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It Can Take a Village, or Sometimes It Only Takes ARC!

Saving lives can be as easy as come to ARC and here is your new home tomorrow. More often than not it means come to ARC and let's provide bottle-raising, surgery, heartworm treatments and a period of rehabilitation While this might take some time, the end goal is still "here is your new home and this time you will be cherished forever!"

2019 was filled with heartwarming stories. While there are far too many to include all, here are some photos that chronicle the journey of homeless pets in our community that needed more than a new home. They needed a paw up and sometimes a 4-pawed lift at that. But, lift we did! Together, you and ARC made a difference in the lives of those that formerly had no options. Thank you for continuing to support our Special Surgical/Medical fund which goes above and beyond to restore the physical condition of so many pets in need. Please consider a year end gift earmarked "Surgical Fund" to continue this critical program! Thank you, because 2020 is right around the corner!

Animal Refuge Center, Inc.
 P.O. Box 62605
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- \$50 Supporter
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- \$ 500 Sustaining
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| Cats Wish List | Dogs Wish List |
| Canned Food | Biscuits & Treats |
| Dry Food | Nulo Canned & Diamond Dry |
| Temptation 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 conditioners/heaters for our residents' housing. Please contact us for model # details!

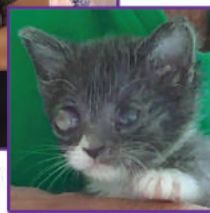
Off-Site Adoption Centers

Cats are available for adoption every Saturday and Sunday from 11-5 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, general events, or at ARC. We are also in need of foster parents to bottle-raise newborn kittens. Contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Zuliana Salerno at vcarc@animalrefugecenter.net.



A home for Misty



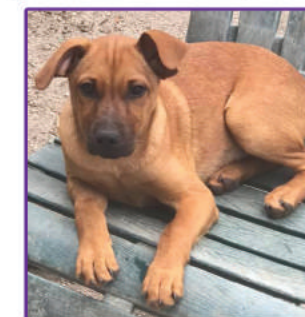
Misty's journey begins



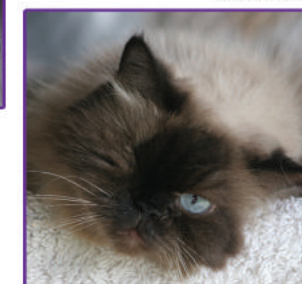
Gus gets surgery after car encounter



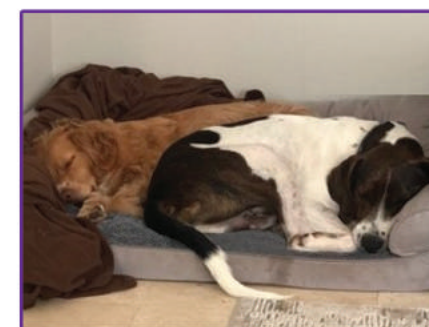
Gus gets a new home



Ashe born male and female converted to female



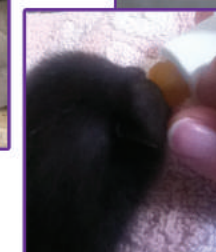
Gracie lost an eye, but gains a home



Gump, from feral to family dog



Eclipse adopted



Eclipse as a bottle baby



Tuscan sees by hearing



Arthur now heartworm free

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ARC Loves Lunch Presentations!

Looking for an interesting and informative presentation at your next club luncheon? Give ARC a call (239-731-3535) and we'll gladly reserve some time to visit your group. We recently traveled to the Club at Grandezza and attended the luncheon of the Grandezza Ladies. Wayne Leinen and Dr. Laura Braun-Leinen provided a video that highlighted our shelter programs and facility. ARC Mascot, Lily, spoke on the importance adopting pets with Special Needs. Canine guest, Chanterelle, visited everyone and just looked adorable!



Thank you, Grandezza Ladies, for also doing a food drive for us, making a donation to our medical/surgical fund and for your stunning golf package donation to our Starlight auction.



Your generosity is deeply appreciated.



Give us a call! We love meeting new friends and our 4-pawed residents love to go on an outing.



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And make a difference in the life of a shelter pet!



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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 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:

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STEP 2: Select the maximum price of rent you can pay and number of bedrooms.
STEP 3: Filter your results by clicking on "More" then select pets allowed or cat friendly

apartments.com

ARC's 25th Silver Jubilee Starlight Auction



The night sparkled while orphaned pets shined!

