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GULF COAST HUMANE SOCIETY STARTS SENIOR TO SENIOR FOSTERING PROGRAM

FORT MYERS, FL. – July 7, 2016 – The Gulf Coast Humane Society (GCHS) is launching a “Senior to Senior” fostering program in which residents at senior independent/assisted living facilities foster senior pets. Cats and dogs are typically considered a “senior” at eight years old.

This program offers many benefits for the animals as well as for the humans. Pets have therapeutic qualities and are proven to improve mood as well as reduce stress levels. A shelter setting can be stressful for seniors, especially ones who were raised in a home environment. Fostering can help reduce the stress these pets feel as well as improve their temperament.

Seniors are often overlooked because people looking to adopt tend to think of a younger pet. However, senior pets are a great fit because they usually have good manners and they still have so much love to give. Older pets are great companions for senior citizens because they can fit into your daily routine easily. These pets are usually content with a more relaxed lifestyle and may not be as active or demanding as a younger pet.

“Having our senior to senior fostering program allows a win-win for both. Giving a senior citizen that unconditional love while our senior pets live out their lives comfortably and in a loving atmosphere,” said Jennifer Galloway, executive director of GCHS.

Fostering is a great alternative to adoption for seniors, as it requires limited commitment and expense. The adoption center will cover food and medical expenses that are needed for these pets.

Please contact the Gulf Coast Humane Society at (239)-332-0364 for more details about the program.

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 surrender and transfers from other shelters and rescue groups with a high success rate of adoptions. Their veterinary clinic offers a full array of affordable services six days a week and the low cost, high quality affordable spay/neuter clinic is open four days a week. Both clinics are open to the public. For more information about Gulf Coast Humane Society call 239-332-0364 or visit www.gulfcoasthumanesociety.org.

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