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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 |
| Canned Food | Biscuits & Treats |
| Dry Food | Nulo Canned & Diamond Dry |
| Temptation Treats | 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!



Your purchases, made through Amazon Smile, can help support ARC. Simply shop on Amazon Smile (instead of Amazon) and select the Animal Refuge Center as your charity to support. A percentage of your purchase will be sent to ARC through the Amazon Smile Foundation!

VOL III 2021

27th Annual Starlight Auction!

Honoring the Memory of Sharon Bodenhafer

Presented by Doc's Painting ~ Paul and Rosalie Walton

We know 2021 still has some challenges but we believe by this year's date of November 27th we are going to be in a position to gather and celebrate all the lives rescued in 2021!

The Sanibel Harbour Marriott Resort and Spa is ready once again to see you all so mark your calendar for November 27th at 6pm as a "must be there" event. It will be so good to see familiar faces and relish the role each of us played in saving the lives of homeless pets in need. Heart-warming stories can be shared as you dine on a three-course plated dinner selected by resort chefs to properly "reward" twenty-seven years of your support!

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?

Last year, ARC's "plan B" worked so well we promoted it to "plan A"! Our revised ballroom lay out, a three-course plated dinner and adhering to recommended safety protocols kept all of us safe. Once more we remain focused on your comfort as we lay the foundation for next year's rescue efforts. Dogs and cats in our community are counting on you to help them on

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



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Tellurium	\$1,000	
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Total		

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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

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

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 People:
 Charlie Cornog
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 Claire in NH
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 Rose Marie & Don Caskey
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Thank You to Our New and Renewing Members

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 Gregory Kerr
 Arlene & Larry Schuetz

ARC & the Everblades Team Up to Score BIG!

Nick, Nick, Nick, Nick, Nick, Nick, Nick, Nick, Nickelodeon! ARC is pleased to announce we are teaming up once again with our Florida Everblades as a sponsor of Nickelodeon Night February 19, 2022! Specialty jerseys, themed after a hit show, will be worn during the game, autographed and then auctioned off through an online bidding platform. This new method of bidding resulted in over \$18,000 raised last spring and proceeds donated to ARC! We will also have game tickets for the 2021-2022 season on sale online in the near future which benefit ARC. **Go Blades!**



Liberating Liberty!

This poor dog was found wandering around an inland area that is known for dumping dogs. Smart as Liberty is, he knew his ticket out was to eagerly get into a rescue vehicle headed for Clewiston Animal Control. A social media plea was put forth to pull Liberty and ARC responded knowing that we'd be able to provide surgery on his badly fractured but partially healed front leg.



Specialists at Blue Pearl-Naples confirmed that re-breaking the bones so close to the ankle might cause a loss of limb. A compromise was reached and a titanium plate with screws were attached to the weakest part of the break to provide stability. This delicate surgery and long period of recovery is going well and all preliminary follow-ups are very positive! Liberty has not been a model patient and despite his cone he manages to require multiple vet trips to re-splint or rebandage his leg. We keep reminding him to be patient but he obviously just wants to get off medical hold and start looking for a new family to love! Patience big boy, patience!

To ensure ARC has funding for future extensive and expensive surgeries like Liberty's, please consider a donation earmarked "Canine Special Surgical Fund." This allows us to pull dogs that need an extra "paw up". Some rescues truly take a village!



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!

Brighter Beginnings Over a Sizzling Summer!

Thanks to continued robust interest in adding a pet to a home, adoptions are still going strong at ARC! Because of ARC's dedicated staff and volunteers, we have been able to continue to operate at maximum capacity for 2021. The three pillars of ARC, rescue-rehabilitation and re-homing, places pets in homes and makes room to save another in need. So please, keep spreading the word to friends and neighbors to submit an adoption application on our web-site! Maybe, even one of your own! Let's add to our three-month summer numbers of 71 pets placed in homes. Let's move from a "Sizzling Summer" to an "Awesome Autumn!"





Do You Believe in Love?

