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ARC's Barks & Meows
Animal Refuge Center, Inc.
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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 _____

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| Cats Wish List | Dogs Wish List |
| Purina Gentle dry cat food | Diamond Maintenance dry dog food |
| Purina dry Kitten Chow | Caesars canned dog food |
| Friskies canned cat food | Pupperoni dog treats |
| Temptations Treats & Party Mix cat treats | Milkbone small dog biscuits |
| | Power Chewer Nylabones |

Shelter Wish List -Paper towels, toilet paper, tall trash bags, dish soap, liquid laundry detergent, bleach, Clorox wipes, Lysol hand sanitizer, Windex, and linens.

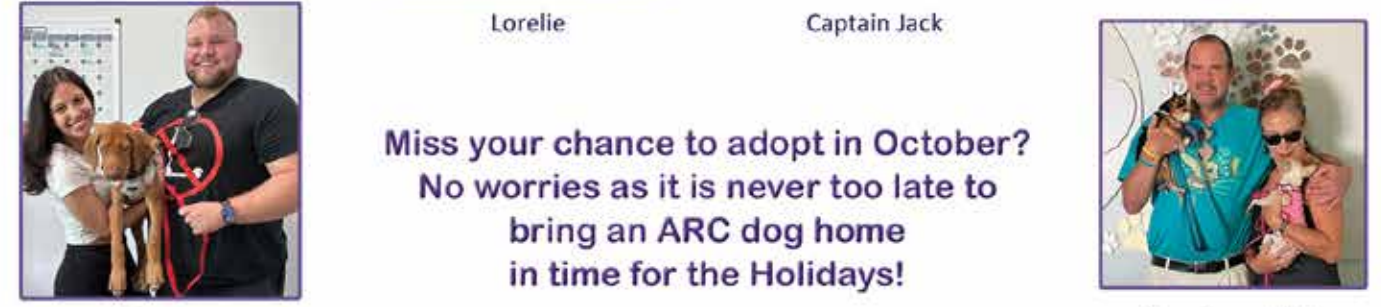
Equipment: Equipment: cotton mop heads, brooms, buckets & dust pans. Garden hoses 50 feet & under with hose sprayers. New or gently used washers, dryers, pressure washers and golf carts. NEW air conditioners with heat capability. For make/model # email mgrarc@animalrefugecenter.net



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ARC Celebrated National Adopt a Dog Month!

October was such a great month across our nation for dog adoptions. It was certainly the fact at ARC as so many of our canine babies were embraced by loving families. It warms our heart to know that they now have their own personal human (or humans) to share adventures or quiet moments on the couch with. Or, if they are so inclined, to sleep in on a lazy weekend morning! Breakfast in bed anyone?



Miss your chance to adopt in October?
No worries as it is never too late to
bring an ARC dog home
in time for the Holidays!

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Adoptions 11:00 to 4:00 P.M.

Weds-Sun (except major holidays)
 BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

E-mail us at:

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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 6:30 pm. Meetings are held at:

ARC 18011 Old Bayshore Road, North Fort Myers, FL 33917

ARC is Out & About!

Putting our best paws forward, ARC volunteers continue to meet and greet the public showing dog and cats available for adoption. We are so thankful for invitations to attend communities or places of business to share heartwarming stories of rescue and rehabilitation. The final step of all that hard, but full-filling work, is to find more ARC dogs and cats a home that is the perfect fit for them! So, keep those invitations coming because we love making new friends and our dogs and cats love getting out and about!



Ft Myers Brewing Co.



Babcock Ranch Earth Day



Ft Myers Brewing Co.



Woof Walk's Zero

**Lee County Sheriff's Office
 Miromar Outlets**



Woof Walk at Lee County Sheriff Office



Pizza & Paws at Miromar



Making new friends at Pizza & Paws

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.

Revered 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.

People Honors:

Denise Allen & Tim Fountain's Marriage
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 Dharma
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 Molly
 Oakley
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 Parker
 Penny
 Tinney

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 Mary Beth Hrinda
 Vicki & Dave Sullivan
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Pet Honored:

Versa

From:

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Thank You to Our New and Renewing Members

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Lights of Love

On **December 10, 2023** the Lights of Love will be illuminated on facebook live at the Animal Refuge Center at 6:30pm.

