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21st Annual Starlight Auction Presented by



*The Night Will Sparkle While Orphaned Pets Shine!*  
 Join us in celebration of our 21st annual Starlight Auction by being a sponsor,  
 by donating an item for our auction, or by attending our signature event.  
 Your support makes a difference in the lives of over one thousand pets.

The Sanibel Harbour Marriott Resort and Spa will graciously host our 21st annual auction at 6 PM, November 28, 2015. Let us gather together and cherish the success stories of last year, yet remain steadfast in our mission to help future pets in need. Tickets are \$75 each and include admission, dinner, dessert, and cocktail. Over two hundred sought after auction items will be offered for your bidding pleasure. These items include: South African Photo Safari trips, artwork by local talents, exquisite jewelry, fine wines, electronics, resort packages, high end restaurant gift certificates and much more.

Sponsorship opportunities are still available and offer high visibility on our web-site and Facebook pages. For more details on sponsor benefits please contact Betty Hughes at (239) 841-0810 or E-mail BettyHughes@comcast.net

Animal Refuge Center, Inc.  
 P.O. Box 6642  
 Fort Myers, FL 33911

**Membership Application**

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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  
 Temption Treats

**Dogs Wish List**

Biscuits & Treats  
 Pedigree dry & Canned food  
 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.

**Off Site Adoption Centers**

Dogs and cats are available for adoption every Saturday at Petco (the Forum store off Colonial Blvd., Fort Myers) from 11:00 AM until 3:00 PM

Dogs and cats are available for adoption every Sunday at Petco (Gulf Coast Town Center) from 11:00 AM until 3:00 PM



To become a sponsor fill out the information below and return to ARC, PO Box 6642, Fort Myers, FL 33911.

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Tickets \$75 each x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
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ARC also promotes animal welfare advocacy and employs education to teach responsible pet guardianship as well as kindness to all creatures.

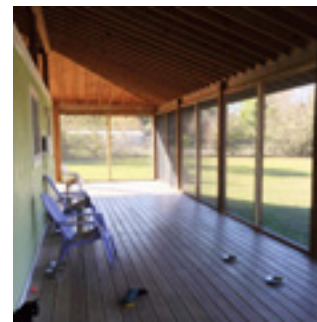
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## Bauer Construction/Premier Aluminum Keep Outdoor Pests Outdoors!

As you can imagine, our cat buildings with screened wrap-around porches encounter lots of wear and tear over the years! Any little/large opening in the screening and WHAM in come those annoying mosquitos and flies. Not to worry as Mark & Brandi Bauer, owners of Bauer Construction/Premier Aluminum came to our rescue!

As frequent visitors of ARC, Mark & Brandi have been noticing how the damaged/missing screens have been multiplying and they decided to do something proactive about it. They offered to donate all the man hours and materials required to re-screen four of our main buildings, each of which are 2,000 square feet! We'd also like to thank Nicole Hurt-Hickey of Florida Sales & Marketing for providing that higher grade pet screen to Bauer Construction/Premier Aluminum at a very deep discount. We are confident that, try as they may, our cats will not be able to damage this heavy duty protection!

Mark & Brandi also had their employees level several of our walk-ways, replace bricks with pavers and seal the finished jobs pro-bono! Practical and gorgeous! We deeply appreciate Bauer Construction/Premier Aluminum's efforts to increase the beauty and functionality of our buildings and our grounds. Be sure to thank them also when you are in the market to spruce up your lanai!



## 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 6642, Fort Myers, FL 33911. Your listing will be featured in our next newsletter. Please accept our apologies and 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 Pets:

Angelica Hope

Bella  
 Cooper  
 Dusty

"Little Dog"  
 Oliver  
 Phoenix  
 Phoenix  
 Phoenix  
 Ralphy  
 Sally  
 Zippy Elig

Carrie & Mike  
 Meehan  
 Jeanette K. Chelius  
 Jana Charvat  
 Laura & Marco  
 Maxemovich  
 Linda Knight  
 Peggy Gore  
 Betty Hughes  
 Marion Elmer  
 Margaret Foreso  
 Betty Hughes  
 Caroline Wolf  
 Elaine Jett

#### Memorials for People:

Cindy Witter  
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 Lloyd Szkwarko

#### Honors for People:

Rose Caskey  
 Carol Crane  
 Roxanne Hino  
 Robert & Cat  
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 Orthopedic Assoc.  
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#### From:

Timothy Aumann  
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 L.G. Spade  
 Donna Paczkowski

#### From:

Gregg Schneider  
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 Rose Teixeira  
 Gail Rodgers

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### Thank You to Our New and Renewing Members

