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Your Pet Could be a Winner in ARC's 2016 Online Calendar Pet Photo Auction!

Doesn't your pet deserve to grace the cover or a month in ARC's hugely popular calendar? Of course it does! Once again, you can bid, online only, to secure the cover of our 2016 calendar or any of ten months available! January and March were already auctioned off at our 2014 Starlight Auction for the Animals, and Casino Night.

All bidders must be able to bring their pet to a free professional photo session with SandBar Photography, located in their studio in N. Ft Myers. This is the sixth year they have graciously offered to photograph the winning pets to create a stunning calendar.

We did not set a minimum opening bid for individual months in this auction. However, we are offering a "buy me now" option just in case you HAVE to have a particular month. Perhaps a "special" month in honor of your pet's birthday, or even your birthday!

Keep a close eye on our web-site (www.animalrefugecenter.com) and our Facebook page for the auction's web-site address! It will be released in the next couple of weeks.

Bidding starts June 15, 2015 at midnight, and ends midnight July 15, 2015. Credit cards will be required to bid.

Animal Refuge Center, Inc.
 P.O. Box 6642
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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
 Pedigree dry & Canned food
 6' standard leashes

Shelter Wish List -Paper Towels, tall trash bags, dish soap laundry detergent, bleach, and linens.

Deliver the wish list items or drop them off at any food bin listed below:

Publix at Daniels Parkway
 Publix on College Street and South Point Blvd.

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

Dogs and cats are available for adoption every Sunday at Petco (Gulf Coast Town Center) from 11:00 AM until 3:00 PM



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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.

Meet Our New Volunteer Coordinator: Amy Sera



I am so happy to be here, so let me introduce myself!

I am Amy Sera, your new Volunteer Coordinator. I will start by telling you a little about myself.

After graduating from FGCU with an Environmental Studies degree, I have spent the last 11 years working as an informal educator for various nonprofit organizations. My animal experience is mostly limited to more exotic animals such as owls, snakes, alligators, and turtles. But I am very excited to learn

more about daily pet care. I will be relying on your knowledge and expertise to help me along the way.

As your new Volunteer Coordinator I hope to form a lasting relationship with all of our treasured volunteers. I can't wait to get to know each of you! My door will always be open if you have any questions, suggestions or concerns. I am available Thursday through Sunday from 9-4. Please stop by as you check in so I can learn all about you!



Our Residents Thank You!



Special thanks go to Mary Hood, 2nd grade teacher at Allen Park. Her class had a food drive and fundraiser to purchase Kuranda beds for ARC! Mary and several of her students came out to the shelter to deliver their goods. Thanks so much! Our residents greatly appreciate it!



Thanks also go to Arthrex, Inc. Their employees held a food and supply drive for the shelter. Over the course of two months, they accumulated more than 6 very large cartons of sundries for ARC. Thank you, Arthrex!

We have so many more children, families, schools and companies to thank!
 If your group wasn't featured this issue, it will be soon!

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: **C**ontributions have been received in memory of the following persons for their compassion and concern for animals:

Memorials for Pets:

Baby, Rusty	Patricia & Jack Petrie
Dusty & Boots	
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Laurel	Betty & Edward Fishburn
Leopold	Charlene Miller
Misty Morning	Sonja Koutsoutis

Honors for People:

Lisa Bernstein & Debbie Pearce	Terri Sammarco
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Going All-In for the Animal Refuge Center

The Animal Refuge Center hosted its 3rd Annual Casino Night on March 7th, at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Fort Myers. Bonney Leckie of Century 21 Selling Paradise Realty went All In as Title Sponsor for this exciting evening. Guests enjoyed playing Blackjack, Roulette, Craps, and Texas Hold’Em and then converted their winnings into raffle tickets for a chance to win some fabulous prizes. The event also featured a live auction, with lively bidding thanks to Master of Ceremonies Rob Spicker of WINK TV News. A big thanks to photographer Mike Meehan for capturing all the action! The real winners of this event are the residents at ARC. Fundraisers like this ensure that we never have to “gamble” when it comes to their care.

The Animal Refuge Center would like to sincerely thank the following sponsors:

High Roller Sponsors: Specialized Veterinary Services, Betty & Rich Hughes;

Deuces Wild Sponsors: Coral Veterinary Clinic, Doc’s Painting, Home-Tech, and Cedar Chest Fine Jewelry;

Lady Luck Sponsors: Animal Clinic at Kelly Crossing, Bay Electric, Bev & Russ Moody, Smilin’ Dog Bakery, Dry Zone, Royal Canin, Hole Montes, Dr. Laura Braun-Coral Veterinary Clinic, Margaret Foreso, Prestige Motorsports, Maxwell, Hendry & Simmons, LLC, Commercial & Residential Appraisal and Consulting.

We would also like to thank the many donors who provided prizes: Crown Plaza Chicago O’Hare, Mike and Barbara Maxwell, Kakes by Karen, Lily & Company, Natalie’s Skin Care Solutions, Rollings Dental, Signal Inn, and Trader Ricks at Bell Tower. Sincere appreciation to all of the event volunteers for making this fun evening such a success!

Please always consider our event sponsors when looking for personal services and tell them you appreciate their support of ARC!



Summer Dangers

Author: Dr. Laura E. Braun

The start of summertime in southwest Florida has a lot to celebrate- traffic becomes more manageable, the beaches clear out, and it’s time to get back out on the water. There are some dangers during the summer months that need to be avoided to keep your dog safe this time of the year.

