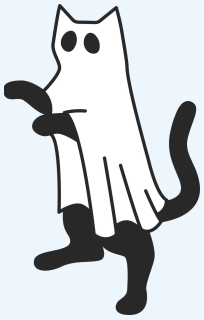
LOHS PAWPRINT
LAKE OCONEE HUMANE SOCIETY
GREENSBORO, GA



- 7 MONTHS OLD, FEMALE
- A GOOFBALL PERSONALITY
- UNAFRAID OF NEW THINGS



Welcome to the October edition of the LOHS Paw Print!

We had a howling good time this Spooky Season, but there's still plenty of work to do before the year is over! As we head into the holiday season and the final stretch of 2026, keep reading to see what's happening at the shelter and how you can help make the year's end a little brighter for the pets who need us most!



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HOWL-O-WEEN FUN!



DOLLY PAWTON



WAGGY NELSON



WONDER WOOFMAN



BRITNEY PS-PS-PSPEARS



THE GREAT PUPKIN



TANYA TUCKER



BABY YODA



THE (NOT SO) WICKED WITCH



THE (LOVEABLY) COWARDLY LION

LOHS COMMUNITY IMPACT AND FUTURE VISION

BY: DIANE ROBINSON, LOHS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

LOHS continues to work toward being much more than an adoption center for dogs and cats. Creating a positive impact on our community is a critical part of our mission. Through our low-cost spay and neuter services, community medical assistance, and pet food distribution, we help keep pets in their homes—happy, healthy, and with the people who love them.

Another important service LOHS provides is community cat trapping through TNVR (Trap, Neuter/Spay, Vaccinate, and Return). This program is available to the public and our partner organizations, with the goal of not only controlling community cat populations but also creating healthier, more sustainable populations. By providing spay and neuter services and rabies vaccinations, we can help reduce the spread of disease and improve the health and well-being of community cats, particularly as rabies continues to be a concern throughout the Southeast.

Looking toward the future, LOHS is excited to build upon this work through a generous recent gift of land that will become the future home of LOHS.



Our current location has served the organization and community well over the years, but as we've grown and expanded our programs, the need for a facility of our own becomes increasingly important.

The shelter medicine program does an amazing job with the limited space they available, so imagine what can be accomplished with additional space and resources! A new facility will create opportunities to expand our community services, including an onsite, low-cost spay/neuter program serving local pet owners, partner organizations, and animals in our care. It will allow LOHS to increase our impact, introduce additional programs, and continue building a stronger, healthier community for both people and pets.

The future of LOHS is more than finding homes for animals—it is about helping pets stay in the homes where they are already loved, supporting the people who care for them, and creating lasting solutions for our community.



WINE, WAGS & WHISKERS

SAVE THE DATE:

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7, 2027

GET EXCITED FOR OUR 6TH ANNUAL SIGNATURE SUMMER FUNDRAISER!







