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Animal Refuge Center, Inc.
 P.O. Box 6642
 Fort Myers, FL 33911

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
 Diamond Dry & Nulo Canned
 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 Shop Vacs 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!



February is the best month to fall in love . . . with a shelter pet of course! In celebration of Valentine's Day, adoption fees for dogs and cats will be just \$14 starting on February 14th! "Slightly Senior" cats, those ages 6 and older, will continue to have adoption fees of just \$6. With nearly 375 cats and approximately 55 dogs available for adoption, you can count on the *Animal Refuge Center* to help you find your furry soul mate.

To learn more about this and other ARC events and promotions, please visit www.animalrefugecenter.com and make sure to "Like" our Facebook page.

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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.
 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

Purses for Pooches
Presented by
Bonney Leckie - Century 21 Selling Paradise
 March 4th, 2017 at Fiddlesticks Country Club
 15391 Canongate Drive, Fort Myers, FL 33912
 from 12-3 p.m.
 Lunch • Silent Auction • Purse Fashion Show • Live auction • Giveaways

Sponsorship Opportunities
 Catwalk Sponsor - \$1,500
 Table Sponsors - \$750
 Individual Tickets - \$55

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

Drop off your donations at:
 18011 Old Bayshore Road
 North Fort Myers, FL, 33917

For more information contact
 Betty Hughes at
 239-841-0810
 Animalrefugecenter.com

CASINO ROYALE 007
Presented by
Bonney Leckie
 Century 21 Selling Paradise
Saturday, May 20 2017 at 7pm
 A *Beats* Themed Gala To Support The Animal Refuge Center
 Hosted Inside at the
 Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort & Spa
 Tickets include buffet and \$2000 in gaming play money

Sponsorship Opportunities
 007 Sponsor: \$2,000
 License to No-Kill Sponsor: \$750
 Diamonds Are Forever Sponsor: \$500
 The Dog Who Loved Me Sponsor: \$200
 Additional tickets: \$75.

Bonney Leckie, Realtor
 (239) 699-5197

For More Information Contact
Wayne Leinen at 239-233-4375
 Animalrefugecenter.com

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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:

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 compas-
 sion and concern for animals:

Memorials for People:
 Harry Bertossa

Jennifer Burnham

Albert Egglihuber
 Janine LeDuc
 Rebecca A. Lipsie

Farrell & Bob Lotts

Memorials for Pets:
 Cody
 Maggie
 Mo
 Scooter
 Zoe

From:

Fran Cameron
 Kathy & David Berkes
 Wallace Kain
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 Susan & Douglas Hughes
 Sarah Jane, Michael Shipley
 Andy, Elaine, Calvin, Susan and Sam Jett
 Laura Egglihuber
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 Joy Short
 John Shaw

From:

Jeanette Chelius
 Jeanette Chelius
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 Martha Hammond's Pet Care
 Brian Rossolinski

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 Stormie Dior
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 Jennifer Nichols
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From:

Susan Wohlert
 LCEC's Pay it Forward Program
 Gladys Gribble
 Jeanette Chelius
 Barbara & Stanley Yost
 Nicole Repasky
 Tiffany Carney



Thank You to Our New & Renewing Members

Friend:

Debbie Barnett
 Casey Chenoweith
 Stephen Chupack
 Leonard Coleman
 Patricia Comerford
 Margaret Dohan
 Jean Downes
 May Jo Elliott
 Suzanne Ferguson
 Mary Gacka
 Adele Heft
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 Joyce Ryan
 June Santangelo
 Vicki Smith
 Diane Stultz
 Lee Talton
 Sandra Toney

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 Jody Bolinger
 Helga Bosson
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 Lucille Cobb
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 Veronica Kyte

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 Joann Ostrowski
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 Judith Seymour
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Joan Sadlowski
 Jonne Setliff
 Wanda Shipp
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 Michael Weiss MD
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 Marquis
 Jon Graser
 James McCarthy
 Marie-Michelle McCarthy
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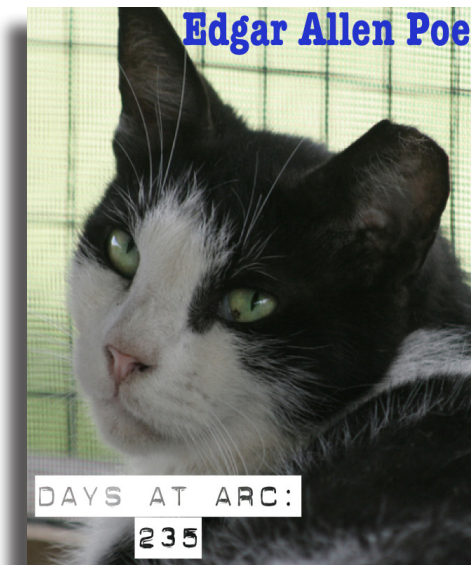
Guardian:

Lisa & Steven D'Amico
 Dr. Thomas &
 Laura Hansen
 Georganne &
 Cliff Williams



Make the Ultimate Difference in the Life of a Shelter Animal...

Adopt or Foster an ARC Resident Today!



More information on many of our residents, including detailed biographies, can be found on our website at www.animalrefugecenter.com. You can even complete an Adoption or Foster application online!

