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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **\$2000 REWARD OFFERED FOR MISSING MALTESE/TERRIER MIX**

**FORT MYERS, FL. – May 15, 2015** – A \$2000 reward has been offered by an anonymous donor for the safe return of Briley, a 17-month-old Maltese/Terrier mix that has been missing since the evening of Friday, May 8.

Briley came to Gulf Coast Humane Society (GCHS) in 2014. After weeks of fostering, tests and love, he was adopted. This was nearly a year ago. His owners, Karen and Brant Quinton, discovered once they brought Briley home that he had food allergies and required medication. The Quinton's put Briley on a special diet and nursed him back to health. He even became a therapy dog for Brant, who is going blind.

The Quinton's left Briley with a sitter while they traveled out of town for the weekend. Briley managed to escape and run out of the Bell Tower Park development. He was last seen Saturday, May 9 around the Galeana car wash off Andrea Lane. The couple is desperate to find him, previously offering a \$200 reward that has now increased to \$2,000 by an anonymous donor. "We just need to have him back, he is just so special," Karen Quinton said. "He's my baby boy," commented Brant Quinton.

GCHS organized a search on Tuesday, May 11 with the help of Southwest Florida K9 Search Unit. Volunteers mapped out areas and broke off into pairs Wednesday, looking in the woods and on the roads in the surrounding area of Andrea Lane. The search turned up empty, but family and friends are hopeful that someone has taken Briley in, so he can be returned to the Quintons. Posters and flyers have been distributed in the community and information is being shared via social media.

Anyone who finds Briley can turn him over to GCHS, Lee County Animal Services or any of the local veterinarians in the area. Briley does not have a collar, but he is microchipped, which helps him to be reunited with his family. Any questions about Briley or the offered reward should contact Karen Quinton at (239) 357-7446 or Susette Weiss (239) 425-7111.

**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).