<br>Sarah Reeves<br>Nancy Rowe<br>Pamela Rugenstein<br>Joyce Ryan<br>June Santangelo<br>Patsy Sarg<br>Theresa Schulz<br>Cheryl Scott<br>Richard Scott<br>Judith Seymour<br>Frances Simon<br>Hope Snowden<br>Christine Sofjichuk<br>Audrey South<br>Pamela Swails<br>Robert Swinker<br>Fran Snyder<br>Donna Tinsley<br>Nancy Thompson<br>Dale Uhl<br>Sharon Valenti<br>Phyllis Wayco<br>Edna Webber<br>Dorothy West<br>Diane Whisman | Lois Hall<br>Uwe Heinrich<br>Deborah Helton<br>Sandra Houlder<br>Carole Hunter<br>Tatiana Hursky<br>Michael Jones<br>Mary Koontz<br>Kathleen Lamotte<br>Carol Lis<br>Norman Marasco<br>Barbara McCaffrey<br>Cindy McCullough<br>Joan McKerness<br>Virgil Metcalf<br>Anita Miller<br>Thomas Moehring<br>Sharon Myers<br>Theresa O'Brien<br>Rose Oliverio<br>Mary Palmer<br>Kristina Payne<br>Shirley Powless<br>Larry Probe<br>Ray Rardon<br>Kristan Repnyek<br>Stephanie Richardson<br>Christina Roek<br>Richard Rojas<br>Laura Rohrbaugh<br>Judith Russell<br>Ann Marie Sheppard<br>Linda Stanford<br>Linda Sylva<br>Clara Terrana<br>Bonnie Thinnes<br>Betsy Vandercar<br>Jeanine Vassen<br>Dana Winchell | Gloria Rosenweig<br>Jonne Setliff<br>Florence States<br>Phyllis Wells<br>Michelle Williams | <b>Sustaining:</b><br>Lynn Brosius<br>Norman & Polly Ann Bryant<br>Stephen Cutler<br>Judy Gibson<br>Ann Johnston<br>James McCarthy<br>Prestige Motosports Inc<br>Doris Spielman<br>Clara Toomey | <b>Krieger Leadership Soc:</b><br>Steven & Elizabeth Bernstein<br>Mary & Eugene Kasakove<br>Ted Kieilty<br>Beverly Nowall<br>Brenda & Howard Sheridan<br>Annett & Everett Williamson | <b>Guardian:</b><br>Leslie Alexander<br>Lisa & Steven D'Amico |
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## Coming Soon!

In the VERY near future, the Animal Refuge Center will be launching a completely overhauled web presence! The new site is designed to highlight the most important thing about our organization: Our Residents! From the moment you land on our new Home Page, you'll be greeted by rich, dynamic content that changes each time you visit. Our new resident biographies feature up to the minute information on each of our dogs and cats. Information like exact age, how long they've resided at the shelter, their personal story, an array of current photographs, any related videos, and a unique new system of "tagging" that keeps each resident's personal traits current. As we learn more about our residents, their biographies are updated to reflect new information.

We've also upgraded and streamlined every other aspect of the site, as well!  
The new site's launch will be announced on our social media in the next few weeks... Stay tuned!



## 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](mailto:bettyhughes@comcast.net).

## Casino Royale - A Bond-Themed Fundraiser for ARC

The Animal Refuge Center hosted its 4th Annual Casino Royale on May 21st, at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort and Spa. Bonney Leckie of Century 21 Selling Paradise Realty was once again our Title Sponsor for this exciting evening. Guests enjoyed playing Blackjack, Roulette, Craps, and Texas Hold'Um and then converted their winnings into raffle tickets for a chance to win some fabulous prizes. The event also featured a live auction, with lively bidding thanks to Master of Ceremonies Rob Spicker of WINK TV News. Many of our guests really got into the theme of the night and arrived dressed as their favorite Bond or Bond Girl. After all was tallied, this was our most successful casino night to date!

