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Going the Extra Mile: Mishka

Mishka is a gorgeous, 7 year old, pure white Siberian Husky. Her looks are stunning, but as with so many at ARC, her story is compelling. She was surrendered to ARC in August and that's when her luck finally started to change. We were told she was in kidney failure, and it was apparent that she had a large tumor on the front of her left shoulder.

Mishka is a somewhat reserved dog, but she shows her appreciation by resting her chin gently on you and letting you pet her belly. Fortunately, during her initial intake exam and testing, we got the good news that her kidneys were functioning just fine! Soon after intake, she had surgery to remove the tumor, but unfortunately, it proved to be just too large to fully remove it while also obtaining good margins beyond the cancer.

Anytime that an extreme surgery is considered at ARC, we always weigh many factors. If we can restore the animal to a good quality of life, and free them from cancer, we pursue these treatments. Mishka was evaluated by Dr. Kraiza, a Veterinary Oncologist, and Dr. Goodrich, a Veterinary Surgeon, from *Florida Veterinary Referral Center*. After careful consideration, it was decided that the best course of treatment would be to amputate Mishka's left front leg. Removing this leg, would remove the cancer. She would require physical therapy to learn to walk well on three legs, but she would not need additional cancer treatments such as chemotherapy or radiation.

Mishka is recovering from surgery nicely and is finally cancer free! She is adjusting to life as a "tri-pawed" doggie and her scar will be hidden nicely by her thick white Husky fur soon. She is not available for adoption quite yet, but we will be thrilled to find her a forever home when the time comes.



Animal Refuge Center, Inc.
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Membership Application

Name _____

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City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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\$25 Friend
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 \$ 500 Sustaining
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 \$5,000 Guardian
 Other _____

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| Cats Wish List
Canned Food
Dry Food
Temptation Treats | Dogs Wish List
Biscuits & Treats
Nulo Canned & Diamond Dry
6' standard leashes |
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- 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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Adoptions 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM
 Weds-Sun (except major holidays)
 or by appointment.

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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



Pete (m)
 2 1/2 Year Old Hound Mix
 Time at ARC: 5 Months
 Please consider giving me a
 forever home! I'm wonderful!



Chloe (f)
 10 Year Old DSH Mix
 Time at ARC: 2 Years, 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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 Sammy
 Spring
 Trigger

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 Janis & David Mercieri
 Marilyn & Jack Robare
 Elise & Jay Ungar
 Cheryl Walsh

Honors for Pets:

Hannah

From:

Joseph Cappel



Thank You to Our New and Renewing Members

Friend:

Donna Hanson
 Gary Jones
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 Robert Settles
 Judith Weyant
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Anonymous
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 Mary & Eugene Kasakove

Guardian:

Evelyn Rose &
 Jonathan Silverman



Pre-Order Your ARC 2019 Calendar!

After a fun six weeks of bidding on the cover and twelve months of next year's calendar, we are ready to take pre-orders for this beautiful 2019 pet calendar. Winners received a pet photo session and their choice of one of many poses to be included in the calendar. Once again *Sandbar Photography* captured the heart and soul of each cat and dog. Gracing the cover this year is one of ARC's Hurricane Katrina rescues, Libby Leinen. How fitting it is that she occupies the cover, as she exemplifies the value of saving a life. Joining her, as individual monthly winners, are: Pete, Lily, Tully, Kara, Broshi, Hector, FeeB, Lacie Lynn, Kit, Bow-Tie, Stumpie & Little Bob.

Congratulations winners and a special thank you to Barbara Sanders for donating her month of February to ARC Mascot Lily! What a purr-fectly wonderful thing to do!

Proceeds go to the direct care of the undreds of pets that come to ARC annually to be rehabilitated and re-homed. Calendars are \$10.00 each and can be purchased at ARC, the 2018 Starlight auction (Nov 24) or mailed directly to you. Contact any Board member or simply email BettyHughes@comcast.net for delivery/pickup details or call (239) 841-0810. Order online at animalrefugecenter.com or mail the coupon below, along with payment.

We would like to thank all of the businesses and individuals who advertised in our calendar. We encourage our fans to patronize these businesses as a show of support. Lastly, we wish to thank Bonney Leckie for all of her help with advertiser recruitment, as well as *SandBar Photography* and *Arthur Printing* for their contributions to this endeavor.

To order your ARC 2019 Pet Calendar fill out this form & return to ARC, PO Box 62605, Fort Myers, FL 33906.

Calendar ~ \$10.00 each x _____ = Total \$ _____

Name: _____
Address: _____

Telephone: _____
E-mail: _____
Type of Payment Check (payable to ARC)
 Master Card Visa
Acct.# _____
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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.

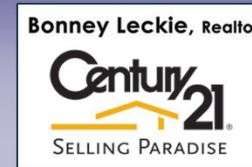
24th Annual Starlight Auction

The Night Sparkles While Orphaned Pets Shine!

Join us in celebration of our 24th 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.