Dunkin's Diamonds does and they show it every day in their quality and variety of jewelry available. They also show their love of ARC with this stunning donation for our 27th Starlight Auction on November 27th. You have this diamond necklace to look forward to when the bidding begins! This stunning beauty will be part of our exclusive live auction selection and is a 16" 14 carat white gold necklace showcasing 5.64 carats of white round brilliant cut diamonds! Value is \$13,500.



What's not to love?

Come prepared to bid high and bid often on November 27th for the benefit of pets in need! Meantime sure to visit either of Dunkin's Diamonds Ft Myers locations (11500 S. Cleveland Ave or Gulf Town Center) and thank them for their generosity! Treat yourself to something sparkly while there!

When Visions Become Legacies

Over fifteen years ago, Sandra and Ron Thurman had a vision to provide a cat building that would offer a safe place for strays that they fed and cared for. Back in those years there was no Trap-Neuter-Release program for ferals and semi-ferals. So, they often were just trapped and euthanized. This was not something Sandra and Ron could bear to see happen to their backyard visitors.

So, they constructed the Dixie D house for their visitors and also built the Aeries for ARC to use for their intakes. They have also come to ARC every Thursday and holiday for over fifteen years to clean, scoop, feed and water and visit with their feline friends. They did not go alone either! Their dear friend, Dorie, accompanied them to assist as well as lavish love and attention to over seventeen cats that called the Dixie D their home.

Volunteers are an essential part of what ARC can achieve for pets in need. When volunteers devote this much time and treasure, they become more than essential, they become cherished. Thank you, Sandra, Ron and Dorie, from all of us at ARC and in the community for your devotion to pets in need.

Ron and Sandra Thurman



Doreen (Dorie) Truesdell

JuJy ♥♥ "Canines in the Ruff" a Success Story

ARC has never shied away from challenges, and this is most certainly the case with our canine charges. Whether it be a medical or behavioral need, ARC finds a way to mitigate or remedy the situation, improve quality of life and adoptability. Always with the goal of finding our pups their forever homes. The journey to adoption has proved elusive for a few of our dogs. Thanks to one of our many generous donors, ARC was able to create a new program specifically targeting the training needs of our long-term residents with persistent behavioral issues unresolved after undergoing basic training. The newly initiated program is titled "Canines in the Ruff."

Issues that cause our long-term dogs to be overlooked most often revolve around trust and reactivity causing undesirable behaviors such as lunging/barking at strangers, resource guarding, and the inability to get along with other dogs.

Under the direction of our trainer, Mary Frances Morris of Canine Behavioral Services, the new program incorporates various advanced canine training techniques to reduce anxiety and stress in fearful situations. Pups learn to redirect their fear and puts them in control making them more confident and happy dogs. This leads to a reduction or sometimes elimination of the unwanted behaviors. Staff and specially trained volunteers are enlisted to reinforce the individualized training plans. The program also allows for onsite and in-home training for people demonstrating the commitment and interest in adopting one of the program dogs. It is crucial that the shelter training continue after adoption to ensure ongoing success.

So, that brings us to JuJy. She was surrendered to ARC in 2009 and twice returned. An adoption inquiry was received. Could this be JuJy's chance for a forever home after all this time? We hoped it was so. A wonderful older girl, plagued by a distrust of strangers and selective when socializing with other dogs, JuJy was a "Canines in the Ruff" program participant. Armed with the skills learned onsite, JuJy was slowly introduced and integrated into the family which included 3 other dogs. The process involved multiple onsite and in-home sessions intended to convey JuJy's special needs and teach family members the techniques required for a successful "forever" transition. The family was undeterred and now JuJy resides happily with her new family.

Currently, the program has several other participants that we hope one day will be as lucky as JuJy. There's no need to wonder, because we know all too well what would have happened to a dog like JuJy if ARC and programs like "Canines in the Ruff" did not exist. ARC survives solely through the generosity of its donors and receives no government funding. Please donate. If you believe that there is no such thing as a "bad" dog and that all homeless dogs are adoptable, please direct your donation to ARC's "Canines in the Ruff" program.

