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24th Annual Starlight Auction

The Night Sparkles While Orphaned Pets Shine!

Join us in celebration of our 24th 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 24th annual auction at 6 PM, November 24, 2018. 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 \$100 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

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- \$25 Friend
- \$50 Supporter
- \$150 Patron
- \$ 500 Sustaining
- \$1,000 Krieger Leadership Society
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- 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.

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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 6:30pm. Meetings are held at: Home-Tech 6400 Techster Blvd. Fort Myers, FL 33966



Find your new
Best Friend
 Adopt!



Manning (m)
 7 Year Old Boxer Mix
 Time at ARC: 1 Year, 6 Months
 Please consider giving me a
 forever home!



Palatka (f)
 1 1/2 Year Old DSH Mix
 Time at ARC: 4 Months
 I will love you forever!

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:

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 Ruth Chappell
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 Blackie
 Blackie
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 Fausto
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Thank You to Our New and Renewing Members

Friend:

Arlene Bancroft
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 Jonathan Silverman



Harmful Algal Blooms: Protect Your Furry Friends

Red tide is not a new phenomenon in Southwest Florida, but this year it has gotten a lot of national attention. Florida red tide is higher-than-normal concentration of algae in the Gulf of Mexico; most commonly the species named *Karenia brevis*. Brevetoxin can lead to large quantities of fish to die and also affects birds, mammals, and sea turtles. Since waves tend to break up areas of these algae, it can become somewhat "airborne" and lead to respiratory irritation for people while lounging on the beach. The algae can also irritate your skin after swimming. For our pets, it's recommended to not have them swim in areas that are having a red tide bloom. The water can irritate their skin, their respiratory system, and can make them sick if they eat the dead fish. Let's hope conditions improve soon so we can get back to enjoying the beaches again!

Additionally, with many areas of canals and the river experiencing severe algal blooms, many people are wondering if this could be harmful to their pets as well. The biggest concern for toxicity is Blue-green algae, often referred to as Cyanobacteria. This grows in fresh water- the rivers, lakes, and estuaries. Cyanobacteria can produce a toxin, cyanotoxin, in two varieties that are particularly harmful. Microcystins can lead to acute liver failure with symptoms such as lethargy, vomiting, diarrhea, jaundice, and seizures. Anatoxins are neurotoxins that primarily cause tremors, seizures, paralysis, and gastrointestinal signs. Both of these toxicities can lead to sudden death. It is important to emphasize that just because water has visible algae, even with a "blue-green" color, it does not automatically mean it is the potentially toxic Cyanobacteria. That distinction is made microscopically. However, it is quite important to pay attention to the news and when you see water that has that appearance, keep your family (including your furry family members) away from that water source. Dogs may still try to drink this foul smelling water, or eat the dead fish that are frequently found nearby. This is how they most commonly succumb to illness. Seek veterinary care immediately if you believe your pet has ingested this water. For more information and maps on the current algal blooms, please visit Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission at www.myfwc.com.



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.



6th Annual Casino Royale a Huge Success!

ARC's 2018 *Casino Royale*, presented by Bonney Leckie of Century 21 Selling Paradise, proved to be a wonderful time, and a great financial success for our residents. This year offered some new attractions, like a fun Wine Toss. The event was also augmented by a visit from Bond, James Bond, aka Tim Steger of *Bond for a Cause*. There were many selfies taken with Mr. Bond! Of course, no ARC event would be complete without a couple of our residents. This year, we were graced a visit from the very lovely Miss Bunny and a strikingly debonair Mr. B.B. ARC would like to extend a very sincere thank you to both our new and returning sponsors. Their names and logos are listed above. The true success of events like *Casino Royale* depends largely on the generosity of individuals and companies like these. Please consider supporting the wonderful people that support us!



Even the smallest donation helps us to save more lives... www.animalrefugecenter.com/donate.

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Going the Extra Mile: Riley

When a beautiful young Labrador Retriever like Riley, comes into ARC, we all expect her to find a home quickly. This was not one of those stories. Riley's story exemplifies that "ARC doesn't do easy".

Riley is a 5 year old Yellow Lab with a delightful personality. She was surrendered to us in December 2017 when her owner could no longer care for her. She had a skin infection, ear infection, urinary tract infection, and was limping on her right rear leg. She was started on medications to help all of the infections, and the limping was suspected to be a torn cranial cruciate ligament (comparable to an ACL tear in people). She was evaluated by Dr. Goodrich, a Board Certified Orthopedic Surgeon, at Florida Veterinary Referral Center (FVRC). She had knee surgery performed and then the long recovery period began. 8 to 10 weeks of activity restriction is not what most young Labs enjoy!

We really hoped that she would be available this spring for adoption, but, Riley tore the cranial cruciate ligament in her other knee during her recovery period! It is estimated that 80% of dogs who have damage to one, will go on to damage the other. Riley had her left knee operated on in June, and is nearing the end of her recovery period now. We know that when she is finally available for adoption, Riley will get the life she has always dreamed of. At ARC, we are always happy to go the extra mile for our residents.

Riley didn't have a short story with ARC, hers had lots of twists and turns.

But we know she will find a very happy ending to her story with us.



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!



ARC's Training Center Gets a Huge Update!

The *Gribble Canine Training Center* was originally conceived as a building in which to work with our borderline-adoptable dogs in the hopes of making them behaviorally and emotionally ready to go to forever homes. It's original iteration did not include central air or running water, and the floor plan was very open. Over the years, this beautiful building's role has been expanded greatly. It has become our canine intake area; a place for new dogs to spend their first 10 days, assuring their good health and easing their transition to the outdoor area of the shelter. The "TC", as we call it, has also made emergency mass intakes possible. ARC has been able to help many more animals from our own area, as well as other parts of the country because of this space. We've saved hundreds of dogs from local hoarding situations, hurricanes and flooding situations from other parts of the country like the Carolinas, and poverty stricken areas like St. Landry Parrish in Louisiana. The TC also protected the lives of our own animals by providing shelter for our canines during Hurricane Irma last year. This one building, gifted nearly a decade ago by ARC's single-most generous and compassionate donor, has made the saving of so many lives possible.

We had found so many life-saving uses for this building, but were realizing that it's interior was no longer optimal for the things it was used for most. So, we approached that donor about the possibility of overhauling the interior to better suit its main purpose. Of course, she was on board! The TC now has a beautiful, functional new interior. Chain link fenced pens have been replaced by 14 shiny new, easy to clean kennels of varying sizes. We added running water and installed a wonderful new dog washing station.

The building now also has central air conditioning, as well as brand new high-efficiency ceiling mounted fans. It's the ideal structure in which to intake, treat, and acclimate our new canine residents. Thank you, Ms. Gribble!



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