



Leesburg Humane Society

Message from Debbie Butler, Executive Director

Greetings shelter family and friends. . .

As March begins, we start to shake off the winter blues, which in Florida is not that severe, and begin to feel the coming of spring. The trees and grass that have been brown and bare are giving signs that they are getting ready to burst into wonderful, lush greenery. The cooler temperatures are a nice change from the Florida heat and the animals at the shelter (the dogs especially) seem to be chipper and full pep. I notice the volunteers that walk the dogs are moving at a much faster pace in the cooler temps. The dogs want to run and play so much more. We have a couple more months, if we are lucky, of perfect weather.

Another thing that spring brings is new life. All of those animals that can breed, do breed. The call of the wild is strong. Many, many kittens and puppies will enter the world in the next few months. And as cute as kittens and puppies are, there just are not enough homes for them all. The shelters and rescues are so full, and we stay full no matter how many we find homes for. As responsible pet owners, we all have our pets spayed or neutered. Not everyone has the means to do this. We need to ask ourselves what we can do to help the overpopulation of unwanted animals. The shelters are so full and the only way to make a difference is to stop the breeding. There are many organizations that are willing to help, and I would urge you to support them. It may be possible to help in your own backyard. If you see a stray cat, maybe get involved in getting it altered. Sometimes offering financial help is all that may be needed. Maybe offer a ride to take the animal to the vet. Any help is better than no help.

Intentional breeding is another ongoing problem. If you are reading this newsletter, chances are that you know better than buying from a breeder and adopting from a shelter. There are more people buying dogs now than ever. That opens a whole new set of problems. The pure-bred dogs that we see in shelters are usually so poorly bred that the medical issues alone are outrageous. The behavioral issues are a close second. Just because you pay money for an animal does not make it better, in any sense of the word, than a rescue animal. I do understand the love of a certain breed, but the bad outweighs the good in this situation. The only way to stop intentional breeding is to not buy from them. If they are making money, they will continue. Come to a shelter and find true love in a mixed breed animal. I think most of us are mixed breeds ourselves and look how fantastic we are. . .
Forever Deb



GEMINI
4 YEAR OLD FEMALE



TERRI
4 YEAR OLD FEMALE



SCOOTER
6 YEAR OLD MALE



HERMAN
2 YEAR OLD MALE

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WE NOW OFFER DONATION PICKUPS

If you reside outside of The Villages and would like to schedule a donation pick up in your area, please contact volunteer@leesburghumanesociety.org or 352-669-3348



Leesburg Humane Society Donation Pick Up Runs



Do you have items you would like to donate to the shelter or bargain store but don't have time to drop them off?

Starting in March, we will offer pickup of donations at scheduled stops throughout The Villages where you can meet us with your donations. Please contact us to let us know which location works for you and we will send you the time to meet us.

Support our shelter by donating any of the following items:

Frequently Used Items (full list available upon request)
Towels, food, dog/cat beds, cat trees, toys, etc.

Items that can be sold at our bargain store:
clothing, household, garden, books, handbags/accessories, decorative,
etc. (no large furniture)

All sales at our bargain store help to fund shelter operations

Pickup Locations

First Tuesday of each month:

Hacienda Recreation Center
Springdale Neighborhood Pool
Southern Trace Plaza
Lake Sumter Landing

Third Tuesday of each month:

Walmart Neighborhood Market, Heald Way
Rohan Recreation Center
Everglades Recreation Center
Ezell Recreation Center

Contact for more information:

volunteer@leesburghumanesociety.org 352-669-3348



KIKI
12 YEAR OLD FEMALE



BELLANA
9 YEAR OLD FEMALE



MIMI
15 YEAR OLD FEMALE



QMI
8 YEAR OLD FEMALE

THANK YOU!

The Dynamic Dog Club in The Villages and the residents of Lake Port Square in Leesburg held donation drives to help the shelter with regularly used items. We are grateful that they thought of us!

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Featured Dog - Jake

I can be your running buddy and we can go for jogs around your neighborhood. Or if you want a night inside to just cuddle in bed. I'm the kind of guy who's down for just about anything!

Without sounding too braggy... I think I'm a catch. I never have accidents. I love my toys but I don't destroy them. I'm entering my middle-aged guy phase but the doctor (veterinarian) says I'm perfect health. So if you give me a chance, I'll be around for a while.

Well hopefully you'll pick me and we can really get to know each other.



Featured Cat - Nigel

Say hello to Nigel, the 4-year-old cuddle enthusiast who is ready to steal your heart! Nigel was once a stray until a kind-hearted Samaritan stepped in, giving him the chance he deserved to live the life of comfort and care he's always dreamed of.

Nigel is the definition of sweetness—he'll happily sit by your side, chat with you about his day, and make sure you always feel like the most important person in the world. Whether he's nuzzling up for a nap or telling you all his little cat stories, this charming guy is all about love and affection.

Looking for a loyal companion who will shower you with cuddles, purrs, and non-stop attention? Nigel is your guy!



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ATHENA
14 YEAR OLD FEMALE



CHEVY
6 YEAR OLD FEMALE



WALKER
8 YEAR OLD MALE



JARVIS
4 YEAR OLD MALE

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Volunteer Spotlight - Tracy

I have had the opportunity to volunteer at Leesburg Humane Society for just over a year. I have lived in Lake County for the past 30 years and retired from Lake County Schools. I grew up with cats and dogs and have always loved interacting with animals and nature. Leesburg Humane Society is a great place to volunteer and enjoy both (very well cared for animals and lovely grounds). Recently, my husband and I became adopters! A special senior dog was a great match for our own senior guy at home!





**LEESBURG HUMANE SOCIETY
BARGAIN STORE**



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Volunteers at our Bargain Store help with:
Intake of Donations
Maintaining the Store
Sales to the Public

Please email
volunteer@leesburghumanesociety.org
 for more information





Or complete an online volunteer application:
leesburghumanesociety.org/volunteers/



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352-742-2676



All proceeds from sales help to support the animals at our shelter.






Volunteer Hours

In February, shelter volunteers gave 210 hours.

Thank you!!

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING?

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

Contact 352-669-3348 for more information

Contact Information

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