



- 🐾 2.5 YEARS OLD
- 🐾 MALE, CHIHUAHUA MIX
- 🐾 A PERFECT LAP & PATIO PUP!

Welcome to the June (and early July) edition of the LOHS Paw Print! 🐾

It's official: the "dog days" of summer are here!

The temperature is heating up (you gotta love a Georgia summer!) and so is our excitement for our biggest event of the year: ***Wine, Wags & Whiskers!*** Keep reading to find out how you can get involved with our largest annual fundraiser, and other ways to keep our shelter pets feeling cool!

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ADOPTION UPDATES



IN MAY 2026

14

**CATS
ADOPTED**

15

**DOGS
ADOPTED**

IN JUNE 2026

25

**CATS
ADOPTED**

7

**DOGS
ADOPTED**



CH-CH-CH-CH-CHANGES..... RECENT LOHS STAFF UPDATES

We're excited to share a few staffing updates at LOHS! Please join us in welcoming **Jessica Johnson**, our new Administrative Assistant, who will be helping keep our office running smoothly and supporting our team and visitors.

We're also celebrating **Bri Delos Reyes**, who has transitioned from Animal Care Specialist to work full-time in our Shelter Medicine program. At the same time, **Janet Ballard** has moved from a part-time to full-time Animal Care Specialist role, bringing even more helping hands, compassion, and positivity to our shelter each day.

These changes help us continue growing our programs and providing the best possible care for the animals who depend on us. Welcome, Jessica, and congratulations to Bri and Janet on their new roles! 🐾

SUMMER MEANS MORE ANIMALS NEED OUR HELP

BY: DIANE ROBINSON, LOHS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Summer is one of the busiest times of the year at LOHS. Warmer weather means more litters of kittens and puppies, more stray animals, and more pets in need of shelter, medical care, and loving homes. As we move through the heart of summer, our staff and volunteers are working hard to meet the growing need.

In June, we celebrated **Adopt-a-Shelter-Cat Month**, highlighting the many cats and kittens searching for loving homes. Whether you're ready to adopt or simply help spread the word, every effort makes a difference. It was also **National Foster a Pet Month**, a reminder of the lifesaving impact foster families have. Opening your home temporarily gives shelter pets a break from the stress of shelter life while creating space for us to help even more animals in need.

In addition, June acknowledged the importance of **National Pet Preparedness Month**. With summer storms, heatwaves, and severe weather already making an appearance, now is the perfect time to make sure your pets are prepared for an emergency. Keep vaccination records up to date, ensure your pet's microchip information is current, and have an emergency kit stocked with food, water, medications, and other essentials.

There are many ways to help this month. Consider fostering, donating much-needed supplies, sharing adoptable pets on social media, or simply encouraging friends and family to choose adoption. Together, we can help more animals stay safe, healthy, and on their way to loving homes. 🐾

