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| Canned Food | Biscuits & Treats |
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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!



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26th Annual Starlight Auction

Honoring the Memory of Sharon Bodenhafer

Optimism is the word for this year's Starlight Auction! We know 2020 has had its fill of challenges but we are hopeful that by this year's date of November 28th we will be able to once again gather and celebrate all the lives rescued in 2020.

The Sanibel Harbour Marriott Resort and Spa is ready to see you all again so mark your calendar for November 28th at 6pm as a "must be there" event. It will be so good to see familiar faces and relish the role each of us played in saving the lives of homeless pets in need. Heart-warming stories can be shared as you dine on a three-course plated dinner selected by resort chefs to properly "reward" twenty-six years of your support!

You have become accustomed to bidding on over 200 desirable items in our silent and live auction segments of the program. We will not disappoint you and are already gathering items, gift certificates, resort trips, artwork, pet baskets, fine wine, electronics, outdoor gear and much more. This year our jewelry holds extra "frosty" sparkle to match the twinkle in your eye!

ARC always has a "plan B" up its sleeve and this year we worked close with Sanibel Harbour Resort & Spa to adjust the ballroom lay out and meal options to comply with recommended safety protocols. Your safety and enjoyment is paramount as we remain focused on the end goal to lay a foundation for next year's rescue efforts.

Sign up on our web-site (www.AnimalRefugeCenter.com) or mail in your coupon. For more details call Betty Hughes (239-841-0810) or email bettyhughes@comcast.net



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Kitty Spotlight!

Owen is a true love in every way. He really enjoys being held close and loved. When he snuggles up against you, he purrs loud just showing how much he is enjoying being loved. He also has a playful personality. He likes to play with all kinds of toys too!



This well-rounded kitten does have a special requirement--Not long ago, Owen ingested some clumping litter and almost did not make it. Therefore, he **MUST** be in a home that can provide a **non-clumping litter** for him. There are many inexpensive choices available: Non-clumping clay, crystals, unscented non-clumping paper or pine pellets.



Please come meet Owen. His needs are small compared to the love he can offer.

BECOME A VOLUNTEER TODAY

And make a difference in the life of a shelter pet!



Details available at www.animalrefugecenter.com/become-a-volunteer/

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



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:

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Annabel
 18-month old
 female Lab mix



Lilith
 10-year-old
 female Muted Calico



Feral Cats Shine Extra Bright in October!

The meaning of the term feral is clear to people in the "rescue world." Others, however, are not quite sure what National Feral Cat Day celebrates. On October 16th cat lovers across the nation raise awareness about free roaming felines in their communities.

It is a time to promote trap-neuter-release (TNR) as a humane way to control cat populations rather than needless euthanasia. Managed colonies are a viable option and once all are neutered the colony maintains its current size. Unwanted litters are avoided and inbreeding, that creates deformities, is prevented.

Do not confuse ferals with a stray. Strays were someone's pet and either got lost or were abandoned on the street. By law, a stray is to be brought to your county shelter so they can cross-reference "lost by owner" reports and hopefully reunite them with their guardian. Ferals, on the other hand, have had little human contact during their formative months. By six months old most do not look at humans as desirable and will flee when approached like most wildlife does.

Life on the street is not an easy one and it is brutal for the endless babies created. You could help make things better and reach out to county shelters or low-cost clinics to obtain free or low-cost surgeries. There are also non-profits that focus totally on TNR and some have volunteers that can trap for you. Once recovered from surgery and ear "tipped", a feral is released back to its outdoor home. This way you still have a mouser around but you will not see endless litters being created and babies struggling to survive.

I myself was the product of a feral cat colony and inbreeding caused my forelegs to be deformed. Survival would not have been an option for me since I cannot walk on my paws. I was lucky to find my way to ARC where I have spent seven years spreading the word on how to make life for pets in need better. TNR is one of those ways!

