



Mecca - Adoptable

Welcome to the February edition of LOHS Paw Print! We're thrilled to kick off the new year by welcoming a cherished new veterinarian to our team, whose expertise and compassion will undoubtedly enhance our care for the animals. This month, we're celebrating numerous happy tails, diving into the latest community numbers, and gearing up for our much-anticipated Spay-ghetti dinner fundraiser. Stay tuned for heartwarming stories, important updates, and ways you can get involved in making a difference!

-Your LOHS Team

DIRECTOR'S CUT:

By: Diane Robinson

For anyone who was able to attend the LOHS Town Hall you heard our exciting news regarding Dr. Duncan, our volunteer veterinarian, joining us as a full-time staff member heading up a shelter medicine program. He has been a true asset through his volunteer work, not unlike all our volunteers. We are so fortunate to have so much volunteer support on a daily basis.

Dr. Duncan's specific skill set has been instrumental in reducing our outside veterinary expenses, particularly important as veterinary costs continue to rise. Us having a shelter vet will not only help the LOHS animals but will enable us to provide more services for other shelter and rescue partners who are also struggling to get services at an affordable price with their budgetary limitations.

I am excited about this new opportunity and hope you will join me in welcoming him into the LOHS family. You may see him around from time to time until he joins us full-time in March.



Junipurr



Roxie



Snoopy



Clara



ADOPTION RECAP

LOHS HAD 12 DOG AND 9 CAT ADOPTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY!!

January 2025 was a heartwarming month at LOHS, with 9 cats and 12 dogs finding their forever homes. Among the adoptions were long-term residents Roxie and Candy, whose new families brought us all to happy tears. This success was made possible by the dedication of our staff and volunteers, who work tirelessly to care for and prepare these animals for adoption. Congratulations to all the adopters for opening their hearts and homes to these wonderful pets. Here's to many more happy endings in 2025!

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS: A RECAP OF OUR 2024 YEAR



At LOHS, we are committed to making a difference in the lives of pets and the people who love them. Our community programs continue to grow and need your help now more than ever! Is your goal for the new year to be more involved in your community? We'd love to have you!

BECOME A VOLUNTEER TODAY!

SUCCESS STORIES: HAPPY TAILS FROM OUR SHELTER

By Lily Apollony

Meet Waylon and Candy: From Strays to Stars

In mid-October 2024, our shelter welcomed two special dogs, Waylon and Candy, who were transferred from Macon-Bibb County. Their journeys from uncertainty to joy are truly heartwarming.

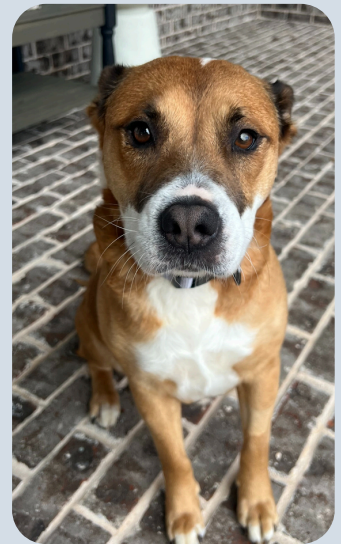
Waylon's Journey:

Waylon was found as a stray, wearing a rabies tag that led us to discover his story. He had been rehomed by his original owner not long before being found wandering in Macon-Bibb County. Despite the upheaval, Waylon's resilience shone through. His "gotcha day" was celebrated in November, and since then, he has been living his best life with his new family. Waylon enjoys taking walks in the park, chasing balls, and cuddling on the couch. It's hard to believe this happy, energetic dog was once a stray!

Candy's Tale:

Candy's "gotcha day" came later, in January 2025. She, too, found her perfect family and is thriving in her new home. Candy has a flair for fashion, enjoying shopping for her very own accessories and toys – purple is definitely her color! Her days are now filled with leisurely strolls around the neighborhood, picking her favorite spot on the couch, and waking up slowly to a life of comfort. Candy recently completed her heartworm treatment and is looking forward to a happy, healthy future.

These success stories remind us of the incredible transformations that can happen when animals find their forever homes. Waylon and Candy's tales are just two examples of the many lives changed through adoption. We are grateful to their new families for giving them the love and care they deserve.



ATTENTION: VOLUNTEERS

As you wrap up your volunteer shifts, please ensure that all doors are securely locked before leaving. This includes the storage unit roll doors, the dog room doors in the back, and the front door. Your diligence in this matter is crucial for the safety of our animals, staff, and fellow volunteers. Thank you for your continued dedication and hard work. Your efforts make a significant difference every day!