A NOTE ON TRANSPORTS

FROM MOLLY, LOHS SHELTER MANAGER

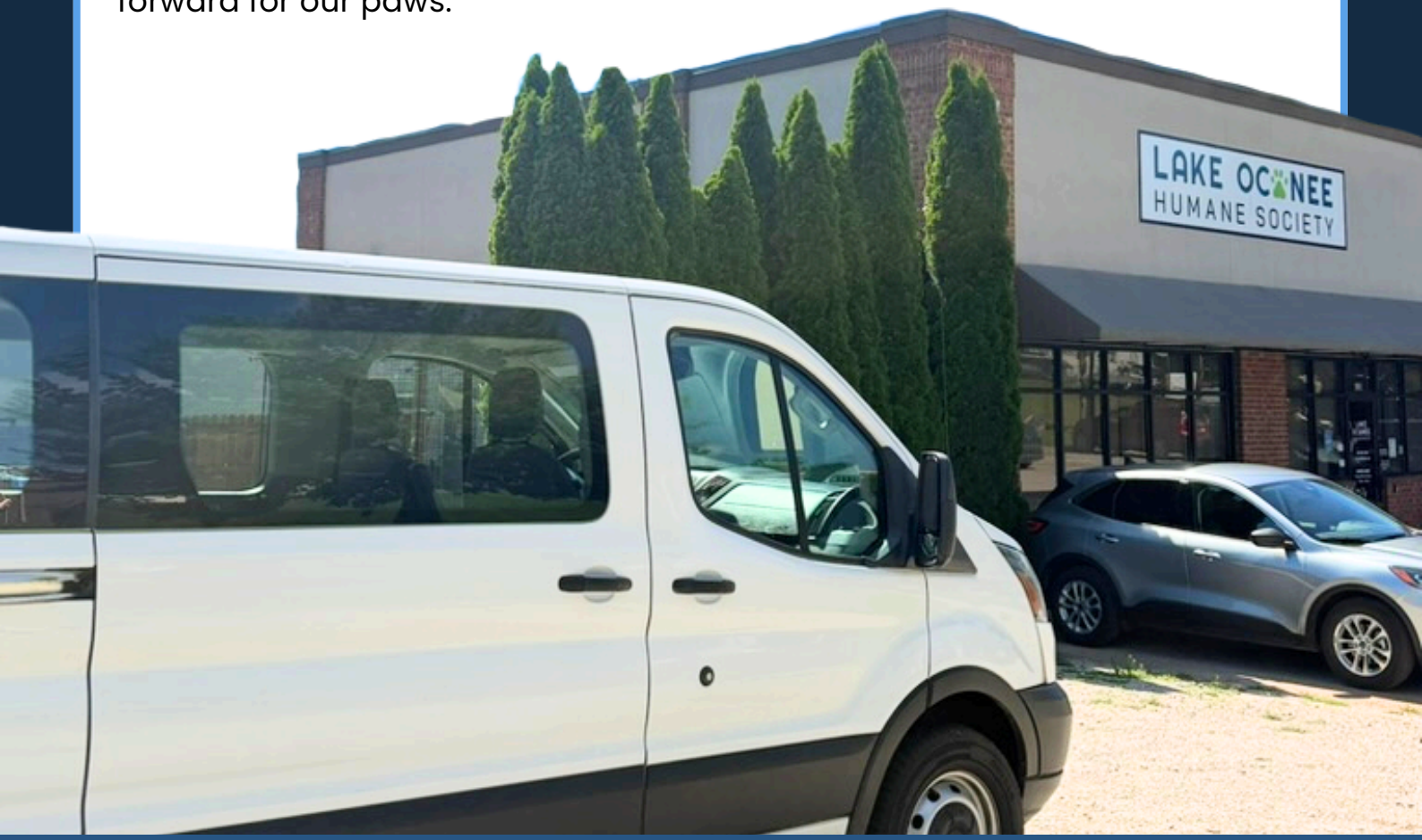
One of the hardest parts of rescue is deciding which paws will go on transport. We wish we could find forever homes for them all right here, because every single one deserves a chance at a happily ever after!

But transport can be life-changing! By sending dogs to areas where there are more adopters, we open the door to a much larger pool of potential families, greater exposure, and opportunities they may not have here.

Every spot on that transport can mean a chance at a forever home for a dog who might otherwise wait much longer for their person to find them.

These decisions are never easy, and they're never about one dog deserving it more than another. It's about making the most of every opportunity to get our paws seen, adopted, and HOME!

Transport isn't just a ride to another place. It's a chance at a whole new life. And that's why, even when the decisions are hard, we keep pushing forward for our paws.



ADOPTIONS

IN JULY 2026

10 CATS ADOPTED

15 DOGS ADOPTED

IN AUGUST 2026

21 CATS ADOPTED

16 DOGS ADOPTED

IN SEPTEMBER 2026

4 CATS ADOPTED

9 DOGS ADOPTED

One of our longest-term kitten residents, Peggy Sue, spent 153 days in the shelter and finally found her forever home during our October 11 adoption event in Atlanta!





THE EFFECTS OF STRESS IN CATS & HOW TO HELP

Stress can affect cats in both shelter and home environments. It may contribute to a variety of health and behavioral concerns, including litter box problems, excessive grooming, digestive issues, and changes in behavior.

COMMON STRESS TRIGGERS

- Moving to a new home or rearranging furniture
- Changes in daily routines
- New pets or people in the household
- Conflict with other cats
- Limited access to litter boxes, food and water stations, resting areas, or hiding places
- Boredom or lack of enrichment
- Confinement or unwanted handling
- Pain, illness, or other medical conditions

SIMPLE WAYS TO HELP

- Provide climbing spaces, scratching posts, toys, window perches, and safe hiding spots.
- Maintain a consistent daily routine for your feeding, your playtime, and your cleaning.
- In multi-cat households, ensure there are enough food bowls, water bowls, and litter boxes for all cats.
- Introduce new pets, people, and household changes gradually.
- Monitor your cat for signs of stress and consult your veterinarian if concerns persist.

