

Cruelty case dogs in need of new homes

Lee County Animal Services takes custody of 37 neglected dogs



Lee County Animal Services has been given custody of 37 dogs confiscated from their owners for severe neglect. The dogs' owners made the decision to surrendered legal custody of the dogs to Animal Services on May 1. The dogs were found to be living in extremely unsanitary conditions, exposed to toxic air quality levels, and suffering from a lack of medical care. The case has been turned over to the State Attorney's Office.

New homes for the dogs deemed healthy enough for adoption by Animal Services' veterinarian are needed as soon as possible. The dogs include a variety of breeds, ages, and sizes. Photos are available online

at www.LeeLostPets.com.

A great deal of care has been expended by Animal Services' staff and volunteers to restore the pets' health and confidence. The financial cost of their rescue and rehabilitation exceeds \$30,000. Animal Services understands that more time and care will be required for these pets and asks only that adopters make any donation in the amount of their choice to the Lee County Animal Care Trust Fund in lieu of the normal adoption fee. The Trust Fund depends on donations to fulfill its mission of helping the homeless and abused pets in Lee County. All donations are tax deduct-

ible. All adoptions include: spay/neutered surgery; rabies, DHLPP, and Bordatella vaccines; worming; flea/tick treatment; heartworm test; 0-day health guarantee; Lee County license; microchip ID; collar; and training DVD.

In addition to receiving more than \$400 worth of veterinary and other services, adopters will be saving a life.

Those persons who cannot adopt but would like to help may also make a donation to Animal Care Trust Fund, c/o Lee County Animal Services, 5600 Banner Drive, Fort Myers, FL 33912. The Fund also assists homeless and abused pets, provides for low-

cost spay/neuter programs, and aids disadvantage pet owners. For more information about pets for adoption or the Animal Care Trust Fund visit www.LeeLostPets.com or call (239) 533-7387 (LEE-PETS). ■

Gulf Coast Humane Society in need of Purina ONE pet food

Gulf Coast Humane Society announced that all dogs and cats housed in the Fort Myers shelter are now eating a consistent diet of Purina ONE brand Pet Food products only. The dietary transition began last

week and is now complete. This consistent diet will reduce environmental stress on the animals and help to eliminate digestive disorders associated with frequent changes in diet.

As a non-profit animal welfare organization, Gulf Coast Humane Society relies on donations of pet food and this need has become even greater as



we move forward with this vital nutritional program for the animals in our care. Gulf Coast Humane Society invites you to join them as they embark on this exciting transition and asks to please consider making a generous donation of Purina ONE brand Pet Food products or a financial contribution to our Pet Food Fund. Purina ONE brand Pet Food products are available in dry and canned formulas and can be purchased at most

major pet stores, grocery stores, and discount department stores.

Donations are accepted seven days a week at the shelter facility Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. For more information, call 332-0364 ext. 308.

The mission of the Gulf Coast Humane Society is to provide humane care for surrendered animals in Southwest Florida by offering refuge, providing medical care, and facilitating an adoptive home. To learn more about Gulf Coast Humane Society or the switch to Purina ONE brand Pet Food, please call 332-0364 or visit www.gulfcoasthumanesociety.org. ■



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