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Welcome to the June 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

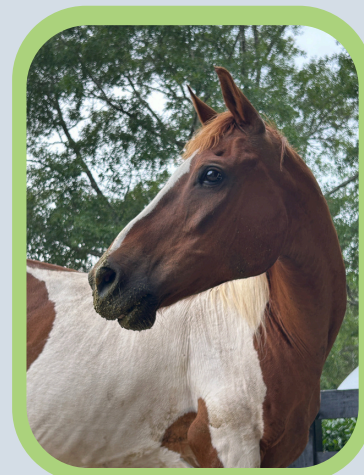
By Diane Robinson

For the last 22 years, June 1st has held great importance to me. It is my baby boy, my heart, my horse's birthday. For the last 16 years, it has taken on a different meaning, the day we in the disaster response community begin looking to the tropics, the first day of hurricane season, and the kickoff for Disaster Preparedness month.

Here in the Lake Oconee region, we may not be impacted like our neighbors to the south along the Gulf or to the east on the Atlantic, but if I learned anything after all of these years in disaster response, I learned it is best to be prepared for anything. It is never a question of if something will happen, but when and how bad.

With that in mind, now is the time to put together your emergency plan and To-Go kits for you, your family and your pets, then share the emergency plan with the whole family and any animal caretakers who would be responsible for your pets when you are away from home. After working in some of the worst disasters over the past 16 years, I learned you can never be **too** prepared to keep you and your loved ones safe.

For more information on disaster preparedness for your pets, [click here!](#)



Jackpot



April



Rusty



HAPPY TAILS ALL AROUND!

LOHS HAD 4 CAT ADOPTIONS AND 4 DOG ADOPTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY!

Every adoption from the Lake Oconee Humane Society is a heartwarming tale of compassion and love. Each animal, with their unique quirks and personalities, finds a new home where they are cherished and cared for. These adoptions are not just about finding homes for animals, but also about enriching the lives of their adopters with unconditional love and companionship. Every adoption is a life saved, a testament to the triumph of empathy over indifference. It's a ripple effect - each adoption creates room for another animal to be rescued, cared for, and eventually find their own loving home. Without the kindness and commitment of our wonderful adopters, we wouldn't be able to continue this life-saving work. Each adopter contributes to our mission, and for that, we are eternally grateful. Their actions truly embody the belief that every life is precious.



Dooley



Sanford



Bruce



COMMUNITY PROGRAMS OVERVIEW

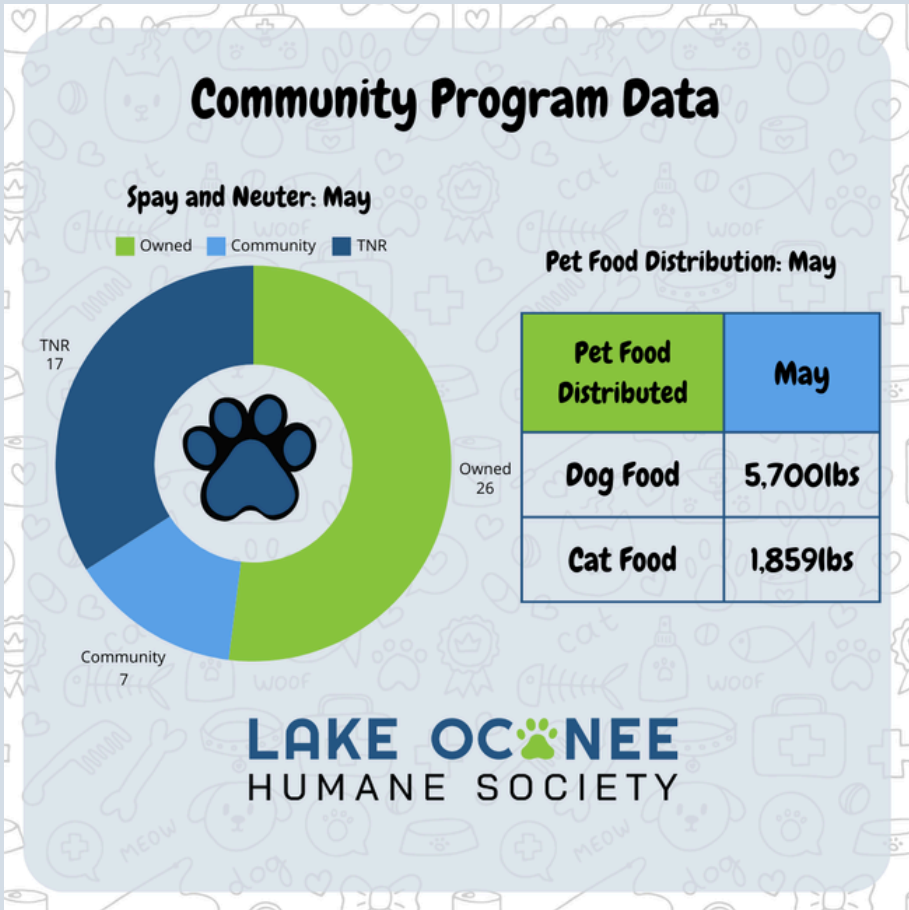
AT LOHS, WE ARE COMMITTED TO MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF PETS AND THE PEOPLE WHO LOVE THEM.

