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## Open Your Home, Open Your Heart!

Did you know that ARC has a great Foster Home program? It's true! A number of our cats and dogs are currently in foster care. We place our residents in foster homes for many reasons, including: Puppies and kittens that need around the clock feeding and care, residents that are recovering from surgeries or treatments, senior residents that truly need time in a home, and residents with special medical needs best met in a quieter environment.

Using foster homes can have great benefits for our residents, the shelter, and of course, the foster family! Fostering creates more space at the shelter, allowing us to save more lives. Fostering helps with socialization, and can give us insights into a particular animal's behavior in a home, helping us to pair that animal with the perfect adoptive home later on. Lastly, getting time away from the shelter environment is a great way to relieve stresses for some of our animals.

For the foster family, fostering is a great way to enjoy the company of a wonderful animal, without the expenses of food and medical care. ARC provides all of that at no cost! Fostering can also be a very rewarding experience. If you're interested in becoming a foster home, please complete an application at: [www.animalrefugecenter.com/foster-an-animal](http://www.animalrefugecenter.com/foster-an-animal)

Animal Refuge Center, Inc.  
 P.O. Box 62605  
 Fort Myers, FL 33906

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 conditioner/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 11-3 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. Contact our Executive Director, Wayne Leinen, at [dep\\_rep@msn.com](mailto:dep_rep@msn.com)!



**Foster an ARC Resident in Your Home!**



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Adoptions 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM  
 Weds-Sun (except major holidays)  
 or by appointment.

E-mail us at:  
 dep\_rep@msn.com  
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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

## Upcoming Events...



Details available at [www.animalrefugecenter.com](http://www.animalrefugecenter.com) ...



## 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.

**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:**  
 Frank Cunnius

Katherine DelMonico

Bette Harrod  
 Rose Ostedt

Peggy Lang  
 Elizabeth Rudolph  
 Lorena & Joseph Serino

**Memorials for Pets:**  
 Carmello Anthony  
 Cassie  
 Ci Ci

Jamie  
 Jazz  
 Pogo, Sheba & Tipsey

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 Lee Allor  
 Alyson Boszof

**Honors for Pets:**  
 Chance  
 Spitfire

**From:**  
 Purchasing Svcs Holding LLC  
 Betty Hill  
 Kim & Vicki Dinkel

**From:**  
 Nancy Bailey  
 Bob Januska



## Thank You to Our New and Renewing Members

**Friend:**  
 Nancy Bailey  
 Daniel Bevarly  
 Alison Elgart  
 Margaret Elsner  
 Margaret Enders  
 Shirley Felkner  
 Renee Gareau  
 Donna Hanson  
 Constance Hughes  
 Karen Hughes  
 Carole Hunter  
 Joanne Kowalski  
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 William Laudani  
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 Edi Pollaert  
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**Patron:**  
 Barbara Bush  
 Patricia Curtis-Craig  
 Amanda Early  
 Carol Erbe  
 Betty Fulton  
 Diane Hanley  
 Charlotte Heerlyn  
 Geradine Nicolay  
 Linda Maxwell  
 Linda Vollmer

**Sustaining:**

**Krieger Leadership Soc:**  
 Anonymous  
 Beverly Nowall



# How to BidPal

Use your smartphone to start bidding on items now.

## HOW DO I FIND ITEMS?

You can find items by pressing any one of buttons on the main menu, or by using the search bar to find a specific item or category.

## HOW DO I BID ON AN ITEM?

1) Find the item. 2) Select it. 3) Press Bid.

## WHERE ARE THE ITEMS I BID ON?

Items you have bid on can be found at: MENU > YOUR ACTIVITY

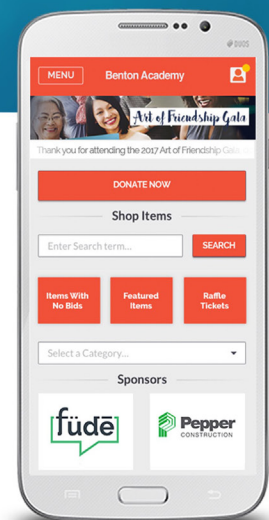
 YOU ARE HIGH BIDDER
  YOU HAVE BEEN OUTBID
  ITEM HAS BEEN SOLD

## CAN BIDPAL AUTOMATICALLY BID FOR ME?

After submitting a bid, you will be prompted to set a Max Bid. When you've been out bid, BidPal will automatically bid on your behalf up to the Max Bid amount you set using the bid increments provided.

