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Welcome to the November edition of the LOHS Paw Print!

As we head into Thanksgiving, we're grateful for your support and excited to share some important updates before the holiday! Inside, you'll find our upcoming events; holiday giving opportunities (including Giving Tuesday matches!); an introduction to our coalition, Central GA PAWS; and a couple of quick reminders for our volunteers.

-Your LOHS Team

DIRECTOR'S CUT

BY: DIANE ROBINSON

A SEASON OF GRATITUDE AND GROWTH

With Thanksgiving and the holiday season beginning—and a new year right around the corner—I've been reflecting on everything LOHS has seen and accomplished this year. I am thankful for all the ups and downs. The "ups" show us what we're doing well, reassure us that we're on the right path, and give us the strength to keep working toward a more humane world with the knowledge that we are making a difference. The "downs" offer lessons that help us grow, improve, and strengthen our mission.



(CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE →) One of our greatest achievements this year has been the creation of our new Shelter Medicine Program. Through this effort, we increased the number of low-cost spay and neuter surgeries by more than 1,000 animals over 2024—double the number from 2023. I am so thankful for everyone who helped make this possible. The dedication and expertise of the shelter medicine team and our low-cost clinic partners have truly transformed what we are able to offer our community.

Thank you to our incredible staff and volunteers who work tirelessly to care for the animals and help them find loving families; to our Board of Directors for their unwavering support; and to our donors and community members whose generosity keeps our mission moving forward. LOHS is the organization it is because of you.

Wishing you a warm, joyful holiday season, and heartfelt gratitude for being part of our work.



A SPECIAL THANK YOU NOTE FROM **DREAMA**

I WANT TO EXPRESS MY DEEPEST GRATITUDE TO THREE AMAZING VOLUNTEERS WHO HAVE COVERED FOR ME DURING MY MEDICAL LEAVE: JOY WARNER, CHERYL MAHONY, AND CYDNIE SENF.

YOUR UNWAVERING DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT ENSURED THAT ALL OUR ANIMALS RECEIVED THE LOVE, CARE, AND ATTENTION THEY DESERVE. KNOWING THE SHELTER WAS IN SUCH CAPABLE HANDS ALLOWED ME TO FOCUS FULLY ON MY RECOVERY.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO MY INCREDIBLE COWORKER, MOLLY ROWLAND! SHE WENT ABOVE AND BEYOND, GRACEFULLY MANAGING EXTRA RESPONSIBILITIES AND KEEPING EVERYTHING RUNNING SMOOTHLY IN MY ABSENCE. HER SUPPORT MEANT THE WORLD TO ME.

I MISSED YOU ALL, AND IT'S TRULY WONDERFUL TO BE BACK WITH OUR SHELTER FAMILY.

UPCOMING EVENTS

DEC

GIVING TUESDAY

Donation match opportunities from now to December 2!

DEC 5

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION HOLIDAY PARTY

RSVPs are needed!

DEC 6

FREE VACCINE CLINIC

@ Greene County High School

DEC 7

HOLIDAY MARKET & ADOPTION EVENT

@The Burch x Boathouse

ADDITIONAL DETAILS ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES →

VISIT LOHSPETS.ORG/EVENTS FOR MORE INFO

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\$30,000



From now until December 2, your donations can help us

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SCAN THE QR CODE OR VISIT:

LOHSPETS.ORG/DONATE

ALL DONATIONS ARE TAX-DEDUCTIBLE.

Give now to double your impact!



VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION HOLIDAY PARTY

Our Volunteer Appreciation Holiday Party will be on **Friday, December 5** from **5:30 - 7:30 PM.**



MAKE SURE TO RSVP!

The party will be at Barbara and John's house, which is located in Reynolds.

To RSVP, please email Spencer at spencer@lohspets.org.

You can let Spencer know if you are a Reynolds resident, so we don't have to add your name to the gate list.

The address will be sent to attendees. Please plan on parking along the street at the top of the driveway.

BRING A POTLUCK ITEM!

The party is potluck style!

There will be a sign-up sheet at the Volunteer Table in the office for you to sign up for whatever dish you'd like to bring.



PET VACCINE CLINIC 😽





FREE VACCINATIONS AND MICROCHIPS

DECEMBER 6 10 AM - 12 PM

GREENE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL 1002 S MAIN ST, GREENSBORO, GA





Dogs & Cats Only

Limit of 3 pets per household.

No feral/community cats. All pets must be at least three months old to receive vaccinations.



Pets must be restrained.

For everyone's safety, all pets must arrive properly restrained, either on leashes or in secure carriers.



Rabies

- Bordatella
- FVRCP
- DAPP



No appointments are needed for this clinic.

Vaccines and microchips will be provided to pets in the order they arrive, while supplies last.