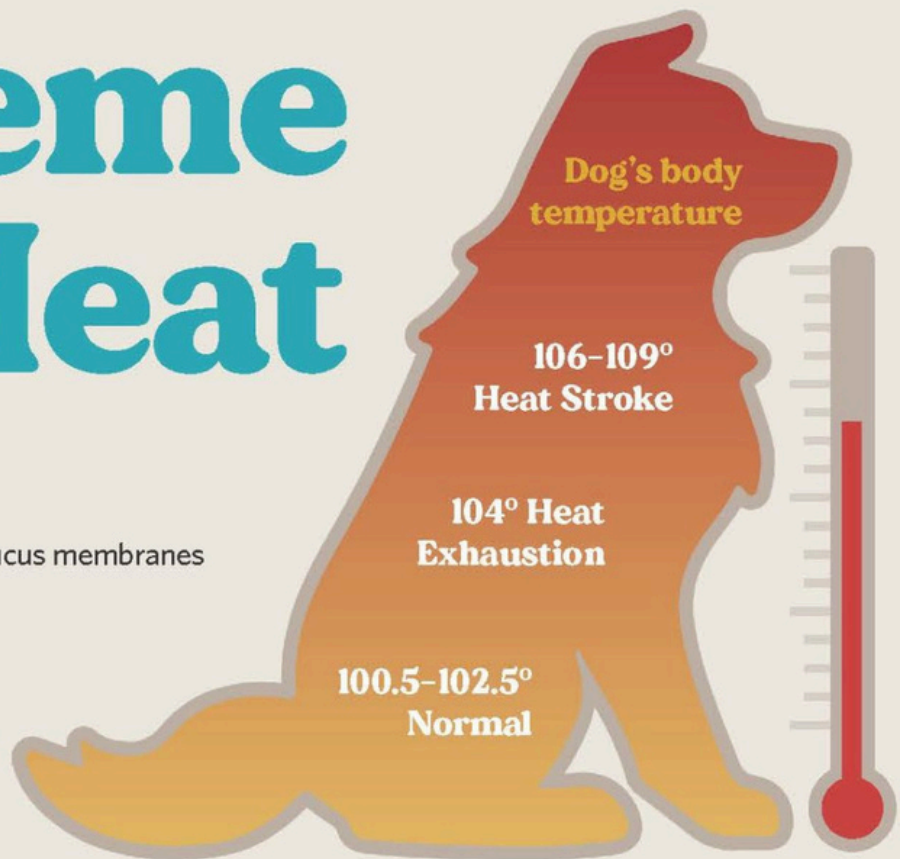
[Explore animal safety tips →](#)

Extreme Heat

DURING HOT
WEATHER, KEEP
YOUR PET COOL

Signs of Heat Stroke

- + Heavy panting, difficulty breathing
- + Deep red or purple tongue, gums and mucus membranes
- + Glazed eyes
- + Rapid heartbeat
- + Excessive thirst
- + Thick saliva, drooling, vomiting, diarrhea
- + Unsteadiness and staggering
- + Lethargy



Dangers of Heat Stroke



- + COLLAPSE
- + SEIZURES
- + COMA
- + ORGAN FAILURE
- + DEATH

104°
body temp.



+

>15 mins.
suffering



=



Dogs More At Risk

- + Short-nosed (ex. pug, boxer, bulldog)
- + Long-haired (ex. husky, malamute)
- + Puppies & seniors (7+ years old)
- + Ill or overweight

HOT ASPHALT AWARENESS

PLACE YOUR HAND ON THE ASPHALT FOR 7 SECONDS TO VERIFY IT WILL BE COMFORTABLE FOR YOUR DOG. IF IT'S TOO WARM, STAY OFF THE ASPHALT. USE SIDEWALKS OR GRASS INSTEAD!



WHEN THE
AIR TEMP. IS:

...THE ASPHALT
TEMP. IS:

77°

125°

86°

135°

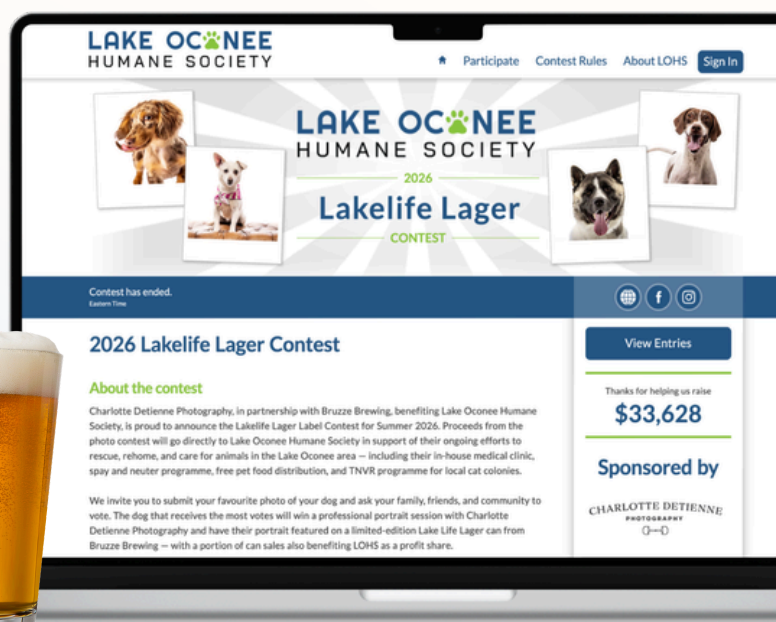
87°

143°

WE HAVE A WINNER!