#### Friend:

Roger Arbour  
 Arlene Bancroft  
 Henry Dunn  
 Mary Jo Elliott  
 Margaret Foreso  
 Susan Foster  
 Kathleen Freitag  
 Darlene Gerue  
 Paul Hittinger  
 Patricia Hofer  
 William Jones  
 William Laudani  
 John Lewis  
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 Christina Roeck  
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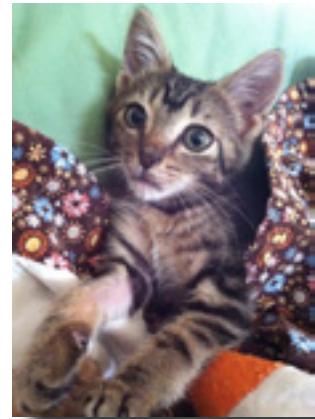


## Let's Change Traumatic Beginnings Into Terrific Endings!

The sun was setting on a busy four lane highway. A six week old kitten thought it safe to dart across traffic, but how was she to know it was rush hour? A Good Samaritan was headed home after a long day at work and saw a pile of fur on the double yellow line. A tiny head lifted up and caught her eye. Quickly she made a U-turn, doubled back, waited until there was no traffic and gently lifted up the injured kitten.

Knowing ARC's ability to intake the more challenging cases, she placed that call and arrangements were immediately made to meet at Specialized Veterinary Services. X-rays revealed Shelbie was suffering a complex fracture of the rear leg and of her tail. Triage was started and orthopedic surgeon, Dr. Scott Rose, was called in to perform the delicate pinning of her leg fracture and a partial tail amputation. It took extreme skill to find enough formed bone in Shelbie's tiny leg to anchor pins into!

Weeks of physical therapy and icepacks battled the leg's swelling, and kept Shelbie's kneecap flexible. Her first steps were cause for celebration! She was on her way to recovery. ARC's surgical fund makes it possible for life changing injuries to be corrected. Your donation today can help turn dark beginnings like Shelbie's into a bright futures. Can pets like her count on you?



## Heartworm Disease: An Ounce of Prevention

Author: Dr. Laura E. Braun

Heartworm disease is spread by the bite of infected mosquitos, so it's no surprise that we see so many cases of it in Southwest Florida. Sadly, this preventable disease is one of the leading causes of death in dogs and cats. Monthly heartworm prevention is available from your veterinarian. The cost of heartworm prevention varies but there are many cost-effective options these days. Please discuss the best option with your pet's doctor.



At the Animal Refuge Center, we treat between 10-20 dogs each year for heartworm disease. When a dog tests positive for heartworm disease at intake, they are further evaluated by our veterinarian. Typically, they are started on a few medications to prepare them for heartworm treatment. The treatment for heartworm disease is expensive, lengthy, and does have some risks. After one to two months of pre-treatment, they are given an intramuscular injection of a drug called Immiticide to kill the adult heartworms that live in the heart and lungs. It is critical that they undergo activity restriction during this time. Too much exercise and excitement can lead to potentially fatal consequences. During this time, the dog stays in our long-term recovery suites located in ARC's clinic. The dog is then administered two more injections one month later on consecutive days. Activity restriction is continued for another 6-8 weeks. They are tested at one month following the final injection for immature heartworms. If this test is negative, the dog will be available for adoption at the end of activity restriction. Six months after treatment, they are retested for adult heartworms.

Recently, we treated two dogs for heartworm disease. Levi is a handsome 2 year old Husky mix that loves other dogs and even cats! Oreo is a beautiful 4 year old Pit Bull Terrier that likes some other dogs. The future looks bright for these three lucky dogs. We look forward to placing them into loving homes and continuing to spread the message about the importance of heartworm prevention.

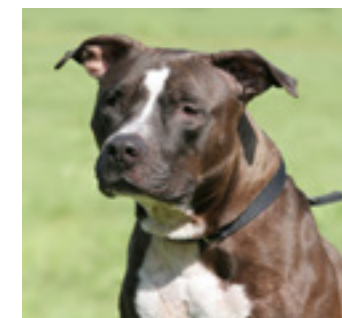
## Something FANTASTIC is Coming to This Year's Annual Starlight Auction for the Animals!

The Animal Refuge Center is VERY excited to announce, that we will be switching to an electronic bidding system for this year's Starlight Auction! There are MANY great advantages to using this technology!

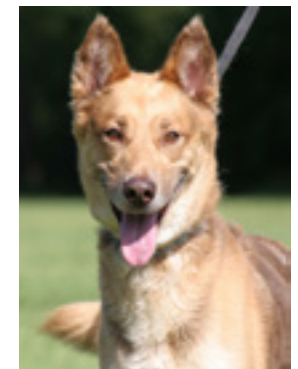


- Extremely user-friendly web-app runs on your own smartphone!
- Always know the status of your items and bids!
- Be notified instantly if you've been out-bid on an item you want!
- Instant notification of items you've won!
- Instant Checkout! No waiting in long lines to pay!
- And many, many more great reasons to get EXCITED!

All the details will be available in our next newsletter. Stay Tuned!



