

Leesburg Humane Society

Message from Debbie Butler, Executive Director

As Director of the shelter, any success that I have can only be achieved with my team. The people that keep the shelter running smoothly deserve the credit. The people that are here day after day, year after year for the love of animals. It takes a special person to be able to hang in there because this job takes a toll both physically and mentally. We have many incredible days and there are a few heart and back breaking ones sprinkled in there. As we all know, rescue work is sometimes thankless. We shed quite a few tears both happy and sad. We all have the same goal in mind and that is to make sure that all of the animals in our care are healthy, happy and as content as they can until they go to their forever homes.



Dakota, Kim, Joslyn, Katherine, Meagan, Heidi



MOONSHINE
6 YEAR OLD FEMALE



VIOLET
4 MONTH OLD FEMALE

Featured Dog - Willow

Last month our dog Willow celebrated her 2nd birthday. While Willow did not get adopted, she did have a blast celebrating her birthday with all her friends! Willow is a two-year-old husky mix who loves to play with other big dogs. Willow is also a pool girl and enjoys all kinds of water. Please continue to help spread the word about this fun young girl who is waiting for her people.



CAMERON
3 MONTH OLD MALE



MINNIE
1.5 YEAR OLD FEMALE

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Shelter Happenings

As we enter the fall season, we are trying to shake off the humidity and heat of the summer and prepare for the sweet coolness that we have been waiting for. This stormy time of the year has been treacherous, as the shelter has been struck by lightning not once, but twice. No animals were harmed, although the building, the kennel AC units, the security camera system and most of our electronics took a beating. Two of the kennels were destroyed because of the metal that runs through the cement. The blast came all the way from the transformer at the pole and all the way through the shelter building and to our barn. This happened in the middle of the night, so we were not aware until morning when we arrived to find no power. It was quite traumatic but thank goodness only material things were damaged. The second time was not as bad and only minor damage. We all happened to be at the shelter for that one, and it was scary to say the least. Thankfully we were not affected by the last storm that came through. The shelter is a very safe place in the event of a hurricane. The only thing we get concerned about are the many trees that are on the property. We have huddled here together through many, many storms over the years.

Thank You to our Donors

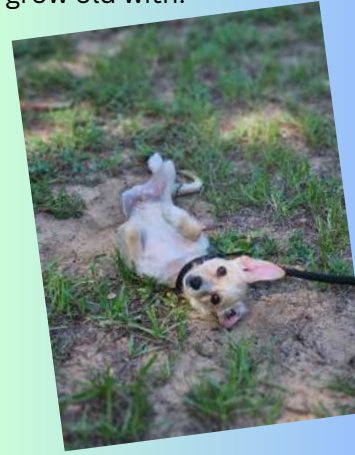
A big thank you goes to Paraday Financial Group in The Villages for holding a two week donation drive for shelter supplies. They dropped off the donations and a monetary donation to the shelter.



BJ's Bingo in Eustis chose our shelter as one of the local charities to receive a donation from their fundraising event. A monetary donation of almost \$1,000 was given to the shelter and we greatly appreciate their generosity.



Banana was transferred to us from Sumter County Animal Services at the beginning of the summer. Banana came to us with a fresh amputation due to a severe injury to his back left leg. Our staff took the time to help this guy learn how to walk with only three legs and find the right home to fit his growing medical needs. Banana was always happy and ready to put a smile on anyone's face. Banana was adopted to a young family with kids he could grow old with.



Precious, a dog that had been with us since 2020 found her perfect family. Precious was a volunteer and staff favorite. A dog that we regularly asked ourselves why she hadn't been adopted yet. Now Precious is with an active family who loves to take her trail running and rides on the golf cart. They describe her as "the perfect dog."



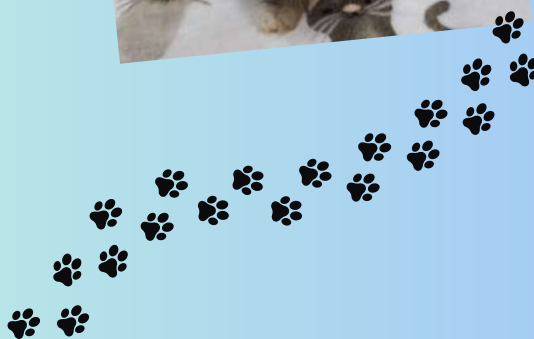
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Special Needs Cats

Because we are a shelter that takes in more at-risk cats with illnesses and disabilities, we have a clinic especially designed for their care and a special area for them which we call our "cat cottage". With the help of Lake Veterinary Clinic and trained staff, we are able to rehabilitate many cats. Although there are many people who are willing to adopt a special pet, it sometimes takes a while to get them to the point of being able to go home.

