

# Gulf Coast Humane Society opens affordable vet clinic

The long-awaited opening of the new Gulf Coast Humane Society affordable veterinary clinic is just around the corner. Scheduled to open in April, the clinic will offer a variety of affordable veterinary services including health checks, spay/neuter surgeries, vaccinations, heartworm & fecal testing, FIV and Feline Leukemia testing, heartworm and flea preventative products, and microchips. The GCHS Veterinary Clinic will also offer pet dental care in the very near future.

Gulf Coast Humane Society has partnered with two area veterinarians, Dr. Elton Gissendanner, a long-time friend of GCHS, and Dr. Hakim Hamici of Old 41 Veterinary Clinic. Under the direction of Practice Manager Tracey Esker, Dr. Gissendanner and Dr. Hamici will offer routine and preventative care services for dogs, cats, and rabbits. Animals housed in the shelter will also benefit from the new clinic and increased availability of veterinary services.

The clinic will begin scheduling spay and neuter surgeries and vaccination appointments on Tuesday April 1. To schedule an appointment for your pet, please call the clinic directly at (239) 332.2719. The clinic will officially open its doors for appointment-based services on Monday April 7.

Tours of the new veterinary facility will be available during the Clinic Grand Opening on Saturday April 5 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Staff will be on hand to schedule appointments and provide information about available services, fees, and hours. The Gulf Coast Humane Society Vet Clinic is located at 2010 Arcadia Street in Fort Myers, across Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard from Fleamasters Flea-market.

For more information on the new veterinary clinic, please contact Tracey Esker at (239) 332.2719 or e-mail traceyesker.gchs@yahoo.com.

Clinic construction was generously supported by Ms. Gina Bash, Ms. Susan Ebert, Ms. Joan Ekstrom, Ms. Carolyn Warren, The Claiborne & Ned Foulds Foundation, and The Cape Coral Community Foundation.

The Gulf Coast Humane Society is a private 501(c)(3) non-profit animal welfare organization that receives no federal, state, or county funding and relies solely on donations and fundraising events to fuel its mission of caring for the orphaned and displaced animals of Southwest Florida. ■



# First, Hendry streets closed in downtown

Workers have closed First Street from Jackson Street to Hendry Street and Hendry Street from First Street to just south of Bay Street for the next phase of the Downtown Utility and Streetscape Improvements Project. This will include the intersection of First Street and Hendry Street.

Lee Street from First Street to Second Street, including the intersection of Lee and Second Street is now complete and open

to traffic.

Jackson Street, Lee Street, Bay Street, Edwards Drive and Monroe Street can all be used as through streets during this time to get around the downtown area.

This schedule is subject to change due to inclement weather and unforeseen underground conditions, etc.

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