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-  2 MONTHS | MALE
-  RESCUED FROM HOARDING CASE

Welcome to the July edition of the LOHS Paw Print!

This month, we're celebrating numerous happy tails, gearing up for our biggest event of the year, and getting to know our new Marketing Director, Katie! Stay tuned for heartwarming stories, important updates, and ways you can get involved.

-Your LOHS Team

DIRECTOR'S CUT

BY: DIANE ROBINSON

On Friday, August 8, LOHS will be holding our annual **Wine, Wags, & Whiskers wine tasting event**, this year held at Festival Hall in downtown Greensboro. This unforgettable evening is not only a celebration of community and compassion, but a lifeline for hundreds of animals who depend on us for shelter, medical care, and a second chance at life.

THIS YEAR'S FUNDRAISER FEATURES:

-  An expertly **curated selection of wines** for you to taste and enjoy.
-  A delicious array of **Mediterranean food** provided by local restaurant Metropolis
-  **Live music** provided by Slim Pickins to create the perfect atmosphere.
-  **Beer available for purchase**, for guests who prefer hops to grapes.
-  An exciting **silent and live auction** featuring one-of-a-kind items, experiences, and gifts you won't find anywhere else. Bid on local crafts, getaways, restaurant packages, experiences, and more —knowing each winning bid helps save a life.

For tickets and event information, visit LOHSPets.org/wine25.

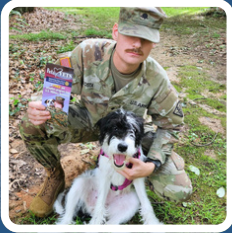
If you'd like to donate items for the auction or have any questions, reach out to us at marketing@lohspets.org.

Hope to see you there!





ADOPTIONS



Fern



Zuzu



Fozzy



Rupert



Blossom



Milo



Pooh & Monet



Binky & Julius



Body & Mango



Post Master Bob



Stardust & Ziggy



Mia



Domino



Merlin



Winnie

18 cats and 7 dogs found their forever homes in June.



A special shoutout to Victoria, who was adopted by our very own animal care specialist and volunteer coordinator, Molly Rowland! After emergency care from Dr. Andrew Duncan saved Victoria's life, Molly helped nurse her back to life and fell completely in love.

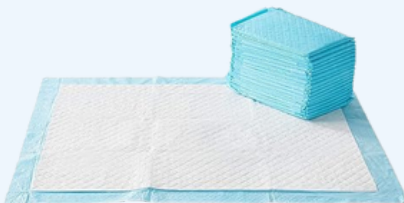
DONATIONS: WHAT WE NEED AND DON'T

While we are deeply appreciative of any donations, we have limited storage space at the shelter. For that reason, we will not be accepting any more towels, newspapers, beds or wire crates for the time being.

ITEMS WE STILL NEED:



**DOG AND
CAT FOOD**



PEE PADS



**FLEA
TOPICALS**



**SMALL
NYLABONES**



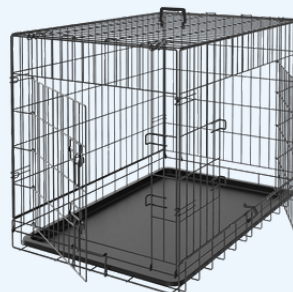
NEWSPAPERS



TOWELS



PET BEDS



WIRE CRATES

YOU CAN VIEW MORE NEEDED ITEMS ON OUR WISHLISTS!

[**SHOP ON AMAZON >>**](#)

[**SHOP ON CHEWY >>**](#)

EMPLOYEE HIGHLIGHT: KATIE AUCHENBACH

We're thrilled to welcome Katie Auchenbach to the LOHS team as our new **Marketing Director!**

With over a decade of experience in nonprofit communications and a deep personal connection to our mission, Katie is already making a big impact. We sat down with her to learn more about her background, passions, and —of course—her pets, Marvin & Pippy.

What drew you to work at LOHS?

I've always been drawn to mission-driven work, and I spent over nine years in the disability advocacy space. But this job is particularly special because I adopted my dog Marvin from LOHS two years ago. After redesigning the LOHS website last year, I jumped at the chance to join the team full-time and give back in a more meaningful way.

What will you be doing at LOHS?

My role focuses on building a robust marketing strategy that expands awareness of our incredible community programs and supports donor development. Visual storytelling is a big passion of mine, so I'm eager to spotlight more of the faces, both furry and human, behind the scenes at the shelter.

Tell us about your family.

