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## Welcome to the August edition of the LOHS Paw Print!

This month, we're celebrating the success of Wine, Wags & Whiskers, exploring our new shelter software system, and congratulating Molly on her recent promotion! Stay tuned for heartwarming stories, important updates, and ways you can get involved.

*-Your LOHS Team*

## A NOTE FROM OUR BOARD PRESIDENT

Lake Oconee Humane Society would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who joined us at our recent fundraising event, Wine, Wags & Whiskers. Your generosity, enthusiasm, and commitment made the evening a resounding success. Every dollar raised helps us provide food, shelter, and medical care for animals in need, and your support truly makes a life-saving difference.

We would also like to take a moment to recognize the incredible volunteers—past and present—who have built the foundation of our programs and grew them to where they are today. From walking dogs and socializing cats, assisting with adoptions, marketing our animals, securing and distributing pet food, assisting in the clinic, training volunteers, trapping and releasing cats, working the front desk and events, securing grants, fostering animals, training dogs, raising money or whatever else you might do, your dedication has made it possible for us to grow into the vibrant, life-changing organization we are today and positioning us for more in the future.

You are the heart of our mission, and without your tireless efforts, none of this would be possible. Together—patrons, donors, and volunteers—we form a community of compassion.

***Thank you for helping us give every animal  
a chance at a brighter tomorrow.***

*– Barbara Gniewek, Board President*

# DIRECTOR'S CUT

BY: DIANE ROBINSON

## Wine, Wags & Whiskers: A Rousing Success for LOHS!

**THANK YOU!** To everyone who helped to bring our 4<sup>th</sup> annual Wine, Wags, and Whiskers event together, everyone who sponsored, donated auction items, volunteered to help at the event, and attendees who made it a fun and successful event...**thank you.**

This year's event was moved to Festival Hall in downtown Greensboro with the closing of Oconee Brewery. The spacious venue was able to accommodate more attendees without losing the fun and friendly environment.

The overwhelming support shown by attendees through auction bids and our paddle raise will enable LOHS to continue our lifesaving community programs, including low-cost spay and neuter, food distribution, and community medical assistance, which all align to reduce pet overpopulation and keep animals in their homes with the people who love them.

LOHS could not do this work without the support of our volunteers, Board of Directors, and community. A special thank you to our staff for being flexible and continually adjusting to an ever growing and changing environment.



# WE'VE UPGRADED TO... SHELTERLUV

## Big changes are happening behind the scenes at the shelter!

We've officially switched from PetPoint to Shelterluv, a new shelter management system that will make life easier for our staff, volunteers, fosters, and adopters. **So what does this mean for you?**



### SIMPLIFIED ADOPTION PROCESS...WITH NO MORE STACKS OF PAPER

We're going fully digital with all our applications and adoption packets. Having realtime digital records means that we won't have to worry about missing crucial information for animals and their caretakers.

By enforcing a fully paperless system, we will help reduce waste and let staff spend less time on paperwork and more time where it matters most —caring for our animals.



### ENHANCED MEDICAL RECORDS

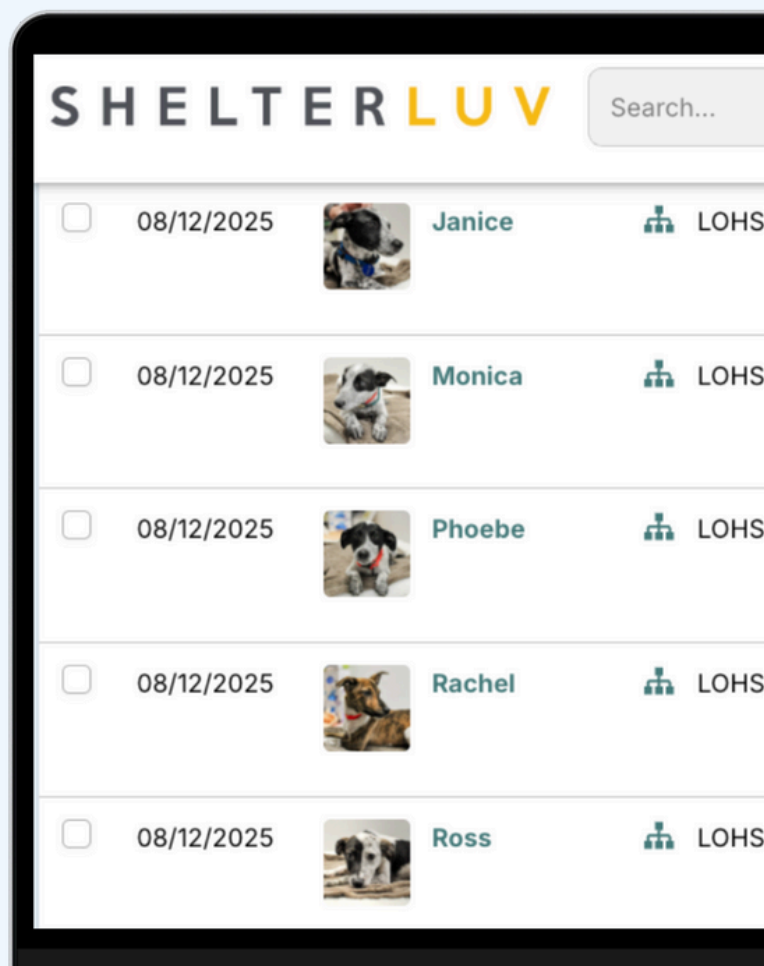
This will improve communication with our Shelter Med team, helping us give every pet top-notch care.

