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Welcome to the May edition of LOHS Paw Print! This month, we're celebrating BIG wins with our Have a Heart campaign and the Putnam Pickleball Tournament Fundraiser. A huge thank you to our generous community for being a part of our mission to make a difference! Stay tuned for heartwarming stories, important updates, upcoming events and ways you can get involved in making a difference!

-Your LOHS Team

## DIRECTOR'S CUT:

By: Diane Robinson

Starting on June 1<sup>st</sup>, Pet Preparedness Month begins and coincides with the first day of Hurricane Season. Having worked in animal disaster response for much of my career, I have seen firsthand the devastation in the aftermath of disasters. Sometimes these are small, localized events while others are felt across multiple states as we witnessed last year with Hurricane Helene.

"In 2024, the U.S. experienced 27 weather and climate disasters that resulted in at least \$1 billion in damage each. These events included severe storms, tropical cyclones, winter storms, flooding, droughts, and wildfires. The cumulative cost for these disasters was \$182.7 billion, making it the fourth highest on record, according to the NOAA National Centers for Environmental Information (NCEI)."

Disasters cannot be prevented, but being prepared for you, your family and your pets makes the response to and recovery from a disaster easier. Resources for planning and preparation are available at Ready.gov as well as any of the national animal welfare organizations' websites.

It is never too early, but it can be too late. Begin now to review your plan, put together your family To Go Kits, and stock up on the supplies you will need during a disaster. Make sure your pets are up to date on vaccines and if they aren't already microchipped consider getting them chipped. Collars and tags can come off; a microchip can be the difference in getting reunited with your pet.

Plan, Prepare and Stay safe!

# ADOPTION RECAP



**SUGAR**



**REMI**



**PETER**



**ROCKET**



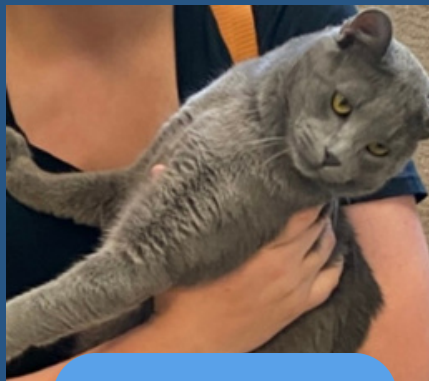
**BUTCH**



**ROCKY**



**HOLLYWOOD**



**SMOKEY**



**MOPSY**

April 2025 was a heartwarming month at LOHS, with 4 cats and 5 dogs finding their forever homes. 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!





# UPCOMING EVENTS



## CLASSIC CAR & BIKE NIGHT

STARTING MAY 29TH

### LAKE OCONEE BISTRO

THE LAST THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH  
THURSDAY MAY 29TH FROM 5PM-9PM!

Bring what you got party! If you have something unique, cool or classic to drive or ride, come down and support our monthly night out in the Sand Bar area.

**LIVE MUSIC, FOOD & DRINK SPECIALS!**



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# 2025

LAKE OCONEE  
**BBQ**  
FEST

**SATURDAY, JUNE 14 | 10AM-4PM**

**ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE PETE NANCE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB**

**AT THE PECAN GROVE ON THE FARM AT OCONEE**

**AN INCREDIBLE TREE COVERED VENUE ON LAKE OCONEE**

## ADOPTION EVENT!

COME MEET SOME OF OUR  
ADOPTABLE ANIMALS AT  
THE 3RD ANNUAL

**LAKE OCONEE  
BBQ & MUSIC FEST**

HELD AT THE INCREDIBLE  
PECAN GROVE ON THE  
FARM ON OCONEE!



6:00 TO 9:30 PM

**FESTIVAL HALL  
DOWNTOWN GREENSBORO**

## HOW YOU CAN HELP!

### PRE-EVENT

- FIND SPONSORS & AUCTION ITEMS
- DELIVER & HANG POSTERS AT LOCAL BUSINESSES

### DAY-OF

- REACH OUT TO HEIDI HAUSLER FOR MORE OPPORTUNITIES ON THE DAY OF THE EVENT

TEXT: (678) 793-6484 - OR -  
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# PICKLEBALL TO THE RESCUE!



The Putnam Pickleball community served up something special on Saturday, April 12, turning out in force to support the Oconee Regional Humane Society (ORHS) with a lively and generous pickleball tournament. Held on a picture-perfect spring day in Lake Country, the event drew more than 70 enthusiastic players and over 30 fans and volunteers, all rallying for a great cause.

Participants didn't just bring their paddles—they brought their hearts. Donations poured in for the shelter's dogs and cats, including much-needed food and supplies, along with over \$2,000 in monetary contributions.

ORHS volunteer Jeanine Parker was on site all day, accepting donations and keeping an eye on the real stars of the event—four-legged guests Rocky, Gemma, and Bear, all adoptable dogs who came to cheer from the sidelines. One lucky pup, Rocky, caught the eye of a tournament player and is now in the process of being adopted. With paperwork underway, it looks like Rocky has a forever home in his future.

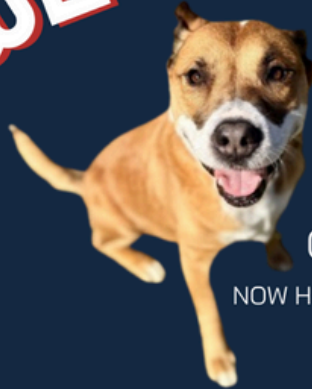
Also in attendance was Ernie, Kelley Chitwood's dog who was recently adopted from ORHS. Ernie enjoyed greeting players and soaking up the love and attention from the pickleball crowd.

