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## What YOUR Membership Means to ARC

There are lots of reasons to let your membership renewal slip by. We all lead busy lives and sometimes just don't get around to mailing that form in. You might say to yourself, "It can wait, my one membership isn't that important." Perhaps you feel there are enough "other members" who ensure a safe haven for so many homeless animals in and around our neighborhoods. It's easy to find a reason to put that membership envelope in the back of your file or discard it after reading the latest newsletter.

Actually, your one membership means more to pets in need than you could imagine. A single membership contributes towards veterinary care, food, shelter, building expansions, programs in the community and so much more. The success of a no-kill shelter, such as ours, hinges on the participation of every person on our mailing list. If you believe in a refuge where cats and dogs can turn to in need, please send in your renewal. If you believe in ARC's mission to promote spaying and neutering, and teaching responsible pet ownership, please send in your renewal. If you are passionate about giving pets with special needs more time to find their special home, please send in your renewal.

If you feel strongly in favor of our efforts to heal the sick, mend the torn, and soothe the abused... PLEASE, check your membership date on your mailing label today, and renew your pledge to aid our efforts. Mail your support or visit <http://animalrefugecenter.com/donate>. The cats and dogs depend on your generosity, thank you!

## It Takes a Village to Save Lives



Bahama Kent - Limited Vision but Unlimited Hope



Summer Receives Leg Surgery and Then Heartworm Treatment



Windy - Rescued from Hurricane Ian

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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!



Hurry and Follow us on Facebook!

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## ARC & the Everblades Team Up to Score BIG!

February 11th was our big night to auction off specialty autographed team jerseys! This year, Nickelodeons beloved show Blue's Clues was honored! Alvin & Cathy Fox, Starlight Auction winners of the ARC skybox for the night, had the honor of accepting their Blue's Clue jersey and doing the ceremonial puck drop! Looks like the skybox group was having a dog-gone good time for themselves!

The near sold-out arena rooted the Blades on as they tried to beat the Orlando Solar Bears in a fourteen round shoot out! Alas, it was not meant to be. While the Blades fell short, the sale of specialty jerseys for the benefit of ARC raised over eighteen thousand dollars for a winning night!

Meantime, back at the ARC informational table, volunteers Debbie Wainey, Katie and Joy Patton warmly greeted fans with newsletters, informational materials, adoption opportunities and how to be volunteers. What a great way to reach people in our community who may not be familiar with ARC.

We are so pleased to be a sponsor of the Florida Everblades 2021-2022 season! See you again for the 2023-2024 season!



## 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.

**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:

<b>Memorials for Pets:</b>	<b>From:</b>
Dusty & Jose	Kathryn Abbott
<b>Pet Honors:</b>	<b>From:</b>
Inky Dinky	Helena Rozier
<b>People Honors:</b>	
Jennifer Nichols Karen Young	Barbara Yost Carl Von Rodeck

<b>Memorials for People:</b>	<b>From:</b>
Janice Driefer and Charlie Janine M. Leduc Don E. Norris Don E. Norris Earl Snyder Nancy Rose Sullo	Debra Lapointe Todd P. Adams Peggy, Brandon & Sean Roley Creel Tractor Company Frances Snyder Tatiana Hursky



### Thank You to Our New and Renewing Members

<b>FRIEND:</b>	Patrick Meehan Carla Kuhn James Norwicke Charlotte Kumpf Shirley Powless Carol Reinmann Britton Teems Mark Shears Clara Terrana Lynne Smith Anthony Troia Frances Snyder Carol Lis Linda Stanford Betsy Vandercar
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<b>SUSTAINING:</b>	Polly Ann Bryant Jeanne & George Richter Paul & Jelena Dickard Margaret & Joseph Spielman John Pittenger Quinta & Robert West Jeffrey Reed Dr. Ira Zucker
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**KRIEGER LEADERSHIP SOCIETY:**

Susan Bennett Jan & Dick Rudlaff Paul & Julie Ben-Susan Sharon Elizabeth Smith Sylvia & Silvio DiFolco David Stover Jens Gamperi Fred & Sue Sytsma
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### Special Needs Pets



For some Pets that come to ARC, their next home needs to be "extra special". Bean is an 11-year-old Lab who needs to know you before giving you her heart and she is intolerant of children. Developing a like for dogs and cats is a work in progress. Spot is a 3-year-old male who needs a daily dose of Atenolol to control his heart murmur. He is so easy going and affectionate that he readily takes his meds in a treat! He is so worth the extra care. Might you be that special home for Bean or Spot?



