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October is GRRR-REAT for Canines!

National Adopt-a-Dog month is October, so join thousands of people across America and welcome a new family member to your heart and home. Whether you have been thinking about a buddy for a pet you already have or thinking about being a first-time dog Guardian, this is the perfect time to save a life.

Each of our dogs have a story to tell with their eyes and their hearts. You can see they are eager to please, extremely grateful to have a chance at a new life and are more than ready to be a part of your family. They gladly forget the past as they look forward to the future. Could that bright future be with you?

These beauties are Hurricane Barry intakes and are being treated for Heartworm. Once cleared they will be available!

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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 _____

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 conditioners/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 11-5 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, general events, or at ARC. We are also in need of foster parents to bottle-raise newborn kittens. Contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Sue Miller, at vcarc@animalrefugecenter.net.



Lucy



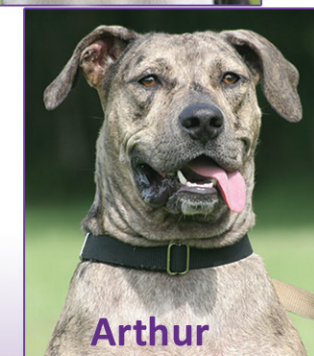
Dutch



Mattie



Shaggy



Arthur



Ben



Roscoe



Dolly

Check our other available dogs, adoption fees and hours of operation on our website.
www.AnimalRefugeCenter.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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 bettyhughes@comcast.net
 or visit us at:
 www.AnimalRefugeCenter.com

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ARC Hits the Hockey Rink Again!

For the second year ARC will be a sponsor of the December 14th Teddy Bear Toss night! In addition to great hockey, **there will be a post-game auction of the actual team jerseys designed for ARC!** This specialty made jersey will have ARC's logo on it, plus cats and dogs. Not only can you win your favorite player's jersey, you can win this once in a lifetime opportunity to own a one of a kind custom-made ARC jersey. It doesn't get any better than that!

Keep your eye on our website for opportunities to order tickets to this game with proceeds benefitting ARC! This is always a sold-out event and we only have 50 tickets, so grab them early!

We are also auctioning a game night package of a Skybox for 12 guests, an ARC Team Jersey, and the honor of a ceremonial puck drop with actual players. If you attend our Starlight Auction (November 30th) you can bid on this unique experience!



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:

Bugzy
 Bugzy
 Clemente & Gizzy
 Daisy
 Murphy

From:

Dorothy Washburn
 Petronella Hofman
 Jennifer Paesano
 Elizabeth Brasfield
 Amanda & Steven Greenstein

Memorials for People:

Roxy Hellier
 Ceil Norwicke
 Clancy Liam O'Neill
 Fred Rominski
 Elaine Weiss

From:

Elizabeth Brasfield
 James Norwicke
 Patricia O'Neill
 Donald & Rose Marie Caskey
 Sharon Parker

Honors for Pets:

Otis

From:

M. Murphy & Barry Coome

Honors for People:

Erica Basier
 Sandy Donaldson
 Ahab Nelson O'Neill
 Claudia Paesano

From:

Karen Krenn
 Patti Sanderson
 Patricia O'Neill
 Jennifer Paesano



Thank You to Our New and Renewing Members

FRIEND:

Patricia Comerford
 Carol Craft
 Linda Crystal
 Nancy Colby
 Renate Daughtry
 Sabine Francisco
 Kathleen Freitag
 Maureen Gardner
 Heather Halvorsen
 Renee Hardy
 Gary Jones
 Mary-Lyn Monaco
 Charlene Myers
 James Norwicke
 Nancy Rad
 Carole Rogers

SUPPORTER:

Elizabeth Brasfield
 Fran Cameron
 Yolanda Cannon
 Susan Christensen
 Karen Cochran
 Mary Jo Elliott
 Theresa Glenn
 Norma Harju
 Jay Kruse
 John Lewis
 Geraldine Nicolay
 James Salzman
 Mary Santini
 Neil Scott
 Martha Shackelford
 Lawrence Smith