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!

CLICK TO HELP MAKE THE DIFFERENCE!

MONTHLY FOOD DISTRIBUTION CALENDAR:



-  June 13th: 9am-11am, Lake Oconee Lutheran Church 1089 Greensboro Road, Eatonton
-  June 15th: 7:30am-9:00am, Second Harvest: First United Methodist Church (North Campus), 202 W. Broad Street, Greensboro
-  June 22nd: 9am-11am, LifeSource: Putnam County Elementary, 314 South Washington Ave, Eatonton
-  June 27th: 9am-11am, Lake Oconee Lutheran Church 1089 Greensboro Road, Eatonton



BOARD MEMBER HIGHLIGHT

BARBARA GNIEWEK

Volunteer areas: Board President, puppy duty, occasional dog foster, food distribution (unloading).

How long have you been a part of LOHS?

I joined the Board in 2022, and that's when I began volunteering at the shelter as well, which used to be the expectation, but is no longer.

How did you become involved with LOHS?

My neighbor Bob Hartman recruited me for the Board and the ED (Josh) were looking to develop a strategic plan, which was something I had experience doing.

Tell us about your family.

I live here with my husband, John Stenson and our dog, Winston. I have 2 grown children, and John has 3 plus 3 grandchildren. My daughter and her wife adopted a dog from LOHS. Whenever family comes to visit, they are drafted for puppy duty and kitten cuddling.

How long have you been in the lake country and what brought you here?

I discovered Reynolds on a "business trip". My plus one was my son, who after visiting, declared this is where I should retire. I brought John down 2 years later and he agreed we should buy a house together for our future retirement. We got lucky and bought right before COVID had us flee Manhattan and our NJ home. We've been here since but still have NJ roots and a place there (as well as NYGiants tickets).

Do you have any pets?

John and I have Winston, an English springer spaniel. Right now, we also share Freckles foster duty with Janet Reilly and her family. I've had dogs and cats all my life, but John is allergic to cats, and dogs to a lesser extent. Winston is his first pet.

Anything else we should know?

I love serving on the Board and working with a team who use their talents to make LOHS successful, whether it's raising money or supporting programs. The Board supports the LOHS team and is truly appreciative of all the volunteers do for the animals and the community at large.



NEW TEAM MEMBER ALERT



THIS IS COLE, OUR NEW PT ANIMAL CARE SPECIALIST


"Hello! My name is Cole. I have been a resident of Lake Oconee for a few years now. I have always had a passion for animals, so volunteering at the LOHS made a lot of sense. Initially, I began as a volunteer but quickly realized that I enjoyed every aspect of the work I was doing here. I'm beyond grateful for the opportunity that LOHS has extended to me. By allowing me to transition into a specialist role, I'm confident I will be able to gather a variety of new skills regarding animal care, as well as valuable insights into LOHS's internal operations..." Keep an eye out for Cole during afternoon and evening shifts and make sure to say hello!

UPCOMING EVENTS



 **SATURDAY, JUNE 8TH**
- PANCAKES & PUPS AT
BRUZZE BREWING
FROM 11AM-1PM

 **SATURDAY, JUNE 15TH**
- KELLER WILLIAMS
COMMUNITY EVENT
FROM 11AM-3PM

 **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19TH -**
PUBLIC TOWNHALL
MEETING @ LAKESIDE
CHURCH 3PM




 **SUNDAY, JUNE 23RD -**
OCONEE BREWING
SUMMER FESTIVAL FROM
12:30PM-5PM



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.

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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.