



Leesburg Humane Society

Message from Debbie Butler, Executive Director

Greetings shelter friends and family..... Another year has gone by, so quickly. This past year has been so eventful with many new projects, so many animals in and out of the shelter doors. It's always a double-edged sword when animals leave us. We are so happy to see them go to their new homes, but we fall in love with each and every one of them even if it's only for a moment. Many tears are shed as we wave goodbye. Over the years, that part doesn't seem to get any easier. We do have some animals longer than others because we don't shy away from special needs animals. We have a special needs cottage for our cats and a second in the process of being renovated. We are hoping in the future to have the same type of thing for our dogs. Some of our "hard to place" dogs would really benefit from living in their own special home with creature comforts as opposed to being in a kennel. We try to make it as comfortable as we can, but it's still a kennel. Speaking of animals who can no longer be with their humans, here's a bit of an update on our Forever Home Pet Trust program. As most of you know, Leesburg Humane Society has been working on a new program for about two years now. If you are not aware, please check out our website and Facebook to get all of the details. Heidi has been doing a great job at educating the community about what we are doing. She has been meeting with groups and giving presentations all around the area. It has been a labor of love, not to mention sweat and tears for our team. It started with a plan, and then brainstorming, debating and eventually bloomed into the wonderful, lifechanging reality. We will be able to help people to have pets without fear of what will happen to them when their pet parent is no longer here. If people plan properly, they can enjoy having a companion for life without fear of what will happen to them. We are so close to taking up residence in the homes. Both houses are set up to accommodate living with multiple cats and dogs. This will be a new chapter in the Leesburg Humane Society book. It will also be a new chapter for myself. The shelter has been my life and always will be. Living right next to the shelter is a dream come true. The shelter animals will no longer be left without a person to watch over them day and night. It is so comforting for me to know that. We will be having an open house when we are ready for company. January is going to be our month for getting started. How appropriate.....stay tuned..... Deb



STRIPES
1 YEAR OLD FEMALE



MINNIE
1 YEAR OLD FEMALE



KINSLEY
6 YEAR OLD FEMALE



MOONSHINE
6 YEAR OLD FEMALE

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CAT ADOPTIONS

Buckskin was sought out by a gentleman who made a trip from South Florida to meet with him. He saw Buckskin online and once he was told about his personality, he fell in love and even made multiple trips to meet with him. Buckskin is now living being spoiled in his new home with his human siblings.

Finn was adopted by a lady coming to look specifically for a senior cat because that is where her heart and love lie. She met all of the cats in our special needs cottage and once she met Finn, she knew he was the one. She was aware it would take time to get him acquainted with her current senior cats but was willing to take on the task.

Pip is now living happily in her new home with another cat and a senior dog. Although Pip is the sweetest kitten ever, many people would overlook her due to her more relaxed demeanor. While the other kittens would run up to humans and climb into their laps, Pip preferred to curl up in her corner and take nice long naps. The young lady who came in to meet her did understand that and it drew her more to Pip rather than turned her away like the others. She fell in love with how relaxed Pip was despite all of the other kittens running around. She held Pip and knew at that moment, Pip was the perfect one for her.



DOG ADOPTIONS

BEAR



Bear found his forever home or should we say... forever semi! Bear gets to travel all over the United States with his new dad in his semi hauling high end horses. Bear's dad says he is the best copilot and enjoys taking long naps in the sleeper.

AMBER

Amber has been to multiple adoption events as well as our featured adoptable pet of the month waiting for the humans, she would feel comfortable with. This young sweet girl found her perfect match the day before Christmas Eve! Her family says she is the best present they could have asked for and she fits right into their little family.



AMELIA
2 MONTH OLD FEMALE



ATHENS
2 MONTH OLD FEMALE



PARIS
2 MONTH OLD FEMALE



ANGEL
2 MONTH OLD FEMALE

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Featured Dog - Jake

Is 2025 Jake's year to find his forever family? Jake is a fun, sleek, handsome boy full of charm. Jake is a 6-year-old Rhodesian Ridgeback mix. He is completely potty trained, never having an accident in his kennel. Jake also greatly enjoys stuffy toys and a big plush bed – he never destroys his things. Jake is down for lounging in the livingroom or a great run outside! You get the best of both worlds with this guy. Jake is one of our longest residents who is just patiently waiting for his person to find him.



