



Welcome to the April issue of the LOHS Pawprint, the monthly newsletter of the Lake Oconee Humane Society! This issue is packed with updates on our upcoming events, heartwarming tales of joy and companionship, featuring our furry friends who've found their forever homes, the ongoing success of our community programs, an exclusive feature on our dedicated Board President, and more! We extend our heartfelt thanks to each one of you for your continued support and for reading. We invite you to visit our center and explore our wonderful world of animal welfare. Your new best friend might just be waiting for you! Thank you for being a part of our mission to make a difference in the lives of animals. Let's continue to create more happy tails and purrs together!

-Your LOHS Team

DIRECTORS CUT

By Diane Robinson

Each day we, the staff, depend on the help of so many volunteers for so much more than the feeding, cleaning, walking, socializing the animals in our care. Many of you received the pleas to help fill open slots to prevent staff from having to fill them on their time off. This is no small task to monitor Vicnet and work to fill them. Ann Marino, Kristen Loeb, and Martha Keyes have taken this on in Catherine's absence. I cannot thank them enough for the amazing job they are doing.

Behind the scene Dave Delich, aside from him and Marie fostering so many kittens, is our go to for repairs and appliance replacements. Most recently he quickly replaced a washer for us, taking care of picking it up, moving the broken one and setting up the new one on the weekend freeing me up to spend time with a friend from out of state. Then there is AJ warner, not only assisting Dave with the appliances but taking on the surgery suite project, patching and painting after everything on the walls were taken down by Kristen Loeb and i think others, sorry you all swept in and did on your own so anyone I have missed please know you too are appreciated. additionally, AJ has spend an amazing amount of time helping Dreama work out a new kitten space after her generous donation of the cuddle zone for the surgery suite. Bigs thanks to Joy for voluntelling him.

There are so many of you who do so much behind the scenes we are not always aware of but are critical to the smooth operation and stellar care of the animals. for all of you and your unwaivering commitement to lohs, thank you.



BALTO



BENNY



BUCKIE



CASSIE

JOYFUL TAILS EVERYWHERE!

LOHS HAD 10 CAT ADOPTIONS AND 8 DOG ADOPTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH
HERE ARE SOME OF OUR LOVE CONNECTIONS



CHINOOK



EINSTEIN



DAISY



COOPER



EMMA



MABEL



JELLY ROLL



LEXI



SHANIA



TIMMY



TUNDRA



TUNDRA

LOHS WORKING TO WIN \$5000 IN APRIL

Last month, LOHS was accepted for the Partner Up Challenge offered by the Best Friends Network. If we fulfill all aspects of the Challenge, we will be awarded operating funds of \$2000-\$5000.

The goal of the challenge is to increase movement of animals from rural shelters with limited resources to shelters like LOHS who can find those animals good homes. We'll be transferring in at least one dog from Bulloch County Animal Services in Statesboro, GA, 100 miles southeast of Greensboro. This will be in addition to the dogs and cats we will also bring in from Union Point, Greene County, Putnam County and other surrounding overcrowded shelters. We will be working hard to find all of them forever homes.

To meet the challenge, we also have to increase our April adoption rate by at least one animal vs. 2024. If you know anyone thinking of adopting, please let them know that if they can do it in April, it could mean a big difference to us!

To showcase our animals, we'll be at the "Pickleball to the Rescue" event Sat. April 12th in Eatonton and the Southland Jubilee on April 19th in downtown Greensboro. And, of course, we are open Tuesday-Saturday 11am - 3 pm for adoptions as well.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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SATURDAY VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION
TIME & LOCATION TBD

4th Annual **Wine, Wags & Whiskers**



SAVE THE DATE! AUGUST 8, 2025
FESTIVAL HALL, GREENESBORO

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



APRIL 12 10-2
PICKLE BALL EVENT BENEFITING LOHS
1-2 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO TAKE
ADOPTABLE DOGS





APRIL 19
GREENSBORO SOUTHLAND JUBILEE
1-3 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO TAKE
ADOPTABLE DOGS



ARE INTERESTED IN HELPING WITH THIS YEAR'S
WINE, WAGS & WHISKERS FUNDRAISING EVENT?

PRE-EVENT:

-  **FIND SPONSORS AND AUCTION ITEMS**
-  **HANG POSTERS AT AREA BUSINESSES**

MORE OPPORTUNITIES
WILL BE AVAILABLE THE
DAY OF THE EVENT

CONTACT HEIDI HAUSLER
EMAIL HLHASH@ME.COM OR TEXT 678.793.8484





WILL YOU CONSIDER HELPING DREAMA HELP US?