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### EASY MOBILE CHECKOUT

Our updated payment system will let you make donations or adoption payments right from your phone.







## NEW FOSTER-FRIENDLY HUB

Our fosters will gain access to a new interactive hub to help track their pets' info and updates all in one place. **Fosterluv** will let fosters set their own capacity, schedule blackout dates, add memos and notes, update animal weights and share photos with staff.



## IMPROVED OPTIONS FOR PET REHOMING

Sometimes, life changes happen and pets need new homes. With our new courtesy listing system, families can safely rehome their pets without them ever needing to enter the shelter—keeping pets safe, loved, and out of stressful transitions.

**We know there may be a few hiccups as we roll out this new system, and we appreciate your patience as we work through the transition.**

Change isn't always easy, but Shelterluv will help us be more efficient, more connected, and better equipped to care for our animals. This is the direction we're moving in as an organization, and we're confident it's the right step forward—for our staff, our volunteers, and most importantly, for the pets.



We will be holding Shelterluv training sessions for interested volunteers. Stay tuned for more info!



If you have questions about Shelterluv, you can direct them to Katie at **[marketing@lohspets.org](mailto:marketing@lohspets.org)**.







# ADOPTIONS



**Gemma**



**Sweet  
Potato**



**Fred**



**Eddy**



**Filmore**



**Roosevelt**



**Lincoln**



**Archimedes**



**Piper**



**Winky**



**Poppy**



**Bluebell**



**Winston  
& Gatsby**



**Washington**



**Peabody**



**Bell**



**Scrappy  
Doo**



**Shaggy**

**16 cats and 14 dogs found their forever homes in July.**

# FROM HOARDING HORROR TO HAPPILY EVER AFTER

Right before the July 4th holiday, LOHS took in six dogs rescued from a heartbreaking hoarding situation in northern Georgia.

***More than 260 animals were removed from severely neglected conditions in a massive rescue effort by shelters across the state.***

LOHS welcomed four puppies and two adult Pomeranian mixes into our care. While the puppies were spared the worst of the trauma due to their young ages, the older dogs — Lincoln and Roosevelt — arrived terrified and withdrawn. They barely made a sound, trembling at most movement or touch. It was clear they had lived in fear for a very long time.

With weeks of patient care, gentle handling, and plenty of love from our staff and volunteers, Lincoln and Roosevelt slowly began to trust. They learned to enjoy the outdoors, wag their tails, and embrace affection and new experiences.

We're thrilled to share that all six of the dogs we welcomed from this case (puppies and Pomeranians alike) have found their happy-ever-afters in safe, loving homes.

***Thank you to our incredible volunteers who make moments like this possible.***

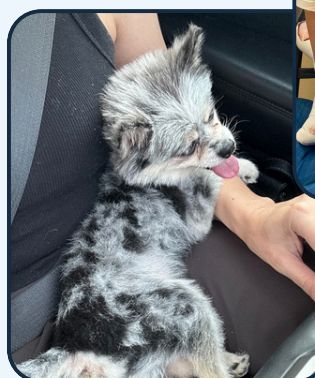


***ABOVE: Lincoln with an LOHS volunteer***



***LEFT: Lincoln, when he arrived at LOHS***

***RIGHT: Lincoln, on his adoption day!***



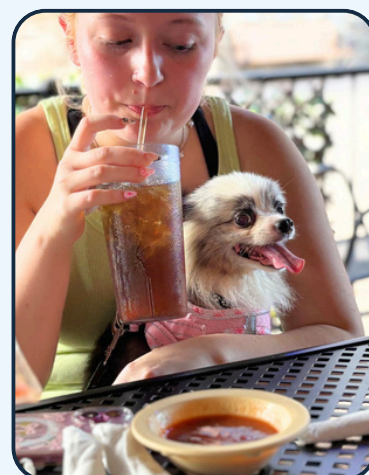
***LEFT: Riding to his new home in North Carolina!***