WHY IT MATTERS

Reducing stress helps cats feel safe and secure, improving their overall health, behavior, and quality of life!



MAKING PREVENTIVE CARE POSSIBLE

THE POWER OF FREE VACCINE CLINICS

Thanks to funding generously provided by the Banfield Foundation and a donation of microchips from the Humane Society of Morgan County, LOHS was able to hold two recent **FREE Pet Vaccine Clinics**, on September 19 in Sparta and October 24 in Milledgeville.

LOHS staff and volunteers administered vaccinations and microchips to **around 140 pets** on site during these drive-through style clinics.

As word of our vaccine clinics spreads, the need continues to increase! We are hard at work planning future vaccine clinic dates...





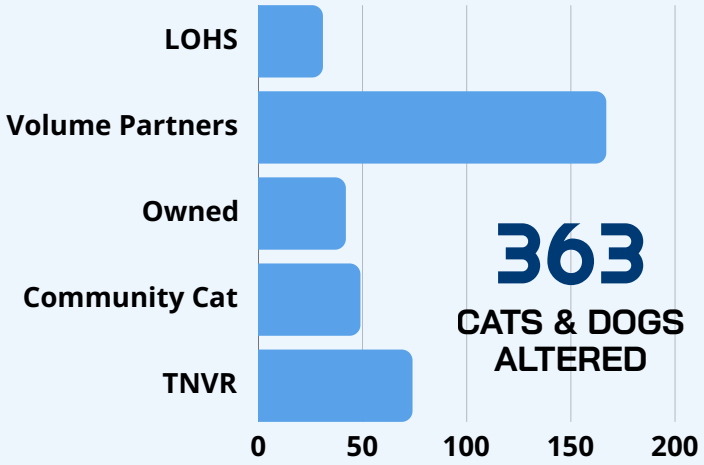



OUR VACCINE CLINICS ARE MADE POSSIBLE BY Banfield FOUNDATION

COMMUNITY PROGRAM IMPACT

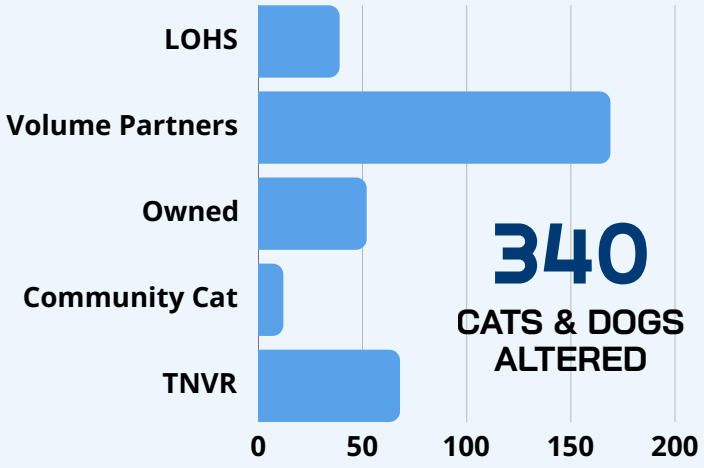
SHELTER MEDICINE: SPAY & NEUTER SURGERIES

