



Welcome to the July edition of the LOHS Paw Print! In this month's issue we're excited to offer an opportunity for volunteers to join our new and upcoming Volunteer Advisory Board, details on our upcoming Wine, Wags, and Whiskers 25th Anniversary Event that you won't want to miss, and more! We extend our deepest gratitude to each one of you for your ongoing support and readership. We warmly invite you to visit our center and immerse yourself in our amazing world of animal welfare. Your new best friend could be eagerly waiting for you!

Thank you for being an integral part of our mission to make a positive impact in the lives of animals. Let's continue to create more happy tails and purrs together!

-Your LOHS Team

## DIRECTORS CUT

By Diane Robinson

### Calling all interested in being on the LOHS Volunteer Advisory Board!

The volunteer advisory board is now being organized to help promote LOHS and its fundraising activities within the community and to improve communication between volunteers and staff. Members will liaise between myself, BOD leadership and our volunteers to help bridge gap enhancing the understanding of what we do, why we do it, how animal welfare and sheltering issues affect the community at large.

Selected members will serve for at least one year and meet monthly. The length of the terms is to be determined by the group, but we expect people will rotate in and out of the advisory board.

The roles of the volunteer advisory board will include:

- Supporting board activities
- Providing insights into key issues impacting volunteers
- Advise board / shelter management on ways to facilitate key messages and efforts

**Any volunteer interested in sitting on this board please email me your interest at [diane@lohspets.org](mailto:diane@lohspets.org)**



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Bengi



Maximus



## PURRFECT MATCHES MADE

**LOHS HAD 18 CAT ADOPTIONS AND 15 DOG ADOPTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE!!!**

Each adoption from the Lake Oconee Humane Society is a touching story of affection and empathy. Every animal, each with their distinct traits and characteristics, discovers a new place they can call home, where they are treasured and nurtured. These adoptions are not merely about providing shelter to animals, but also about enhancing the lives of the adopters with unwavering love and friendship. Every adoption signifies a life preserved, a victory of compassion over apathy. It creates a domino effect - each adoption makes space for another animal to be saved, looked after, and ultimately find their own caring home. Without the generosity and dedication of our amazing adopters, our life-preserving mission would not be possible. Each adopter plays a part in our mission, and we are forever thankful for that. Their deeds truly encapsulate the conviction that every life holds value.

LOHS had an exceptional month of June for adoptions, particularly for some of our long-term residents. There were many moments of joy and tears of happiness throughout. This success further emphasizes the importance and impact of our work. It's not just about finding homes for these animals, but also about creating happy endings and new beginnings. The joy and fulfillment these adoptions bring to the animals, their adopters, and every person in between who made the difference in that animal's life are immeasurable. It's a testament to the power of love, compassion, and second chances.



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# WE ARE THRILLED TO ANNOUNCE...

...THE RETURN OF OUR MUCH-LOVED WINE, WAGS & WHISKERS WINE-TASTING EVENT AND ANNUAL FUNDRAISER, WHICH PROMISES TO BE GRANDER THAN EVER.

Join us for an unforgettable evening as we celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Lake Oconee Humane Society. Hosted by Tyler Franks, the evening will feature live music by Eric Dodd and Matt VanZant. Enjoy complimentary wine provided by Rescue Dog Winery and a special edition of LOHS beer, which will be available for purchase from Oconee Brewing Company. Savor delicious cuisine while participating in our silent and live auctions. Don't miss this special night of celebration, community, and support for the Lake Oconee Humane Society.

## LAKE OCOONEE HUMANE SOCIETY Wine, Wags, & Whiskers



Celebrate Lake Oconee Humane Society's 25th Anniversary

**Aug 9th** | 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM | Oconee Brewing Company  
202 N. West Street,  
Greensboro, GA 30642

Hosted by Tyler Franks: Enjoy Live Music by Eric Dodd & Matt VanZant, Complimentary Wine by Rescue Dog Winery, Special Edition LOHS Beer Available for Purchase by Oconee Brewing, Delicious Cuisine from The Burch, and a Silent and Live Auction.



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# BOARD MEMBER HIGHLIGHT

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**Volunteer areas:**

I am a board member for LOHS. I am also involved in fundraising, publicity, spay and neuter, transportations, and our Pet Food Distribution Program.

**How long have you been a part of LOHS?**

Over 2 years.

**How did you become involved with LOHS?**

My wife, Donna McCollum, got me involved with LOHS.

**Tell us about your family.**

My wife, Donna, and I have four cats and one dog.

**How long have you been in the lake country?**

We have lived here for six years.

**Do you have any pets?**

Our four cats, Sweetie, Scarlet, Figaro, and Aiden and our dog, Harry, who is an LOHS graduate.