PATRON:

Barbara Bush
 Antoinette Jarnagin
 Ronald Kerlin
 Thomas Mayo
 Philip Paynter
 W. Halsey Spruance
 Janet Varey

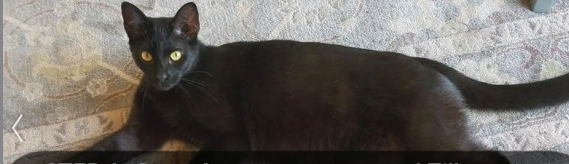
SUSTAINING:

Janet & Thomas Clark
 Gregory Kerr
 Arlene & Larry Schuetz


KRIEGER LEADERSHIP SOCIETY:


Anonymous
 Mathew Neff

MOVING?
 Instead of abandoning your cats, rehoming your cats or taking them to the shelter - do this...



STEP 1: Go to Apartments.com and Zillow.com. Enter the city that you will be moving to.
STEP 2: Select the maximum price of rent you can pay and number of bedrooms.
STEP 3: Filter your results by clicking on "More" then select pets allowed or cat friendly





ARC on TV: See Us on Fox 4's Pet of the Week Segment

Have you see our cats and dogs on TV recently? If not, then you should watch the FOX-4 Morning news. At 7:45am on the first Wednesday of every month, FOX-4 puts the spotlight on an Animal Refuge Center cat or dog up for adoption. And it works! Our featured pets are finding homes, sometimes within just a day or two of appearing on TV.

ARC Board Vice-President, Rob Spicker, and Board Secretary, Lisa Viola, are the ones who make it happen. Lisa works with the dog and cat staff to identify a good candidate and handles the transportation to and from ARC. Rob handles the live interview. The segments are produced so that the FOX-4 anchors have enough information about the pet being featured to ask Rob about it and any other relevant questions.

Since it is live TV, you never truly know what's going to happen. When Tonka, a 1½ year old Mastiff was on, he jumped up to give Rob and FOX-4 Anchor Chris Shaw a kiss. Casey, a 5 year old calico cat jumped off the table in the studio during her segment. We've had dogs spend much of their time with their back to the camera and needed to keep a group of kittens in their carrier to avoid them from running away. It may not always be easy to feature a pet on TV, but the chance to find them a home is worth it.

These segments are also a great way for the ARC to promote our events and fundraisers. Since there is almost always something coming up or happening, we get the chance to tell a different audience about The Starlight Auction, Casino Royale, Purses for Pooches, Everblades night and more. FOX-4 posts the segments to their website and we share them on the Animal Refuge Center's Facebook page to reach yet another group of people.

The relationship helped us to create great coverage when we rescued 19 cats and 7 dogs from South Carolina before Hurricane Florence in September. TV stations FOX-4, NBC-2 and WINK were there for live broadcasts, the News-Press published an article that afternoon, and ABC-7 came out a month later for a follow up. The more Southwest Florida knows what great things ARC is doing, we can do even greater things like step up again for hurricane Barry!

So, on the first Wednesday of every month, as you have coffee or breakfast, tune into the FOX 4 Morning News and see who the next Pet of the Week will be.



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.

25th Annual Starlight Auction

Honoring the Memory of Sharon Bodenhafer

The Night Sparkles While Orphaned Pets Shine!

Celebrate big time this year since it is our *Silver Jubilee!* We will have some extra "sparkle" in store for participants, so sign up now! Join now as a sponsor, item donor, or attendee and help this year's celebration be a record-breaking event!

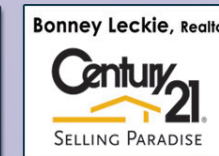
The Sanibel Harbour Marriott Resort and Spa is ready to welcome you to ARC's biggest gala of the year! Mark your calendar for November 30th at 6PM as a "must be there" event. As we gather together to celebrate the lives saved in 2019, each of us can relish the role we played in saving the lives of homeless pets in need. Heart-warming stories can be shared as you dine on an exquisite buffet selected to properly "reward" twenty-five 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. Dare we hint at the extra sparkle our jewelry selection will have in line with a silver jubilee? The light reflecting off our gemstones will match the light in the eyes of the cats and dogs at ARC as they get adopted. It might warrant high end sunglasses!