Please consider becoming a foster parent and making a significant impact on the lives of homeless kittens?

Fostering is a crucial part of our mission at LOHS. Here's why it's so important:




- 1.Space and Resources:** By fostering kittens, you help free up space and resources at the shelter, allowing us to rescue and care for more animals in need. This is especially important during kitten season when shelters can become overcrowded.
- 2.Life-saving Impact:** Fostering can be life-saving for kittens, especially those who are too young or vulnerable to thrive in a shelter environment. Foster homes provide a safe and nurturing space for them to grow and develop until they are ready for adoption.
- 3.Socialization and Adjustment:** Fostering helps kittens adjust to home life, making them more comfortable and confident in a household environment. This socialization is essential for their development and increases their chances of being adopted into a permanent home.
- 4.Health and Well-being:** Kittens in foster care receive individualized attention and care, which is vital for their health and well-being. Foster parents can monitor their health closely, ensuring they receive any necessary medical treatment and proper nutrition.
- 5.Rewarding Experience:** Fostering is not only beneficial for the kittens but also incredibly rewarding for the foster parents. You'll experience the joy of watching a kitten grow, develop, and eventually find their forever home. Plus, you'll be making a direct and positive impact on their lives.

If you're interested in becoming a foster parent, please reach out to us for more information. Your love and care can make all the difference in the world for these little ones.

JOIN OUR FOSTER FAMILY!

WE UNDERSTAND THAT THIS MESSAGE MAY SOUND FAMILIAR, BUT THE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL FOSTER FAMILIES IS MORE PRESSING THAN EVER. OUR GOAL IS TO SECURE LOVING HOMES FOR ALL OUR PETS, BUT WE'RE FACING LIMITATIONS DUE TO SPACE CONSTRAINTS IN OUR SHELTER. BY ACCOMMODATING MORE CATS, KITTENS, DOGS, AND PUPPIES, WE CAN SIGNIFICANTLY ENHANCE OUR ADOPTION RATES. YOUR SUPPORT CAN MAKE A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE FOR THESE ANIMALS.

There are a ton of benefits of fostering, including:

-  Better preparing the animals for life outside a shelter environment
-  Removing the stress on the animals of a shelter environment, which impacts certain pets more than others
-  Test-driving a pet before an adoption commitment
- Unconditional love of foster animals, pets, purring, kisses.

PLEASE FILL OUT A FOSTER APPLICATION [HERE](#) AND CONTACT DREAMA OR LILY IF YOU ARE WILLING AND ABLE TO FOSTER.

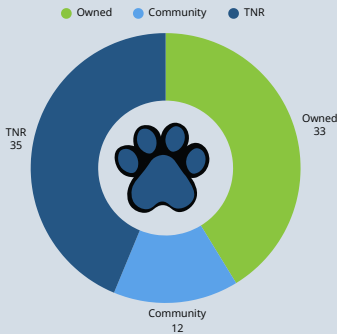
Community Program Data

Spay and Neuter

March 2025

Pet Food Distribution.

MORE INFORMATION
COMING SOON!



Pet Food Distributed	March
Dog Food	3975
Cat Food	2402



APRIL PAWSOMENESS

A big shout out goes to Kristen Loeb, Ann Marino and Martha Keyes who have been tirelessly working to fill open dog and cat care shifts during Catherine's maternity leave. Their willingness to step up and chase down volunteers has kept this task off the already overflowing plates of the shelter staff. We really appreciate their efforts! Needless to say, the kitties and pups have benefitted the most from their work. Our thanks continue as they have committed to keeping this additional responsibility until Catherine is able to return. Bravo Kristen, Ann and Martha!

INTRODUCING THE PAWSOME WALKERS

We want to call out all the Pawsome Walkers who have helped us by walking the dogs at 8:30 am each day in first quarter of 2025. These important folks show up rain or shine to get our pups out for a good morning walk and allow the dog care volunteers to get the enclosures cleaned for the day. Special thanks to:

Ken Abar, Tracie Abar, Kelley Buttrick, Lourdes Carroll, David Dornheggen, Jackie Galliard, Bob Harris, Debbie Herbert, Laurie Huffman, Josh Hughes, Martha Keyes, Alisa Lovelace, Deb Mangolt, Randy Mangolt, Julie Olney, Janet Reilly, and Terry Street.