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:  
 ARC 18011 Old Bayshore Road, N. Ft Myers FL 33917

Animal Refuge Center's 8<sup>th</sup> Annual  
**Purses for Pooches**  
 Presented by  
**Bonney Leckie - Century 21 Selling Paradise**

April 15, 2023, 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 & scarves.

Drop off Locations

Bonney Leckie, Realtor  
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 SELLING PARADISE  
 3409 Del Prado Blvd. S. Ste. 103  
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**HOME-TECH**  
 Service That Works  
 6400 Techster Boulevard  
 Fort Myers, Florida 33966

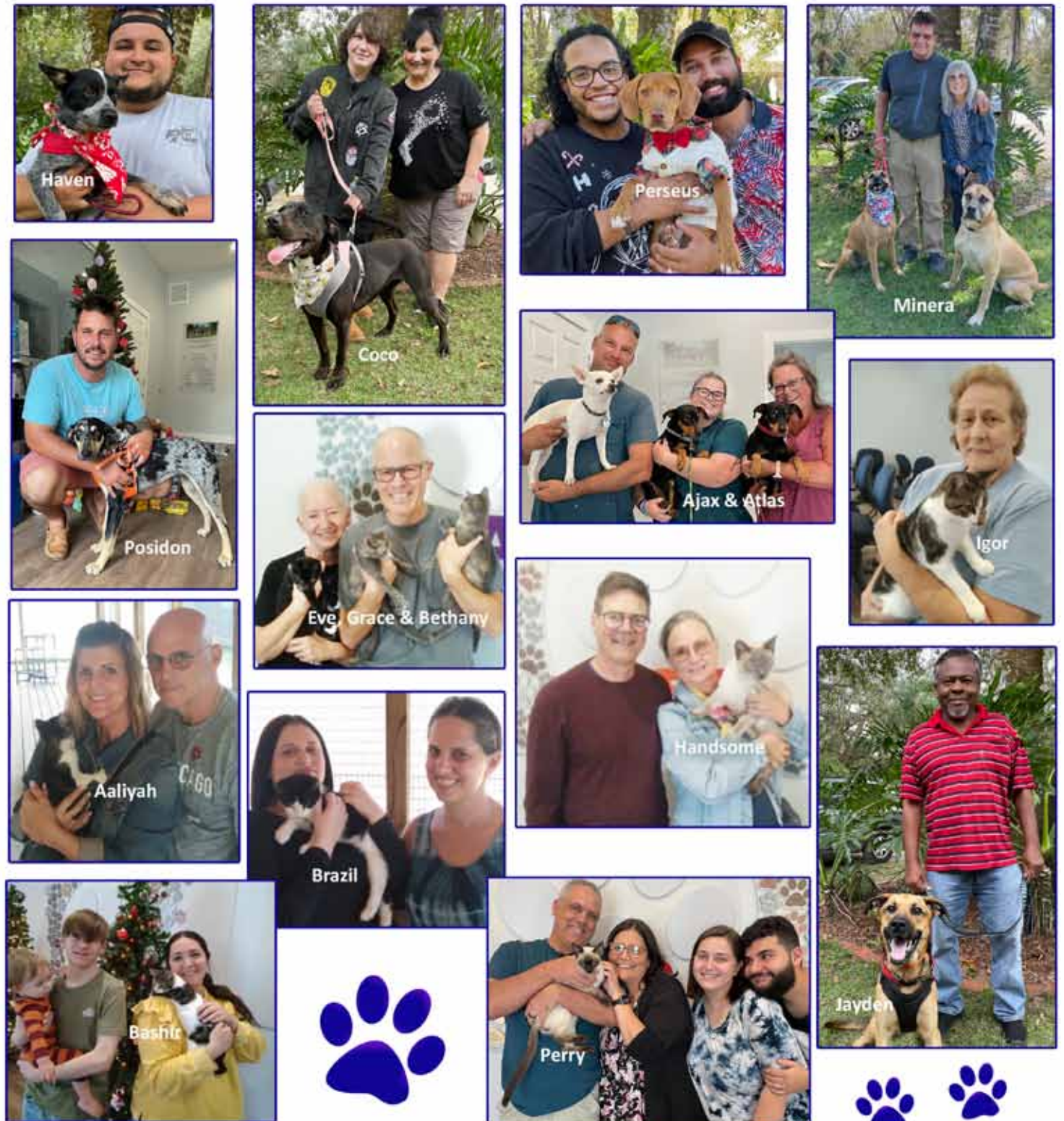


## Starting the New Year on the Right Paw!

These ARC cats and dogs plan on spending 2023 getting loved and spoiled by their new families! So many adventures in store for them and we just know they will live long and happy lives. We hope their families spread the word in the community to come visit the other pets at ARC looking for their forever homes! They also have tons of love to share.

Continue to cross-post our cats and dog's bios found our web-site to your Facebook page. Encourage everyone to --

*"Adopt Don't Shop!"*



**BECOME A VOLUNTEER TODAY**  
 And make a difference in the life of a  
**SHELTER PET!**

Details available at [www.AnimalRefugeCenter.com/become-a-volunteer/](http://www.AnimalRefugeCenter.com/become-a-volunteer/)

*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](mailto: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!



# A Day at ARC is Good for the Heart

By Joy Patton – Volunteer Coordinator



Making Quilts From Home



Dog Walking With a Buddy



Keeping Those Screens Clean



Lots of Trees Means Lots of Raking



Off to Fill Potholes



I Have Temptations



Creating a New Brick Walkway



Volunteering With a Friend



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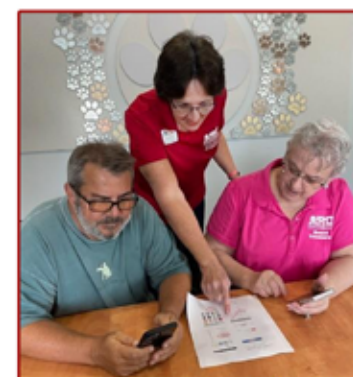