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



Reserve a discounted room for \$129.00 ~ Call 1-800-767-7777 and mention Animal Refuge Center discount.



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	_____
Tellurium	\$1,000	_____
Rhodium	\$ 600	_____
Bronze	\$ 300	_____

Tickets \$100 each x _____ = _____

Total _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

Type of Payment Check (payable to ARC)

Master Card Visa

Acct.# _____ Exp. date _____

Name on card _____

Animal Refuge Center's 6th Annual
Purses for Pooches
 Presented by
Bonney Leckie - Century 21 Selling Paradise
March 22, 2020 at the **Fiddlesticks Country Club**
 Lunch • Silent Auction • Purse Fashion Show • Live auction • Giveaways

Help the animals at ARC by cleaning out your closets and donating your previously loved designer purses.

Please drop off your donations at one of the following 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

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



Introducing ARC's New Volunteer Coordinator!



Lots of excitement happening at ARC and this time it is in our Volunteer Program! There is a new face on property and her name is Zuliana Salerno. Zuliana was born in Colombia, South America and has a bachelor's degree in Environmental Administration from the University of Pereira. While working on her thesis, she had the opportunity to work with the local government to develop a study about the potential pollution of the Aquifer of Pereira. This study was used by the city to create the policy for water usage in the city.

In 2005 she moved to the United States and in 2006 to Georgia where she joined the Adopt a Stream Program to create two water quality monitoring sites. The sites collected two years' worth of data that were vital in the investigation of biological pollution contamination episodes. At the same time, she worked for Aflac as an insurance agent and later on she worked for the United States Postal Service.

In 2013 Zuliana moved back to Florida where she joined the Conservancy of Southwest Florida as a Naturalist in the Education Department. Zuliana assisted with the supervision of volunteers, developing the Little Explorers Programs (while achieving record attendance) and camps. At this point Zuliana realized how much she enjoyed working with volunteers. In Zuliana's opinion, "the volunteers bring with them a wealth of knowledge in many areas"

After two years, she was offered the Position of Education and Volunteer Coordinator at the Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center. Unfortunately, it was short lived because of the long commute to and from Punta Gorda for work.

Thomas Hecker, her former boss, did not forget about her and hired her again at the Everglades Wonder Gardens where she has developed the Volunteer Program, represented the organization in front of the media and developed the Education Department within the Wonder Gardens.

We are thrilled to welcome Zuliana to ARC where her experience and enthusiasm will continue to attract valuable volunteer resources. In an organization as large as ARC and with so many "fur-babies" to tend to, volunteers are essential to our ability to operate at the highest levels of compassion and efficiency.

Swing by and meet Zuliana,
 take a tour and consider becoming a part of
ARC's Animal Advocates!



At Home With ARC!

Rockz came to ARC as an owner surrender many years ago. We seem to be in a time where most people want a dog that can go to the doggie beach or a café or Yappy Hour. So, Rockz found herself difficult to place. She also had no use for other dogs which limited the people who might be interested in her. And then, there is that undeserved negative label of being a Pittie! Those of us that have or still have pits know what cuddle bugs they can be. But for others, sadly, they just walk on by.

So, at ARC, Rockz found herself a "home" and easily won over the hearts of staff and volunteers. She quickly trained us to fill up her freshly dug holes so she could dig them up again when we weren't looking. Her love of cheese would cause her little curly-q tail to wiggle uncontrollably every time she saw a Babybel! Whether running in ARC Park, swimming in her kiddy pool, or snuggling in her lodge, Rockz enjoyed her days.

When Rockz developed cancer, we provided medical care to battle it. Therefore, we provided her with some good quality time. But sadly, the day came where this girl said she was "ready" and it was time to be compassionate and offer Rockz a new home; at the Rainbow Bridge. We know she took the love of many with her. Fly high Rockz and be forever healthy at the Bridge. You are greatly missed.