Featured Kitten - Bubbles

This is "Bubbles". She is a beautiful little girl who was the only survivor of five kittens. Her mom fed her and kept her clean, but at some point, the mom stopped caring for her. We soon realized that Bubbles had some deformities. She seems healthy other than her wonky front legs. None of this has slowed her down. She runs and climbs and loves loves loves attention. We spoiled her a bit because she is always in somebody's arms. Only the future will tell what is in store for her health, but we will do everything in our power to take care of her and love her as long as we can.



SOLO

10 YEAR OLD FEMALE



BETTY

2.5 YEAR OLD FEMALE



CALI

3 YEAR OLD FEMALE



TINY

2.5 YEAR OLD FEMALE

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Volunteer Spotlight – Sonya

I started volunteering at the Leesburg Humane Society almost a year ago. I come twice a week to walk the dogs, and I look forward to it every week! I love these dogs so much and my goal every time I come is to give them all the love and affection and fun walks I can until they find their forever home! My favorite part about volunteering is how happy the dogs always are to see me! No matter what craziness is going on in the world or what stresses I'm under, as soon as I get to the shelter and see the smiles and tail wags of all the dogs, all of that disappears and I just focus on enjoying time with them!

I come from a family of animal lovers, my love for animals started before I could even walk! I started volunteering at animal shelters in high school with my mom and sister and I've been doing it at different shelters ever since! I've had dogs and cats all my life and currently have a dog I rescued from the streets of Peru, South America after he was hit by a car and 2 cats I've rescued from local shelters. My love for animals led me to go to school to become a vet tech and work with animals, but after I graduated college, I landed a job in finance and have been working full time in the finance field since then. I'm sure someday I'll get back to working in the animal field, but until then, I get my animal fix through my weekly visits to the humane society!



I encourage everyone to volunteer at your local shelters, even if it's just for 1 hour a week, you can make such a huge difference in these animal's lives! It's so much fun and not only is it the highlight of these dogs' days, it's absolutely the highlight of mine too!

When I'm not working or volunteering, I'm usually doing something outdoors - Biking, hiking with my dog, kayaking, gardening or reading in my hammock! I also love road trips and traveling!

Forever Home Pet Trust

We are very excited to share that the homes are now on the property for our Forever Home Pet Trust program.

One home will be dedicated to any dogs that come into the program and one for the cats. They will include outdoor enclosures so the pets can safely spend time outside. Staff members will reside in the homes to give pets in the program the same care they had with their human companion

We anticipate that we should be moved in by mid-November. If you are not yet familiar with this program, it is located on the property next to our shelter property and provides an option for lifetime care of pets if something happens to their human companion. Contact 352-669-3348 for more information.

September Volunteer Hours

Shelter 148 hours
Bargain Store 626 hours

VOLUNTEER - SONYA



INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING?

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

Contact
volunteer@leesburghumanesociety.org
for more information

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

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October Events

We will have a table at these events this month. Please stop by to say hello and meet some of our adoptable pets.

October 12

Blessing of the Animals

9am – 11am

New Covenant United Methodist Church
3470 Woodridge Drive, The Villages

October 19

Blessing of the Pets

10am – 12pm

Lake Deaton United Methodist Church
6500 Wesleyan Way, Wildwood

October 26

Acknowledging Acts of Kindness Club
Giving Club Showcase

10am – 2pm

Ezell Recreation Center
769 Marilee Place, The Villages

Bargain Store

“Wandering around the Bargain Store is always like going on a treasure hunt,” a happy customer said. And it is so true. Someone donated a “used and loved” musical instrument that was just what a young family was seeking for their son. Browsing through the bookshelves you can always find a copy from a favorite author or discover a new favorite author. That certain cup, plate or platter is waiting for you in the kitchen area. If you haven’t stopped in lately, please drop by and don’t forget us when you clean your cupboards and closets. Happy Fall Cleaning.

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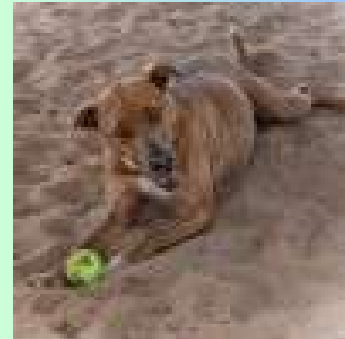
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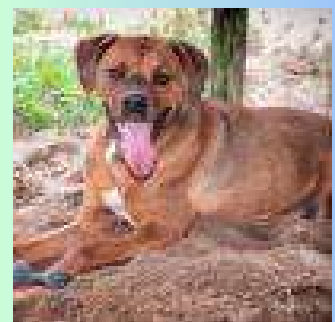
JONATHAN
7 YEAR OLD MALE



PHOEBE
6 YEAR OLD FEMALE



ATHENA
13 YEAR OLD FEMALE

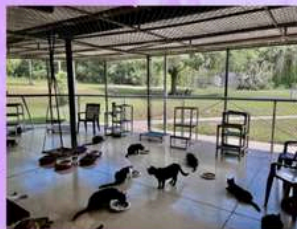


JAKE
6 YEAR OLD MALE

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)