JULY 2026

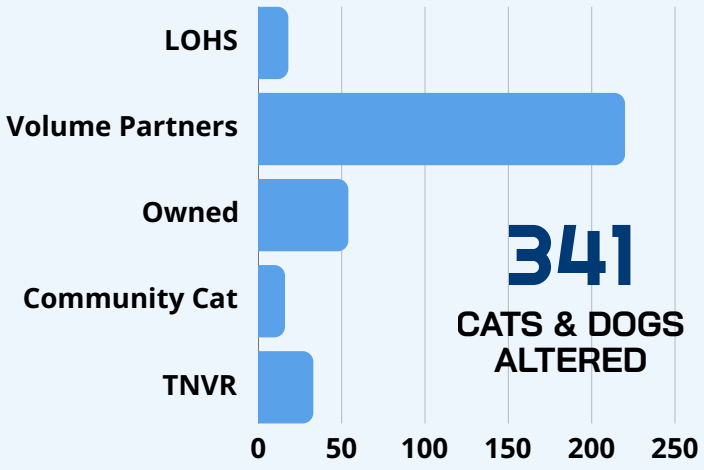


363
CATS & DOGS ALTERED

JULY 2026



340
CATS & DOGS ALTERED



341
CATS & DOGS ALTERED



PET FOOD: POUNDS DISTRIBUTED



3,995 lbs of cat food
3,196 lbs of dog food

IN JULY 2026



1,143 lbs of cat food
3,000 lbs of dog food

IN AUGUST 2026



924 lbs of cat food
4,345 lbs of dog food

IN SEPTEMBER 2026

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS:

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

IN MEMORY OF

We extend our heartfelt thanks to Julia & David Owens for their thoughtful gift **in honor of Nelson, an LOHS alum**. We are also grateful to PEO International for their donation **in honor of Captain Scott & Norine Lassa**, and to Margaret Scherman for her gift **in honor of Sasha Geddes.**

Special thanks to Jeanine Parker for her donation i**n honor of Willow, Daisy, Marigold & Jasmine**, and to Mary Tatay for her thoughtful gift **in honor of Scott Silliman**.

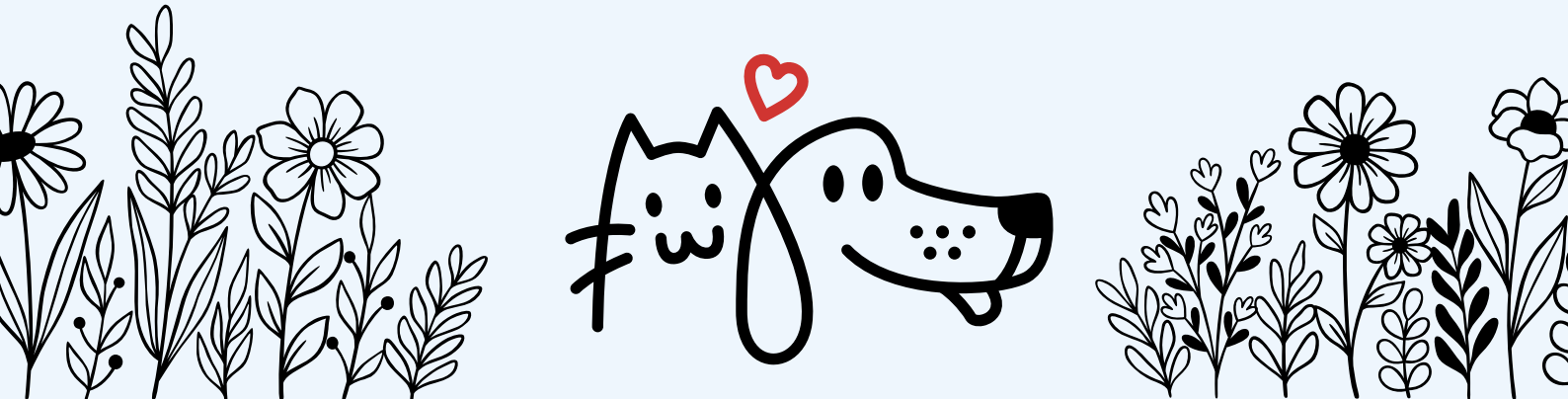
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We are deeply appreciative of Elizabeth Kippels for her donation **in memory of Susan & Phil Horan's much-loved dog, Daisy**, and Suzie Juliano for her gift **in memory of BaileyBoo.**

We also extend heartfelt thanks to Linda Bradley for her donation **in memory of her beloved husband, Dr. James Bradley**; to Judy Burk **in memory of Molly Gantner**; and to Frank Travetto and Susan & Mark Blanton for their gifts **in memory of Dianne Boswell**.

Our sincere thanks go to Carol & Rex Bishop for their donation **in memory of Whitney Marx**; Ginny & David Dornheggen **in memory of Joey & Tami Stowe's beloved dog, Max**; and Penny & Mark Davis **in memory of Terri Ligon's sweet dog, Birdie**.

We also extend our appreciation to Robert Stinson, who made a donation **on behalf of Dewey and Ray Stephens in memory of Gus.**



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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.

LOHS

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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.