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-  FEMALE, LARGE MIXED BREED
-  SPONSORED ADOPTION FEE!

Welcome to the February edition of the LOHS Paw Print!

February may be the shortest month of the year, but we packed it full of impact and meaningful milestones. Successful fundraisers, important clinic improvements, and preparing for kitten season...there's no shortage of updates to share! Dive in to see how your support is making a difference and how you can be part of what comes next.

-Your LOHS Team

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A PASTA-TIVELY GREAT SUCCESS

CELEBRATING OUR SPAY-GHETTI DINNERS

Our **Spay-ghetti Dinner Fundraisers** on **February 22** and **February 24** brought together roughly 80 guests each night in celebration of World Spay Day and the lifesaving impact of spay and neuter! Attendees enjoyed a wonderful evening of great food and community while learning more about our in-house medical clinic and the incredible work Dr. Duncan and his team are doing to expand access to affordable care. The energy in the room was warm, engaged, and deeply supportive of our mission.

We are deeply grateful to the Elks Club for hosting us, and especially to Scott and Tracy for the delicious meal, their hospitality, and their partnership in making this event such a meaningful success!

Thanks to the incredible generosity of our supporters, the two evenings raised more than \$17,000 to fuel our clinic and shelter medicine programs. Guests didn't just attend an event; they invested in the future of animal care in our community, with many also giving through our [new clinic fundraising page](#), where donations can directly help fund supplies and surgeries at every level.

(LEARN MORE ABOUT SUPPORTING OUR CLINIC ON NEXT PAGE →)

You helped us raise over \$17,000 to benefit our medical clinic and spay/neuter programs!



BE AN LOHS CLINIC CHAMPION

Even with the success of our Spay-ghetti Dinners, funding for our clinic is key to keeping our lifesaving work going strong. Ongoing support ensures we can continue providing affordable spay/neuter surgeries, medical care, and essential supplies for shelter pets and community animals. Through our clinic fundraising page, you can make a direct impact, whether by sponsoring a surgery or helping stock critical supplies, so we can keep doors open and tails wagging

“**Medical supply is not cheap...Each donation gives us the ability to do that many more surgeries or get medications and surgical supplies. The more resources that we have at our fingertips, the more animals we can reach – both in the community and in the shelter.**”

– Dr. Andrew Duncan, LOHS Director of Shelter Medicine

Hit the button to visit our fundraising page
or text LOHSCLINIC to 833-439-2969

HELP FUND OUR CLINIC

SCAN TO DONATE



Be an LOHS Clinic Champion

Compassion is our clinic's most powerful medicine! Gifts to this fund support everyday, lifesaving care, including low-cost spay/neuter, TNVR for community cats, and treatment for shelter animals awaiting their second chance.

Donate Now

Become a Fundraiser

\$1,850

\$10,000 goal

#1 ON DOC'S WISH LIST



#1 on Doc's Wish List: Contribute to a Centrifuge!
\$250
Dr. Duncan has one special item at the top of his clinic wish list: a Centrifuge! Your gift ca...

BUY THE BASICS



Buy the Basics
\$25
Your donation can help purchase essential, everyday supplies like sterile gloves and gauze sponges.

STOCK UP SYRINGES



Stock Up Syringes
\$50
Our clinic often goes through a box of syringes a day! Your gift can help us stock up on 1-2 boxes.

SPONSOR A SURGERY



Sponsor a Spay/Neuter Surgery
\$100
Your gift of \$100 can help cover the cost of a spay/neuter surgery for a cat or dog, helping families who need it most!





ADOPTIONS



18

CATS
ADOPTED

10

DOGS
ADOPTED

IN JANUARY 2026



A NOTE FROM THE LOHS BOARD

DEAR LOHS VOLUNTEERS AND FRIENDS,

On behalf of our Board, we want to extend our deepest gratitude to each of you for your dedication, energy, and generosity. **Thanks to your unwavering support, 2025 was the most successful year in the history of LOHS!**

Your time, spirit, flexibility and commitment have made a lasting difference in our community and in the lives of the thousands of pets and families we support. Whether you volunteered at the shelter, in the community or at events, offered resources, or shared encouragement along the way, you helped make our goals a reality.

We are proud of all that we've accomplished together and excited for the opportunities 2026 will bring. Thank you for being such an essential part of the LOHS family.

With appreciation and warm regards,
Barbara Gniewek
Board President

SPAY/NEUTER CLINIC UPDATES

NEW ONLINE APPOINTMENT BOOKING GOES LIVE IN MARCH!