EMPLOYEE HIGHLIGHT: DR. ANDREW DUNCAN

We are thrilled to introduce Dr. Andrew Duncan as the newest member of the Lake Oconee Humane Society team! When asked to give a brief bio, Dr. Duncan wrote the following:

"I graduated from Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine in association with Auburn CVM in 2007. About a year and a half ago, I took a government job in Athens with the USDA and brought my wife, Brittany, and two sons, Joshua and Jonah, to downtown Greensboro.

Historically, we are cat people through and through. Last shelter job, we managed to collect 15. At that time, we cared for a community colony next door, set traps for TNR, and bottle-raised countless litters. Since that time, we have dwindled down to two. Moochie is the last of the original crew and Mewsabelle is 2 years old. In my career, I have worked in emergency, day practice, relief, government regulation, academics, and military veterinary medicine. Most of the past 16 years have been focused on High Volume/High Quality Spay Neuter (HV/HQ SN). I have five years of experience working in a non-profit shelter and an additional five years in a for-profit spay/neuter community practice. Throughout my career, I have experienced various disciplines of veterinary medicine and found that working at the shelter is both fulfilling and challenging. What drew me back to the shelter were the people and the distinct challenges shelters encounter. The employee and volunteer dynamic of a shelter is rare among other organizations. By virtue of their love for animals and selfless service, both employees and volunteers are some of the most compassionate and dedicated individuals that I have ever met. They strive to do a good job, go the extra mile, and are hungry to learn.



My appreciation and admiration cannot be overstated when I consider the steep challenges that shelters inherently face, and it is these challenges that I am excited to overcome as a member of the team. Since moving to town, I have volunteered with LOHS, providing medical support to adoption counselors on Saturday mornings. In my new role, I will help launch a HV/HQ SN program in the Lake Oconee community. Greensboro is ideally located to make a significant regional impact. Veterinary Services will also collaborate with animal welfare groups to offer basic preventive care and medical guidance."

We are incredibly lucky and excited to welcome Dr. Duncan to the LOHS family and feel blessed to have him in Lake Country. His expertise and dedication will undoubtedly make a significant impact on our community. Welcome, Dr. Duncan!

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS:

At LOHS, we are deeply grateful for the generous donations made in memory and honor of loved ones and cherished pets. These contributions not only support our mission but also celebrate the lives and legacies of those who have touched our hearts. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Larry & Cookie Simpson for their donation in memory of Cleta Szoke, Peggy Ruzika for her donation in memory of Dyson, the beloved dog of Lily Apollony, Debra Casebere for her donation in memory of Wyatt McCrea, Barbara & Jerry Sandler for their donation in memory of Karyn Covern's sweet Kobe, Claudia & Charlie Sursa for their donation in memory of Marilyn & Emilio Alea's beloved Rae Rae, and Sherri Sellers for her donation in honor of Dr. Scott Gibson & Staff. Your generosity and thoughtfulness are deeply appreciated. These memorials and honorariums help us continue our work and honor the cherished memories of those who have made a lasting impact on our community. Thank you for your support, we appreciate you so much!

JOIN US FOR OUR SPAY-GHETTI DINNER!

By Catherine Moore



Spay-ghetti Dinner

Benefiting
LAKE OCONEE
HUMANE SOCIETY

TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW!

Tuesday, February 25th 5:00pm-7:30pm

da Corrado Ristorante - 1061 Village Park Drive

\$75/ticket: price covers the cost of dinner + a non-alcoholic beverage.

Cash bar available Wine Pull & Raffles too!

Celebrate World Spay Day with Lake Oconee Humane Society at our Spay-ghetti Dinner fundraiser!

- Date: Tuesday, February 25th
- Location: da Corrado Ristorante, 1061 Village Park Drive
- Time: 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM
- Ticket Cost: \$75 (includes dinner & a non-alcoholic beverage)
- Cash Bar Available

Enjoy a delicious meal while supporting a great cause! Plus, participate in our Wine Pull, Raffle, and 50/50 tickets for extra fun and prizes! Tickets are ON SALE NOW! Get yours today!! Tickets are non-refundable unless the event is cancelled.

Let's come together to make a difference for our furry friends! Please help us spread the word and MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

GET YOUR TICKETS HERE

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OUR MISSION

LOHS is dedicated to creating a more humane community by reducing pet homelessness and helping pets and their owners have the best quality of life available.

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.