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# 25th Annual Starlight Auction

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](http://www.AnimalRefugeCenter.com)) or mail in your coupon. For more details call Betty Hughes (239-841-0810) or email [bettyhughes@comcast.net](mailto:bettyhughes@comcast.net)

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### Membership Application

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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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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|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Cats Wish List</b> | <b>Dogs Wish List</b>     |
| 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!

#### 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](mailto:vcarc@animalrefugecenter.net).

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

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Tickets \$100 each x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

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## Leading ARC's Dedicated Volunteers



The passion of any non-profit volunteer base comes from the top down. For the past three years our "leader of the pack" was Sue Miller. Sue's passion for ARC's mission was infectious. Interacting with volunteers came natural to Sue and she took extra care in appreciating all that they do to enhance life at ARC for the cats and dogs in our care. A master at juggling, Sue took care of volunteer needs at ARC and also off-site at events.

Understandably, many of us were left howling in dismay when family needs called Sue back to her hometown in Illinois. We wish her the best of luck and will always remember her inspiring ways, wicked sense of humor, delightful laugh and (selfishly) her candy dish filled with goodies!



*"You make a living by what you get.  
 You make a life by what you give." Winston Churchill*

**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/)



## 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:

### Memorials for People:

Leah Brown  
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 Stueie  
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### Honors for People:

Gerry Adams  
 Karen Feldman  
 Sue Miller

### From:

Susan Strecker  
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## Thank You to Our New and Renewing Members

### FRIEND:

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### Let the Schwartz Be With You



9-year-old male, FIV+, Blue Russian



Adoptions!

### Sleepy & Dopey



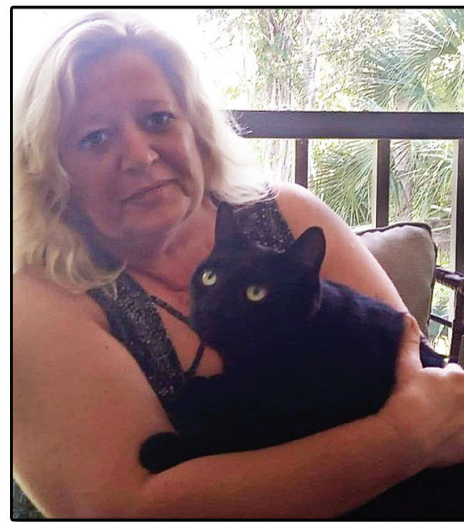
Available Soon!



## The Wait was Worth It – Siriusly!

Any self-respecting Harry Potter fan knows the beloved character Sirius Black. Famous for his wisdom, loyalty and compassion for those he loved, Sirius was the perfect name for our feline version! A sleek mini-panther, affectionate and loyal, Sirius Black was a favorite at ARC for two years.

Despite being captivately charming, Sirius Black needed a little something more to win someone's heart. It was time to bring out the magic wand and wave it over the next cat loving visitor. Guess what? POOF, it worked!



Sirius Black finally found someone he could seriously love and he picked Sheila as his forever home companion! Good choice big fella.



*Sirius Black gladly traded in his magic wand for a forever home with Sheila!*



## 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!

Please consider making a donation to ARC using the enclosed envelope, or online at [www.animalrefugecenter.com/donate](http://www.animalrefugecenter.com/donate).

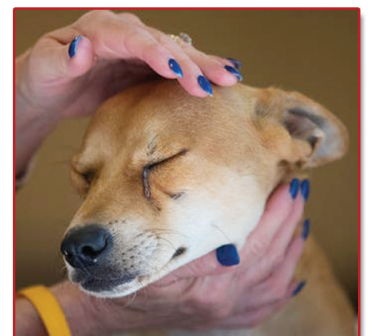
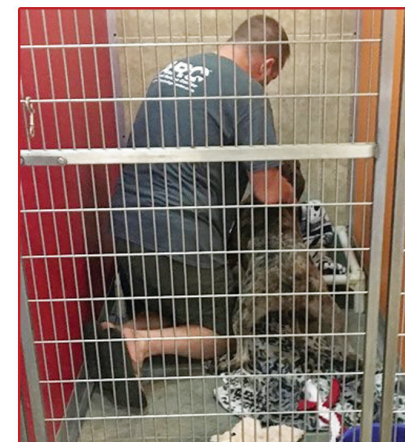
## Hurricane Barry's Aftermath-Lending a Helping Paw

When Mother Nature unleashes her wrath it's time to "leash up" canines and move them to safety. St. Landry's Parish is one of the poorest areas NW of Baton Rouge and they reached out to us asking if we could provide housing for some of their dogs. While their cats were secure in their main indoor buildings, many dogs had nothing but fully exposed outdoor kennel runs. For sixteen of these vulnerable dogs it was their lucky day since there was room for them at ARC. Tight quarters perhaps, but no flooding!



ARC often assists areas impacted by natural disasters and offered a "paw up" to cats and dogs after hurricanes Charley, Matthew, Florence, Harvey and Katrina. This time Stacey McKnight, from St. Landry Parish Animal Control, drove straight through accompanied by her 13-year-old daughter, Shi. We applaud her dedication to saving lives as well as setting a compassionate example to her daughter.

