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Ribbon Cutting Ceremony Ushers in a Grand Opening!

From a long-time dream to a crowning reality, the Sharon Bodenhafer Critter Care Clinic is now open for ARC cats and dogs. This state-of-the-art, 2500 sq. foot clinic has everything needed to provide surgical procedures, dental care, heart-worm treatments, respiratory care, spay-neuters, and so much more. Our exam room is complete with a digital imaging system which allows us to share images to local orthopedic/cardiac or cancer specialists or even to those across the country! This allows for the fastest diagnosis possible in order to resolve a pet's issue or to know when an off-site resolution is more appropriate. Separate air systems for cat and dog recovery units deter cross-contamination between them and the surgical suite.

Over thirty people attended the grand opening to honor Sharon's memory and thank her husband, Chuck, for bestowing this amazing gift to ARC. His hours of dedication to the personal touches were particular evident in the lobby where Sharon's portrait hangs. In addition, an entire wall is a mural depicting the Rainbow Bridge, personal pets and her love of all animals.

We hope to honor Sharon and thank Chuck, in the best way possible, by utilizing this clinic to its' fullest capability for the benefit of the cats and dogs in SW Florida and beyond.



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Name _____

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



Your purchases, made through Amazon Smile, can help support ARC. Simply shop on Amazon Smile (instead of Amazon) and select the Animal Refuge Center as your charity to support. A percentage of your purchase will be sent to ARC through the Amazon Smile Foundation!

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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: Home-Tech, 6400 Techster Blvd, Fort Myers, FL 33966

Our Dog Lodges Must be Very Tasty!

From time to time, we get a guest that just loves to chew. Or, dig all day. Or, fails to get out of the heat. No matter! Amy and Matt Podrasky led the Church For The Rest Of Us on a lodge and linen shed facelift.



Then, a crew from Scotlynn tackled lodge repairs, awnings and smoothed out yards.



Thank you everyone for coming to save the day!

BECOME A VOLUNTEER TODAY
 And make a difference in the life of a
SHELTER PET!
 Details available at www.AnimalRefugeCenter.com/become-a-volunteer/



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:

Memorials for People:

Georgina Adams
 Robert & Farrell Lotts
 Molly Rife
 Molly Rife
 Thom Snelling
 Harold Strayer
 Bianca Wood

From:

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From:

Martha Hammond
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 Elizabeth Brasfield
 Bob & Quinta West
 Kathryn Abbott

Pet Honors:

Rocky

From:

Michele Hastings



Thank You to Our New and Renewing Members

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Food and Supply Drives Warmly Welcomed!

It is mind-boggling the volume of food and supplies that are needed to care for a shelter the size of ARC. It is so very helpful and appreciated when supporters arrive with their arms full of goodies or present funds to purchase items. Their smiles light up our lobby and the lives of our cats and dogs!

You are paw-some!



Popcorn for Pooches Created by Kadence and Piper Dunn of Up River RV Resort Raised \$700!



Ella and Bayshore Elementary National Honor Society



Emily and VCA Hospital



Blackjack for Everyone! 🎲

Between the raffles, live auction items and buffet, Casino Night was nothing but winners! And that doesn't even touch the excitement taking place at the Blackjack, Texas Hold'em, Craps and Roulette tables!

ARC would like to thank our generous Sponsors: Paul & Rosalie Walton, Betty & Rich Hughes, Bonney Leckie – Century 21 Selling Paradise, Prestige Motosports, Kathy & Rob Totterdale, Bay Electric of Collier County, Doc's Painting, EG Contracting Co., Denny Grimes & Team, Andrew Marcus Law Firm, Jennifer & Dr. Dave Nichols, The Cedar Chest Fine Jewelry, Lisa & Ted Ehrlich, Gary Howington, Huxters Market & Deli, Keepsakers Collectors Club, Tina Marie Interiors, Paradise Pavers, Tiki Tails Dog Resort, What 2 Wear SW Florida, Patrick & Carrie Meehan, Joe Wakem, Peggy Gore, Stephanie Wells, Training Grounds Academy, Mary Accardo and Ron Lazaro.

ARC would also like to thank the following businesses for donating Live Auction items and raffle items: Nancy Colby, Dunkin Diamonds, Edison Ford Estates, Lisa Ehrlich, Fiddlesticks Golf Club, Peggy Gore, Amanda Hosney, Betty Hughes, Huxters Market & Deli, Hyatt Regency Coconut Point, Ken Johnson, Lily & Co, Primetime Events, Total Wine, & Zulu Nyala.