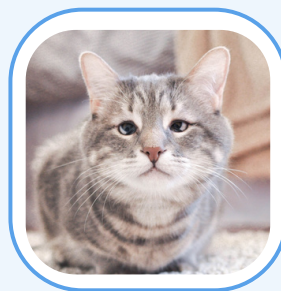
Of course! I live in Atlanta with my wife, Carly, and our two rescue pets.



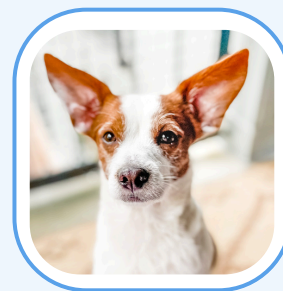
Marvin (previously "Lucky") is an LOHS alum. He's a 5-year-old terrier mix with the biggest personality and even bigger ears. He's basically a celebrity in our Atlanta neighborhood. Our friends like to call him the "Mayor of Kirkwood" and our favorite neighborhood restaurant gives him his own barstool and bowl of chips any time he walks in the door. (It's very Norm from Cheers energy.) But Pippy is the true queen of our household. She's 13-years-old, cross-eyed and cute as an animated Disney sidekick.

What do you do outside of work?

I'm an avid reader. Romance & thrillers are my favorites. And I'm also a runner. Right now I'm training for the Dopey Challenge at Disney World in January, which is four consecutive days of races totaling 48.6 miles.



Pippy



Marvin

You can connect with Katie about our website, social media, or other ideas at marketing@lohspets.org.



JUNE PAWSOMENESS

SHOUTOUT TO OUR SHELTER MED TEAM FOR PERFORMING 291 SURGERIES

within the month of June. That is almost $\frac{1}{3}$ of the total number of surgeries performed for all of 2024. Incredible work!

OUR THANKS GO OUT TO LAKE OCONEE BISTRO

for their generous donation of \$350.

At their first Classic Car & Bike Night, LO Bistro
held a 50/50 raffle benefiting LOHS.

Thank you!



FINDING HOME AGAIN

Jake's Journey to a Second Chance



At 12 years old, Jake—a handsome grey and white cat—had already spent a lifetime with his beloved owner. Adopted as a kitten, he was her loyal companion for more than a decade.

But everything changed when they moved in with her mother so she could help provide care. Then came devastating news: Jake's owner was diagnosed with terminal cancer.

Jake stayed faithfully by her side as the home filled with caregivers, hospice workers, and visitors. For a cat who had only ever known one person, the constant activity became overwhelming. He began hiding, confused and scared.

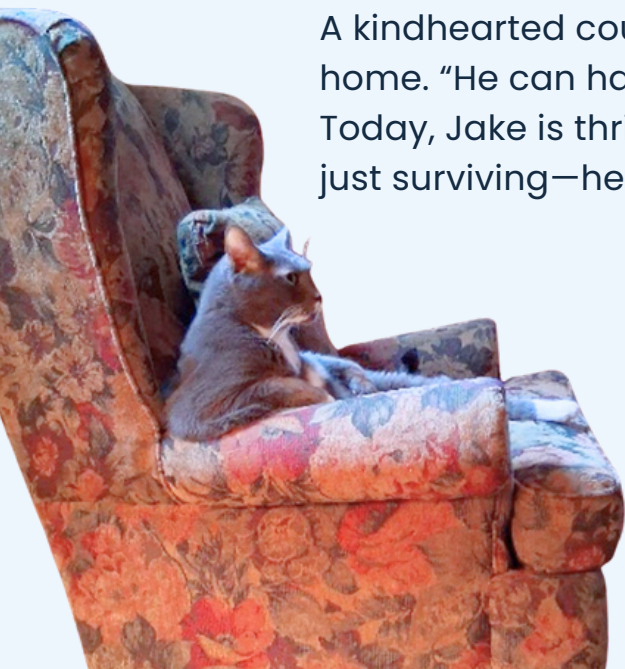
After his owner passed, Jake was left alone in the house, with only brief visits from her sister. The once social, affectionate cat grew withdrawn and depressed. The sparkle in his eyes faded.

A dedicated Lake Oconee Humane Society (LOHS) volunteer recognized that Jake needed more than just shelter—he needed a fresh start. But once at LOHS, Jake shut down. He wouldn't eat, avoided everyone, and seemed lost in grief. The team made a heartfelt plea on social media for someone with patience and compassion to help him heal. **And someone answered.**

A kindhearted couple saw Jake's story and welcomed him into their home. "He can have all the peace and quiet he wants," they said. Today, Jake is thriving. Bit by bit, he's begun to trust again. He's not just surviving—he's healing.

Jake's story is a reminder that it's never too late for a new beginning. Thanks to those who helped along the way, Jake has found his forever home—and a second chance at happiness.