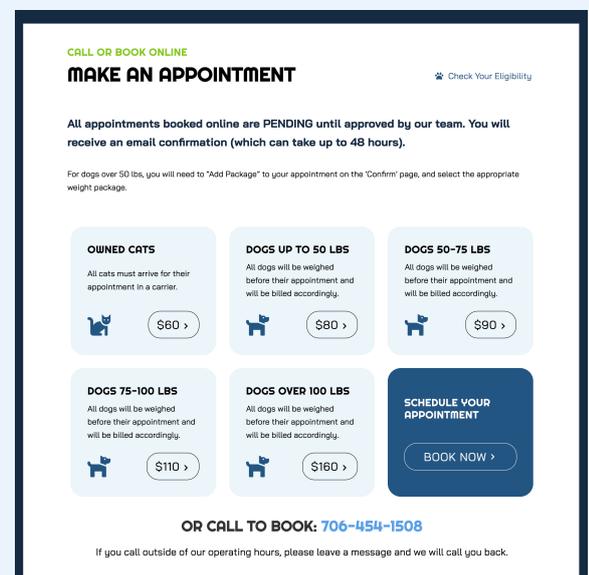
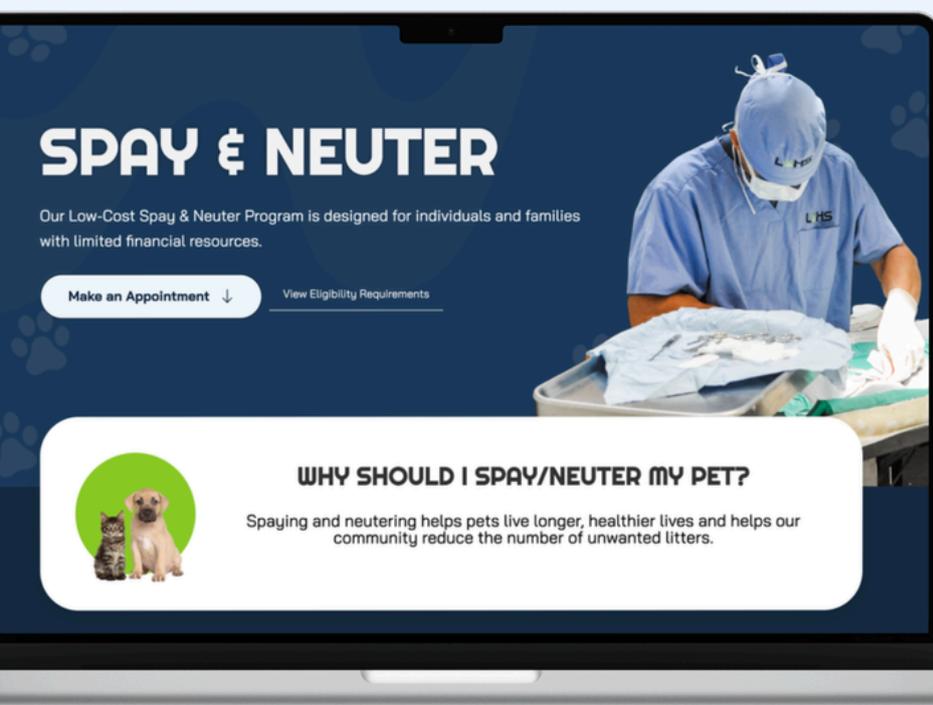
Since opening our clinic doors in June 2025, our dedicated front desk volunteers have worked tirelessly to manage the steady stream of calls for low-cost spay and neuter surgeries. Their commitment has helped hundreds of pets receive essential care. Now, we're excited to make the process even easier.

Beginning the first week of March, pet owners will be able to schedule their own appointments through our new online clinic booking page.

WHAT TO EXPECT



-  **Helpful resources about the benefits of spay/neuter for pets**
-  **Online appointment booking form for S/N surgeries**
-  **Answers to Frequently Asked Questions**
-  **Information about how to help community cats, with an official request form for TNVR assistance**



WHY ROUTINE MATTERS: CREATING CALM IN A SHELTER SETTING

BY: DIANE ROBINSON, LOHS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

If your furry family is anything like mine, they live by a schedule. I like to think I trained them, but let's be honest, I'm the one who has been trained. Breakfast and dinner are expected at the same time every day, with reminders starting about an hour before mealtime. Mornings begin with a trip to the yard, followed by breakfast, and then another trip outside. And bedtime? I'm informed when it's time. If I don't comply, Claire simply goes to bed without me.

These daily rhythms create more than convenience. They create comfort. Routine gives animals a sense of security. They know what's coming next. They know their needs will be met. That predictability builds confidence and reduces stress.