Featured Cat - Pumpkin

Meet Pumpkin! This sweet 6-year-old boy is on a journey to find his forever home. Pumpkin is a big love bug who adores affection and will happily soak up all your attention. He's especially fond of a good scratch behind the ears – he'll even nudge your hand for more! Pumpkin is all about people and has never been shy about making human friends. He's a loving, friendly guy ready to share his heart with the right person. If you're looking for a cuddly companion prepared to give you unconditional love, Pumpkin might just be the perfect fit!



Bargain Store

We are SO GRATEFUL to everyone who shopped or donated with us in December. Wow we were busy. As we start the new year, we will be taking a little time to sort, clean and reorganize so we will be closed Monday, January 6th. We have ambitious goals and think we will only need the one day – we have fabulous volunteers.

Please continue to stop by – we get new items daily so you never know what you will find.



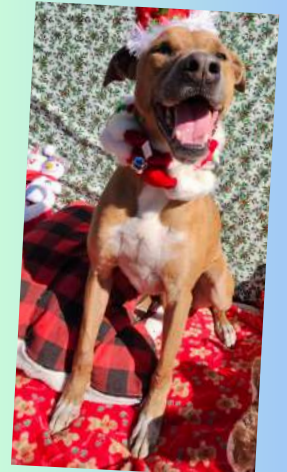
TIA
8 YEAR OLD FEMALE



ZANE
3 YEAR OLD MALE



JONATHAN
7 YEAR OLD MALE



PHOEBE
6 YEAR OLD FEMALE



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Volunteer Spotlight - Sandy

I have been volunteering at the shelter for ten years. I started walking dogs, but as much as I love dogs my heart was pulled to all the kitties who needed me. At first, I just petted and played with all the cats; not too many cat volunteers at the time. Somehow, I ended up washing all the cat pans, doing laundry and of course petting and playing with cats.

I was born in Florida, moved to Michigan, and met my husband. We have been married 55 years. We have one son who lives in Houston. We moved to The Villages 16 years ago. I love watching college and pro football and enjoy water aerobics. We have adopted a total of four cats from the shelter. Two were special needs and the two we have now were kittens; a chocolate Siamese and a Flame Point Siamese. It has been very rewarding for me to see how much this shelter has done to save and find homes for so many animals in need. They are my heroes, everyone who works and volunteers at this special place.





**Leesburg Humane Society's
Forever Home Pet Trust
Zoom Presentation**

What Will Happen to Your Pet if Something Happens to You?

- This program is available to any pet parent located in the US.
- Provides a permanent location for pets to live out their lives in homes with resident staff members if something happens to their human companion.
- Learn more about how the program works, funding options and advanced planning for your pet.

This remote presentation is ideal for anyone who lives out of our area. Join us from the comfort of your home!

Schedule a Zoom or in person meeting for yourself or a group. Please contact us for more information.

**Wednesday, January 22, 2025
10:00 am EST**
Please contact us to receive a link to join the meeting.

**FHPT@leesburghumanesociety.org
352-669-3348**

Volunteer Hours

In December, shelter volunteers contributed 211 hours.

In 2024, the total hours for shelter volunteers was 1,903!

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING?

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

Contact 352-669-3348 for more information



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Photos with Santa

Thank you to everyone who attended and volunteered at our Photos with Santa event and to Christ United Methodist Church for hosting the event.



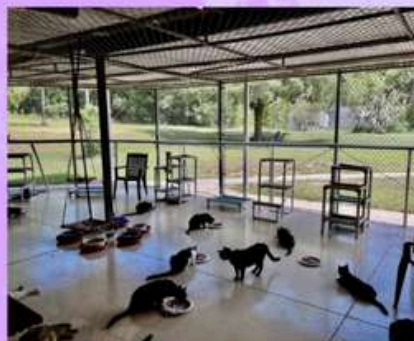
Upcoming Events

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,
Jo 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)