February 1 was the official **VicNet launch date!** Volunteers of all ages proved they were up to the challenge to learn something new in the New Year. VicNet allows all active Volunteers to self-schedule on any device: as far out as one month ahead, or as close to service as the night before coming to ARC. It will be wonderful for the Staff to see each morning who will be at ARC to help with the care of and give some love to our amazing dogs and cats.

ARC's volunteer program has really taken off since 2021 with an increase of 320% in our active volunteers! Evidence of improvements is everywhere from the appearance of our grounds and buildings to the upgrades of walkways or functionality of our vehicles and power tools. Last, but by no means least, is the extra attention our cats and dogs get whether on-site or off-site at additional events.

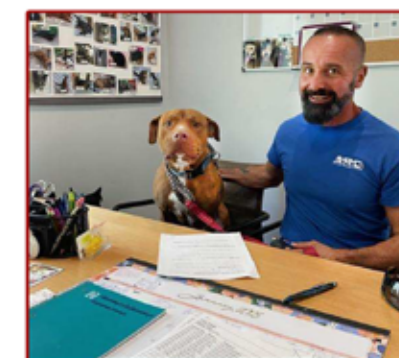
Also, a big thank you to those who volunteered in 2022 but who are unable to do so going forward in 2023. We understand that life happens: busyness, moves, job changes, hurricanes, etc. Your past service was greatly appreciated!

Are you new to retirement but are already bored? ARC has a cure for that! Do you have friends moving down to SWFL who were active Volunteers at shelters up north and want to continue to give back? Do you know some students (ages 10 through college) that need Volunteer credit hours? Please point them in our direction! We have Volunteer Orientations every Saturday to bring in more dedicated, positive Volunteers to give loving attention to the Cats & Dogs of ARC.

We are also always looking to increase the number of Maintenance Team members. Having a 22-acre animal sanctuary is wonderful for the animals, but it's a lot to maintain! There's plenty of repair work (some major/most minor) and of course, ongoing landscaping/grounds maintenance. We are very thankful for the valuable folks we have now, but there is always more to do. Do you know of anyone who believes in our ARC mission but might not want to work directly with the animals? We would love to benefit from their skill sets as well!



Learning VicNet



Office Work Important Too!



One Walkway Completed



Helping Our Golf Carts Run



Community Events

For more information,  
contact Joy Patton,  
Volunteer Coordinator –  
239-258-1278;  
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