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**SECOND CHANCE FUND IN NEED**

**FORT MYERS, FL. – May 28, 2015** – 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.

Atom, an approximately one-year-old Terrier mix is a good example of the success of the Second Chance Fund program. Atom came to GCHS recently after being hit by a car. The GCHS's partnership with Lee County Animal Services allowed GCHS to get Atom the care needed to recover from a broken femur. He needed surgery to align and stabilize his leg with the placement of multiple pins. Atom received the needed surgery with the help of Specialized Veterinary Services and funding is now needed to recover the cost.

Another Second Chance Fund story is Bubba, a two-year-old male American Bulldog mix. Clewiston Animal Control found Bubba and transferred him to GCHS to help him recover from severe mange, urine burns, infection and malnutrition. Cruelly neglected and left in a small cage for days until found, Bubba is currently under care and being fostered while in recovery. He is doing well with his foster family, playing with their dogs and loving the attention from their care. He is in for a long recovery and funding is desperately needed for medical expenses. When Bubba has fully recovered he will be up for adoption and is sure to make a wonderful family pet.

Kenya, GCHS alumni, returned to the shelter this week after being found by Collier County Animal Control emaciated and with a broken leg. Kenya had previously been micro-chipped, which lead her back to GCHS. Funding is now needed to help repair the broken leg so he can be put back up for adoption.

"GCHS has been able to help many cats and dogs that needed immediate medical attention," commented Jennifer Galloway, GCHS Executive Director. "These donations are needed to give these pets a second chance in life where they would not have otherwise."

Sunset, the bait dog used by a dog fighting ring, was recently a Second Chance Fund recipient. The donations allowed Sunset to be treated for many serious medical issues and she has since been adopted and is now living a much better life because of these donations.

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](http://www.gulfcoasthumanesociety.org).