***LEFT: Roosevelt, when he arrived at LOHS.***

***RIGHT: Roosevelt on his adoption day!***

***FAR RIGHT: Roosevelt, out to dinner with his adoptive family***







## JULY PAWSOMENESS

### SHOUTOUT TO OUR SHELTER MED TEAM FOR PERFORMING 230 SURGERIES IN JULY

We have already **surpassed** the total number of surgeries performed by LOHS in 2024!

### MYSTERY OF THE MISSING FOREVER HOME... SOLVED BY THE SCOOBY GANG!

We asked & you voted! After a poll on Facebook and Instagram, our July litter of puppies was named after the iconic characters of Scooby Doo! And we're happy to report that all members of Mystery Inc. (Daphne, Fred, Velma, Shaggy, Scrappy Doo and Scooby Doo) have successfully unmasked their perfect families!

FOLLOW LOHS ON  
SOCIAL MEDIA TO  
VOTE IN MORE  
PET NAMING POLLS!





# MOLLY'S NEXT MOVE AT LOHS

If you've spent time at LOHS, you've probably seen Molly in action: moving a mile a minute, tackling a dozen things at once, and making sure nothing slips through the cracks!

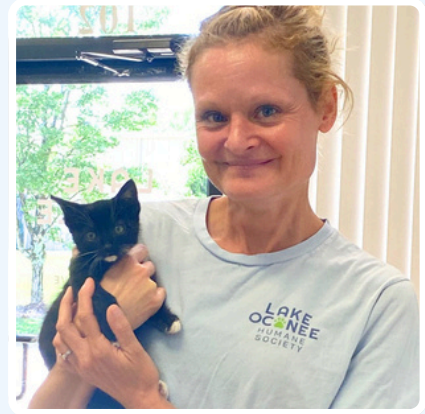
Over the years, she's taken on more and more responsibility at LOHS: managing donations, making sure animal care shifts run smoothly, and coordinating all our volunteers—a huge job. Recently, when our Dog Manager position opened up, Molly didn't hesitate to step in and keep everything running.

(And she accomplished all this while raising three energetic boys at home—we're tired just thinking about it!)

This shelter just wouldn't be the same without her...So, we are thrilled to share that Molly has **officially been promoted to Animal Care Manager**. In her new role, she'll focus on overseeing all animal care, intake, and adoptions. This means that she'll be stepping away from some of the hands-on work and volunteer scheduling she's been doing, so she can dedicate more of her energy to shaping and strengthening our overall animal care program.

This is a big change, but one we're excited about as we continue to grow and refine how we serve both animals and adopters.

**Please join us in congratulating Molly and thanking her for her incredible dedication to LOHS and our mission!**



***Molly, and her most recent family addition...Victoria June Juniper!***

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We're often looking for additional help to fill our **morning and afternoon** care slots for our dogs, and **Sundays** for our cats!

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Together, we could...

Do just about anything—go for walks, play with toys, or hop in the car for a pup cup! I'm ready to tag along.



The key to my heart is...

Snuggles. My love language is quality time. Whether we're curled up on the couch, playing tug, or heading out for a walk—I'm all in.



I'm looking for...

Someone who sees me as a teammate, not just a pet. I'd do best with a playful, active family (or individual!) who wants a companion for walks, cuddles, and adventures.

## Even better than Tinder or Hinge. It's Adoptr!

LOHS'S MATCHMAKING SYSTEM  
FOR ELIGIBLE PETS!

