



Welcome to the March 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

We are getting ready to launch our shelter medicine program. Changes are necessary to arrange the facility to accommodate this new program. When this was first brought up as a possibility, Dreama immediately offered the "Cuddle Zone" for the surgery suite. Those changes are not enough for prep, surgery, and recovery. Lily has graciously agreed to turn 6 into a space to be used for prep and recovery. Both women's recognition of the value of a staff veterinarian and inhouse spay/neuter and their willingness to give up space is greatly appreciated.

With these changes we don't want to eliminate our already minimal animal holding space, especially as kitten/puppy season is fast approaching. "Smokey's Closet" is going to be turned into the new kitten room. Despite the smaller size, between our wonderful kitten fosters and creative remodeling of "Smokey's Closet" we will be able to continue to bring in and adopt out kittens while maintaining current occupancy numbers in the other two cat rooms.

Construction is about to begin for the restructuring and setup. For ease of access from prep/recovery, a door is being put indirectly across from the surgery room into 6. Both spaces will be retrofitted for their new purpose.

Please be patient with us as we navigate these structural and programmatic changes. We are all so excited with the positive impact the Shelter Medicine program is going to have for LOHS, our community, and partner organizations

FRIEDA/WINNIE



SPARTACUS



PIXIE



JUNIPUUR



JOYFUL TAILS EVERYWHERE!

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



GREY



ZEUS



HARMONY



CHLOE



THOMAS



BURT



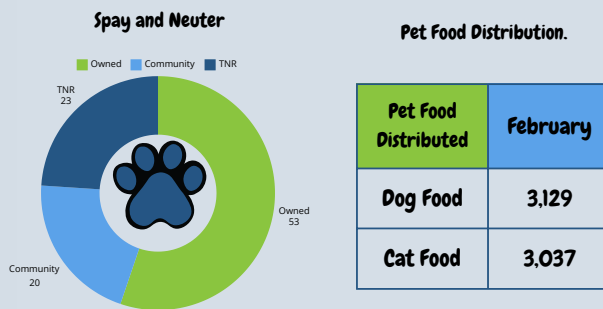
LOHS VOLUNTEERS HELP RAISE AWARENESS AND FUNDS FOR FIX GEORGIA PETS

Ever wonder how LOHS pays for the 750+ low cost spay/neuter procedures we do for the community each year? One way is through the generous support of Fix Georgia Pets and their parent, The Georgia Pet Foundation. LOHS members were pleased to recently help out with a fundraiser and awareness builder for Fix Georgia Pets held at Fetch Dog Park at the Works in Atlanta. With 20 puppies provided by a Macon based shelter, we assisted with a traditional Puppy Bowl, a puppy kissing booth, a raffle and general puppy snuggling. We even helped a few find their forever homes! Everyone attending the dog park and the event was impressed learning about the good work Fix Georgia Pets does to support spay/neuter efforts throughout the state.

There is an easy way to support their efforts- by purchasing a Georgia Pet Foundation license plate. Greene County residents can visit City Hall in Greensboro to sign up. Monies generated from the plate (it's cute, sporting art by street folk artist Kyle Brooks) come back through Fix Georgia Pets to LOHS and other deserving programs. Visit [BUY A TAG](#) to find out more.

[CLICK TO HELP MAKE THE DIFFERENCE!](#)

Community Program Data February 2025



LAKE OCONEE
HUMANE SOCIETY

THE 2025 BIG EVENT

THE LAKE OCONEE AREA BUILDERS ASSOCIATION (LOABA) ANNOUNCES THE BIG EVENT. THIS FREE ONE-DAY FESTIVAL TAKES PLACE ON SATURDAY, MARCH 15, 2025, FROM 10 A.M. TO 4 P.M. AT LAKE OCONEE CHURCH, LOCATED AT 1101 VILLAGE PARK DRIVE, GREENSBORO, GEORGIA 30642.

**SIGN UP FOR THE BIG EVENT
SHIFTS ARE LISTED IN VICNET**

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

LOHS WILL BE ATTENDING THE BIG EVENT NEXT SATURDAY MARCH 15TH FROM 10 - 4. WE WILL BE SHARING OUR SPACE WITH THE FOOD BANK, HIGHLIGHTING OUR COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAMS AS WELL AS OUR ADOPTION PROGRAM. WE NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR THE FOLLOWING ROLES:

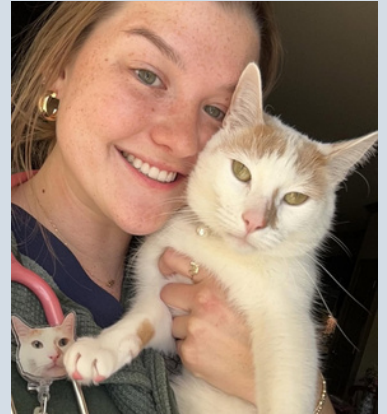
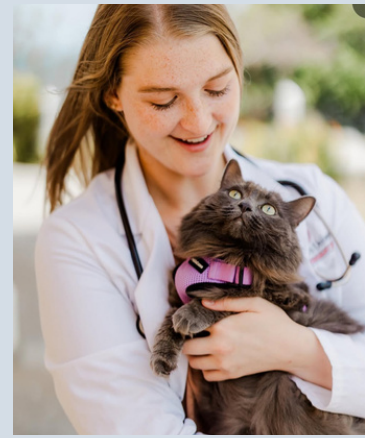
- SOME SETUP THE DAY BEFORE (TIME TBD FOLLOWING MONDAY'S VENDOR MEETING)
- SETUP AND REPRESENT LOHS AT THE BOOTH FROM 9AM TO 1PM
- REPRESENT LOHS AT THE BOOTH FROM 1PM TO 4:30PM AND BREAK DOWN
- ANIMAL HANDLERS FOR DOGS ATTENDING THE EVENT (TBD BY LILY)

PLEASE SIGN UP FOR AVAILABLE SHIFTS AND COME OUT TO JOIN US. IT IS ALWAYS A FUN DAY.



BOARD MEMBER HIGHLIGHT

HEIDI HAUSLER



HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A PART OF LOHS?

I STARTED VOLUNTEERING AS A DOG WALKER IN LATE 2020. I HELPED WITH MARKETING AND EVENTS AND WOULD POST SOME ON SOCIAL MEDIA. I JOINED THE BOARD IN 2021. I STILL HELP WITH SOME MARKETING AND EVENTS AND I SOMETIMES DRIVE THE VAN TO ATHENS OR ATLANTA FOR SPAY/NEUTER. WHERE EVER I AM NEEDED I TRY TO HELP OUT.

TELL US ABOUT YOUR FAMILY. I HAVE BEEN MARRIED TO MY HUSBAND STEVE FOR 29 YEARS AND WE HAVE 2 DAUGHTERS HANNAH (25) AND GILLIAN (23). STEVE STILL WORKS BUT I BRING HIM TO VOLUNTEER FROM TIME TO TIME. OUR DAUGHTER HANNAH IS IN HER 3RD YEAR OF VET SCHOOL AT ST. GEORGE'S UNIVERSITY IN GRENADA AND OUR DAUGHTER GILLIAN IS GETTING HER MASTERS IN NURSING AT EMORY. MY PARENTS LIVE IN HARBOR CLUB SO WE ARE ABLE TO VISIT THEM OFTEN.

HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED IN THE LAKE COUNTRY AND WHAT BROUGHT YOU HERE? WE HAVE BEEN VISITING SOME FRIENDS HERE AT LAKE OCONEE FOR MANY YEARS AND BOUGHT OUR (DIAMOND IN THE ROUGH, EMPHASIS ON ROUGH) HOUSE IN 2019. WE STARTED RENOVATING IT AT THE END OF 2019 WITH THE VISION OF MAKING IT OUR PERMANENT RESIDENCE IN LATE 2020. WHEN COVID STARTED WE ACCELERATED OUR TIMELINE AND SOLD OUR HOUSE IN ALPHARETTA, WHERE WE HAD BEEN FOR 20 YEARS AND MOVED TO THE LAKE FULL TIME IN MAY 2020. WE LOVED THE QUIET, LAID BACK LIFESTYLE AND LOVE OUR TIME OUT ON THE WATER. DO YOU HAVE ANY PETS? YES! WHEN WE MOVED HERE WE HAD 4 DOGS, ALL RESCUES. WE NOW HAVE 2 DOGS AND ONE IS AN LOHS ALUMNI. WE ALSO HAVE 2 GRANDKITTIES THAT VISIT US OFTEN.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PART OF LOHS? THE ANIMALS ARE GREAT BUT IT'S THE PEOPLE THAT WORK HERE AND VOLUNTEER HERE THAT I LOVE THE MOST. EVERYONE BRINGS THEIR OWN PERSONALITY, BACKGROUNDS, AND SKILL SETS BUT WORK TOGETHER FOR ONE COMMON GOAL...GETTING THE ANIMALS IN OUR CARE ADOPTED.

UPCOMING EVENTS




 MARCH 15, SATURDAY 10-4 LAKE OCONEE CHURCH

 MARCH 29, SATURDAY ADOPTION EVENT AT BRUZZE BREWING 11:00-1:00
THE BREWERY IS LOCATED AT 170 SCOTT ROAD EATONTON, GA

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.**

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 Karen Dreisewerd for honoring Tracy Laney and Mark Volker, as well as to Rita and Michael McCurdy for remembering LOHS alumni Derby. Our heartfelt thanks also go to Anne and Joe Fricks, Barbara and David Overton, Herby and Jan Thurmond, and Blasingame, Burch, Garrard & Ashley, PC for their contributions in memory of Yvonne Stone. Additionally, we appreciate Will Aiken for his donation in memory of his mother, Bernita Aiken, and Becky Shelly in memory of sweet Button.

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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.