**Anything else we should know?**

Our Food Distribution Program is growing and growing and we would love any additional volunteer help for our community. Reach out if interested. 🐾 🐾 🐾 🐾 🐾 🐾 🐾 🐾 🐾 🐾



**Spay and Neuter: June**

Owned	17
Community	18
TNR	23

**Pet Food Distribution: June**

Pet Food Distributed	June
Dog Food	4,808lbs
Cat Food	3,705lbs

**LAKE OCONEE HUMANE SOCIETY**

## 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!

- 🐾 July 11th: 9am-11am, Lake Oconee Lutheran Church 1089 Greensboro Road, Eatonton
- 🐾 July 20th: 8am-9pm, Second Harvest, First United Methodist Church, 202 W. Broad St. Greensboro
- 🐾 July 25th: 9am-11am, Lake Oconee Lutheran Church 1089 Greensboro Road, Eatonton
- 🐾 July 27th: 9am-11am, LifeSource. Putnam County Elem. 314 S. Washington Ave. Eatonton

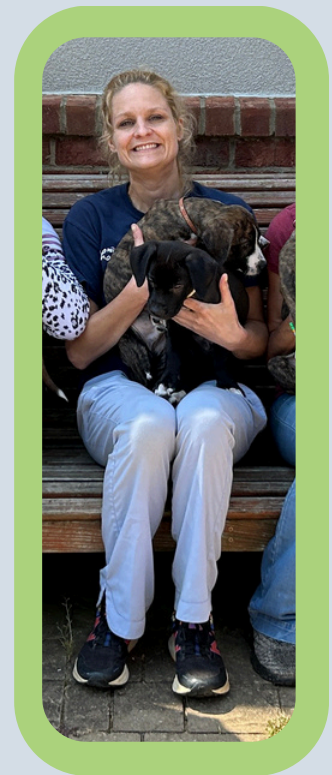
**[CLICK TO HELP MAKE THE DIFFERENCE BY VOLUNTEERING!](#)**



# HARMONIZING ANIMAL SHELTER PRACTICES: THE POWER OF CONSISTENCY

By Lily Apollony

Envision a typical shelter setting. You might see enclosures, hear barking, and smell harsh cleaning products. Now, try to envision that through a dog's point of view. Everything is intensified as dogs have remarkable sensory abilities far superior to humans. Tack on unfamiliar social interactions, confinement, other stressed animals, unpredictability, and there are no two ways about it, a shelter environment is stressful for its residents. The key to ensuring the best possible experience for our residents is to create an environment that minimizes fear, anxiety and stress (FAS) producing stimuli by creating consistency and routine. When dogs experience consistent daily schedules, they know what to expect. Imagine living in this unfamiliar environment – having a routine helps create a sense of security. For shelter dogs, this stability is essential as they adjust to their new surroundings. Consistent cleaning and handling techniques not only improve the emotional, behavioral, and physical health of the dogs, but also benefit the people around them. When everyone follows the same methods and approaches, the advantages are invaluable. The shelter becomes a safer, happier, and more welcoming place. Dogs learn skills that enrich their lives and help them become more adoptable. Staff and volunteers can see their hard work pay off in the form of happier, easier to handle dogs who get adopted more quickly and go on to thrive in adoptive homes. In summary, consistency and routine create a stable environment, improves handler safety, animal safety, and animal welfare. Let's continue to support our furry friends!



## THE LAKE DOG PROJECT FUNDRAISER FOR LOHS

BY KELLEY BUTTRICK

"I'm setting out to tell the stories of Georgia's Lake dogs – the swimmers and the dock dogs, the office greeters and the golf cart riders; the couch potatoes and coffee shop regulars," –Charlotte Detienne, Local Professional animal Portrait Photographer

### JD'S LAKE DOG PROJECT MOMENT

As a volunteer with the Lake Oconee Humane Society and adoring dog mom of our German Shepherd/Husky rescue, JD, I jumped at the chance to feature my handsome boy and raise money for LOHS! I'm over the moon about my experience with Charlotte Detienne, the brilliant brain and professional animal photographer behind The Lake Dog Project.

### THE LAKE DOG PROJECT PROCESS

Easy. Easy. Easy! Charlotte is a total pro. She dives into your dog's story before even setting a date for the shoot, so she can plan the best shots to highlight your dog's unique personality. She asks questions about how you're planning on displaying the images to ensure she captures the perfect moment to hang on your wall. Closer to the shoot date, Charlotte walks you through what will happen and any preparation needed.

### WHAT IS THE LAKE DOG PROJECT?

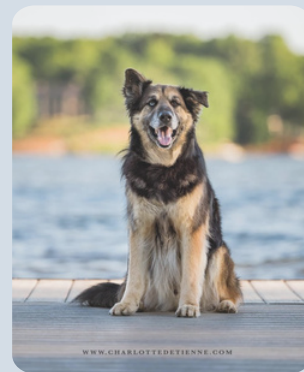
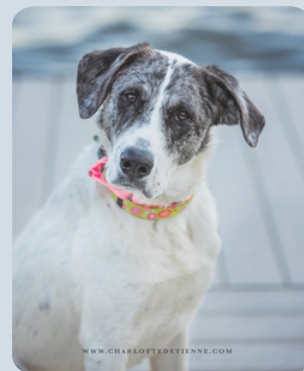
Local Professional animal Portrait Photographer, Charlotte Detienne, is making it her mission to photograph and tell the stories our beloved dogs, at home on Lake Oconee. The project focuses on raising funds while creating custom artwork and will eventually become a book featuring dogs living and loving life in this area. With each booking, she's making a substantial donation to Lake Oconee Humane Society.

### HOW MUCH IS THE DONATION CHARLOTTE GIVES TO LOHS?

Donations range from \$100 to \$1000 (or more) depending on what level of photo session and artwork is purchased. Regardless of the level, this is a much higher amount than my kids' schools were given on any restaurant's "percentage night" fundraisers.

### HOW TO FEATURE YOUR LAKE AREA DOG AND RAISE FUNDS FOR LOHS:

Visit the website at [TheLakeDogProject.com](http://TheLakeDogProject.com)



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## LOHS BOARD

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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.



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.