In a shelter environment, consistency is much harder to maintain. While we have set times for feeding and cleaning, true routine can be challenging. Cats often adapt more easily to structured interactions. For dogs, who rely on walks, outdoor time, training, and enrichment, variations in handling and scheduling can make their days feel less predictable.

Add to that the natural stressors of shelter life: animals coming and going, unfamiliar people moving through the building, and the constant sound of barking. Even small inconsistencies, like different ways of leashing, walking, or feeding, can heighten anxiety. Over time, stress can show up as behaviors that make pets seem harder to place in a forever home.

That's why this year we are placing a renewed focus on intentional, consistent interactions. Every walk, feeding, and enrichment activity matters.

By strengthening our routines and prioritizing socialization and enrichment, we can reduce stress, prevent negative behaviors, and help each animal put their best paw forward.

Stay tuned for more information and upcoming training opportunities. Together, we can make the time our animals spend in the shelter less stressful and one step closer to home!



KITTEN SEASON IS COMING...

HERE'S HOW YOU CAN HELP!

As kitten season approaches, our rescue is preparing to welcome more kittens in need. With this increase comes a greater demand for supplies, medical care, foster homes, and community support.



DONATIONS of kitten food, formula, litter, and funds help ensure that every kitten receives the care they deserve. Your generosity directly impacts their chance at a healthy, happy future.



We are also in urgent need of **FOSTER HOMES** for vulnerable kittens who are too young or too small to be adopted. Fostering is a temporary but truly lifesaving commitment, and it makes an incredible difference. We provide all of the supplies and support; you bring the love and safe space!



If you've ever considered fostering or would like to learn more about how you can help, now is the perfect time to reach out.

BECOME A FOSTER

***Fill out our Foster Interest Form
& we'll be in touch!***

I'M INTERESTED!

Thank you for standing with us during one of our busiest (and most important) times of the year! We are so grateful to have you as part of our community.

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS:

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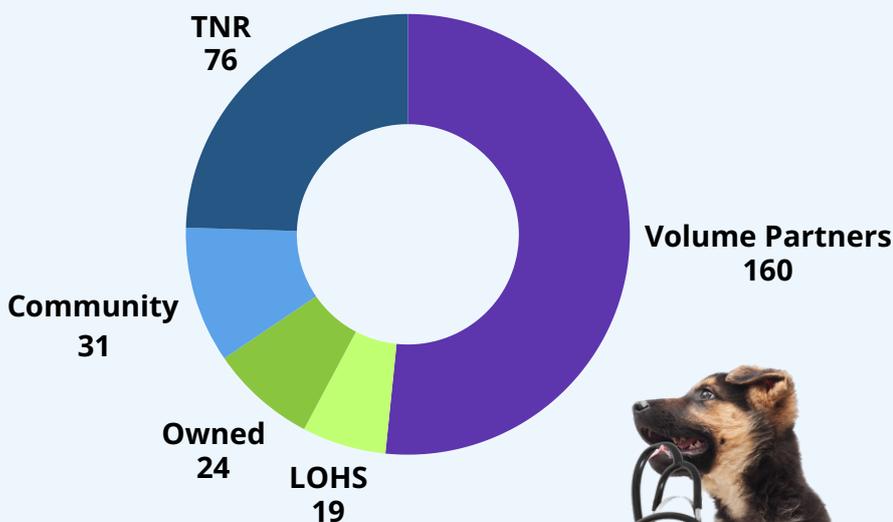
We extend our heartfelt thanks to Lorraine Filice and Christina Martin for their thoughtful gifts in honor of Lisa & Ricky Byrd's sweet Felix.

IN MEMORY OF

With sincere appreciation, we thank Sherry & Dennis Lovelace for their donation in memory of sweet boy Koda. We are also grateful to Jill & Alan Rabb for their gift in memory of Andrea Wuori's beloved cat, and to Bonnie Evans for her donation in memory of Gigi McDonald.

COMMUNITY PROGRAM IMPACT

SHELTER MEDICINE: SPAY & NEUTER SURGERIES



310
CATS & DOGS ALTERED

PET FOOD: POUNDS DISTRIBUTED



2,793 lbs of cat food
2,861 lbs of dog food



What we need most as **DONATIONS**



#1 MOST NEEDED ITEM: DRY CAT FOOD



**DRY CAT FOOD
(ANY BRAND)**



PEE PADS



**DRY DOG FOOD
(ANY BRAND)**



PAPER TOWELS



FLEA TOPICALS
(This helps our TNVR cats!)



NYLABONES
(Especially in small sizes!)



NEWSPAPERS



TOWELS

Shop our online
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AMAZON



SHOP ON
CHEWY

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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.



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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.