Letter From the President

A Year of Exciting Changes

As we reflect back on 2016, we remember a year of exciting changes! One of the most noticeable advances for the Animal Refuge Center this past year, was the massive upgrade to our website. Our new website is visually appealing, user-friendly, and puts our animals front and center! It allows for much more efficient communication, and makes it so potential adopters can complete adoption applications online. Many more potential adopters are viewing our animals online and that has without a doubt led to another exciting change- increased adoption numbers!

Our events are highlighted and promotional videos can easily be shared, which will hopefully lead to increased event sponsorships and attendance.

This year, we are most excited about our building project. We announced it at the 2016 *Starlight Auction*, and construction is now beginning on the *Brighter Beginnings Adoption Center*! If you have been to ARC before, you know that adoption processing, volunteer sign in, and office administration all happen in one tiny 400 square foot building.

Our new Adoption Center will fulfill a need we have had for a very long time. We will be able to welcome the public, highlight special needs animals that are available for adoption, host volunteer orientation meetings, and provide adoption counseling in a beautiful and functional building. As ARC strives to improve, we will continue in our mission to Shelter, Adopt, and Educate. With your support, the possibilities are endless!

Laura Braun Leinen, DVM



Going the Extra Mile: Gentleman Suede

Suede has been a long time favorite dog around the Animal Refuge Center. He has a long history with us. He was originally adopted and served as somewhat of a service dog for a woman with special needs. After several years, her living situation changed, and Suede returned to ARC where we welcomed him back with open arms (and lots of treats).

Since he was a geriatric dog when he came back to us, we wondered if he would ever find a forever home.

This older gentleman also started to develop some significant medical issues. He had mobility problems affecting his rear legs, and then had two bouts of pneumonia. During his second episode of pneumonia, one of our long-term volunteers, Sharon Swartzbaugh expressed interest in fostering Suede. The day she made her intentions known, is the day that he started to turn the corner with his treatment while hospitalized in intensive care. The first bite of food he ate, was a treat that Sharon lovingly offered him. Once recovered from pneumonia, Suede went home with Sharon and her wonderful husband, Jim.

Suede has been enjoying the good life with his family! He spends his time getting spoiled, relaxing on the furniture, and sampling an assortment of delicious treats. This fall, Sharon noticed a small swelling on Suede's cheek. It was hoped that it would be related to a tooth problem, but unfortunately, this was much worse news. Suede was diagnosed with an osteosarcoma (bone cancer) that was inoperable due to its location. Since Suede was finally enjoying the life he was meant to have, the Animal Refuge Center (and Sharon!) were willing to do anything possible to help him. With the guidance of Dr. Sarah Kraiza, a veterinary oncologist, we decided that his best option was palliative radiation and chemotherapy to slow the growth of his cancer. Sharon took dear Suede over to the other coast of Florida once weekly for five weeks to receive his treatments. So far, so good! Suede has been responding well to treatment, and we could not be more thrilled to see this boy thriving with his loving family. Sharon exemplifies the statement "saving one animal won't change the world, but it will change the world for that one animal." Want to make a difference by fostering a special needs animal? Please visit our website and click the link to submit an application!



ARC Celebrates Its 29th Anniversary!



The years do fly by when you are busy at rescuing, rehabilitating and re-homing pets in need. To celebrate ARC's twenty ninth year, *Bauer Construction/Premier Aluminum* has stepped forward with a really amazing offer!

Every adoption fee in the month of March will be matched! That means for every cat and dog that finds their new home in the month of March, *Bauer Construction/Premier Aluminum* will match the fee you pay. Their funds will help support the intake costs of pets that come in when an adoption occurs!

So if you have been thinking of adding a four-pawed friend to your home, please do come out to ARC in March and double the impact of your adoption fee! Cats/kittens are \$65 if under 6 years old, \$6 if over 6 years old. Dogs are \$75. All come with an extensive physical exam, spayed/neutered, vaccinated appropriate to age,

Event Recap: Lights of Love



On December 10th, 2016, ARC held its annual Lights of Love memorial celebration. The event took place in the Center Court of The Bell Tower Shops in fort Myers. The purpose of this event is to both remember the pets we have lost, and honor those that are still with us. Over 670 pets were remembered or honored, and the event raised nearly \$13,000 to help pets in need become future cherished family members. Board members and volunteers came together to make the event a success. Santa Claus was present for holiday photos with beloved pets.

ARC sincerely thanks all those that came out to remember and honor their cherished pets, as well as the volunteers that made this event possible.

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.

Senior Residents Need Homes, Too!



Collins - 9



Brewski - 9



Mambo - 11

With nearly 450 residents on any given day, you know that a reasonable percentage of them may be older dogs and cats. We consider those animals that are six years of age or older our, "senior residents". But did you know that these older residents make fantastic pets? That's right! You don't need to adopt a puppy or kitten to find your perfect companion. There are many advantages to adopting a slightly older pet. For one thing, an older pet is more likely to respect your belongings. You also know exactly what you're getting in terms of size and weight. Older pets are often calmer, and easier to just kick back and relax with. Older pets CAN learn new tricks, and are perfectly trainable with a little effort and commitment on your part. But perhaps most important of all, senior pets are forever grateful. Somehow, older pets seem to know you gave them a home when no one else would. Many new owners form a close bond very quickly with their senior dog or cat, because the pet shows them a level of attention and devotion that is unique to older adopted animals. Please... Consider one of our senior residents today!



Frasier - 12



Hitch - 8



Galaxy - 14

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!

