



Welcome to the September issue of LOHS Paw Print! This month, we're thrilled to introduce our brand-new Junior Volunteer Program, designed to inspire and engage the next generation of animal lovers. You'll also find heartwarming adoption stories that will surely bring a smile to your face, along with a special shoutout to one of our incredible foster families who make it all possible. We're also celebrating a joyous occasion as we congratulate our dedicated Dog Program Manager, Lily, on her recent engagement! Thank you for being a part of our community and for your continued support. Happy reading!

-Your LOHS Team

DIRECTORS CUT By Diane Robinson

Have you heard? LOHS is starting a Jr. volunteer program for children ages 12 to 17 years old!

If you were a child like me, begging my parents for a pet and bringing home every stray I found, this opportunity would have made me so happy. I would have loved the chance to volunteer to work with animals whether it be at a humane society or horse barn.

If this was you or your own children, then you can identify with the passion animals inspire from a young age. There are many benefits for children to have or be involved with pets: learning responsibility, empathy, improves self-esteem, instill responsibility, reduces stress, reduces loneliness, enhances learning, etc. All these and more were lessons I learned after getting my first dog and growing up with horses.

We are excited to help provide those benefits and more through our Jr Volunteer program. These volunteers will go through the same training program as all other volunteers. Kids 12 to 15 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian who will be there to assist if they have signed and been trained or to supervise their child. The Jr volunteers will sign up for an additional shift alongside our regular volunteers.

Already through a soft role out we have had a lovely family with two daughters sign up and be trained along with their mother, now after being here their father is also going to sign up to volunteer. We are so happy to have them join our LOHS family and can't wait to see this program grow! Visit our website to sign up!



Benny



Lavender



Elsa



Dolly



FUREVER HOMES FOUND

LOHS HAD 15 CATS AND 7 DOG ADOPTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST!!

August was an incredible month for the Lake Oconee Humane Society! We are thrilled to announce that we found loving homes for 15 cats and 7 dogs. This success is a testament to the tireless efforts of our dedicated staff, volunteers, and fosters who worked diligently to ensure each animal found the perfect family. Every social media post shared, liked, and every new follower truly makes a difference, helping us continue our mission to save lives. Thank you for your unwavering support!

Congratulations, all on every adoption and happy tail!!



Dakota



Daisy



Charity



Artemis

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We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Claudia and Charlie Sursa for their generous donation in honor of Dr. Jana Powell. We also deeply appreciate the memorial contributions made by Ryta and Larry Lett in memory of their beloved cat, Andy; Claudia and Charlie Sursa in memory of their beloved black lab, Bella; Penny and Mark Davis in memory of Kasey, beloved dog of Gina Gannon and Tammy Caldwell; Ginny and David Dornheggen in memory of Fisbait, beloved cat of Kari Wires and Dawn Stone; Jill and Roger Schurig in memory of Wrigley, beloved dog of Jack and Andy Stolarski; Wanda and Jim Dees in memory of Bella, beloved dog of Claudia and Charlie Sursa; and Dianne Lyons in memory of her neighbor's dog, Cody. Your thoughtful contributions honor the cherished memories of these beloved pets and support our mission in meaningful ways. Thank you.



GAIA'S JOURNEY TO RECOVERY

BY: LILY APOLLONY

We are thrilled to share some wonderful news about Gaia, our brave and resilient little dog who recently faced a medical emergency. Gaia visited the ER for a ruptured mammary gland following mastitis, but thanks to the incredible generosity and support from our community, we have successfully reached our goal for her medical funds, and she is well on her way to making a full recovery!

One unexpected challenge we encountered was providing foster care for Gaia's 2.5-week-old puppies, who needed to be weaned immediately. Our dedicated staff juggled puppy foster shifts to ensure they received the care they needed. This experience highlighted the urgent need to bolster our foster network. If you are interested in fostering, please complete a volunteer application on our website. LOHS provides everything needed for fostering, including food, supplies, and medical care.

We are happy to report that we are finally on the other side of this emergency, and everyone—mom and her ten babies—are thriving. Gaia, who is exuberant, happy, and full of sunshine, is now available for adoption! She has a personality that can light up any room and is ready to bring joy to her forever home.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all who donated financially to Gaia's care. Your contributions have made a significant difference in her recovery.

We also want to express our deep gratitude to our steadfast volunteers who provide constant care for our animals, sharing in the sweat, tears, and celebrations alongside our staff. Your support of LOHS is tremendously appreciated by all of us, including Gaia and her puppies. Please consider fostering and helping us continue to provide the best care for our animals. Together, we can make a difference!

Thank you,
Lily

FOSTER SHOUT OUT: DAVE AND MARIE DELICH

We want to extend a heartfelt shoutout to Dave and Marie Delich, our rockstar cat and kitten fosters at LOHS. Your unwavering dedication and hard work for every single paw that enters your home is truly inspiring. We know that not every story ends in a happy ending, but thanks to you, every foster in your care never has to wonder if they were loved and safe. Thank you for being such incredible advocates and caregivers for our furry friends.





STAFF MEMBER HIGHLIGHT: LILY APOLLONY

How are you involved with LOHS?

My career in animal welfare began at St. Hubert's Animal Welfare Center in New Jersey. After moving to Georgia to be closer to family, I spent several years working at various animal welfare facilities. Each experience was valuable, but it took time to find my dream job. That dream job turned out to be here at LOHS, where I now serve as the Dog Program Manager

How long have you been a part of LOHS?

