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Neighbors Helping Neighbors: ARC Welcomes CROW to North Fort Myers!

As the wind and rain began to pass following Hurricane Ian, and we surveyed ARC's property, we found endless downed trees, large sections of fallen fences, and a number of our dog lodges required substantial repairs. But one thing was clear, our main buildings survived the storm, and the mission of the Animal Refuge Center could continue. Much like many of you who turned to family, friends, and neighbors to offer support and perhaps even a place to stay after the storm, we turned to an organization that we've always been "friends" with, the Clinic for Rehabilitation of Wildlife, known as CROW, from Sanibel Island.

Many areas of Southwest Florida faced tremendous devastation in Ian's wake, but the barrier islands took the brunt of Ian's impact. CROW had evacuated prior to the hurricane, ensuring the safety of their wildlife patients, students, staff, and volunteers. With sections of the causeway bridge collapsed, and widespread and longstanding power outages on the island, many worried about how their mission would continue. CROW has been serving the needs of injured wildlife in Southwest Florida for nearly 50 years and cares for approximately 5,000 animals annually. In many ways, ARC and CROW have parallel missions, with one organization caring for domestic animals and the other tending to the wildlife population.

A unanimous decision was made to offer up two buildings on ARC's property for CROW's use, our former clinic and our feline intake building. Recent building projects allowed us to share these facilities, without compromising our dedication to provide shelter and care to homeless dogs and cats in Southwest Florida. Since establishing their temporary location in North Fort Myers alongside ARC, CROW has been able to care for a variety of species, including a bald eagle, softshell turtle, gopher tortoises, eastern cottontail rabbit, and many shorebirds. CROW will be eager to return to their Sanibel campus when it is ready, but until that time, the two organizations are happy to operate side-by-side, caring for all animals of Southwest Florida, domestic and wild.



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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 conditioners/heaters for our residents' housing. Please contact us for model # details!



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ARC's General Membership Meetings are held annually on the 3rd Tuesday of both June and December at 6:30pm. Meetings are held at: ARC 18011 Old Bayshore Road, N. Ft Myers FL 33917

Help Arrives from Far & Wide

We are humbled by and so very thankful for the response from our community and organizations far away that helped us right after Hurricane Ian. In the frenzy of what to do first, food and supplies were quickly marked off as an area of concern. In fact, we were able to reach out to smaller organizations and pet owners and share!

Help also came in the form of fundraisers on ARC's behalf and monetary donations. These resources are helping with tree removals, dog lodge replacements and extensive fencing repairs. There is still much to be done but in time we will recover!



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Always alive in the minds of their owners, the following pets have been memorialized through donations:

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ARC & the Everblades Team Up to Score BIG!

Nickelodeon Night is February 11, 2023!
 Specialty jerseys, themed after Blues Clues, will be worn during the game, autographed and then auctioned off through the DASH app. Proceeds benefit ARC! We will also have game tickets for ANY home game for \$15. Email bettyhughes@comcast.net for your vouchers!



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For more information contact Betty Hughes **239-841-0810**

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 18011 Old Bayshore Road
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 6400 Techster Boulevard
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Home for the Holidays!

This time of year, is all about love. Love for each other and love for family, friends and neighbors. But, do not forget it is also the time to love our 4-pawed furry friends as well! Nothing makes us happier at ARC than to see one of our precious cats or dogs be welcomed into a new family. It is especially heartwarming during this time of year because we know homes are a little brighter, a little kinder and over-flowing with good cheer!

Please continue to share the bios of our cats and dogs along with our web-site.
Spread the word ~ ~ "Adopt Don't Shop!"



Our Best Friends Deserve Better Plans

Membership in The Legacy of Hope Club is a program that helps pet guardians place a safety net under their pet's care in the event they can no longer do so. Plans are tailored for cat and /or dog care and based on accommodations that your pet needs to live the rest of their lives in comfort and safety.

The Legacy of Hope Club is also our way to recognize people who have made a lasting gift through a will, estate plan, life insurance or other deferred gift to the Animal Refuge Center. Please contact Betty Hughes at 239-841-0810 or email bettyhughes@comcast.net to discuss how you can make a lasting gift to our shelter/sanctuary. Your estate planning can ensure ARC is there, in the future, for thousands of pets in need, including your own!

ARC's 28th Starlight Auction Prevails!



The Night Sparkled While Orphaned Pets Shined!



It was a testament to the resiliency of SW Florida that the 2022 Starlight auction could even take place! Despite damage incurred by the Sanibel Harbour Marriott Resort & Spa and only two months to recover, the Marriott was ready for us! Despite ongoing repairs here and there, once you stepped into the Palms ballroom it was another world--one filled with beauty and joy, smiles and laughter and a sense of purpose.

Despite challenges at home, guests arrived with determination to celebrate lives saved in 2022 and prepare a financial foundation to repeat those efforts in 2023. The rescue world never sleeps and, on this night, our amazing guests showed us that they were more than capable of keeping up that pace. They came with an energy and level of generosity that was astounding. The bidding was robust and intensely competitive! This year, ARC was blessed to receive a \$55,000 challenge match on funds raised for general operations and guests quickly met that challenge. In total, \$235,000 was raised for the benefit of pets in need in SW Florida. We are so grateful for our sponsors, donors and guests who made this evening such a success.

When you are in need of goods or services, please consider giving your business to ARC's sponsors and donors first and be sure to thank them for their support of ARC and their love of animals! This year, more than ever before, they need your patronage as they also recover or help others do so.

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