## WAS I OUTBID?

You'll receive a text message when you've been outbid. Alternatively, navigate to YOUR ACTIVITY to check the status of your bids.



We will once again be using BidPal for this year's Starlight Auction!

BidPal has completely overhauled their software to include many exciting new features. The system is extremely user friendly, and really amps up the excitement for the Silent Auction part of our evening. You can even bid on Silent Auction items before even arriving to the event!

Please don't forget to bring your smartphone! We will only have a limited number of loaner devices available this year.

If you have any questions about BidPal, please contact ARC Board Trustee, Wayne Leinen, at: [dep\\_rep@msn.com](mailto:dep_rep@msn.com)

Please put "BidPal" in the subject line!



[bidpal.com](http://bidpal.com)

## Our Best Friends Deserve Better Plans

Many people name the Animal Refuge Center in their estate plan and never let us acknowledge their invaluable support. If you have named us as a beneficiary, we hope you will share this with us. We feel strongly about expressing our gratitude and would be honored to welcome you to **The Legacy of Hope Club**.

Membership in **The Legacy of Hope Club** is open to anyone who has made a lasting gift through a will, estate plan, life-income or other deferred gift to the Animal Refuge Center. It is our way of recognizing such a thoughtful gift.

Your lasting gift to our sanctuary will provide a future filled with hope to thousands of orphaned pets that come to us for refuge or a safe haven for your own cat(s) or dog(s). We welcome the opportunity to talk with you about how to include the Animal Refuge Center in your will or estate plan.

Please contact us at (239) 841-0810 or e-mail [bettyhughes@comcast.net](mailto:bettyhughes@comcast.net).



# 23rd Annual Starlight Auction

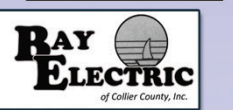
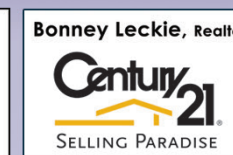
## The Night Sparkles While Orphaned Pets Shine!

Join us in celebration of our 23rd annual Starlight Auction by being a sponsor, by donating an item for our auction, or by attending our signature event. Your support makes a difference in the lives of over one thousand pets. in need.

The Sanibel Harbour Marriott Resort and Spa will graciously host our 23rd annual auction at 6 PM, November 25, 2017. Let us gather together and cherish the success stories of last year, yet remain steadfast in our mission to help future pets in need. Tickets are \$75 each and include admission, dinner, dessert, and cocktail. Over two hundred sought after auction items will be offered for your bidding pleasure. These items include: South African Photo Safari trips, artwork by local talents, exquisite jewelry, fine wines, electronics, resort packages, high end restaurant gift certificates and much more.

Sponsorship opportunities are still available and offer high visibility on our web-site and Facebook pages.

For more details on sponsor benefits please contact Betty Hughes at (239) 841-0810 or E-mail [BettyHughes@comcast.net](mailto:BettyHughes@comcast.net)



To become a sponsor fill out the information below and return to ARC, PO Box 62605, Fort Myers, FL 33906.