The Sanibel Harbour Marriott Resort and Spa will graciously host our 24th annual auction at 6 PM, November 24, 2018. 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 \$100 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



Reserve a discounted room rate of \$144. Call by Nov. 1 - Sanibel Harbour 1-800-767-7777 and mention Animal Refuge Center



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

Title Sponsor	\$10,000	_____
Platinum	\$7,500	_____
Gold	\$5,000	_____
Silver	\$2,500	_____
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Tickets \$100 each x _____ = _____
Total _____

Name: _____
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Type of Payment Check (payable to ARC)
 Master Card Visa

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ARC & the Everblades Team Up to Score Big!

We are very excited to be a sponsor this year of the December 8th Teddy Bear Toss game between the Florida Everblades and the Greenville Swamp Rabbits. In addition to great hockey, there will be a post-game auction of the actual team jerseys designed for ARC! This specially made jersey will have ARC's logo, cats and dogs, and of course, some teddy bears on them. Not only can you win your favorite player's jersey, you can win this once in a lifetime opportunity to own a custom-made ARC jersey. It doesn't get any better than this!

Follow these steps and link to order game tickets and 50% of the ticket price will also be donated to ARC.

Follow these simple steps to be part of this event before it sells out!

Five easy steps to order:

- 1). Use the following link: www.floridaeverblades.com/ARC
- 2). Click on "find tickets".
- 3). Enter the promo code: ARC
- 4). Select the seats you want or the system will pick the seats for you if you're on a mobile device or don't have "flash".
- 5). Complete your purchase and print your tickets!

You will also notice a new look rink-side; A brand new back-lit ARC sign above the Breakaway Sports Pub!



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.

Drop off Locations

Bonney Leckie, Realtor
Century 21
SELLING PARADISE
3409 Del Prado Blvd. S. Ste. 103
Cape Coral, FL 33904

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

HOME-TECH
Service That Works
6400 Techster Boulevard
Fort Myers, Florida 33966

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Lee Allor: Decades of Devotion

This year, ARC wants to express sincere appreciation to a principal member of our organization for the past 20 years. Lee Allor has served on the Board of Trustees since the mid 1990s, and was our President for 10 of those years. To say that he was instrumental in the evolution of ARC to the organization that we know today, is an understatement.

Like many of our volunteers, Lee and his wife Judith became involved with ARC shortly after adopting an animal, a beautiful cat named Katie. This began a decades long commitment to the shelter. Lee joined the Board of Trustees because he saw the need for the organization in our community, and he believed in the no-kill philosophy.

It was an incredibly large project relocating the shelter from a small kennel setup on Airport Road, to the spacious acreage on Old Bayshore Road where we are located today. Lee reminisced that it took nearly two years to accomplish this project, and it was very costly. The capacity at the previous location only allowed for a dozen dogs, and the new property allowed for construction of dog lodges to accommodate over 50 dogs in much nicer facilities. There have been many improvements to the design of the dog lodges over the years. The kitten cottage also was quite an undertaking. The original building needed to be overhauled with electrical work, roofing work, and fumigation before any animals could be housed there. Once completed, we were able to care for mother cats nursing litters, new intakes, and other cats with special needs. Next, a rental house on the property was converted into an on-site medical facility for ARC. This was incredible for our organization and allowed for routine veterinary care to be completed right there. Lee beams while speaking of these improvements and building projects.

Lee reminisced that he's had too many fond memories to count. But, when pressed for specifics, he recollects that Karen Holland, one of the original founders of ARC found a puppy on the side of the road on Thanksgiving day. She called Lee, and the two of them rushed the puppy to see another ARC Board Trustee, Dr. Richard Carpenter, a local veterinarian. Her wounds were extensive, it appeared she was a bait dog for dog fights, but even with the deck stacked against her, she survived. With much care from Dr. Carpenter, and the support of ARC, the puppy went on to get adopted and have a wonderful life. This was one of Lee's first experiences of "ARC Doesn't Do Easy" that he is still so fond of reciting.

A more recent incredible success story, was Phoenix. He was found, barely alive, in Alva. Lee drove to pick him up and deliver him to ARC. Lee told everyone to get ready, this dog needed us more than any he had ever seen. No one was sure if he would even survive the night. Lee told us that he sensed this dog could make it, that he had the will to live. With weeks and weeks of the right food, veterinary care, and loving care from the entire staff of ARC, Phoenix beat the odds. He went from a malnourished, parasite infested, sad soul who could barely stand up, to a strong, loving, beautiful creature that exemplified what ARC stands for.

When asked how he feels about leaving ARC after 20 years, Lee tells us that it was not an easy decision, and that he knows it will leave a void in his life, but that at this time in his life it is a good decision. He leaves with pride about where ARC started, and where it is today. He never dreamed that so much would be accomplished. He is comfortable that the new leadership team is committed to the motto that was established several years ago: Shelter, Adopt, and Educate. Lee proclaims that the work being done today is phenomenal, and he is pleased to pass the torch to the wonderful, capable group that will move ARC forward.

Join us in wishing Lee Allor a fantastic next chapter in his story. He has done so much for the homeless animals of Southwest Florida for the past two decades, and his impact on ARC will last for many years to come.



Even the smallest donation helps us to save more lives... www.animalrefugecenter.com/donate.