Heatstroke can happen quite quickly during the summer. Dogs do not sweat, so they cannot cool themselves as effectively as some other animals. Panting helps to cool them, but they still will overheat easily. Dogs should never be left unattended in a car. Leaving the windows rolled down in the car does not help enough to make this safe. The temperature inside a car can easily reach 20 degrees hotter than the outdoor temperature within minutes. Brachycephalic dogs (dogs with a “smushed” face like Bulldogs, Pugs, and Boxers) are the most susceptible to heat stroke. Avoid walking your dog during the heat of the day; save longer walks for early in the morning or after sunset. If you think your dog is starting to overheat, using a garden hose to wet their skin will help cool them down, get them inside to air conditioning, or take them to a veterinarian for help.

Another summertime problem is the Bufo toad. This is a large toad that is out mostly during the rainy season. They secrete a toxin from a gland near their eyes that can kill a dog. If your dog licks or bites one of these toads, they can absorb the toxin across their gums. Typically, the first sign they show is drooling profusely. Many dogs will have an elevated body temperature, start having seizures, and may develop cardiac arrhythmias. If you think that your dog has come in contact with a Bufo toad, the first thing you should do is rinse his mouth out. This helps decrease the toxin that they will absorb. Then, take your dog to the vet immediately for more treatment.

Many dogs love going to the beach to play in the water. Some dogs will consume too much salt water while having fun in the sun. This can lead to vomiting, diarrhea, and dehydration. Always make sure your dog has lots of cool fresh water to drink while they are at the beach to avoid this problem.

Avoid the dangers, and enjoy a beautiful Southwest Florida summer!



ARC Board Candidate Nominations

ARC is pleased to present the following candidates who have applied for positions as Board Trustees. ARC members can vote to approve these candidates on Tuesday, June 16th, 2015 at 6:30pm at Home-Tech 6400 Techster Ave Ft Myers Fl. A brief description of qualifications is as follows:

Stephanie Summers: Currently co-host of The Morning Blend and Paradise TV on SW Florida’s Fox 4. A strong animal advocate, Stephanie served on the Board of Directors for Souris Valley Animal Shelter in North Dakota and the Humane Society of St. Louis.

Lily & Co Birthday Bash - Pawsotively a Good Time!

Lily & Co of Sanibel continued to host a fabulous birthday party for store mascot; Lily the Labradoodle. Co-owners Karen Bell and Dan Schuyler were the ultimate hosts making sure everyone enjoyed their afternoon under the big tent. There to meet and greet guests were several ARC dogs and ARC's very own mascot; Lily.

Guests eagerly purchased raffle tickets for the chance to win a huge variety of high end items including a \$900 diamond dog paw pendant by Lily & Co. Artist Rafael Diaz drew caricatures to also help raise funds and delight guests. Lily the Labradoodle did a guest appearance during the dog fashion contest and at eleven years old still rocked the runway!

"Pup cakes" were provided by Island Paws Dog Bakery and Bailey's General Store focused on the "two legged guests" offering hot dawgs and bratwursts! Island Grooming and Coral Veterinary Clinic provided dog treats and informational material on pet care. We'd also like to thank J McLaughlin Island Fashion, Island Photography, Myra Roberts – artist, and KC Designs for their support in making this event such a success.

In total, \$13,783 was raised to help ARC's annual expense of caring for a thousand abandoned pets. ARC deeply appreciates the generosity of our friends on Sanibel!



\$13, 783... Thank you Lily & Co!



Andy



Lazy Boy



Bel

4 the Love of Felines!

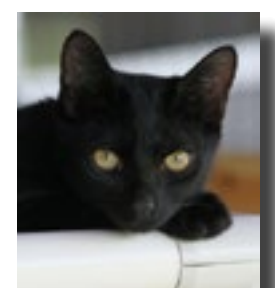
June is National Adopt a Shelter Cat Month, and we are celebrating with an adoption promotion at the Animal Refuge Center. In the month of June, if you come to ARC to adopt a cat of any age, the adoption fee has been reduced to just \$4 as part of our "4 the Love of Felines" promotion! All of the cats at ARC have been spayed or neutered, microchipped, had a blood test for Feline Leukemia and Feline Immunodeficiency Virus, and appropriately vaccinated. Whether you are looking for a playful kitten, an active young adult cat, or a more mature feline companion, you will be sure to find a new best friend by visiting ARC. Our adoption staff can help pair you with a cat to complement your family perfectly. Please consider participating in this nationwide promotion during the month of June! You can preview some of our available felines at our website: www.animalrefugecenter.com Go to the Pet Search tab, and then Featured Cats.



Calvine



Dorothy



Thyme

Construction on Two New Dog Lodges Completed!

The Animal Refuge Center would like to extend a **very** heartfelt, "Thank You!" to Melissa Gribble. Melissa has been an extremely generous donor over the years, funding many of the structures and projects at ARC. These two lodges were constructed in ARC Park, and now house Galaxy and Rockz. We were previously making use of the two front porches of the Welcome Center to house two dogs. This was certainly NOT optimal as this area is difficult to heat during the cold months, and almost impossible to adequately cool during the hot months of summer. Melissa jumped at the chance to once again, enhance the lives of our residents, as well as the aesthetic of the shelter.

We would also like to extend our thanks to Joval Construction for their continued support of ARC!