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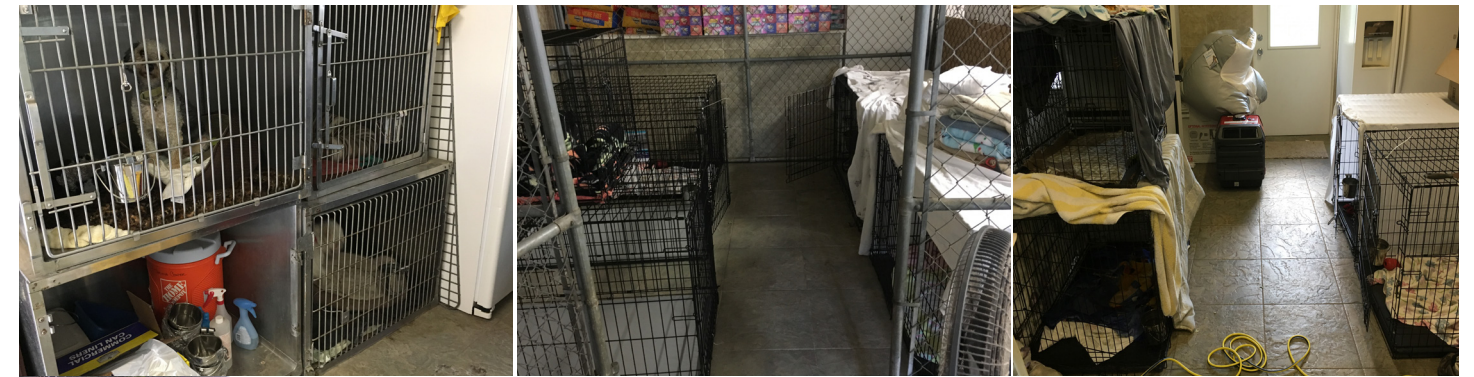
On September 10th, 2017, the *Animal Refuge Center* endured the same fate as the entirety of the west coast of Florida; Hurricane Irma. If you think trying to keep the average sized family alive and well during a storm of this magnitude is difficult and stressful, try keeping roughly 400 cats and dogs in decades old structures safe!

Of course, it all starts with a plan. ARC's Hurricane Disaster Plan is rather lengthy, and very detailed. It begins with a task list that precedes storm season. We had generator maintenance performed for the one building on site that can remain powered during an outage. We tended to and trimmed older, larger dying trees. We checked our emergency supply levels; things like crates, bowls, water supplies, linens, tools, tarps, etc. Then, once Irma was viewed to be a real threat, we switched to a specific timeline of tasks to be performed prior to landfall. These tasks included everything we needed to do to physically hunker down at ARC. The size and scope of Irma made the possibility of moving most of our residents to a safer area virtually impossible. We knew that most of our animals would be staying on site, so we prepared for the worst. We were able to move some animals off property. Some dedicated staff members took a few smaller dogs and kitties home with them. And a great kennel in Fort Myers, *All American Pet Resort*, helped us out hugely by taking 8 of our larger dogs. That left roughly 30 dogs and 300+ cats to care for during the storm.

We converted our one generator-powered building into a giant dog kennel. There were large crates assembled and draped with "privacy covers" everywhere! We had to move all food and meds into this building as well. We stockpiled water and gasoline for the two portable generators we were luckily able to acquire, and we stocked up on fans, extension cords, and every other supply we thought would help to get us through.

We prepared all of our cat buildings to survive the storm as best we could. All furniture was moved inside. Doors were reinforced, and 3-4 days worth of food, water and linens were put up out of the reach of potential flooding.

There was no question that at least one person would have to remain on property during the hurricane. What if our new "kennel" was ripped to shreds? What if a cat building collapsed and our animals were getting free or injured? What if the roads were flooded and impassible for days? So, one ARC Board member (with a VERY understanding wife) and one awesome employee, stayed on site for what would end up being roughly 3 days.



In the end, ARC ended up being extremely lucky. Not one of our residents was injured. We were without power for about ten days. Most of those days were filled with the sound of chain saws. Our devoted staff came together and worked very hard to get life back to "normal" in a relatively short period of time.

Financially however, we were certainly not without serious burdens. Between the cost of supplies, a fair amount of structural damage to some dog lodge areas, hundreds of feet of seriously damaged fencing, and very extensive tree removal to make the property safe again, ARC is out nearly \$30,000. For this reason, we are asking for your help! Please! Any amount you might be able to donate would be greatly appreciated. The money spent to both prepare and recover, distinctly impacts our ability to do what we do. We are not only the largest no-kill shelter in Florida, but we provide a quality of care and life that is simply unmatched by any other agency. You can donate by mailing the envelope attached to this newsletter, or through our website at: [www.animalrefugecenter.com/donate](http://www.animalrefugecenter.com/donate).

