

Gulf Coast Humane Society

The Donor Bill of Rights

To ensure philanthropy merits the respect and trust of the general public, and donors and prospective donors have full confidence in the Gulf Coast Humane Society's (GCHS's) ability to utilize donated resources to advance its mission, we declare that all donors have these rights:

- I. To be acquainted with GCHS's mission and vision; and to be regularly informed of GCHS's needs, challenges, opportunities and accomplishments.
- II. To be informed of the identity of those serving on GCHS's Board of Directors; and to expect the Board to exercise prudent judgment in its stewardship responsibilities.
- III. To have access to GCHS's most recent financial statements.
- IV. To be informed of the way GCHS intends to use its resources; and to be assured that donations will be used for the purposes for which they were intended.
- V. To receive appropriate acknowledgement and recognition in a timely manner.
- VI. To be assured that information about their donation is handled with respect and with confidentiality to the fullest extent provided by law.
- VII. To expect that all relationships with individuals representing GCHS will be professional in nature.
- VIII. To be informed whether those seeking donations on behalf of GCHS are volunteers, employees or hired solicitors.
- IX. To have the opportunity to request anonymity or to be removed from mailing lists.
- X. To ask questions when making a donation and to receive prompt, truthful and forthright answers.

The statement above was modified for use by the Gulf Coast Humane Society. This statement was originally developed by the American Association of Fund Raising Counsel (AAFRC), Association for Healthcare Philanthropy (AHP), Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) and the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP).

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By the Board of Directors
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