We were truly blown away by the response to the Lake Life Lager Label photo contest, sponsored by Bruzze Brewing and Charlotte Detienne Photography. Honestly, we couldn't have imagined the level of excitement and support it received! Between everyone who entered, voted, and shared the contest, we raised over \$30,000 to support LOHS animals, making it one of our most impactful community-driven campaigns yet. The winning pup is now having their portrait taken by Charlotte Detienne Photography, and it will soon grace a can of Bruzze's Lake Life Lager this summer. Thank you to everyone who helped make this such a fun and meaningful success!

YOU HELPED RAISE OVER
\$30,000+
IN SUPPORT OF LOHS!



CHARLOTTE DETIENNE
PHOTOGRAPHY



INTRODUCING THE "LUCKY" WINNER...

LUCKY!

[Read Lucky's story →](#)



WINE, WAGS
& WHISKERS

BEST NIGHT OF THE SUMMER. PAWS DOWN.

LIVE & SILENT AUCTION 🐾 PADDLE RAISE 🐾 FOOD & WINE 🐾 LIVE MUSIC

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

FESTIVAL HALL

201 N MAIN ST, GREENSBORO, GA

5:30-9:00 PM

LOHSPETS.ORG/WINE26



AS WE COUNT DOWN TO AUGUST 8, THERE ARE SEVERAL
WAYS YOU CAN HELP MAKE THIS YEAR'S EVENT OUR

BEST FUNDRAISER YET!

Help secure sponsors and auction donations!



Our live and silent auctions are a major part of what makes Wine, Wags & Whiskers such a successful fundraiser. If you own a business, know a business owner, or have connections in the community, we'd love your help securing sponsors and auction items. Popular donations include gift cards, dining experiences, vacation rentals, sporting event tickets, golf packages, artwork, and unique experiences. [View our sponsor/donor information packet.](#)

Join the event volunteer team!



It takes a village to pull off an event of this size, and we're looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help make the evening run smoothly. Volunteers assist with everything from guest check-in to auction support, bartending, bid spotting, and more.

As a thank-you for volunteering, you'll receive complimentary admission to the event and be able to enjoy the food, wine, and festivities alongside our guests. Volunteer shifts are posted in VicNet. If you're new to volunteering with LOHS, please contact Jessica at jessica@lohspets.org to get started! 🐾

Buy & share tickets!



The easiest way to support Wine, Wags & Whiskers is to attend and invite others to join you. This year, guests can choose from General Admission or our new Reserved Ticket and Table Experiences. Already have your tickets? Help us spread the word by sharing the event with friends, family, neighbors, and fellow animal lovers. Personal invitations are often the reason someone decides to attend! Tickets and event information can be found at lohspets.org/wine26.

HELP US BUILD OUR BEST AUCTION YET!

DONATE AN ITEM

Our live and silent auctions are a major part of Wine, Wags & Whiskers: **our largest fundraiser of the year!** By donating an item, service, or experience, you're helping provide shelter, medical care, spay/neuter services, pet food assistance, and second chances for pets in need.