We would like to thank the following sponsors for their generous contributions to this great event:

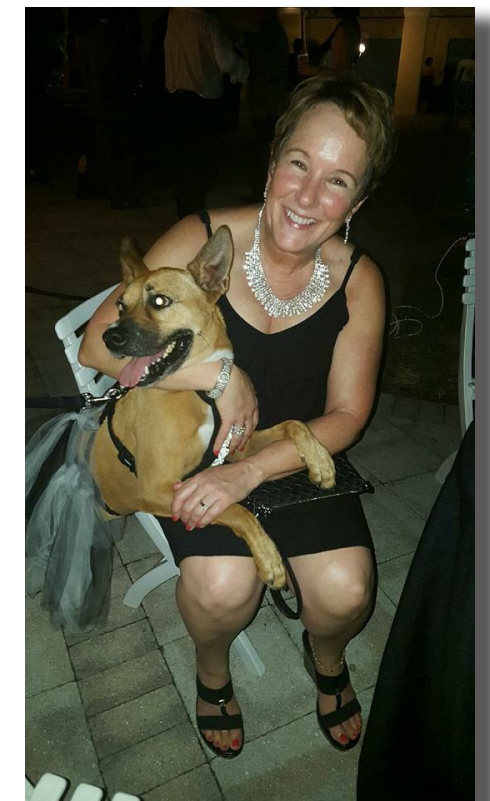
**007 Sponsors** (\$2,000): Coral Veterinary Clinic, Joint Replacement Institute, and Rich & Betty Hughes;

**License to No-Kill Sponsors** (\$750): Specialized Veterinary Services, Bay Electric, and Anonymous;

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Please always consider our event sponsors when looking for personal services, and tell them you appreciate their support of ARC!



## ARC Success Stories: Red

In November of last year, ARC was involved in a mass intake effort that we called, "The Carolinas Rescue Effort." In September of 2015, Hurricane Joaquin ravaged the Carolinas, displacing hundreds of dogs and cats. In cooperation with Brother Wolf Animal Rescue, ARC took in 26 animals, 15 cats and 11 dogs, from South Carolina. These animals had occupied a shelter there for some time, and with the mass influx of flooding-displaced animals, were now in danger of being euthanized to make space. One of these dogs, was a beautiful fellow named Red. Like most of the dogs we took in during this effort, Red was extremely sweet and friendly. In fact, most of our Carolina dogs found new homes here in Florida in record time! Red spent just over two weeks at ARC before being promptly adopted by the Lagana family. As you can see, he now lives a pretty horrible life! He loves spending time on the boat with his new family. He found a young, active home, and is loved so very much by the family that gave him a chance.

Make the ultimate difference in a shelter animal's life... Adopt or Foster TODAY!



## 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!



## Lily & Co Birthday Bash – Dressed to the K-9's

Lily the Labradoodle celebrated being twelve years young in style, thanks to Lily & Co owners Karen Bell and Dan Schuyler. Canine guests and their guardians gathered under the big tent to raise funds for ARC's Special Medical/Surgical program. Nothing pleased Lily more than to help pets in need get at new start at ARC in her name.

Guests eagerly purchased raffle tickets for the chance to win a huge variety of high end items including a \$900 diamond dog paw pendant by Lily & Co. Artist Rafael Diaz drew caricatures to also help to raise funds and delight guests. An event favorite, dogs dressed in their finest trotted the "runway" to vie for prizes.

Bailey's Catering provided "two legged guests" hot dawgs, fruit, chips and cold drinks! Coral Veterinary Clinic entertained guests with their favorite Kissing Booth and three flirtatious French Bulldogs! We'd also like to thank Bow Wow N Meow Pet Care Services, J McLaughlin Island Fashion, Morningstar Dog Training, GMI Pet Products and Grand Affair Photography for their support in making this event such a success.

In total, \$13,783 was raised to help ARC's annual expense of caring for a thousand abandoned pets. ARC deeply appreciates the generosity of our friends on Sanibel!

