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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **ANTI-TETHERING EDUCATION MEETING AT GCHS**

**FORT MYERS, FL. – April 6, 2015** – Gulf Coast Humane Society (GCHS) will be holding its second educational meeting open to the public this Friday, April 10 from 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. The meeting will discuss the topic of Lee County’s anti-tethering ordinance. Representatives and speakers from Lee County Domestic Animal Services (LCDAS), Lee County Sheriff’s Office (LCSO) and Dogs Deserve Better (DDB) will be in attendance to educate the community on the anti-tethering ordinance and answer questions from dog owners to help them transition.

“We are pleased that we are able to offer these educational meetings to the public and happy to have representatives from LCDAS, LCSO and DDB. It’s important for us to be able to share this information with the public, our staff and volunteers in order for them to share it with potential adopters,” said Jennifer Galloway, GCHS Executive Director.

Dogs Deserve Better (DDB) is a nonprofit, national organization whose mission is to educate the community about the dangers of chaining and penning your dog. The organization works to adopt no unattended tethering laws in counties around the country such as the one that is now in force in Lee County.

**Gulf Coast Humane Society**, located at 2010 Arcadia Street in Fort Myers, was established as the first non-profit animal welfare organization in southwest Florida in 1947. The 501(c)(3) mission is to rescue, provide safe refuge and compassionate care, and find forever homes for abandoned and neglected animals in the area. GCHS only takes in owner surrendered and transfers from other shelters and rescue groups with a high success rate of adoptions. Their veterinary clinic is open to the public and offers a full array of affordable services six days a week. For more information about the events with the Gulf Coast Humane Society call 239-332-0364 or visit [www.gulfcoasthumanesociety.org](http://www.gulfcoasthumanesociety.org).