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Going the Extra Mile: Gus

Unfortunately, situations like this beautiful hound dog's happen all too often. ARC's Executive Director received a call late in the evening on November 8th, 2018. The call was from Florida Veterinary Referral Center, an excellent animal ER in Estero. A family had come in with Gus (his new name with ARC), a strikingly handsome Redbone Coonhound. Gus had apparently escaped his fenced yard and gotten struck by a car. His tail was hanging on by a thread, and most of his lower belly area and right thigh were very seriously damaged by road rash. In spite of what must have been extremely painful injuries, this one year old pup was very stoic, showing very little hint of discomfort. Three members of his family were sitting with him, stroking his soft fur and quietly crying. They were crying, not just because of his injuries, but because they feared that Gus would have to be euthanized. The extent of his injuries was such that it would likely take weeks and weeks of medical care, costing thousands of dollars. His family did not have the money to treat him, and so were considering what they thought was their only option, euthanasia.

This is where ARC came in. On a number of occasions, people's animals have found themselves in similar situations, seriously injured and the member of a family without the means to care for them medically. Most of the veterinarians in southwest Florida know that the Animal Refuge Center prides itself on its ability to take on the tough and costly cases like these. We got the call. We came to meet the family and animal in need. And we accepted surrender of the animal, along with the responsibility to do everything in our power to nurture him or her back to health.

It's been said many times, on many occasions; ARC DOESN'T DO EASY.

ARC has covered over \$7,000 in medical expenses to treat Gus. His tail has been amputated (photo below). He underwent multiple surgeries to remove damaged and dying skin from his belly and thigh. He received antibiotics and medications for pain. He also boarded at the ER for an extended period of time, just so he would receive around the clock care. His open wounds have been improving for weeks now, and he is within a month or so of being available for adoption! A few very generous individuals have helped to offset nearly half the cost of Gus' treatment. We are hoping that some of our supporters can help with the rest! We can't take on these situations without the support of people like you, our readers, supporters and donors. Please consider making a donation to help with the cost of giving animals like Gus the chance at a long and happy life! Feel free to use the enclosed envelope, or donate online through our website at: www.animalrefugecenter.com/donate. Thank you!



Animal Refuge Center, Inc.
 P.O. Box 62605
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Membership Application

Name _____

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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!

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 Weds-Sun (except major holidays)
 or by appointment.

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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



Margarita (f)
 4 1/2 Year Chihuahua Mix
 Time at ARC: 5 Months
 Please consider giving me a
 forever home! I'm wonderful!



Tyson (m)
 1 1/2 Year Old Siamese
 Time at ARC: 5 Months
 I will love you forever!
 Please give me a chance!

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:

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 Brandy
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Upcoming Events!

5th Annual
Purses for Pooches
Presented by
Bonney Leckie - Century 21 Selling Paradise

February 23, 2019, 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
Puparazzi 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.

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Bonney Leckie, Realtor



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ARC
Animal Refuge Center
18011 Old Bayshore Road
North Fort Myers, FL, 33917



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Service That Works
6400 Techster Boulevard
Fort Myers, Florida 33966



Details available at www.animalrefugecenter.com/events

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.

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

Above & Beyond: A Season of Generosity for ARC



Our first thank you goes to the Pica family of Fort Myers! This wonderful family came out to ARC to donate a TON of food and supplies to the shelter. One of the Pica children was celebrating his birthday, and wanted to donate to ARC as his way of celebrating!

Thank you so much, and Happy Birthday!

Our second HUGE thank you goes to Sandy Knapp! Sandy is a local animal lover, a realtor, and also works three days a week behind the bar at the beautiful *Lani Kai Island Resort* on Fort Myers Beach. For the 6th year in a row, Sandy chose to raise funds for ARC by donating all of her tips from working the bar on Thanksgiving day. Not only that, but she secured 17 items to raffle off, to increase the money raised!

Sandy worked VERY hard this year, raising one thousand dollars for the residents of ARC! We are so very thankful for her love of animals and her generosity. Thank you so very much, Sandy!



The Animal Refuge Center is always extremely grateful for the generosity of people like The Pica's and Sandy. Do you have an idea for a way that you or your business can make an impact at our shelter?

Please feel free to call or email ARC's Executive Director, Wayne Leinen:

(239) 233-4375 dep_rep@msn.com



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ARC's 24th Starlight Auction A Magical Evening for All...

Once a year, at the Sanibel Harbour Resort by Marriott, the stars align and for one glorious night hundreds of animal lovers gather together and share their passion for pets. Stories of rescue, rehabilitation & re-homing appeared on dual big screens. These stories showed guests why their support is so critical. Successes recharge the emotional batteries of staff and volunteers and most importantly, they remind us what a difference ARC makes in the life of an abandoned pet.

Title Sponsors Rancho Oil Company and Chuck Bodenhafer, along with Gold sponsors Bonney Leckie – Century 21 Selling Paradise, EG Contracting Company and Sanibel Harbour Marriott Resort & Spa, inspired fifty-six other sponsors to build the foundation for achievement in 2019.

Guests also helped set the stage to provide brighter beginnings for pets in crisis in 2019 by bidding high and often on nearly two hundred items! Companies & individuals who donated these items recognize the positive impact ARC has in the community. One such lucky recipient of this generosity took center stage to thank guests. Mishka was an owner surrender because of her need for treatment to stop the spread of leg cancer. ARC provided the surgery she needed to eliminate the cancer and, at 7 years old, she can now look forward to happier, healthier years to come.

Auctioneers Catherine Sullivan & John Hughes flew in from Phoenix, Arizona to help our cause. They encouraged our generous audience to raise \$40,000 for ARC's Surgical/Medical Fund. This fund is at the core of our ability to intake cats & dogs with needs above and beyond the normal. Overall, sponsors and guests raised \$156,000 to help ARC begin their plans for saving lives in 2019. It is a great start!

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