I have been a part of LOHS since October 2021.

What makes LOHS special to you?

LOHS holds a special place in my heart, not just because of my role, but also because it's where I adopted two of my fur babies, Dyson and Neena. LOHS has been an integral part of my journey in so many ways, and I am excited about what the future holds. I look forward to continuing to make a difference in the lives of the animals and the people who love them.

Tell us about your family.

I am recently engaged. My fiancé, Ryan, and I met while working together in the spay/neuter clinic at Athens Area Humane Society. He continues to work in non-profit, now focusing on human homelessness.

Do you have any pets?

We have four dogs: Dyson, Bishop, Suki, and Neena, three cats: Merlin, Kettle, and Chip, and a couple of fish tanks. Some of our pets joined us as our first pets as adults, some moved in when a family member could no longer care for them, and others came to us because of their special needs.



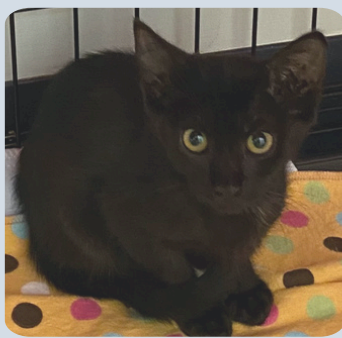
MIDNIGHT'S JOURNEY TO A FOREVER HOME

By Dreama Thomas

At the end of July, a timid kitten we named Midnight was spotted outside of LOHS and then caught in a live trap in our parking lot. From the moment she arrived, our team worked tirelessly to socialize her. Despite our best efforts, Midnight remained very shy and was easily scared by fast movements and loud noises.

In August, we received an adoption application for Midnight. I was upfront with the potential adopter about her background and challenges. To my surprise, he shared that his last cat had a similar temperament when they rescued her, and he was ready to take on the challenge with Midnight. When he, his daughter, and grandson came to meet her, it was love at first sight. Although Midnight was a bit grumpy from a rabies vaccine she had received that morning, the adopter confidently declared, "Then I will be her Hero!"

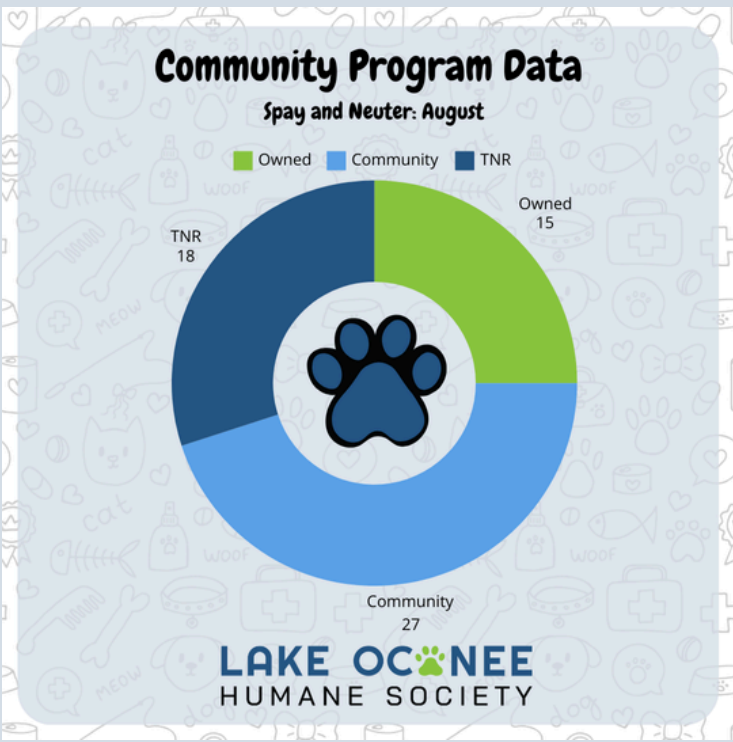
And just like that, Midnight found her forever home. This heartwarming story is a testament to the dedication of our staff and volunteers and the incredible impact of every shared post and new follower on our social media. Thank you for helping us continue our mission to save lives and many many happy tails to Midnight!



COMMUNITY PROGRAMS: NUMBERS&CALENDAR

AT LOHS, WE ARE COMMITTED TO MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF PETS AND THE PEOPLE WHO LOVE THEM.

Our Community Pet Programs – Food Distribution, Spay and Neuter, TNR (Trap, Neuter, Return), and our Emergency Medical Care Program – are designed to support families and their furry friends in need and keep those animals in their loving homes. As we strive to expand these programs, our ability to reach more families and animals grows. But with growth comes the need for more helping hands. Volunteers are the backbone of our organization, and as we continue to grow, we need them now more than ever! Whether you're interested in helping distribute food, assisting with our spay and neuter program, or participating in TNR, there's a place for you at LOHS. Your time and talents can make a real difference in the lives of animals in our community. For more information about our community programs, or to join our team of dedicated volunteers, please visit our website at lohspets.org. Together, we can continue to grow and help more families and their beloved pets. Thank you for your continued support!



- September 12th: 9am-11am, Lake Oconee Lutheran Church 1089 Greensboro Road, Eatonton
- September 24th: 8am-9pm, Second Harvest, First United Methodist Church, 202 W. Broad St. Greensboro
- September 26th: 9am-11am, Lake Oconee Lutheran Church 1089 Greensboro Road, Eatonton
- September 28th: 9am-11am, LifeSource. Putnam County Elem. 314 S. Washington Ave. Eatonton

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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.