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SECOND CHANCE FUND IN NEED

FORT MYERS, FL. – January 23, 2014 – The Gulf Coast Humane Society (GCHS) is in need of donations for their Second Chance Fund. This fund allows people to donate directly to the care of our sick and special needs animals to help alleviate some of the financial costs for those pets with needs beyond routine medical care.

Jimmy is a good example of what the Second Chance Fund has provided to animals in need. Jimmy, a one-year-old Terrier Mix, was found in Clewiston, Florida, under a porch, with an open wound exposing bone the length of his back right leg. Because of the severity of his injury, Clewiston Animal Control transferred him to the GCHS. Jimmy arrived at GCHS on July 27 and was immediately transported to Specialized Veterinary Services for treatment. It is estimated that Jimmy had been keeping the wound clean himself for approximately two weeks. His injuries were so extensive that the best course of action for Dr. Ryan Cavanaugh, DVM, was to amputate Jimmy's leg. Along with being severely emaciated, Jimmy also has scar patterns on his head, legs, and body that are consistent with being used as a "bait dog." He is acclimating well since his amputation and is ready for adoption with the right family for his forever home. Jimmy's care including the additional care discount was over \$2,000.00.

"GCHS has been able to help over thirty-two dogs and cats that needed immediate medical attention," commented Jennifer Galloway, GCHS Executive Director. "Without these donations the pets would truly not have a second chance. "

Brandy, another recipient of the Second Chance Fund, was the victim of a car accident and left on the side of the road. Brandy's left rear leg was injured and required two surgeries. Coco, who lost an eye in what was believed to be an injury from a blunt object, also received another chance in life due to the Second Chance Fund. Coco was surrendered because the owner could not afford the medical care. She has now recovered and is ready for adoption.

The Second Chance Fund has helped cats in need as well. Kimmie, a pure breed Siamese, was a victim of a car accident. Collier County Animal Control asked us to help and we were able to get Kimmie the hip surgery she needed. Her recovery was successful and she has since been adopted.

Second Chance Funding with the help of Specialized Veterinary Services and Animal Medical Center, has been very successful in giving countless animals a new life. GCHS is asking the community for any amount of support in donations, so that we can continue to help these animals.

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.