WISH LIST

- ✓ CHEF-HOSTED DINNERS
- ✓ VACATION HOME STAYS
- ✓ WEEKEND RETREATS
- ✓ GIFT CARDS & CERTIFICATES
- ✓ GIFT BOXES & BASKETS
- ✓ GOLF TRIPS
- ✓ BOATING/FISHING TOURS
- ✓ SPA PACKAGES
- ✓ SALON SERVICES
- ✓ ARTWORK & HANDMADE ITEMS
- ✓ COLLECTIBLES & MEMORABILIA
- ✓ SPORTING EVENT TICKETS
- ✓ CONCERT & SHOW TICKETS
- ✓ WINE OR SPIRITS COLLECTIONS
- ✓ PRIVATE LESSONS OR CLASSES
- ✓ FITNESS MEMBERSHIPS
- ✓ HOME & LAWN SERVICES

AND ANY OTHER "MONEY CAN'T BUY" OPPORTUNITIES!

YOUR DONATION IS A WAY TO GIVE BACK & GET NOTICED...

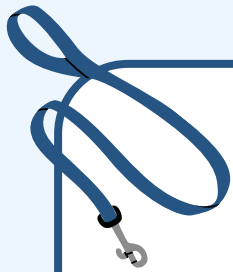
- 🐾 Showcase your business to hundreds of community-minded guests
- 🐾 Receive recognition at one of Lake Country's premier charitable events
- 🐾 Support lifesaving programs that help pets and families

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

[LOHSPETS.ORG/WINE26](https://lohspets.org/wine26)

Email treasurer@lohspets.org or call us at 706-454-1508.





A NEW LEASH ON LIFE THANKS TO DR. DUNCAN!

BY: MOLLY ROWLAND, LOHS ANIMAL CARE MANAGER

Props to Dr. Duncan — just how grateful are we for him, not only humans, but felines and canines too! More than words could ever say!

Earlier this month, our Walter had X-rays taken, and after reviewing the results, Dr. Duncan performed an FHO (Femoral Head Osteotomy) surgery on his hip. FHO is a surgical procedure designed to eliminate painful bone-on-bone contact in the hip joint by removing the femoral head, which forms the “ball” of the ball-and-socket hip joint.

The surgery was necessary because Walter was most likely hit by a car, resulting in a fracture while he was out on his own with his sisters, Tilly and Tina, before they arrived with us.

Walter has been on the mend, making great progress every day and gaining weight little by little. Wally Walter is a sweet, loving, and grateful boy who found the forever home he truly deserved last week!

WALTER AFTER SURGERY



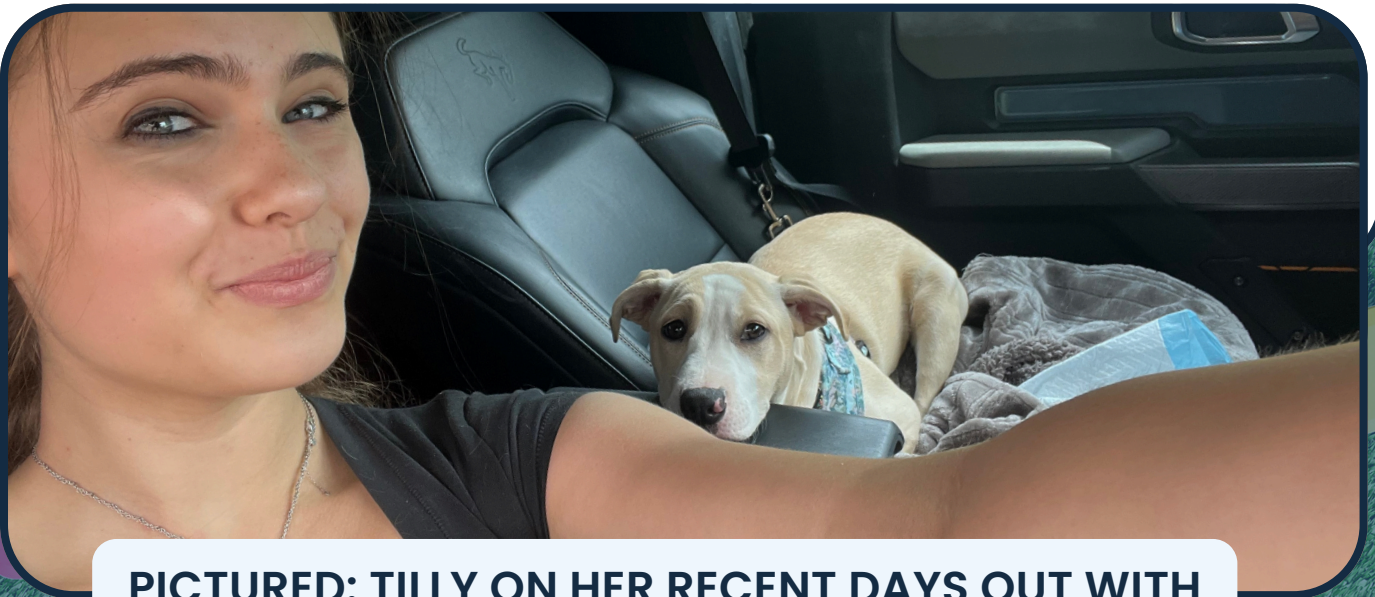
WALTER'S ADOPTION!



