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**CASINO ROYALE 007<sup>™</sup>**

**Bonney Leckie**  
 Century 21 Selling Paradise  
**Friday, June 28<sup>th</sup> 2019**  
**7pm-11pm**

*A Bond Themed Gala To Support The Animal Refuge Center*  
**Hosted Inside at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort & Spa**  
**Tickets Include buffet and \$2000 in gaming play money**

**Sponsorship Opportunities**  
 007<sup>™</sup> Sponsor: \$2,000  
 License to No-Kill Sponsor: \$750  
 Diamonds Are Forever Sponsor: \$500  
 The Dog Who Loved Me Sponsor: \$200  
 Additional tickets: \$75.

Animal Refuge Center, Inc.  
 P.O. Box 62605  
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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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|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| <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 conditioner/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).

Bonney Leckie, Realtor



**For More Information Contact**  
**Wayne Leinen at 239-233-4375**  
**Animalrefugecenter.com**

Sign up as a sponsor or guest on our home page: [www.AnimalRefugeCenter.com](http://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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 Animal Refuge Center  
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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 6:30pm. Meetings are held at:  
 Home-Tech 6400 Techster Blvd. Fort Myers, FL 33966

**LANI KAI**  
**BLOOD DRIVE**  
**Saturday**  
**JULY 27th**

9am-5pm  
 Gifts for donors  
 Food & Drinks

Blood collected by  
 Lee Health and  
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**ALL LIVES MATTER!**

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**ARC Animal Refuge Center**

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 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:

**Memorials for Pets:**

Abby  
 Chester  
 Doc & Cali  
 Ernie  
 Fritz  
 Gracie  
 Karl  
 Joli-Pujo-Pip  
 Lizzie & Happy  
 Nicholas  
 Sandy (Smoocher)

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 Leah Brown  
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**R**eferred for their kind hearts and the joy they bring, the following people have been honored through donations:

**From:**

Elizabeth Brasfield  
 Amy & Matt Pody  
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Kathlyn Bye



# June Is National Adopt-a- Shelter-Cat Month!

It's time to celebrate all things feline and give a cat a loving and caring forever home. Need an extra reason to open your heart and home to a new kitty? You might not have been aware of these little-known benefits.

Cats are not only cute, they make us healthier! Purring reduces our blood pressure and anxiety levels which results in a healthier heart. Studies show the frequency level of cat purrs actually strengthens bones, muscles and tendons. Sounds like a good alternative to the gym!

Apparently, children younger than a year old who are exposed to cats develop less allergies to not only pets but to other irritants.



And the stereotype that dogs are more affectionate than cats? Well it is just that: a stereotype. In fact, it turns out that a cat can be just as good a companion as a dog, especially for women.

So, come visit our kitties at ARC Wednesday through Sunday from 11AM to 4PM. We are also expanding our adoption hours at PetSmart in the Cape Coral Northport Shopping Center to Saturday and Sunday from 11AM to 5PM!

Add some "purr" to your life.

## *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.

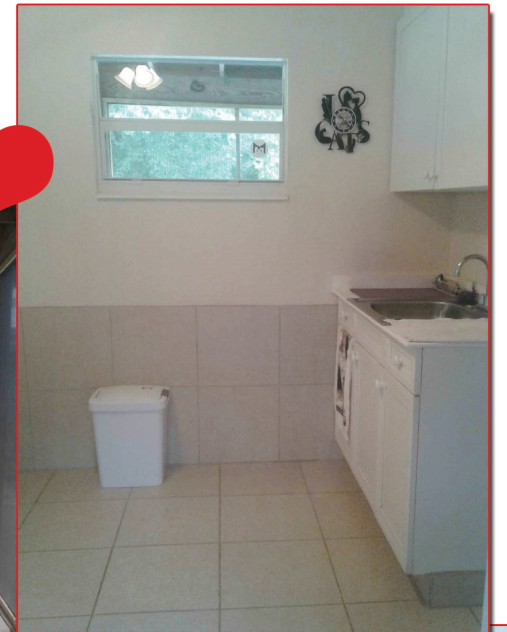
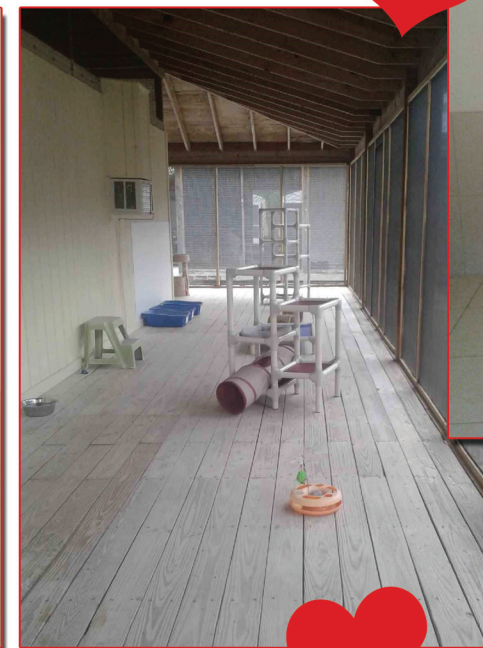
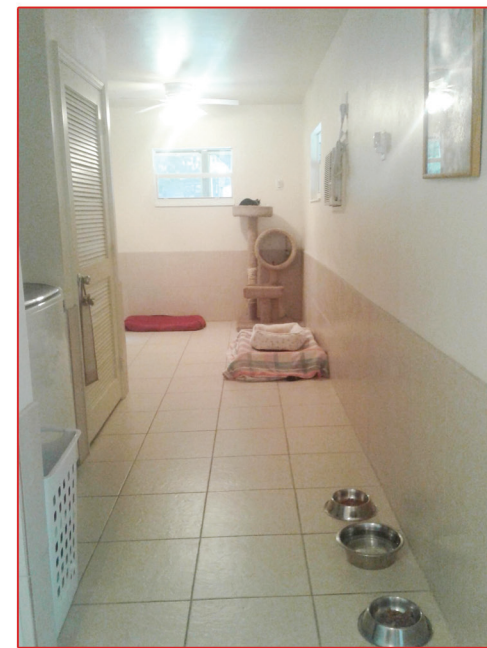
The Legacy of Hope Club is also our way to recognize people who have made a lasting gift through a will, estate plan, life insurance or other deferred gift to the Animal Refuge Center. Please contact Betty Hughes at 239-841-0810 or email [bettyhughes@comcast.net](mailto:bettyhughes@comcast.net) to discuss 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).

