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Welcome to the March edition of the LOHS Paw Print! 🐾

March came in like a lion and out like a...kitten?

Now that it's officially Spring, we're gearing up for warmer weather—and with it, a surge in animals needing our help during breeding season. From readying kitten fosters to fundraising for heartworm prevention, LOHS is ready to do more than ever to support pets in our community!

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WE'VE UPDATED OUR SHELTER HOURS!

LOHS IS NOW OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ON MONDAYS

We're excited to share that our shelter is now open to the public on Mondays! While our staff and volunteers have always been hard at work behind the scenes on Mondays, our doors will now officially be open during our regular hours of 11 AM-3 PM. This added day gives the community more opportunities to visit, meet adoptable pets, and stay connected with our mission.



WORKING TOGETHER TO WEATHER SPRING'S BREEDING SEASON

"KITTEN SEASON" IS OFFICIALLY HERE.

BY: DIANE ROBINSON, LOHS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

March marks the transition into spring—a season that brings animal migrations, breeding cycles, and the first signs of new life. **As we look forward to warmer weather, we're already seeing that this year's breeding season arrived early.** In fact, the usual "break" between seasons has become shorter and less predictable, with kittens and puppies entering shelters yearround. This year, however, pregnant cats and early litters began arriving even sooner than in previous years.

Last year was especially demanding, with more than a hundred foster kittens awaiting their adoption age. Our dedicated but limited number of foster parents stayed busy all year ensuring every kitten received the care it needed.



Thanks to the generous support of everyone who attended our Spayghetti dinners in recognition of World Spay Day, we can continue our vital shelter medicine spay and neuter program. Your involvement directly helps reduce pet overpopulation and supports the wellbeing of animals in our community.

There is no single solution to addressing pet overpopulation. Meaningful progress comes from a combination of adoption, supporting families so they can keep their pets, and ongoing spayneuter efforts. Together, these strategies are making a positive and lasting impact on the animals who depend on us.



IN APRIL, JOIN US FOR THE HEART WALL CHALLENGE

April is National Heartworm Awareness Month, and here in Georgia, the risk of heartworm disease is especially high due to our year-round mosquito presence. Heartworm is a serious, potentially fatal disease, but it is completely preventable.

We are launching an awareness and fundraising campaign this April and we need your help! Donating to our fundraising challenge can help fund heartworm prevention, testing, and treatment, along with other medical care for pets in need.

With a donation of \$20 or more, you'll receive a heart tribute to display in our shelter lobby. *You can dedicate your tribute heart in honor, memory, or celebration of someone special, like a beloved pet, family member or friend!*

When you help us reach our goal of \$15,000 before the end of the month, we'll **unlock a matching \$15,000 gift**, doubling the impact of every dollar you give!

HELP US REACH OUR \$15,000 GOAL

DONATE NOW



SAVE THE DATE: UPCOMING EVENTS

**APR
18**

PICKLEBALL TO THE RESCUE!

Eatonton, GA

[GET MORE INFORMATION](#)

**APR
25**

VOLUNTEER BRUNCH

5B's BBQ

[More info coming from Spencer!](#)

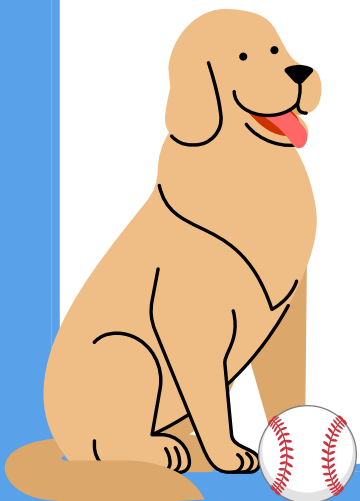
BATTER UP!



Lake Oconee Academy has invited LOHS back to bring our pups out to their varsity baseball home games this season!

This continues our partnership after some very successful exposure during football season last fall. We're hopeful that getting our pups out of the shelter on these sunny, Spring days will help spark adoption interest, as well as socialize the pups even more and get them used to car rides!

Check dates & sign up to help on VicNet!





PICKLEBALL TO THE RESCUE

We're so excited to be part of *Pickleball to the Rescue* — and even more grateful that the proceeds from this incredible event are benefiting LOHS! The tournament portion is sold out (waitlist only), but you can still join the party on Saturday, April 18. And trust us, you don't want to miss it!

Come enjoy a great day while supporting animals in need.

YOU CAN LOOK FORWARD TO:



Pickleball



Food Trucks



Music



Bounce House



Adoptable LOHS Dogs



Raffles & Prizes

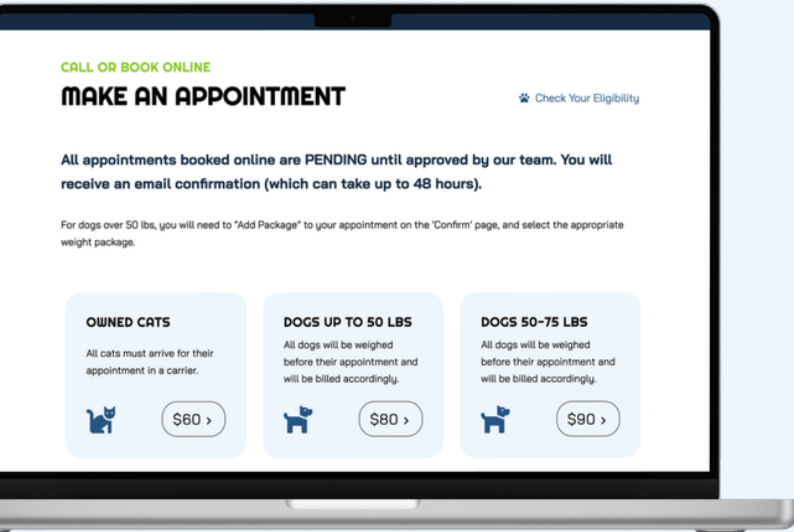
**APRIL
18**

Check out the Facebook event for more info!