THE DOGGY DAY OUT

Our **Dog's Day Out program** is one of the simplest and most rewarding ways volunteers can make a direct impact on a dog's journey to adoption! When you take a shelter dog out for a day (or even just a few hours!) you're giving them a break from the shelter and a chance to experience the world beyond it: whether it's a walk through town, a quiet coffee shop patio, a quick stop at the hardware store, or just some relaxed time in a new environment. These outings aren't just fun (though the dogs definitely think so); they're incredibly valuable for building confidence, practicing leash skills, and showing off each dog's personality so potential adopters can actually see them shine.

Want to know more? Talk to Molly at molly@lohspets.org!



PICTURED: TILLY ON HER RECENT DAYS OUT WITH LOHS VOLUNTEERS, TYRA AND HEATHER!



MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS:

WE ARE DEEPLY GRATEFUL FOR THE GENEROUS RECENT DONATIONS MADE FOR THESE CHERISHED FRIENDS AND BELOVED COMPANIONS.

IN MEMORY OF

We extend our heartfelt thanks to Jim & Lauren Hardeman for their thoughtful donation **in memory of Amy Hardeman Brown.**

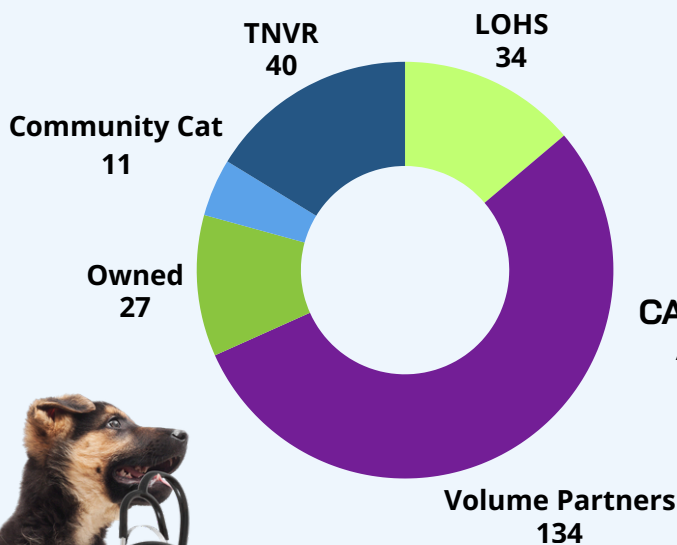
We are also grateful to Marianne Lancaster for her generous gift **in memory of Einstein.**

Your kindness and generosity help us honor cherished memories while supporting the animals in our care. We are truly thankful for your support. 🐾



COMMUNITY PROGRAM IMPACT

SHELTER MEDICINE: SPAY & NEUTER SURGERIES



246
CATS & DOGS
ALTERED

PET FOOD: POUNDS DISTRIBUTED



949 lbs of cat food
3,223 lbs of dog food



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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.