Pictured (Left): Jake at home, in his favorite chair, watching romance movies on TV



EVENTS



WINE, WAGS & WHISKERS

CHARITY FUNDRAISER

BENEFITING THE LAKE OCONEE
HUMANE SOCIETY

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8

FOOD 🐾 WINE 🐾 LIVE MUSIC 🐾 LIVE & SILENT AUCTION
6:00–9:30 PM | Festival Hall | Downtown Greensboro

TICKETS
& INFO:

LOHSPETS.ORG/WINE25

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We are looking for volunteers to help with Wine, Wags & Whiskers!

Opportunities (Sign up in VicNet):

- Bartenders | 5:30–9:30 PM
- General Floating Help | 6:00–9:30 PM
- Take-Down Crew | 9:30–10:30 PM

Details:

- Wear your blue volunteer shirts
- Volunteers who sign up to help during the event will receive a ***discounted ticket price.***

Contact Molly at molly@lohspets.org for more info or questions.

LET'S MAKE THIS AN
UNFORGETTABLE
NIGHT FULL OF FUN,
LAUGHTER, AND
PAWSITIVE IMPACT!

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

We're looking for someone to join our team! LOHS is hiring for an animal care specialist.

The Animal Care Specialist ensures the well-being of shelter animals by providing daily food, water, clean kennels, and compassionate handling.

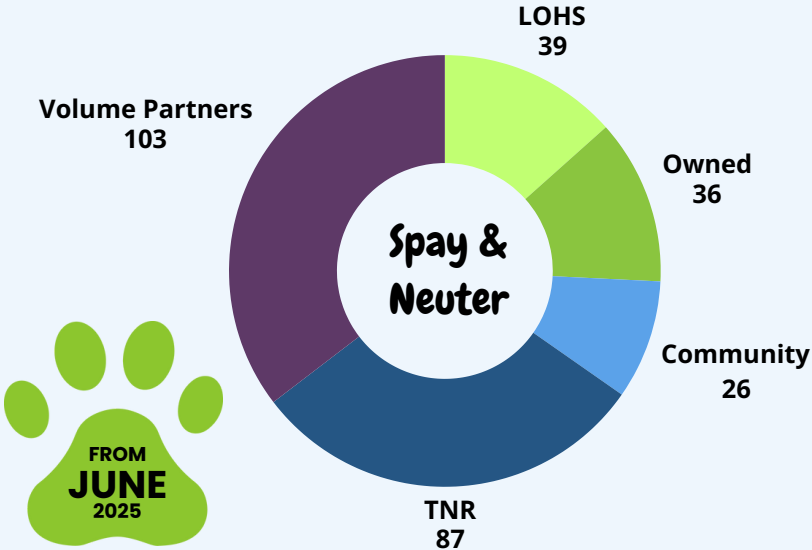
Responsibilities include monitoring health and behavior, administering medications, assisting with grooming, maintaining supplies, and supporting staff, volunteers, and visitors. Candidates must be physically capable, at least 18 years old, and willing to work flexible hours including weekends and holidays. Prior experience in animal care and knowledge of treatment protocols are preferred.

For more information or to share this job opportunity with those you know, visit: lohspets.org/animal-care-specialist

COMMUNITY PROGRAM DATA

Pet Food Distribution

Pet Food Distributed	Amount (in lbs.)
Dog Food	3,344
Cat Food	2,758



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! >>](#)



MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS:

At LOHS, we are deeply grateful for the generous donations made in memory of loved ones and cherished pets. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Nancy Fullerton **in memory of Izzy**, and to Lauren & Jim Hardeman **in memory of Amy Hardeman Brown**. Special thanks to Liz & Art Jackson for their donation **in memory of John Miles**. Our deepest appreciation goes to both Jane Kehoe and Ann Duncan for their gifts **in memory of Sherry Deaton**.

We are especially grateful to Richard & Barbara Fischhof for their gift **in memory of Coco, beloved dog of Beth & Kelly Kaufman**. Warm thanks also go to Susan & Mark Blanton and Andrea Wuori for their donations **in memory of Dakota, beloved dog of Pat & Tom Ware**. Thank you to Charlene & Buddy Roberts and Michelle & Mike Testman for their donations **in memory of Rev, beloved dog of Reverend Hugh Hendrickson**. Lastly, we thank Susan & Mark Blanton once again for their thoughtful gift **in memory of Karl, beloved poodle of Lisa & Les Carson**.

Your generosity and compassion help us honor these special lives and continue our mission. We are so thankful for your support.

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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



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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.