Remember those pets you have lost but not forgotten.
\$15 donation per white light



Honor those pets still with you.
\$15 donation per colored light



For more information contact
Betty at (239) 841-0810

29th ARC Annual Starlight

The Night Sparkles While Orphaned Pets Shine!

If you attended last year, you will remember the amazing job Sanibel Harbour Marriott Resort & Spa did to recover from Ian in time for us! Well after this year's finishing touches, they are even more ready to WOW you with a fabulous evening on November 25th at 6 P.M. Lock in the date because this is hands down one of our area's premier events! Make it a weekend stay-cation!

As Title sponsors this year, David & Jennifer Nichols encourage you to bid high and bid often on over one hundred silent auction items and two dozen high end "must have" items! Come share heart-warming stories of rescue with us, meet our featured canine "Miracle" and dine on a sumptuous three course buffet.

We are already gathering items, gift certificates, resort trips, artwork, pet baskets, fine wine, electronics, outdoor gear and much more. As always, our jewelry holds extra sparkle which matches your thousand-watt smile! All your personal and gift giving needs can easily be fulfilled with our desirable silent and live auction items. Is it too early to point out that Christmas is right around the corner? Never!

Every year the ARC Starlight Auction lays the foundation for next year's rescue efforts. Dogs and cats in our community are counting on you to help them on their journey to a happier life! This signature gala changes lives and creates brighter beginnings!

Become a sponsor, donor or attendee at www.animalrefugecenter.com/events or mail in this coupon. For more details call Betty Hughes (239-841-0810) or email bettyhughes@comcast.net



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

Animal Refuge Center's 9th Annual Purses for Pooches

Presented by
Bonney Leckie - Century 21 Selling Paradise

April 27, 2024, 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
Paparazzi Sponsor \$750 The Cats Meow \$250
Individual Tickets \$45

For more information contact Betty Hughes 239-841-0810



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Tickets \$125 each x	_____	_____
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Type of Payment	Check (payable to ARC)	
	Master Card	Visa
Acct.#	_____	Exp. date _____
Name on card	_____	

🐾 🐾 Every ARC Dog Needs a Home 🐾 🐾

As we all know, every single dog at ARC is wonderful, and all and each of them need and deserve a safe and loving home with caring adopters. But some of our dogs have a few behavioral traits that sometimes make it a little more difficult to match them with adopters. So, during 2023, the Volunteer Mentors (David Waugh and Keith Ricciardi) and the ARC Animal Behaviorist (Mary-Francis Morris) developed and are delivering (with full support from the ARC organization and other Volunteers) the Dog Adoptability Program (DAP). The objective of the DAP is to improve the adoptability of those specific dogs by implementing customized training activities to help minimize animal-specific issues to make each dog more easily adoptable and, also, increase their chances of remaining in their new adoptive home.

As a part of the new Program, the old clinic on the ARC property has been converted to a DAP Training Facility that is now used by the Volunteers participating in the DAP. The facility has 6 training stations, each with training directions. In addition, an adoptability training care plan has been developed for each dog entered in the Program – with focused attention being given to the 3 or 4 specific “traits” that might inhibit adoptability.

The DAP also operates alongside the Project Dogs Initiative, in which Volunteers choose two or three ARC dogs to which they will pay special and extended attention. The Project Dogs Volunteers are also encouraged to take photos and videos of their “special” dogs that are then provided to the ARC Adoptions Counselor to assist in promoting the animals on the internet and social media.

As can be seen by the accompanying pictures, the Dog Adaptability Program, in addition to addressing the behavioral traits, is also fun and stimulating for both the dogs and the DAP Trainers as well as enjoyable enrichment for animals who could really use it. Everything that we can do to help get those safe and happy homes for our dogs is more than worthwhile ... it is our mission.



Kota learns the treadmill!

Ella learns to sit!

Kota learns to lay down!



Article by David Waugh and photos by Keith Ricciardi

Practice Makes Perfect



Kota learning the basics of sit, stay, and down



Ella learning Vet exams are OK



Boomerang learning to focus outdoors