More magical than ever, this year, ARC's Starlight Auction sparkled silver and royal blue. The festivities included champagne at every place setting, stories of dramatic rescues and heart-warming adoptions. A special canine guest of honor, Hooligan, reminded guests why their support of ARC's surgical fund gives a brighter future to pets in need.

Title sponsor Chuck Bodenhafer, Co-Presenting sponsors Doc's Painting and Paul & Rosalie Walton were joined by Gold sponsors Bonney Leckie – Century 21 Selling Paradise, Dr. Dave & Jennifer Nichols and Sanibel Harbour Marriott Resort and Spa. Together, they inspired thirty-nine fellow sponsors to build the foundation for achievement in 2020.

Two hundred and Twenty-Five guests bid high and often on 185 items! Please remember to support our sponsors and donors and thank them for their generosity and compassion for pets in need. Auctioneers Catherine Sullivan and John Hughes flew in from Phoenix, Arizona once more to help our cause. Our generous audience responded to their call to raise over \$70,000 for a new 4,000 square foot dual-sided cat building! 2020 will see even more lives saved thanks to this year's Starlight auction supporters. Overall, sponsors and guests raised over \$200,000 to help ARC expand in 2020. It is going to be a great year for pets in need!

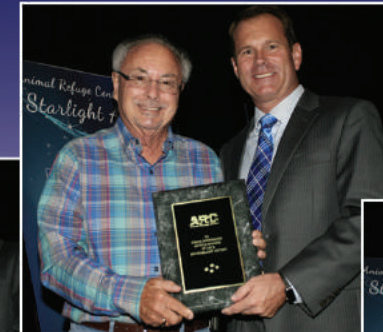
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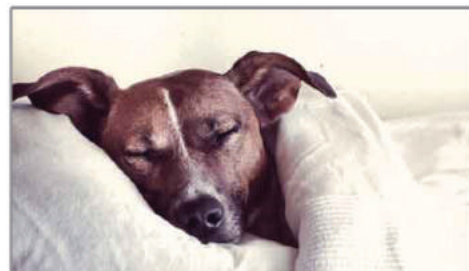
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EVERYONE LOVES VAMPIRES - RIGHT?



Wrong! Vampires are only fashionable in shows like True Blood and Twilight. For vampires that come in the shape of fleas there is nothing likeable about them. Fleas are pesky blood-sucking and life-threatening pests and your pet needs to be protected at all costs. Besides scratching and hair loss, your pet is in serious danger of flea anemia. When you have a flea infestation, your pet is losing red blood cells at an alarming rate. Fleas jump on your pet, help themselves to a blood meal and then hop down into the carpet or wall boards and lay eggs. Lots and lots of eggs. In ten days, you now have a family of mini-vampires. In a month you are being over-run. Don't think they only nibble on your pet because if they are in the mood for a little variety, they will enjoy a snack on you!



Signs of anemia include tiredness, inability for prolonged exercise, decreased appetite and pale or whitish gums. In severe cases a trip to your veterinarian for a blood transfusion might be essential for life itself. It is so much easier to avoid all this with a monthly application of flea preventative. Here in the southern states it is flea season all year round so don't skip a month! Flea products obtained from a vet will be effective and avoid seizures in your pets that unfortunately seem to happen with lower quality products obtain from other sources. Stick with what your veterinarian recommends. Some products also eliminate ear mites and protect against heartworm at the same time they deal with fleas! It is a win-win for your pet, you and your home!

If you find kittens or puppies that are flea infested you can give them a warm bath and lather them up with Dawn dish detergent. Wet the neck and back end area first and suds those areas up. That will trap the fleas between the main part of the body which will prevent fleas from swarming the eyes and ears and also the private parts at the back end. Then soap up the tail, legs, paws and top of the head. Let the lather work for a few minutes and then rinse well. Dry the kittens with several towels until dry. Young kittens and puppies cannot regulate their body temperature so they must be carefully dried.

Once your pets are protected you can turn your attention to washing all bedding and vacuuming daily for at least a week! Eggs hatch every ten days so persistent housekeeping is a must to break the cycle. Don't forget to empty that vacuum canister in a sealed bag and in the outdoor canister promptly! Soon everyone in the house will be resting easy day and night!



Animal Refuge Center's 6th Annual

Purses for Pooches

Presented by
Bonney Leckie - Century 21 Selling Paradise

February 22, 2020, 12 p.m.-3 p.m.
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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!

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