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Bonney Leckie - Century 21 Selling Paradise

Saturday, April 11th 2020

7pm-11pm

A Bond Themed Gala To Support The Animal Refuge Center

Hosted Inside at the
Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort & Spa

Sponsorship Opportunities

007[™] Sponsor: \$2,000

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Additional tickets: \$75.

Tickets Include buffet and \$2000 in gaming play money

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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 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. New off-site adoption location includes PetSmart at 2415 Tarpon Bay Plaza in Naples! ARC kitties are there seven days a week!

Needed: volunteers to boost off-site adoptions by helping with transport and showcasing pets to the public. Fostering has special needs in the area of bottle-raising newborns. Contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Zuliana, at vcarc@animalrefugecenter.net

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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

Holiday Presents Galore!

ARC is so grateful to our supporters who collected food & supplies, held holiday parties, birthday parties and business fundraisers throughout the holiday season. Our Christmas tree was surrounded with food, treats, toys, beds, leashes, cleaning supplies, towels and monetary donations as holiday gifts. May your generosity to ARC cats & dogs come back to you ten-fold!



Hanna and Anna - Publix on Bayshore



Sandy Knapp - Lani Kai check



Melissa and Macy Tackett



Lisa from Paws and Claws

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 Pets:

Buddy
 Buttons
 Dusty & Jassie
 Gracie
 Lulu
 Mr. Handsome
 Rene
 Scooter
 Smoocher
 Snoopy

From:

Stephanie Rooker
 Don & Rose Marie Caskey
 Kathryn Abbott
 Erika & Marttin Foye
 Ginger Isbill
 Margaret & Donald Black
 Libby Brasfield
 Martha & Larry Hammond
 Jill Uhler & Marvin Buford
 Fay & Robert Harmon

Honors for Pets:

Cicero & Vesta
 Ginger Belle
 Stanely

From:

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 Robert & Norma Hoptry
 Dale Jones

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Gene Benassi
 Frances Arlene Carpenzano
 Sandra Carsley
 Sandra Carsley
 Denise Corrody
 Mike Dillard
 Preston Hoover
 Janine Leduc
 Marcia Pierpont
 Robert Sherlock
 Marsha Jan Tinney
 Marylen Faith Watts
 Sheila Weston

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 Howard & Linda Lamborn
 Carol Riley
 The Corrody Family
 Don & Rose Caskey
 Natalie Hubbard
 Todd Adams
 The Whiskey Creek Mah Jongg Club
 Libby Brasfield
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 Arlene & Larry Schuetz
 Jerry Weston Electric

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 Rebecca Lipsie
 Bob & Farrell Lotts
 Jennifer Nichols
 Charles M. Frey & Shelby
 Donna Alesia Krohn

From:

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 John Shaw
 Karen & Chuck Young
 Barbara Yost
 Joan Walters
 Katherine Von Rodeck

Thank You to Our New and Renewing Members

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 Norman & Polly Bryant
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Animal Refuge Center's 6th Annual
Purses for Pooches
 Presented by
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February 22, 2020, 12 p.m.-3 p.m.
at the
Fiddlesticks Country Club

Lunch • Silent Auction • Purse Fashion Show
 Live Auction • Giveaways

Sponsorships available

Catwalk Sponsor \$1,500 Canine Couture \$500
 Papparazzi Sponsor \$750 The Cats Meow \$250
 Individual Tickets \$45

For more information contact Betty Hughes 239-841-0810

Help the animals at ARC
 by cleaning out your closets
 and donating your previously
 loved designer purses & scarves.

Drop off Locations

Bonney Leckie, Realtor
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 18011 Old Bayshore Road
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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!

Please consider making a donation to ARC using the enclosed envelope, or online at www.animalrefugecenter.com/donate.



Letter from the President

These last two years or so have seen great improvements in the infrastructure at the *Animal Refuge Center*. With the help of the original donor, we fully remodeled the *Gribble Canine Training Center*, installing 14 beautiful kennels for the purposes of intake quarantine and increased safety for our dogs in the event of natural disaster. Our old Welcome Center was demolished and replaced with the beautiful new *Brighter Beginnings Adoption Center*. Two aging feline buildings were completely remodeled (funded by two Board members), giving us the new *Zippy's Cottage* and *Harley House*. Lastly, we replaced 5 existing, and added 2 new, stormproof canine lodges.

