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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****INDIE FOSTER UPDATE**

**FORT MYERS, FL. – July 14, 2015** – Gulf Coast Humane Society (GCHS) announced that Independence, (Indie), the severely injured dog allegedly used as a bait dog for dog fighting is doing well in his new foster home after his surgery last week.

Indie's new foster family is Michelle Rosner, an instructor with the Veterinary Technician Program at Heritage Institute in Fort Myers. Indie goes to work with Ms. Rosner every day and is enjoying and learning to play with toys. One of Indie's favorite new spots is on the bed relaxing. Reports have been very positive with a lot of tail wagging.

"We are so happy to have Indie in such a wonderful environment to heal from emotional and physical abuse and neglect," stated Jennifer Galloway, Executive Director for GCHS. Medical care for Indie is still ongoing and anyone wanting to help with the recovery cost is asked to donate to the Second Chance Fund found on the GCHS website - <http://www.gulfcoasthumanesociety.org/second-chance-fund.html>.

Collier County Domestic Animal Services is continuing their ongoing investigation and all tips or information pertaining to the case should be directed to them or CrimeStoppers.

Sparkles, the second injured dog found with Indie brought to GCHS has been treated for her injuries and is now available for adoption.

**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).