## *Out with the Old!*

One of our medium sized cat building, the Retreat, was in need of major remodeling and had been vacant for a few years. A long-time supporter, who knew space for cats is always vital at ARC, thought that under-writing the construction would be a wonderful way to memorialize her beloved cat, Harley. With the wrap around porch and upper roof still in great shape, focus was turned to the inner structure. Along with a total overhaul, the Retreat got some extra bells and whistles such as non-slip tile floors, including a three-foot-high tile barrier on the walls that provided easy clean up and lower maintenance. A food preparation area made with impenetrable countertops and cabinets would stand up to many a curious cat! An industrial sized washer and dryer would keep those comforters and blankets clean and fluffy. Naturally, they were stored in a multi-level linen closet! The living-room area was big enough for two cat condos for climbing and two Kuranda beds for cat naps.



With the house completed, now there was the challenge of rescreening the wrap around porch. ARC was very fortunate to have Brandi & Marc Bauer of Premiere Aluminum and Nicole of Florida Sales & Marketing donate the materials and installation labor. Please support these businesses that give of their time and resources so generously!



# Purses for Pooches – Great Fun for the Ladies!

One of ARC's event favorites is our ladies luncheon held at Fiddlesticks every year. This was our 5th year welcoming women to come together and do things they love to do the most: drink wine, bid on a wide variety of designer purses and socialize with one another over a delightful meal. This fantastic group of generous ladies raised over \$20,000 for the cats and dogs in ARC's care!

We extend a very special thanks to our Presenting Sponsor: Bonney Leckie - Century 21 Selling Paradise. In addition, sponsor participants Betty Hughes, Lisa Viola, Home-Tech, Amy Pody, The Cedar Chest Fine Jewelry, Laura Leinen and Kathy Totterdale joined Bonney as valued sponsors.

A fantastic team of purse donors, guests, volunteers, staff and board members also helped ensure the record-breaking success of this event! Thank you!



# Seven is a Lucky Number, Especially for ARC Canines!

Lots of tails wagging at ARC due to the generosity of several individuals! Two lodges were recently created adjacent to our canine intake building. They offer new intakes the opportunity to rotate out of the main building daily and spend time enjoying fresh air and gentle breezes! These lodges also begin to familiarize dogs to a lodge environment, helping them transition to the main canine village after a ten-day quarantine. In this area, one lodge was funded by the Fred & Jean Allegretti Foundation and the second lodge was funded in memory of Richard D. Stanfield by an anonymous donor.

Time flies by and it is hard to believe our main canine Krieger Village was created twenty years ago! Hundreds of dogs flowed through these lodges on their way to their forever homes. And, dogs being dogs, hundreds have left their own personalized "wear and tear" on these lodges! Thanks to the generosity of Melissa Gribble, four of these lodges were completely renovated. Rounding out this phase of renovation, a seventh lodge was donated by EG Contracting Company.

On behalf of all of us at ARC, a big "paws up" to the above individuals who have enhanced the homes that our dogs enjoy while at ARC!



## 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.

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 the less highly adoptable more time to find their special home, please send in your renewal.

If you believe in 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!