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Klause: No Limitations on Love

This big brindle fella had a rough start at life, but you would never know it based on his immeasurably affectionate disposition. When giant Klause was just a little puppy (well, as little as a Bull Mastiff puppy can be), he was hit by a car. He sustained major trauma to his right front leg. He had nerve damage to this leg, which left it unusable. Poor Klause still tried to use the mangled leg, and would end up bearing weight on his wrist, causing an infected callus to develop.

Klause was surrendered to ARC in January, approximately one year after his injury. When we evaluated him, we knew we had to relieve his pain and improve his quality of life. He was evaluated by Dr. Michelle Carnes, a veterinary neurologist at *Specialists in Companion Animal Neurology (SCAN)* in Naples. Dr. Carnes confirmed our fear that Klause would never have use of the limb, and it would continue to be a source of pain and infection unless we took the drastic measure of amputation. Although we didn't come to the decision lightly, we knew that Klause would be much happier on 3 paws!

Our staff veterinarian, Dr. Nicole Nichols, performed the life-improving surgery and Klause spent a few days recovering with 24 hour care at *Florida Veterinary Referral Center (FVRC)*. Now that Klause has fully recovered from surgery, he is showing his appreciation with enthusiastic tail wags and tons of slobbery kisses! He is now available for adoption.

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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Upcoming Events...

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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



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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Thank You to Our New and Renewing Members

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 Jonathan & Evelyn Silverman
 Rob & Kathy Totterdale

Dixie Belle Finally Goes Home!!!

Dixie Belle has been a resident at ARC for a very long time- over 6 years now. We have featured this special girl in many video appeals, Facebook campaigns, newsletters, etc. We've dressed her up for Halloween, celebrated Christmas with her and gotten her special gifts- and all of these special times have been highlighted on social media, with the hope of finding her a home. Unfortunately, whatever we tried, it just seemed she was overlooked. Maybe it was that she's a Pit Bull type dog, maybe it was that she was getting older, or maybe...

It was just that something better was waiting for her.

This January, the Williams Family contacted ARC and were interested in our sweet Dixie Belle. It was almost too good to be true. They had another dog, and were quite willing to do a gradual introduction. They visited her many times at the shelter, brought their dog to have play-dates, and then our Executive Director, Wayne Leinen, brought Dixie Belle to their house for a home visit. The Williams Family offered Dixie exactly what we've been hoping for these past 6 years. She now enjoys playing with the kids, and her doggie housemate Simone.

It was hard to say goodbye to sweet Dixie, but our hearts are overfilled with joy seeing her live the life she was always meant to have. We love you so much, Dixie Belle. Enjoy your wonderful new forever home!



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.



Above & Beyond: Generosity in our Community



ARC would like to take this opportunity to thank Bradi McKown and Spherion of Fort Myers for their very generous donation of \$1000 and a great assortment of treats for our residents. These wonderful folks from Spherion, a corporate staffing company, came out on December 22nd, 2017 to present ARC with a check, and to take a tour of the shelter.

It is people and companies like this one, that bridge the gap between dreaming about doing more for our residents, and making those dreams a reality.

Please support the businesses that support ARC!

Volunteer Spotlight: Mike Frushon

Mike Frushon has been a volunteer with ARC for just over a year now. In that relatively short period of time, he has found many unique ways to both improve the shelter physically, and donate financially. Mike is extremely handy. He has helped to keep many of our canine residents cool in the Florida heat by fixing and/or maintaining the many AC units we use at ARC. He has also fixed up and donated two fantastic golf carts for our staff to use in their everyday work, traversing our 10 developed acres. Mike has raised A LOT of money for the shelter by fixing up and reselling various pieces of machinery. Additionally, for two years now, Mike has donated large and expensive silent auction items for our *Brewed All Fur Them* fundraiser. Lastly and most recently, Mike has begun to sell his copper and stone artwork and donate the proceeds to ARC! Talk about a versatile way to generously donate your time and skills!

Thanks, Mike! We truly appreciate you...



The Animal Refuge Center is always extremely grateful for the generosity of people like Bradi and Mike. Do you have an idea for a way that you or your business can make an impact at our shelter?