This free vaccination clinic is designed for individuals and families with limited financial resources. This includes:

Participation in Public Assistance Programs (SNAP, WIC, TANF, Medicaid, SSI, Section 8 Housing, Free/Reduced School Lunch, Etc.)

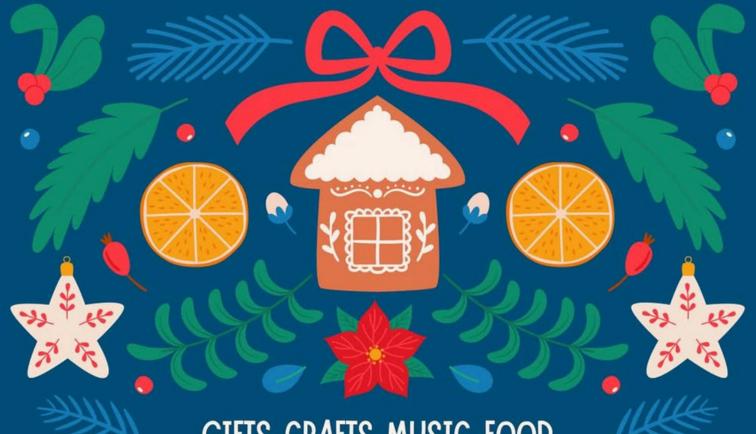
Income-Based Qualifications (Annual income is within 200% of the Federal Poverty Level: up to \$42,300 for 1-2 people, \$64,300 for 3-4 people, etc.)

LOHSpets.org/events 👺 706-454-1508





CHRISTMAS MARKET





GIFTS, CRAFTS, MUSIC, FOOD

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7TH 12PM - 5PM

3991 WALKER CHURCH ROAD





INTRODUCING... CENTRAL GA PAWS



Over the past few years, LOHS and several rescue and shelter organizations in our region have come together with one shared hope: to make life better for the animals and families in our community.

What began as simple conversations – about our work, our challenges, and our dreams – quickly grew into something much more meaningful. Our founding group included Circle of Friends Animal Society, the Humane Society of Morgan County, and our municipal partners from Greene County, Greensboro, Union Point, Sparta, and Putnam County. Recently, we were delighted to welcome Baldwin County under its new leadership.

At first, these meetings were simply a chance to connect and lift each other up. But as we listened and learned from one another, it became clear that together, we could create real, lasting change.



From this shared belief, our coalition, Central GA PAWS (Partnership for Animal Welfare Services) was born.



With the support of Central GA PAWS, LOHS was able to secure a grant that will provide free vaccinations for 300 pets belonging to low-income families. The Humane Society of Morgan County also received microchips to help pets stay safe and find their way home if ever lost. These resources are more than supplies – they represent peace of mind for families and healthier, happier lives for their beloved animals.

Our first vaccination clinic was held on October 18 at the Union Point Fire Station, where 79 pets were welcomed with care, kindness, and a helping hand. Our next clinic will be held on December 6, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Greene County High School, and we look forward to supporting even more families!

LOHS HONORED FOR 2025 WORK

In the past few months, Lake Oconee Humane Society has been the fortunate recipient of several grants which recognize and celebrate the contributions we are making to the lives of animals and families in our community. We are so grateful for the support of the following organizations:



From the **Pedigree Foundation**, LOHS was selected to receive the Foster 50 Pathfinder Award of \$5000, which is given to two animal welfare organizations nationally for a total program overhaul and a relentless drive to keep improving their animal fostering program. Many thanks to all our new cat and dog foster caregiver families who stepped up to join our foster program this summer. They have also chosen to feature Bear's adoption journey in their social outreach in the coming months.

pedigreefoundation.org



Puppies and Golf has awarded us \$7000 and the designation of their December Shelter of the Month. They will be posting weekly in December about our successful programs and progress in 2025. They have been a great friend to us in the past several years.

<u>puppiesandgolf.org</u>

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Purchase a specialty license plate at buyatagsavealife.org

Fix Georgia Pets has again generously funded us \$5600 for our low-cost spay/neuter programs. Thank you to the folks who purchased FGP raffle tickets for the Paul McCartney concert in October. Fix Georgia Pets and the Georgia Pet Foundation are wonderful resources for many Georgia shelters and are helped by your purchase of specialty license plates available at Greensboro Town Hall and other county tax offices.

<u>fixgeorgiapets.org</u>



And lastly, we have been selected for a matching \$2000 grant from the United Spay Alliance to support our spay/neuter of community cats and TNVR program. To meet the match, we are conducting a series of fundraising Kitten Yoga events and asking for donations from all our friends who care for community cats and the colonies in our area. Please visit our donation page if you would like to help us receive this matching grant.

