

PIERRE'S PURRFECT CHAPTER II

Hi there once again ... I'm Rian Lacey, Maggie Lacey's canine "son," a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel bringing you a dog's viewpoint of a wonderful organization, EARS. For those of you who are wondering: "EARS" is an Animal Rescue Sanctuary temporarily located in Englewood until the new facility is completed just down the road in DeSoto County. When the sanctuary is complete it will be able to manage 200 animals, and I'm barking to tell you that this haven has been founded to "rescue, care for and prevent cruelty to all domestic animals until they are adopted or live out their normal or healthy lives." I may never

need a place like EARS, but I sure am happy to know it's there for less fortunate "buddies" than I. That's why they just held a big fund-raiser, but I wasn't at the party, so "Mom" can tell you all about that event. Licks and love. Rian

And what a party it was! When we approached Vivante where more than 500 ... yes 500, animal lovers gathered, we dropped our jaws at the absolute grandeur of the location; a Mediterranean village located on Charlotte Harbor, Ringing the infinity pool were tables and chairs filled with supporters of EARS. At each end, bars were doing a steady business, and in

between were buffets of food that was catered by James and Jeanie Roland owners of Perfect Caper in Punta Gorda. You can imagine the amount of food business they were doing! Salads and varieties of pasta blended perfectly with the ambiance the scene provided. Inside the main Club House, three different rooms were filled with silent auction items. Later, outside, Charlotte County's most persuasive auctioneer, Phil Wilson brought the crowd together and garnered higher and higher bids for some fantastic articles. The musical group "Renata" kept the floor filled with dancers even as EARS slowly drew to a most successful finale.



PAWS owner Richard and Maki Witherill check out the silent auction.



EARS Board member Les Berkowitz and Board Chair Jaxann Riggs-Berkowitz.



Auctioneer Phil Wilson.



Silent auction action as Janine and Steve Vito place a bid.



Jeanie Roland owner of Perfect Caper served at the pizza buffet.



Carol Ann Sinclair sports her newly purchased diamond earrings from the live auction.



Jeanna Morrow and Fernando Manrique.



Missy Becker, a foster pet "Mom" for EARS and Eve Tangeman.