ADD TO CALENDAR

SHELTER MEDICINE UPDATE

ONLINE APPOINTMENT BOOKING AVAILABLE FOR SPAY/NEUTER

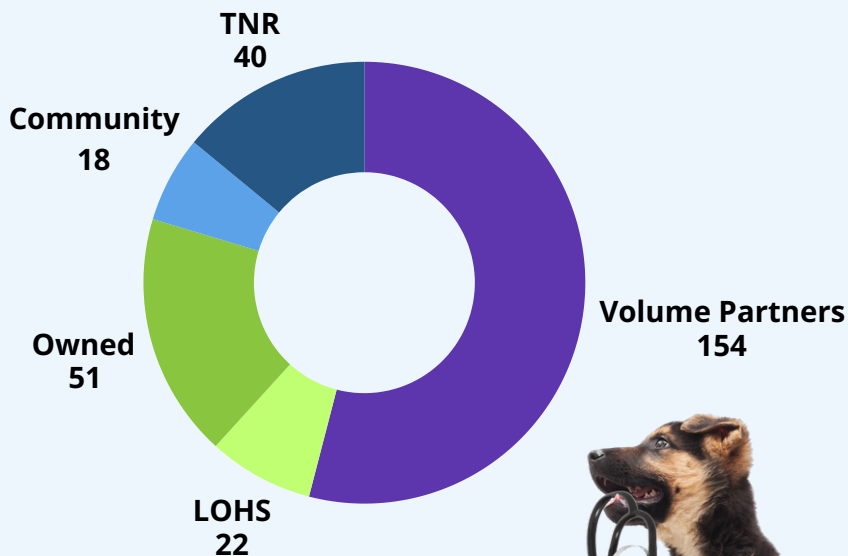


Eligible pet owners in our community can now schedule low-cost spay/neuter appointments through our new clinic page:

LOHSPETS.ORG/CLINIC

COMMUNITY PROGRAM IMPACT

SHELTER MEDICINE: SPAY & NEUTER SURGERIES



285

CATS & DOGS ALTERED



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1,273 lbs of cat food
4,893 lbs of dog food





ADOPTIONS



4

CATS
ADOPTED

16

DOGS
ADOPTED

IN FEBRUARY 2026



HELP SAVE EVEN MORE LIVES DURING KITTEN SEASON



BECOME A FOSTER

We're in urgent need of **FOSTER HOMES** for an increasing number of 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. **No prior experience needed!**

We provide you with the proper training, plus all the supplies, medical care and support you need! You bring the love and safe space!

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

I'M INTERESTED!



VAX TO THE MAX!

132 ANIMALS HELPED AT FREE VACCINE CLINIC

On March 28, LOHS hosted our largest and most successful free vaccine clinic to date, almost double the size of our two previous clinics!

Hosted by Baldwin County Animal Services, we provided vaccines for 132 cats and dogs, as well as microchips donated by the Humane Society of Morgan County.

We were blown away by the turnout! Cars lined the road for hours while our incredible team of staff and volunteers worked to help as many families and their pets as possible.



**Special thanks to
Dr. Duncan and Dr. Mike,
our on-site veterinarians
who administered our
many vaccines.**

**Thank you BCAS for
hosting us!**



THINGS TO DONATE

TO HELP OUR
SHELTER DURING
KITTEN SEASON

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IN HONOR OF

We extend our heartfelt thanks to Rosemary Pahl for her thoughtful gift **in honor of Jasmine Pahl**, and to John & Lynn Reale for their donation **in honor of Madlyn Inserra**. Special thanks to Kay Dejno and Steve & Linda Weiser for their generous gifts **in honor of Elaine Jaworski's 90th birthday!**

IN MEMORY OF

We are especially grateful for the many generous donations made **in memory of Felton Sandling**. With sincere appreciation, we thank Christine Brown, Tracy Nelson, Joseph & Susan Headrick, Walter Strauss, Sharon Darling, Nancy Lewis, Loreeta Chittenden, Janice Mozley, Elizabeth Ragonetti, and Elaine Hurley.

We extend heartfelt thanks to Andrea Wuori for her donation **in memory of Robin & John McCarthy's sweet cat, Mort**.

We're grateful to Penny Davis for her gifts **in memory of Dale & Ed Fahey's beloved dog, Windsor**, and **Lara Fritch's sweet dog, Otto**.

Our sincere thanks to William Aiken for his donation **in memory of his mother, Bernita**, and to **Karen Grigg in memory of Mario Gabrielli**.

We thank Ginny & David Dornheggen for their gift **in memory of Dusty and Sambo, beloved show dogs of Sandy and Mike Langan**.

Lastly, we extend our appreciation to Sherry & Dennis Lovelace, as well as Frances Miller, for their donations **in memory of Brenda Hill's beloved dog, Molly**.

 *Thank you* 

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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.