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**CASINO ROYALE 007**  
Presented by  
**Paul & Rosalie Walton**  
**Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> 2022**  
**7pm-11pm**

*Paul and Rosalie Walton*

**A Bond Themed Gala To Support The Animal Refuge Center**  
Hosted at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort & Spa  
**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 \_\_\_\_\_

- |                       |                           |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Cats Wish List</b> | <b>Dogs Wish List</b>     |
| 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!



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!

**Sponsorship Opportunities**

- Royale Title Sponsor: \$3,500 (SOLD)
- 007<sup>th</sup> Sponsor: \$2,500
- License to No-Kill Sponsor: \$1,000
- Diamonds Are Forever Sponsor: \$500
- The Dog Who Loved Me Sponsor: \$200
- Additional tickets: \$75.



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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

For further updates check our Events page on our web-site!



# 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.

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

**R**eferred 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 People:**

Mark Ambrose  
Mario Guerra  
Denise M. Hancock  
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AC  
Ari  
Boo  
Sanibel  
Riley  
Romeo  
Winston

**From:**

Sabine Francisco  
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**Pet Honors:**

Yogi  
Rivet (Tat)  
Rok, Ide & Bentley

**From:**

Bonnie Tate  
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**People Honors:**

Arlene Bane  
Bob & Gracie Ann  
Friends & Family for Christmas  
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Bob Goldman & Nancy Cavanaugh

**From:**

Barbara Kenaga  
Quinta West  
Velta Higerira, Lucy & Max  
Bob, Quinta & Gracie Ann  
Gail Nachman

## Thank You to Our New and Renewing Members

**FRIEND:**

Lee Anderson  
Betty Fishburn  
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### Seniors in Need



Madonna - 10 years Ludo - 10 years

Pets that come to ARC have all the time they need to find a home. The wait is harder for Seniors because of all the time they had in a home prior to surrender. They miss a home even more so and are eager to offer their skill at how to be loyal and show love in a variety of ways. Please consider seniors like Ludo and Madonna and be their "special person."

# GOOD THINGS COME TO THOSE WHO WAIT!

It has been a long and convoluted process to construct a new 4,000-foot cat building but FINALLY it is done! ARC has undergone a lot of expansion over the past thirty years but this particular project seemed to hit all the road bumps. Perhaps a sign of the times is the extremely long permitting process. Then we had to get in line for construction material, then deal with lumber costs going stratospheric! Topping off a year delay was a new requirement installing two ten thousand galleon water tanks and a fire truck road extension in the event of a fire. That almost brought construction to a screeching halt but thankfully some Foundation support was granted and that requirement met.

Now known as the Handran House and the Stanfield House, cats are being shifted from pods that will undergo some renovations. Specifically, we have four cat building that are in need of converting linoleum flooring to epoxy floors. We already shifted kittens from the Maises House into the Handran House. Once Doc's Painting begins replacing the flooring in the other four houses, it will be musical chairs shifting cats from one house to another until all are updated! We will need to stock up on Temptations to reward all our kitties for being so good regarding the move.



# ARC & the Everblades Team Up to Score BIG!

February 9th was our big night to auction off specialty autographed team jerseys! This year, jerseys honored Nickelodeons beloved character, Garfield! Alvin & Cathy Fox, Starlight Auction winners of the ARC skybox for the night, had the honor of accepting their Garfield jersey and doing the ceremonial puck drop! Looks like the skybox group was having a grrrr-eat time for themselves! The near sold out arena rooted the Blades on as they tried to wrestle those wascally Swamp Rabbits from South Carolina on the ice. Garfield brought some much-needed luck to the Blades and they won 3-0!

Meantime, back at the ARC informational table, volunteers Debbie Wainey, Jessica Landing and Taylor Bailey were winning as well! They warmly greeted fans who were eager to learn more about ARC, sign up to be volunteers or ask about adoption opportunities. What a great way to reach people in our community who may not yet know how ARC serves Lee County's homeless pets.



We are so pleased to be a sponsor of the Florida Everblades 2021-2022 season!  
Go Blades and see you again next year!

# ON THE ROAD AGAIN!

ARC's previous van bit the dust many months ago. While it serviced our needs for a long time, it now needed extensive repairs. Our first dream was a transport van with an extended ceiling where personnel could easily load up built-in compartments with rescued pets. While we are still looking at grant opportunities to fully fund that goal, we needed something more immediate.

A long-time supporter of ARC decided to bridge the gap between today's need and a "dream" van by donating her Odyssey. A perfect solution! Then, adding to the generosity, Sign-a-Rama of N. Ft Myers stepped forward to donate the decaling. We could not be more grateful and please remember them for your printing & signage needs! Our dream is still to obtain a stand-up van, but for now we have wheels and are once again on the go!



## Betty White Inspired Charitable Giving

What a testament to America's "Golden Girl." Across the nation (and probably the globe) donations in the memory of Betty made a positive impact in lives of abandoned pets. Across small towns and in urban cities, people opened their hearts in memory of a woman who cherished animals her whole life. We can only imagine what the combined impact was in regards to the Betty White Challenge.

Here at ARC, we did not have to imagine. Donations came in to not only support our daily activities at ARC but to help one of our canines that had just injured her cruciate ligament. Our very own "Golden Girl", Oreo, needed a costly surgery and weeks of physical therapy. Not only was her surgery covered by the Betty White Challenge but two future surgeries on another needy dog or cat will also benefit from the out pouring of love.

Betty would be thinking -- *"Thank you for being a friend."*



## STEPPING INTO 2022 ON THE RIGHT "PAW"

Many cats and dogs at ARC took on a "New Year's resolution" to find that special home just for them. They honed their skills of looking adorable, purring up a storm, wagging their tails vigorously and giving that "I'm the one for you" stare. Soon they were in the arms of their new Guardians and eager to take that ride home and begin their grand adventures.

We will miss them all, but are so very happy for them. Please visit our web-site and share photos of our cats and dogs that are still up for adoption on your Facebook page. Networking gets pets into homes and every pet that gets a home allows us to intake a new one in need! It takes a village so please help them by using your social media pages to promote their needs.



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Animal Refuge Center's 7<sup>th</sup> Annual

# Purses for Pooches

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## Bonney Leckie - Century 21 Selling Paradise

**April 9, 2022, 12 p.m.-3 p.m.**  
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**Fiddlesticks Country Club**

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

**Sponsorships available**

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

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**Drop off Locations**

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