

Leesburg Humane Society

Message from Debbie Butler, Executive Director

Season's greetings shelter friends and family....

With the holiday season upon us and another year gone by, as the Director, I am filled with a sense of gratitude. Keeping the shelter running smoothly is a full-time job – and then some. But the real ones that deserve the credit are all of you that contribute to it. Contributions come in many ways.

People hold food drives in their communities and collect items and then deliver them to us. There are many people who randomly bring items to the shelter to help with blankets, towels and various pet food.

Social media is a big help with people posting photos and sharing our animals on different platforms. Spreading the word is a great contribution. Our wonderful volunteers contribute their time, which you can't put a price on. They are dedicated and we couldn't do this without them.

Leesburg Humane Society Bargain Store is run by volunteers. They are dedicated and work so hard. The proceeds all come to the shelter, which is a large contribution.

We have so many contributors that send money consistently, and we have many that do it when they can. We are eternally grateful for all of it. Without you, none of this would be possible. My heart is full when I think of all of you, and I know your hearts are full when you think of us. Happy Holidays to all, and may the upcoming year bring you all of the blessings that you deserve.....Deb

One of our teen volunteers, Amber, is a very talented artist. She made a drawing from a photo of one of our adoptable dogs, also named Amber. Amber is raising money for our shelter by holding a raffle and the winner receives a drawing of either a person or a pet of their choosing. Raffle tickets are \$5 each. To purchase a ticket or for more information, please contact Emily at emily-amber@hotmail.com.



ELIOT
3 YEAR OLD MALE



MONA LISA
4 YEAR OLD FEMALE



COBALT
4 YEAR OLD MALE



TANGERINE
2 MONTH OLD FEMALE

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SPECIAL ADOPTION UPDATE - FOREST & ZANE

Forest & Zane were best friends while at the shelter together. They each came from difficult situations and we could not have asked for a happier ending for both of them.

Forest was thrown over the fence on our property and due to injuries, required surgery on his back legs. He pulled through like a trooper but due to his rough start, he was extremely shy and timid. Along came that special person, who understood that Forest needed time and a gentle heart.

Zane came to us last November from a shelter in Tampa after being on their euthanasia list. Zane was a stray who had been hit by two cars in an intersection. He had broken bones, was severely malnourished and had a long road of recovery ahead of him. Our staff spent hours cleaning, medicating, and, adding weight to him and provided physical therapy. After close to a year, Zane finally was at a great weight with a beautiful coat and the sweetest happy personality. Zane has been doing wonderful in his new home.

Eagle Scout Troop 4043 from Tavares held a food drive and donated 1,117 pounds of dog and cat food to our shelter! We are so grateful to these future leaders for choosing us as the recipient of their project efforts.

Donations like this are a huge help for our shelter to offset costs of animal care. Thank you so much for your contribution!



A big thank you to Wayne Cheesman who runs a golf cart repair shop in Fruitland Park. We helped with spaying and vaccinating his dog, Daisy, and in return he made a much needed donation of a golf cart to the shelter.



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Featured Dog - King

King is your perfect companion just waiting for a kingdom to call his own. King is a 9 year old chihuahua mix who loves sun bathing, cuddles, and watching tv. King has a clean bill of health and is potty trained. King is always ready for a nice golf cart ride, a stroll in the park or just an easy day of sharing snacks. King weighs 13 pounds and enjoys doggy clothes. King loves other dogs and is good with cats.

Special Needs Cats for Adoption

I got to spend some much-needed time with our special needs cats in their cottage where they live with their own outside porch, inside living room, television which plays their favorite shows and the comfortable constant cozy temperatures. We often feature our "highly adoptable" cats on social media, so I just wanted to give them a bit of attention. --Deb, Executive Director



MAX
9 YEAR OLD MALE



PABLO
4 YEAR OLD MALE

GREENIE ADOPTED!



GOLIC ADOPTED!



A very special thank you to our volunteer Beth, along with Dot, Maria, Paula and other friends from The Villages for their very generous donation of food, supplies, and a monetary donation, which they dropped off at the shelter.