Please feel free to call or email ARC's Executive Director, Wayne Leinen:

(239) 233-4375 dep_rep@msn.com

Letters From the Presidents



As all of us in Southwest Florida know, 2017 brought us many challenges. As a relatively new Florida resident, I experienced my first hurricane. As terrible as the hurricane was, what was wonderful to witness was the way our community banded together to lend a hand. Neighbors helped each other to put up hurricane shutters, stocked their pantries with the essentials, and many supporters checked in with us at ARC to make sure we had everything we would need to make it through. Fortunately, through careful preparation, the help of many, and a little luck, all of our animals weathered the storm. Afterwards, we asked for help with the cleanup and expenses that we incurred, and our supporters answered that call.

The biggest accomplishment of the year was certainly the completion of the *Brighter Beginnings Adoption Center*. We have dreamed of this new facility for so long, that seeing it in operation is still surreal. This beautiful and highly functional building allows our shelter to run much more efficiently. Our dedicated Shelter Director, Volunteer Coordinator, and Office Manager now have a lovely space to work and to continue in our mission of Rescuing, Rehabilitating, and Rehoming the amazing animals that we are privileged to care for. Through generous donations, this dream was realized. As the departing Board President for the Animal Refuge Center, I sincerely thank you for what you helped us accomplish in 2017. Looking at the year ahead, I know I personally do not have the time to devote to the role of President that it deserves, so I have stepped down but will remain on the Board as a Trustee. I have truly enjoyed my time in this role, but am quite confident that my successor, Rob Spicker, will be an incredible asset for the shelter and will help ARC reach its full potential.

Laura Leinen, DVM



I am honored to serve as your new President for the Board of Trustees in 2018. Dr. Laura Leinen leaves some big shoes to fill and the Presidents before her have all set a great example of leadership, but I am ready for the challenge. Having seen the commitment of our employees, the energy of our volunteers, the support of our donors and the devotion of our Board, I know the Animal Refuge Center is positioned for continued success.

My family first visited ARC about 9 years ago when we adopted one of our cats. That led to volunteering, then hosting events like Casino Royale and the Starlight Auction, then joining the Board as a Trustee, and now serving as President.

Taking that next step is so important to our future and in the year ahead I plan to get more people to take the next step. Whether they visit us for the first time, add a day to their volunteering or attend their first fundraiser, whatever it is, it will help make ARC better.

I plan to increase our visibility in the community during the year ahead. The more we can make people aware of the great things happening at the Animal Refuge Center, the more great things we can do. I plan to find ways to build upon our brand new Adoption Center. It is such a wonderful addition to our facility that the next step is to follow up on a great first impression by using it to its fullest. Who knows, with a little luck it won't be the only new building at ARC. Lastly, I plan to work hard so that each of our fundraisers this year is more successful than the ones before it. We can't fulfill and grow our mission without it.

I look forward to leading ARC through 2018. I hope you will take the next step with me and add a little more of your support to such a great cause. The dogs and cats that need our love and our shelter are counting on it.

Rob Spicker

Brewed All Fur Them 2: A Soaring Success!



The craft beer scene has been exploding in Southwest Florida for the past 5 years or so, and with that comes new microbreweries across the tri-county area. With all of the interest in craft beer, many people have started brewing at home! *Hangar 41 Brewclub* is the premier brewclub in our area, and they pride themselves not only on helping each other produce quality beer, but also supporting local charities. ARC was thrilled to once again be the charity they selected to support with the 2nd Annual *Brewed All Fur Them*. This year, we were delighted to have breweries from Naples, Estero, and Fort Myers there to serve a wide assortment of beers. Food trucks were there serving up delicious food, and there was even a face painter to help keep the kids entertained. Not only were the local breweries there, but guests were treated to offerings from the *Hangar 41 Brewclub* members! They once again had a competition where the guests voted on their favorite homebrew of the day. Live music by TC & the Troublemakers made the event even more fun, and two adoptable dogs from ARC, Bear and Spot, greeted everyone as they entered.

A huge thank you to *Hangar 41 Brewclub* officers Bill Musante, Ken Wilson, and Rich Calkins. Our sincerest thanks to *Paragon Flight Training* COO Chris Shoensee for once again sponsoring this event. Lastly, thanks to all of the local breweries for making this event an awesome success!