Have a meowy-tastic day! Love, Lily (ARC's Mascot)



🐾🐾 Let Me Introduce Myself! 🐾🐾

This is ME, Oso and I am "Oso" Cute for sure. After spending many days with a broken leg and alone in a backyard, my owner thankfully surrendered me. That's when ARC swooped in and rushed me to surgery. You'll be glad to know Dr. Eisele at Blue Pearl was able to correct my breaks with a realignment and, after a period of recovery in my foster home, I'm as good as new. I'm six months old and a very clever boy. I have been amusing myself running around picking on my much bigger canine foster brother and sister and stealing their toys. I'm lucky they are so patient! Sadly, for me, my foster feline sibs are agile enough to escape my pursuits. Do you have cats? Oh goodie, maybe they'll like me.

I truly enjoy my walks with my big dog buddies, and I love going for rides and shopping. I'm very good about sitting in my carrier and don't even help myself to all the toys on the isle shelves! While I enjoy spending time outside on the lanai in the afternoon, please don't ever leave me alone outside as it brings up bad memories and I get scared. I'm better sleeping in your bed, and am small enough so you won't notice me. Are you feeling a little lonely? Does your home seem a little too big? Need a shopping companion? Well I promise I can fix those issues. I totally love everyone but am a little shy at first.

Life is good in my foster home but, I really want that perfect forever home. My Foster Mom is willing to do a meet and greet at ARC on a Saturday by appointment! Apply for me on ARC's website! **Xxoo Oso**



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.

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What you probably already know is that ARC goes the extra mile for all its residents to renew and rehabilitate their broken bodies and crushed spirits by providing medical care, housing, and nutritious food. But you did not know that ARC employs a part-time dog trainer too. Training is one of the tools used to help our dogs regain their inner confidence and trust in people and increase their adoptability since successful rehoming is our goal for every resident.

ARC cares for about 50-75 dogs on property on any given day and that's where our trusty dog trainer, Mary Frances Morris of Canine Behavioral Service, steps in to provide staff and special dog volunteers with guidance and instruction in behavioral basics. This team, along with the trainer, works regularly with our canine residents. Sometimes they start from scratch with a dog that has no skills and sometimes they provide a refresher course. It all depends on the dog. Each dog is evaluated, and its training needs assessed. A plan is formulated and implemented primarily by staff and volunteers who have been trained by the trainer. This way our dogs receive consistent and almost daily training on their road to adoption.

It is an amazing team effort and yes, the dogs love it and not just because treats are involved. In just a few weeks, the team can transform a leash puller into a loose leash walker. Seriously, who likes a dog that constantly pulls on the leash? Some dogs come to the shelter way too jumpy or mouthy or both. Wouldn't you be too if you were abandoned, neglected or worse? Teaching basic commands such as sit, stay, leave it, and down, often help resolve these issues. Socialization? Sadly, some dogs are not properly socialized as puppies during those critical first months of life, so they become reactive to other dogs. Their owners give up, but ARC does not! Proper training techniques often alleviate or reduce reactivity. Some dogs have more specialized needs, so the training team swoops in to address those needs. Can you imagine the teams' delight when a fearful cowering pup finally bounds out to happily greet them at the gate with its tail wagging a mile a minute? Ahh, success how incredibly sweet. With persistence and hard work, ARC's trusty training team gets the job done.

Whatever it takes that is ARC's philosophy and our goal is ensuring successful adoptions. Training is one of the many tools used to accomplish this goal.

Think that training is an excellent idea? Consider a directed donation to our training program and include a note!

Author: Lisa Viola-Ehrlich, Board Secretary



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Alabaster- before training, pulling on leash.

Training results in a loose leash.



Daisy- before training is a constant jumper.

Training results in a well-mannered greeting.



Chase learning sit from staff member, Hillary.



Boris demonstrates calm behavior.



Annabelle adjusts to gentle lead.



Daisy learning down from trainer, Mary Frances.



Zeus calmly waits for staff member, Kurt, to catch up.