Oreo



Levi



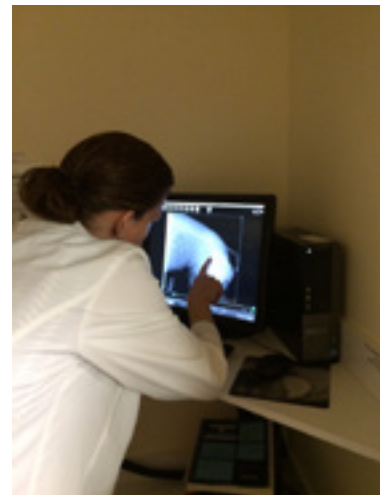


## Rockz - Going the Extra Mile...

Rockz has been a staff and volunteer favorite at ARC for many years. Maybe it's her age, maybe it's her breed, or maybe her ideal family has just not found her yet. Whatever the reason, she has been overlooked by potential adopters for far too long. This lovely girl is a ten year old beautiful grey Pit Bull Terrier.

Recently, Rockz developed a lump near her hip. This lump was tested and found to be cancerous. Rockz went to Florida Veterinary Referral Center (FVRC) to have surgery by Dr. Kimberly Goodrich. Rockz endeared herself to the staff at FVRC- she makes friends everywhere she goes! Her pathology results revealed the lump to be a fibrosarcoma. This is a very aggressive form of cancer, and further treatment would be needed to save Rockz.

With the guidance of Veterinary Oncologist, Dr. Sarah Kraiza of FVRC, we have elected to treat Rockz with a novel therapy. The tumor that was removed from her hip was sent to make a vaccine. This vaccine (called immunotherapy treatment) is given to her once a week for four weeks, and then once a month for four months. Immunotherapy trains her body to kill new tumor cells that may develop. This new technology has shown good success, and we are very hopeful that it will allow Rockz to remain a happy and healthy girl for years to come. When she is finished with treatment, Rockz will once again be available for foster or adoption. This sweet girl is truly deserving of a home, and we will work tirelessly to find her the family of her dreams. To help with cases like Rockz', please consider a donation to ARC's Special Medical Fund. Donation links are available on our website ([www.AnimalRefugeCenter.com](http://www.AnimalRefugeCenter.com)) and our Facebook pages.



## Baby Girl - ARC's "Sweet Chocolate" Lab

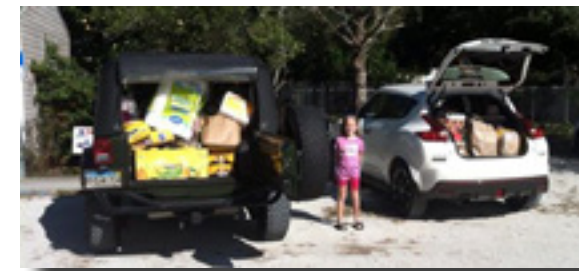
Baby Girl is a nine year old female Chocolate Labrador Retriever. She was given up by her family this April when they were no longer able to care for their multiple pets. She had not been seen by a veterinarian since she was a puppy, and it was readily apparent that she had a multitude of problems.

Baby Girl had not been spayed yet, and as a result of being intact, she developed a large (softball sized) mammary tumor. She was severely flea infested, had lost much of her hair, and developed a skin infection. Her ears had been infected for a long time and caused damage to her ear drums, which resulted in a neurologic condition (peripheral vestibular syndrome). This caused her to have a head tilt that made her unsteady on her feet. She also suffers from hip dysplasia and a previously torn cruciate ligament. What we saw when we met her was a typical happy, goofy, beautiful Chocolate Lab that desperately needed our help.

After assessing her needs, we prioritized her care. First, Baby Girl has been spayed and had the mammary tumor removed. She was started on medications to treat the ear infection, skin infection, and for her arthritis. Her conditions have responded quite nicely to treatment! She has had a consultation with a veterinary orthopedic surgeon, and he is hopeful her rear leg problems can be managed with arthritis medication and physical therapy. Her mobility is currently great; but should she ever require orthopedic surgery, the Animal Refuge Center will happily provide her with it. Now that she is further along in her recovery, ARC will begin the fun task of interviewing potential adopters to guarantee her the very best forever home. Baby Girl is a true success story. She has a resilient spirit and shows such appreciation for all the care (and treats) that we give her. She will be our "Canine Guest of Honor" at this year's Starlight Auction.



## Our Residents Thank You!



A HUGE thank you to 8 year old Macy Tackett! She and her parents rolled up to ARC with not one, but TWO cars full of food and supplies for our residents. The best part? Macy requested these much-needed items from her friends and family as gifts for her birthday! Thank you, Macy!

The residents of ARC extend their sincerest gratitude to Mike Greenwell's Family Fun Park for the hundreds of pounds of food raised for the shelter as part of a food drive! Our beautiful shelter survives and thrives on the generosity of others. Thank you so very much...

