



ARC Barks and Meows  
 P.O. Box 62605  
 Fort Myers, FL 33906

ARC General Membership Meeting  
 Tuesday, December 20th, 2016 @ 6:30pm  
 Home-Tech  
 6400 Techster Blvd., Fort Myers, FL 33966

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December 2016/January 2017



2016 was another fantastic year for the Animal Refuge Center! On any given day, the Animal Care Staff, Veterinary Staff, Administration and Volunteers care for just over 400 cats and dogs. This is no small task! The compassion and dedication required to tend to the needs of this many residents is huge! This year, we touched the lives of many. We took in nearly 350 dogs and cats from a variety of situations; owner surrenders, hoarding situations, natural disasters like the flooding in Louisiana and Hurricane Matthew, abuse and neglect situations, and many from other shelters in our area. We also found forever homes for over 300 of our residents. The animals that found permanent homes this year came from many different situations, and varied in age from kittens and puppies, to older residents that have been waiting years to find that perfect home. We are so grateful to those in our community that gave wonderful homes to so many of our residents. Thank you!



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

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 \_\_\_\_\_

Cats Wish List  
 Canned Food  
 Dry Food  
 Temptation Treats

Dogs Wish List  
 Biscuits & Treats  
 Diamond Dry & Nulo Canned  
 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 Shop Vacs and pressure washers.

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.

We are always looking for new volunteers to help transport and showcase our available residents at Off-Site Adoption Events. Contact our Executive Director, Wayne Leinen, at dep\_rep@msn.com!



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

## Upcoming Events!

### Purses for Pooches

*Presented by*  
**Bonney Leckie - Century 21 Selling Paradise**  
**March 4th, 2017 at Fiddlesticks Country Club**

Lunch • Silent Auction • Purse Fashion Show • Live auction • Giveaways

All proceeds will benefit the **Animal Refuge Center** in their efforts to provide shelter and medical care for needy cats and dogs until they find their forever homes.

#### Sponsorship Opportunities.

Catwalk Sponsor	Table sponsors	Individual Tickets
\$1,500	\$750	\$55

For more information contact Betty Hughes 239-841-0810

Help the animals at ARC by donating your gently used designer purses.

You can drop off your donations at any of the following 3 locations:

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 Presents  
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 Please join the Hangar4BrewClub for a great event!  
 Amazing homebrew, charity auction, drinks, food & fun all FUR them!  
 HOSTED BY **PARAGON FLIGHT** JAN. 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2017

Visit <http://animalrefugecenter.com/events/> for details on this brand new event!

## 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:

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Make the Ultimate Difference in the Life of a Shelter Animal...



Adopt or Foster an ARC Resident Today!

## Adoptions Accomplished!

Forever homes for three of our beautiful resident dogs in one day!

The weekend of November 17th was a great one for three ARC canine residents. Our beautiful ladies Kali, Riley and Texas Rose have wonderful dispositions towards people and other dogs, so it was only a matter of time before they went home with some wonderful families! Kali and Riley, two red, black-mouthed curs, came to us as a pair. One of their owners was horribly allergic to them, and no amount of medication seemed to help. Texas Rose, a beautiful and energetic border collie, came to us as a part of our *Rising Waters Rescue Effort*, aiding the recently severely flooded areas of Louisiana. The Brown family fell in love with Kali and Texas, as they seemed the perfect playful pair. Tina Allen fell in love with sweet Riley. We are always so happy when even one of our residents finds a home. To find great homes for three in one day... Priceless!



## Brighter Beginnings Are Coming to ARC!



After more than five months of planning, research, and development, we would like to officially announce that construction will soon begin on our brand new *Brighter Beginnings Adoption Center*! This project has been on our “dream to-do list” for quite some time. Thanks to the extreme generosity of one of ARC’s long time donors, as well as a hugely successful Starlight Auction, this dream will finally become a reality. The new Adoption Center will be built where our current Welcome Center resides. Anyone that has been to the refuge in the last few years can attest to the horrible shape this building has been in for some time. No longer, though!

The new center will serve a number of functions, including:  
 A huge new reception area to accommodate visitors and potential adopters.  
 A large conference room to host volunteer orientations and functions.

Three new administrative offices.  
 An employee lounge with kitchenette.

A storage room to house adoption documents and event materials.  
 A special resident viewing/meet and greet area with attached outdoor meet and greet yard.

We could not be more excited to see this project come to fruition. Stay tuned for more updates as demolition and construction begin!







# Special Thanks to our Sponsors



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# ARC's 22nd Starlight Auction Presented by Arthrex Inc. & Specialized Veterinary Services A Night Filled With New Beginnings...

Sanibel Harbour Marriott Resort & Spa's ballroom lit up with excitement as it filled with hundreds of guests! Board Trustee, Rob Spicker (WINK) began the evening by expressing ARC's deepest gratitude to our Title Sponsor Petco Foundation. This year ARC welcomed Co-Presenting Sponsors, Arthrex Inc. and Specialized Veterinary Services, each of whom are leaders in their respected fields and highly regarded in the community. Also presented recognition plaques for their generous support of the evening were Gold sponsors; Bonney Leckie – Century 21 Selling Paradise, Chiquita Animal Hospital, Coral Veterinary Clinic, Gulf Coast Coin & Jewelry Brokers and Sanibel Harbour Marriott Resort & Spa.

This year Missy, a Pekingese whose neglect resulted in a loss of one eye, took the stage accompanied by her two pups; Hershey & Murphy. Their story was a heartwarming example of how brighter beginnings can be provided to pets in need by ARC and our supporters. The adorable threesome won the most coveted item of the evening: a pending home of their own!

Auctioneer Rick Gallo mesmerized the full ballroom with his rapid fire-tongue twisting chant. Everyone bid high and often, especially when the highlight of the evening was rolled out: ARC's new "Brighter Beginnings Adoption Center!" Nearly \$85,000 of the \$100,000 needed to fully fund the \$400,000 project was raised!

Known state-wide as a special combination of shelter & sanctuary, guests raised in total just over \$206,000 to help ARC stay that way. Words cannot adequately express our sincere appreciation for the continued support of our sponsors, area businesses and auction attendees for their incredible outpouring of generosity.



1. The ballroom looked beautiful, as always.

2. ARC Board Treasurer, Betty Hughes, with our lovely models for the evening.

3. Board Trustee and MC for the evening, Rob Spicker, doing his thing!

4. ARC Volunteer Sharon Swartzbaugh, ARC Foster Anna Rosario, and ARC Board President Laura Leinen with our Guests of Honor: Murphy, Missy and Hershey!