Even with the help of these loyal volunteers, we are still filling less than half the shifts we have available, so we need more help.

If you'd like to be trained to take part in this important role, let us know.

If you'd like to be trained with a friend, let us know.

If you walk dogs for us at other times and want to help us occasionally at 8:30, please sign up.

And if you are new to LOHS, you can fill out a volunteer application at LOHSpets.org. We'll have you out there enjoying the spring weather with a furry friend in no time.



OUR APRIL HAVE A HEART CAMPAIGN IS BACK!

The Lake Oconee Humane Society (LOHS) is an organization dedicated to improving the lives of animals and fostering a compassionate community year-round. We provide shelter, food, medical treatment, low-cost spay/neuter and support for animals in need, and we are working to educate the community about responsible pet ownership.

Every April, pet owners, veterinarians, and animal welfare organizations, including LOHS, observe Heartworm Awareness Month. Heartworm disease is a potentially fatal condition that affects dogs, cats, and other mammals. To help fight this insidious disease, LOHS is back with their Have a Heart campaign to drive community awareness of heartworm prevention and support the ongoing medical needs of pets in our care.

Help LOHS raise \$12,500 in the month of April to unlock a \$12,500 Match!

YOU CAN DONATE ANY AMOUNT NOW UNTIL APRIL 30!

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR WORK AND TO SEE ANIMALS AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION, PLEASE GO TO WWW.LOHSPETS.ORG OR FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA.

NEW EMPLOYEES HIGHLIGHT

Please join me in welcoming our two new staff:

Katy will be joining our shelter medicine team as a veterinary assistant, while **Alisa**, previously a volunteer, is joining us as part-time animal care to help fill those challenging to fill care slots as well as the many other tasks Molly has so thoroughly been working to keep up with on a daily basis.

KATY CAVE-BIGLEY



Hi! I'm Katy Bigley, a lifelong animal lover through and through! Growing up on a farm, I was introduced to all types of animals and caring for them. My professional career started as an Animal Control Officer where I found my true passion, rescuing and saving shelter animals! I have learned that we as a community are these animals voices and nothing is more rewarding than fulfilling that. When I'm not working, my 9 year old daughter Riley and I are at home spending time with our pack of rescue animals and attending dog shows. I joined the LOHS team to help in our new spay/neuter clinic.

ALISA LOVELACE

I am Alisa Lovelace, newly hired Animal Care Specialist at the Lake Oconee Humane Society. I came with three years of animal care experience. I have worked with cats and dogs as a professional walker and caregiver. I am so grateful to be a member of this fantastic organization. I have raised two wonderful boys as a stay at home mom until three years ago. Some of my hobbies consist of gardening around the house, reading great novels and spending all my available time by the pool. My love for animals should be apparent since I have rescued, and have at home, three dogs, two cats and two parakeets. Now that the boys are on their way to start their next chapter, I have the extra time to devote my love and attention to animals in need.



MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

At LOHS, we are incredibly thankful for the generous donations made in memory of beloved individuals and cherished pets. We express our gratitude to Shannon and Dennis Contic for honoring Judy Fekete, as well as to Laura Campbell for honoring Bella Darugar, and Jon and Susan Swift honoring Sandy Bone. Our heartfelt thanks also go to Nancy Brewer in memory of David Clotfelter. Additionally, we appreciate Anne Rolfe for her donation in memory of Joaquin Heng, Jon and Susan Swift of Sweet JoJo, beloved dog of Tiffany and Ty Huffer, and William Whorely in memory of Raven, beloved cat and Colby, beloved dog of the MacLeod Family.

OUR BOARD, STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS HONOR THE MEMORY OF DR. JOAQUIN HENG, A BELOVED VOLUNTEER WHOSE KINDNESS AND COMMITMENT TO OUR DOGS WILL BE MISSED.

LOHS STAFF

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OUR MISSION

A center dedicated to advocacy for the care of cats and dogs in need of help through an approach that benefits and improves the community and lives of animals utilizing outreach, education and services accessible to all.

OUR VISION

A community where companion animals live in a safe and loving home and the human/animal bond is honored by respect and compassion.



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OUR VALUES

**COMPASSION, INTEGRITY, FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY,
COMPLIANCE TO LAWS, TEAMWORK.**

We believe no rehabilitatable cat or dog should be abandoned or unnecessarily euthanized.

- Give a second chance to animals that would otherwise be discarded.
- Set standards for responsible pet ownership through public education.
- Help people and their pets stay together when they have difficulties that are economic, behavioral or medical.