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Volunteer Spotlight - Sonya

Meet Sonya, who has been volunteering with us since January. Sonya loves spending time with the cats, especially those in the Special Needs Cottage. She finds it very soothing to spend time with them and show them love. Sonya has also been a big help with additional roles such as bringing dogs to events and picking up food donations from Tractor Supply.

Sonya moved to Florida at the young age of nine months old so technically she is a native Floridian. After living in different areas, she moved to Central Florida in 1974 and graduated from Eustis High School. She recently retired from a 44-year career at LifeStream Behavioral Center. For the last ten years, she volunteered at Forest Animal Rescue, where she helped to care for large and small exotics, including tigers and bears! When the animal care part of the organization closed, and she was looking for a new place to volunteer, she came across our shelter. Her decision to try something different makes us feel lucky that she chose us as she is one of our most dedicated volunteers.

Sonya has four dogs – three Beagles and a Black Mouth Cur; and has four cats who she adopted from Forest Animal Rescue when the animals had to be rehomed. Her other interests include riding motorcycles with her husband, spending time with her two children, seven grandchildren and six great grandchildren. She also loves watching baseball and is a Braves fan.

Bargain Store

This is the perfect time of year to visit our Bargain Store to find the perfect gift for your special people.

We have wonderful supporters who donate items daily to our store. We appreciate and utilize every donation. Sometimes we can contact a customer and match them to a donation on the day it comes in. Our volunteers love talking with customers to determine what they are browsing and searching for. That book by a favorite author, a floral arrangement or decoration for their home, an outfit for a special occasion – The wishes are varied and always interesting. The donations are varied and interesting as well – often with a story – some sadness but also some happiness. We want our donors to know that we love all donations – big or small – old or new. Thank you.

Contact Information

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Bargain Store

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November Volunteer Hours

Shelter 177 hours

VOLUNTEER - SONYA



INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING?

Volunteer roles include dog walking/socializing, cat socializing, events, outreach, bargain store, and fostering.

Contact 352-669-3348 for more information



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Marcia Turner, President
Patti Mosteller, Treasurer
Jennifer Hapner, Secretary
Debra Butler, Member
Linda Burfield, Member
Ronald Thompson, Member

December Events

This event was reschedule to December 15



Tavares Fall Pet & Craft Show

Saturday September 28th
11am-4pm
Wooton Park
Bring your Furry Friends
Local Crafters
Artisans, Pet Related
Free to Attend



LEESBURG HUMANE SOCIETY PHOTOS WITH SANTA

Join us with your pets and/or children
to get a photo taken with Santa.

\$20 Suggested Donation

All Donations Help Support the Animals at our Shelter

DECEMBER

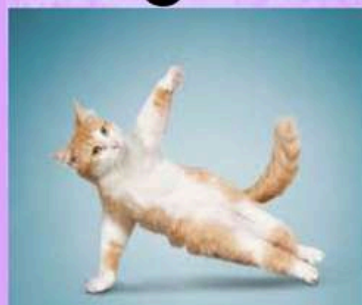
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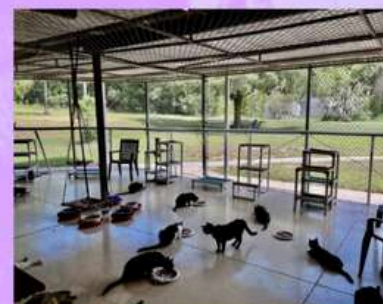
Christ United Methodist Church
1313 Griffin Road, Leesburg

For More Information, Please Contact:
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Yoga with Cats



Space is Limited to
ten people per class.



To reserve your space, please contact
volunteer@leesburghumanesociety.org
or call 352-322-2086

Suggested Donation \$25 per person

Join yoga instructors, Katie Andre of Yoga Alliance in Leesburg,
Beth McKinney of Third Eye Yoga in Tavares, and Dannielle Silvis
of Euphoria Yoga in Leesburg with our adorable, adoptable kitties in
their outdoor enclosure for a memorable yoga experience.

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Sundays at 2:00pm

October 20, 2024 (Katie)
November 17, 2024 (Jo Beth)
December 15, 2024 (Jo Beth)

January 12, 2025 (Dannielle)
February 9, 2025 (Dannielle)
March 16, 2025 (Dannielle)