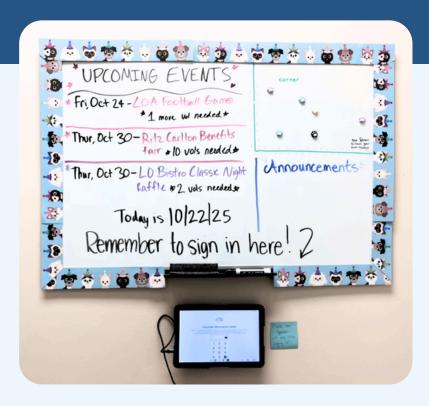
As you know, all the programs at Lake Oconee Humane Society are costly to operate. We can't make ends meet without the help of our generous donors and funding grants like those listed above. To everyone and each organization, we say **THANK YOU!**

VICTOUCH & THE VOLUNTEER BOARD

REMEMBER TO SIGN IN!

Now that we're using Vicnet, don't forget to sign in and out of your volunteer shifts at the VicTouch station below the new Volunteer Bulletin Board!





Above the VicTouch sign in station, you'll find a new Volunteer board full of great info.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Lists any of our volunteer opportunities that are coming up, as well as how many people are needed.



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If you have any volunteer shout outs or 'thank yous', you can grab a paw post-it from Spencer's desk and post them here.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

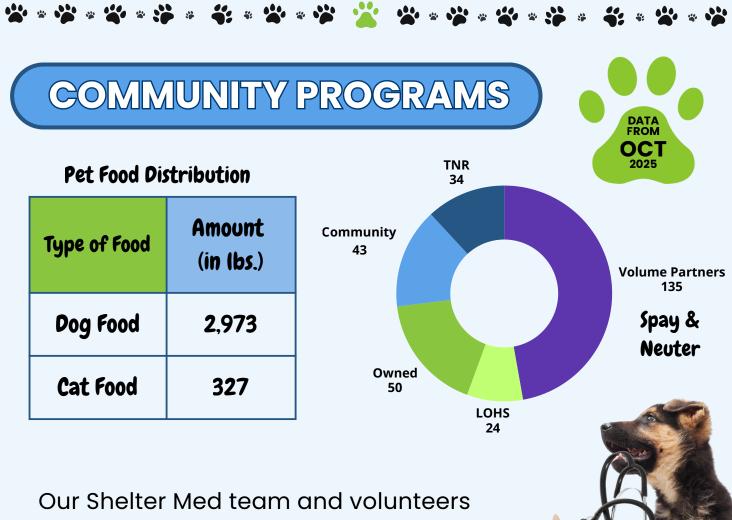
Here you'll find any miscellaneous announcements about LOHS or our furry friends!

> < **ADOPTIONS** <**₹**

9 cats and 12 dogs found their forever homes in October!

So far, this year, we've celebrated adoptions for **95 cats** and **101 dogs**.

We've taken in **145 animals** transferred from our partner organizations and have rescued **99 surrendered pets**.



Our Shelter Med team and volunteers have worked to alter **1274 cats** and **484 dogs** so far this year!

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS:

At LOHS, we are deeply grateful for the thoughtful donations made in honor and in memory of loved ones, cherished companions, and members of our community.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to Greg Keller for his gift in honor of Jan & George Burttram and their beloved Grits. We are also grateful to Richard Fischhof for his donation in memory of Diane Robison's mother, and to Andrea Wuori for her thoughtful gift in memory of Bogey, beloved dog of Jill & Alan Rabb.

We offer warm thanks to Tracie Beal for her donation in honor of Missy. Special thanks as well to Scott & Lisa Mathes for their gift in honor of sweet Maya.

We are deeply appreciative of Wanda & Jim Dees for their donation in memory of Rowland Jones, beloved husband of Charlene.

We also extend heartfelt thanks to Kim Binder & David Hallman in memory of Jack Faerie, beloved pet of Kate & Dustin Crenshaw; to Robert Dickson in memory of Pixie, sweet pet of Naleia Alexander; to Penny & Mark Davis for their gifts in memory of Coco, cherished dog of Ann & Mike Marino, and Crash, beloved dog of Diana & Brad Sweetwood; and to Kim & Tommy Smith for their donation in memory of Missy, beloved pet of Janice Smith.

We also **honor the life of Sean Boudreaux** with sincere appreciation for the generous donations made in his memory by Bill Blokzyl, Gail Brincks, William Brittain, Cynthia Peters, Nicole Aceron, and Sarah Greene.

Finally, we extend our deepest gratitude for the many touching gifts made **in memory of Dr. Mike Herman**. With heartfelt appreciation, we thank Alan & Nancy Kaufman, Glenn Kalick, Phillip & Juanita Groover, Mark & Margaret Bostic, John & Anne Browne, Jo Harkins, Scott Grimm, Carol Ann Marmon, Wendy & Tim Uba, and Mark & Sara Kuester.

Your kindness, compassion, and generosity help us continue our work while honoring the meaningful connections that enrich our community. 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 caregivers 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.

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.