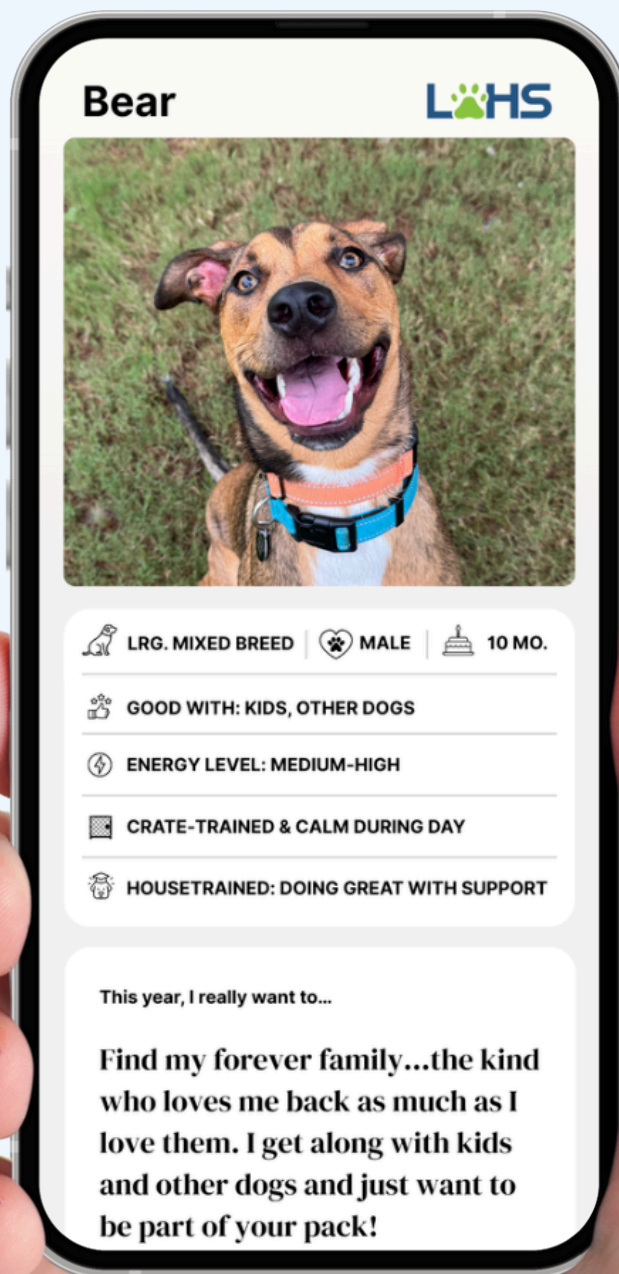


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Follow along with us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) as we share dating profiles for our pets still searching for their "pawfect" match!

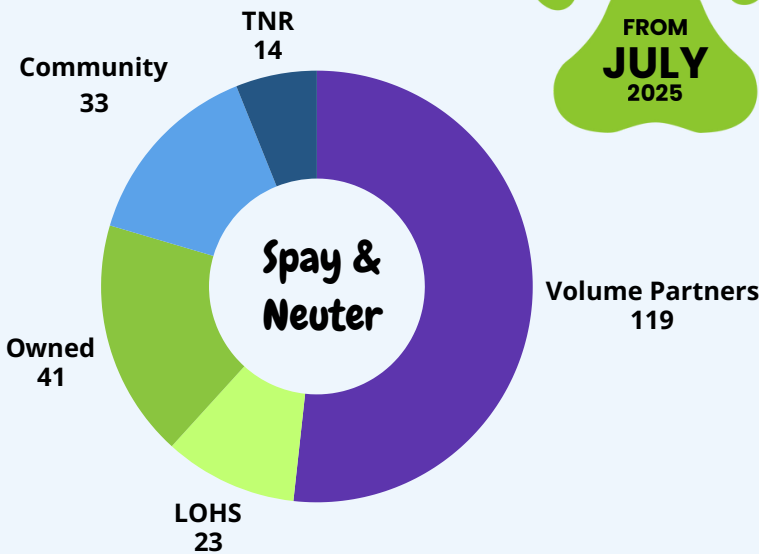


# COMMUNITY PROGRAM DATA



## Pet Food Distribution

Type of Food	Amount (in lbs.)
Dog Food	4,276
Cat Food	2,110



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:

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the Lucky in Love RLC Book Club for their thoughtful gift **in honor of Ryta Lett**, a dedicated cat volunteer.

Special thanks to Nancy Fullerton for her donation **in memory of Izzy**.

We're deeply grateful for the many generous gifts made **in memory of Pete Bailey**. We thank Marilyn Cain, Bethany Busbey, Scott Sayers, Christy Briesch-Slawson, Betsy & David Smith, Rabun & Kay Neal, Paige Brown, Mary & David Haddow, Pat & Lisa Patton, Susan Skaliy, and Kelly Somogy.

Your kindness and compassion ensure that we can continue our work while honoring the cherished memories of those who have made a lasting impact on our community. Thank you for your support—we appreciate you so much!



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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.

We work to:

- 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.