2020 will be no different! Construction of a new 4,000 SqFt cat building will begin in the coming months. This project was funded in one part by a very large estate donation, and the remainder by proceeds from November 2019's *Starlight Auction* donation item. Hundreds of attendees raised their hands to give, and the result was amazing.

We also have another VERY exciting new project beginning on the horizon as well! Our current 1200 Sq Ft on-site medical center will be replaced with a beautiful, new, state of the art clinic. The new clinic (Name TBA in a future issue!) will more than double the size of our current medical center, and allow us to vastly improve the comfort and care of residents who are sick or undergoing long periods of treatment for medical issues like Heartworm disease, cancer, or orthopedic procedures. Our medical staff already provides an excellent level of care in a very small, aging building. The new clinic will make our capabilities that much greater. This massive undertaking was also underwritten by an extremely generous individual donor.

So how do we continue to improve, expand and reinvent ourselves at ARC? The answer is simple. We are able to grow and thrive because we are guided by a Board of Trustees that has the utmost vision and commitment to the organization. And of course, our residents are cared for by a staff that loves them as if they were their own. We are able to make projects like these come to fruition through the simple generosity of everyday supporters like you! We are a 501c3, non-profit. We receive no help whatsoever from the county, state, or government. We raise the money that allows us to improve and expand through fundraisers and events, grants and appeals, and interactions with the public that gravitate them to our cause.

You, yes YOU, can be a hero to our mission. The aggregate of even the smallest donations, can become the springboard to something wonderful. Attend, or better yet, become a sponsor at one of our many events. Sponsor one of our residents for a year. Become a Member of the organization. There are so many ways to help move ARC forward. Each one of them enables us to positively touch the lives of the thousands upon thousands of animals we've taken under our care over the last 30+ years. ARC's Board thanks you in advance for your kindness and generosity.

Sincerely,

Wayne Leinen, Jr.

ARC Board President

Join Team **ARC!**

ARC's Volunteer Program is a very exciting and challenging adventure as we are in the process of enhancing the structure to the Program. Volunteers have been a tremendous help to the organization, but just like any other resource, we need to optimize their activities. They can improve not only the quality of life of our cats and dogs but the staff's lives as well!

We started by providing staff members tools to enable them to better work as a team with volunteers. We called it an "educational session" and they learned about volunteer needs, how to properly train a volunteer and make volunteers feel appreciated. We also put in place a more structured schedule at one of the cat buildings and it was a huge success! So, we are now in the process of creating schedules for all our cat and dog residences.

The business sector has also contributed to ARC by donating their time and resources. Companies like Spirit Airlines, Starbucks, Arthrex, Sanibel Harbour Marriott Resort & Spa, Turnkey Vacation Rentals and Gartner Group have trimmed palm fronds, cleared drains, mowed our acreage/dog park, weeded, painted doors, smoothed out our roads, walked dogs and many other tasks!

It takes a village to run a shelter but as a team we can do it! If you believe in ARC's mission to save lives of pets in need, come on out and join us! We have 400 cats and dogs that will reward you with purrs and puppy kisses!

Zuliana Salerno - Volunteer Coordinator



ARC & the Everblades Team Up to Score BIG!

We were so pleased to be a sponsor of the Florida Everblades 2019-2020 season! Go Blades!

December 13th was our big night with the Blades. With their first goal, over 10,000 teddy bears were tossed onto the ice to benefit area children's hospitals. After a 5-3 victory over the KC Mavericks, it was time to auction off team jerseys specifically designed for ARC! Over \$16,000 dollars was raised by fans eager to wear the "Ugly Sweater" design.

Be sure to check out our newly designed back-lit sign above the Breakaway Sports Pub year-round! Our intension is to renew our sponsorship for the 2020-2021 season as the opportunity to meet new ARC "fans" is purr-fect!



🐾 ——— Zippy's Cottage is Completed! ——— 🐾

Another dream came true! Thanks to specific funding from three anonymous donors, our Leukemia cats have a fully renovated and spacious cottage to call home. This "face-lift" will provide many years of use in high-quality comfort.

Epoxy floors ensure durability and easy cleaning. The kitchen/laundry area offers food prep and fluffy linens. A "time out pod" offers a treatment area for minor medical treatments.

The sitting room area (Blossom's Boudoir) will accommodate Kuranda cat towers and beds for climbing and napping. Our Leukemia kitties say thank you every day!



In Memory of Zippy