The tournament also sparked future commitments from several players who expressed interest in volunteering at the shelter.

Kelley Chitwood, Putnam Pickleball's dedicated ambassador, summed it up best: "We raised awareness about local pets that need homes. That makes it worth it all!"

# HAVE A HEART TRIUMPH!

**WE DID IT!**



CANDY  
NOW HEARTWORM NEGATIVE!

Thanks to your generous support in April, we exceeded our goal and raised **\$28,300!**

Your donations of \$14,150 were doubled by a match to help more animals impacted by heartworm disease and other medical needs at our shelter.

**LAST MONTH, LOHS OBSERVED HEARTWORM AWARENESS MONTH WITH THE LAUNCH OF OUR 'HAVE A HEART' CAMPAIGN.**

**WITH YOUR HELP, WE NOT ONLY REACHED OUR TARGET OF \$12,500, WE FAR SURPASSED OUR FUNDRAISING GOAL! IN TOTAL, OUR HAVE A HEART CAMPAIGN EARNED \$28,300!**

**OUR CANDY GIRL IS HEARTWORM FREE AND THRIVING, THANKS TO DONATIONS FROM OUR COMMUNITY AND GENEROUS DONORS LIKE YOU.**

**THANK YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF OUR HEARTS!**





# VOLUNTEER CORNER



## HOW WE CAN HELP THE DOGS BECOME MORE ADOPTABLE

We all hope to see our LOHS dogs go to a loving forever home and by making every day a learning experience to 'be good' we will make our dogs more adoptable.

On an average day our dogs will meet and interact with around eight volunteers, so we have the opportunity to provide some basic training, together with mental and physical stimulation.

To provide continuity it would be most helpful if we are all on the same page.

Here are just a few of very many interactions we can adopt as a group of volunteers.

1. **SET THE TONE** - before opening the pen door "four paws on the floor" then open the door. The same applies to feeding - a nice stand or even a sit before the bowl is placed on the floor.
2. **SET THE TONE** - for greeting, again only interact when four paws are on the floor, turn away until feet are on the floor then calmly praise and give affection.
3. **SET THE TONE** - before going out on a walk - a nice stand for a treat or praise before opening the door so that you walk out together.

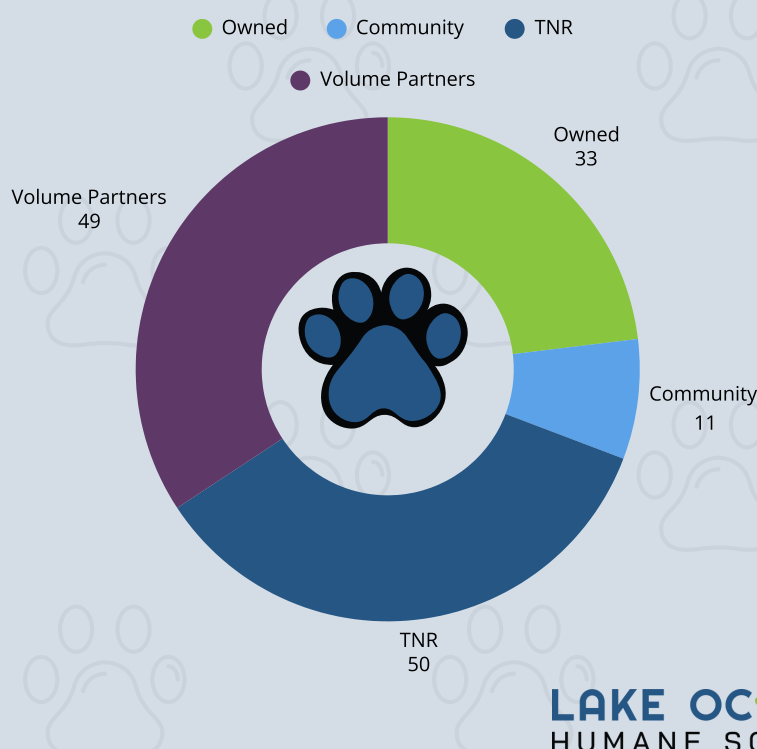
If we can start to adopt these three interactions, we should see positive results which will be extremely beneficial to all of our dogs, especially those who will be with us for many, many weeks.

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!**

# COMMUNITY PROGRAM DATA APRIL 2025

## Spay and Neuter



## Pet Food Distribution.

Pet Food Distributed	April
Dog Food	3,232
Cat Food	2,466



## MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS:

At LOHS, we are deeply grateful for the generous donations made in memory and honor of loved ones and cherished pets. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Sandy & Don Bone, as well as Sue & Allen Mayoros in honor of Ann Dructor. We express our gratitude to Cami & Scott Avis in memory of Geordie Avis, along with Richard & Barbara Fischhof in memory of Teresa & Chris Widuch's beloved dog Reese. Our deepest thanks to Tina & Mike Fishlin in memory of Herbert Lester "Bill" Lucas, Jr. Additionally, thank you to Karin Gould in memory of Emma & Piccalilli, Elizabeth & Kent Hassel in memory of Danelle & Jim Borland's previous dog Little Bit, Marie Heath in memory of Doug Evans, Annette Heng in memory of Joaquin Heng, Karen & Robert Hirsch with Karen Webb in memory of Carol Marmom's mom Giselia Schneider, and Sue Robinson in memory of Tim Surla's loving dog Kayla. Lastly, loving thanks to Andrea Wuori in memory of the Deakin's precious dog Reese, the Weir's precious dog Zack, the Martincic's precious dog Apollo, and Ian Tocher's precious cat Ziggy. 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!

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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.



LAKE OCONEE HUMANE SOCIETY



### FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA:



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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.