Please frequent the businesses that support ARC's mission and thank the individuals who also ensure ARC is there for pets in need! Together we can deal a *Royal Flush* every time!



Springing Right into a New Home!

Last issue we asked that you share our web-site and photos of available cats and dogs. Many of you must have done that because adoptions during the spring just exploded! This could not have come at a better time because we all know spring is baby season which means we need higher adoptions in order to keep up with the new requests to save lives in need.

But we have a big favor to ask. Will you keep sharing our web-site and Facebook pages? Will you keep spreading the word "Adopt Don't Shop?" Our fur-babies could not be more appreciative because what they all want is to curl up at night in a Living room basking in YOUR love. Keep spreading the word that ARC has your "next best friend!"



Oliver ~ Adopted



Kenai ~ Adopted



Diva ~ Adopted Dec.

Ralphie ~ Adopted Nov.



Kodiak ~ Adopted



Lucy ~ Adopted



Margay ~ Adopted



Lily ~ Adopted



Sakura ~ Adopted



Annabelle ~ Adopted



Ava ~ Adopted



Esme ~ Adopted



Thinking of Volunteering? Then Stop by ARC and Meet Me! Joy Patton

As the newest ARC Volunteer Coordinator, I haven't had the pleasure of meeting as many folks yet as I would like. Please stop by the office to say hello!

My background is varied. I was born and raised in the Philly suburbs (love a good cheesesteak) and in my twenties, I worked for AAA planning various US trips for those bit by the travel bug. My favorite travel adventures: Prince Edward Island/Nova Scotia, Iceland, Ireland, England, Scotland and Wales, and of course Bonita Beach where I fell in love with SW Florida in the 1980's.

After receiving my Master's degree in Opera Performance from Westminster Choir College in Princeton, NJ, I began work in the HR of the Philadelphia Orchestra. Singing has always been a part of my life but as more of an avocation in recent years.

Jon and my grown daughter, Katie and I have recently relocated to the lovely Fort Myers area with our two adorable rescue cats. When our beloved rescue terrier/spaniel mix, Rosie, passed away, Katie "happened" to go into the two-story cat building of her local rescue while volunteering. She discovered a small black cat with big green eyes who came out of hiding to ask Katie to bring her home. We became CAT LOVERS! And just like you can't eat just one chip, we brought our little tuxedo rescue kitten (who fit in my hand initially) home the following year.

So NOW, here I am at ARC. I began volunteering in the Beesley, Dixie D. and Aeries cat buildings in January. I had looked at several shelters in the area to see their level of animal care and came to the decision that ARC's devotion to their cats and dogs was the place for me! So please reach out to me as I am sure you will feel the same way!



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!

Purses for Pooches Back Bigger Than Ever

We so missed this favorite lady's luncheon in 2021 but Fiddlesticks was back in action and pulled out all the stops! Over eighty attendees celebrated our 7th year and eagerly bid on designer purses and hoped to win several fantastic raffle prizes! These generous ladies raised just under \$19,000 for the pets in ARC's care!

We also extend a very special thanks to our Presenting Sponsor: Bonney Leckie - Century 21 Selling Paradise. Fellow valued sponsors were, Kathy Totterdale, Prestige Motosports, The Cedar Chest Fine Jewelry, Betty Hughes and What2Wear Consignment.

This event could not take place without a fantastic team of purse donors! Over sixty gently loved purses will continue to be cared for by our event guests, volunteers, staff and board members! Thank you all!



Woof Walk Puts Best Paw Forward!

A huge shout out to Alexander McNamee for coming up with this fun idea for an ARC outing at Koresan State Park! Between soliciting sponsors, ordering t-shirts, obtaining park permits, and gathering up walk attendees, Alex had a full plate! Alex, we hope you consider being an event lead for Woof Walk 2023!

Guests and their dogs, accompanied by several ARC dogs, enjoyed a leisurely stroll through shaded park trails and returned to vie for prizes for best groomed, best wiggle butt, tallest, shortest etc etc. We think every participant was a winner! Rounding out the day were raffle prizes that were sure to please all dogs and their Guardians!

Thank you to our sponsors: Blue Diamond Jewelers, Estate Roofing, Grand Illusions T-Shirts, Paw-Radise, Pawz 4 Dayz, Pet Supermarket, Ken & Pam Relyea, Sign-a-Rama, Silverspot Cinema, Springs at Gulf Coast Apartments and Woof Gang Bakery and Grooming. And, to all our paw-some volunteers that helped pull this off, great job everyone!