Mass intakes like this always have their challenges to staff and volunteers, but this time we were so fortunate to have the support of several veterinarians and veterinarian technicians from VCA Coral Animal Hospital. We deeply appreciate their participation and their offer of a free exam after adoption. For now, ARC's focus is treating the dogs that have heartworms (8) and a few that have Parvo. If you would like to help ensure these pups get the best care possible please support our medical fund at <http://animalrefugecenter.com/donate>





# It's Hammer Time!

Sledge hammer that is! ARC has been dreaming about swinging a sledge hammer to another one of our medium sized cat buildings for a few years. The Ekstrom House has done a great job for over fifteen years housing our Leukemia cats and cats that needs special urinary tract foods. But time wears everything down to the point of no return and such is the case here!



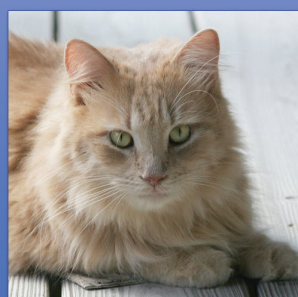
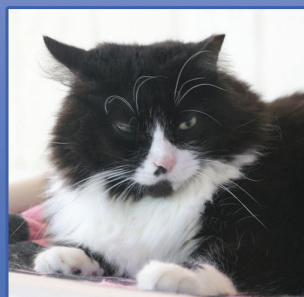
Thanks to funding from two ARC supporters, the Ekstrom House, which consisted of an RV with a wrap-around porch, can become a real inner structure with a wrap-around porch! This building will now be known as Zippy's Cottage and will be used to house our Leukemia cats. Epoxy floors will help provide disinfectant easy capability and an inner treatment "pod" will provide a smaller area to easily medicate a kitty that might have some symptom flare ups.

Like our other main cat buildings, Zippy's Cottage will have a kitchen preparation area with impenetrable countertops & cabinets, a washer and dryer and a multi-level linen closet! The living-room and sitting parlor area (Blossom's Boudoir) will accommodate multiple Kuranda cat towers and beds for climbing and napping.

If you would like to donate towards the finishing touches of a washer/dryer, air-conditioner or a Kuranda cat tower please mark your donation envelope "Zippy's Cottage Items" and we will earmark your gift appropriately!



*Pooh-Ba, Phaedra and Ralph- as well as the rest of the crew-say thank you!*



# Can Our Summers Get Any Hotter?

It sure seems so. One of the biggest dangers to your pet? Heat stroke, which occurs when excessive body temperature takes place. In serious cases, irreversible damage and even death can occur.

Common causes of heat stroke include dehydration, elevated body temperature, confinement in hot unventilated spaces and prolonged exposure to sun. It is also important to restrict exercise and walking to early morning or late evening times. Keep in mind that hot pavement surfaces can burn the pads of your pet's paws. If you cannot place your hand on the blacktop for more than 7 seconds do not walk your pet on it. Short legged pets feel the heat radiating off pavement even more so than tall pets!

Symptoms of over-heating can include weakness, muscle tremors, excessive salivation, elevated heart rate, dark blue or bright red tongue and/or gums. If you suspect your pet is over-heated, move them into a shady or air-conditioned area, place a cool wet towel underneath and offer small amounts of water frequently. If body temperature is over 104, spray cool water on him and create a breeze. Once lowered to under 103 degrees, get your pet to the nearest veterinarian. Be sure your car is pre-cooled!

Very young kittens and puppies cannot regulate their body temperatures so providing a safe temperature is even more critical for them. Protect your pets and enjoy the summer in safety!



# Casino Night - Lucky 7th Year!



ARC's 2019 Casino Royale, presented by Bonney Leckie of Century 21 Selling Paradise, brought Lady Luck to its guests and to ARC! Bond, James Bond, aka Tim Steger of Bond for a Cause stopped by for his signature martini and to try his luck at the tables.

This year our wine toss was enhanced by Kasey Conidaris of KC Creations LLC. Dressed to the K-Nines, Kasey literally inserted herself in the wine toss table! That did not slow down winners from carrying many bottles of wine home to enjoy.

No ARC event would be successful without our sponsors and item donors. Please consider supporting those who are so generous to ARC: Bonney Leckie, Kristen Fraizer-Percent, Betty & Rich Hughes, Bay Electric of Collier County, EG Contracting Co, Prestige Moto-Sports, Doc's Painting, Dave & Jennifer Nichols, All American Printing & Signarama Ft Myers North, Animal Eye Doctors, The Cedar Chest Fine Jewelry, Nothing Bundt Cakes, Lisa & Ted Ehrlich, Laura & Wayne Leinen, Huxters Market & Deli, Smilin Dog Bakery, What 2 Wear SW Fl, Nancy Vossler, Restoratives Café, Training Grounds Martial Arts Academy, Home-Tech, Anonymous, Total Wine, Hyatt Regency Coconut Point, VCA Coral Animal Hospital, Primetime Eventz and Mangrove Mania. Thank you for helping ARC save lives!