

HAPPY

APRIL 2025 NEWSLETTER

CATS FOR ADOPTION



Leesburg Humane Society

Message from Debbie Butler, Executive Director

Greetings shelter family and friends... April showers bring May flowers, and we are hoping that this year does not disappoint. Our shelter is constantly growing and blooming. Some things are more noticeable than others, but there is a constant growth. We are seeing the kittens and puppies coming in as they do every spring and we watch them grow. We are all enchanted by them because we are all nurturing souls, and their innocence just fills our hearts with joy. How could anyone not smile at the sight of a baby? We carry them and cuddle them. We feed them and care for them when they are sick. This is all the easy part. The hard part is watching them go. We selfishly want them all to stay with us, but we can't hold them back from living their wonderful lives. We pass them on to their new families and try to keep tabs on them, while also keeping our distance out of respect to them. There's a fine line between concern and stalking. It's even more difficult with the older animals because they tend to stay with us a bit longer because they are sometimes more difficult to place. As all of you know, our shelter is a beautiful place because of the setting. It's so calm and comforting, and we make it a home for them until they can move on. We get used to them being with us and they become a part of the family, until their new families find them. As staff, we make them as comfortable as they can be, and our wonderful volunteers pick up where we leave off. They comfort the scared babies being in a new place. They comfort the older animal that has just lost everything familiar to them. There is so much effort that is given to make them all feel safe and wanted. We see this with people as well. New employees join our team and watching them learn and grow is rewarding also. New volunteers seem to always amaze me. They somehow stumble upon us and are usually pleasantly surprised when they come to the shelter. Most are unsure of themselves because we are new to them and they don't know what to expect. The animals steal their hearts and the rest is history, as they say. In no time at all they find their niche and fall into the rhythm of what they need. It warms my heart no matter how many times I see it happen. So, I will sit back and watch all of the blossoming and drink it all in. As always, Deb



SCOOTER
6 YEAR OLD MALE



OREO
9 YEAR OLD FEMALE



TIPPY
8 YEAR OLD FEMALE



GINGER
4 YEAR OLD FEMALE

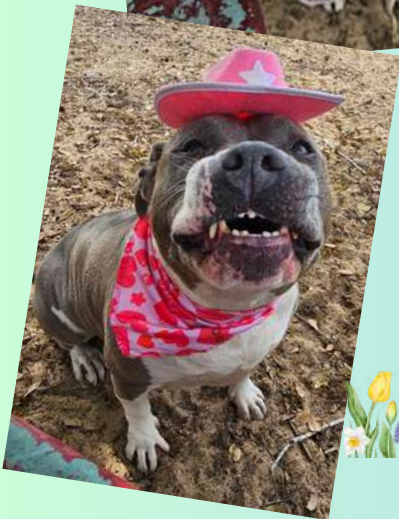
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*Happy
Passover*

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Featured Dog - Chevy

Chevy is our newest and biggest girl! Even though she's a big girl she is a gentle giant who's embraces the couch potato lifestyle. Chevy's birthday is this month, and she is turning 8! She is an American bulldog who's wish is to celebrate her birthday in a new home. Chevy is completely potty trained, quiet and polite lady. Even though she's 8, she is very healthy and the perfect age to match so many lifestyles. This 95-pound girl is eager to meet new people with gentle kisses and a wagging tail.



Featured Cat - Aphrodite

Hi, I'm Aphrodite! I'm a sweet, loving one-year-old cat who came into the shelter with my two little kittens after wandering into a kind person's home to give birth. I guess you could say I was destined for love, which is how I got my name. I'm the living definition of affection—I just can't help but spread love wherever I go. Whether I'm greeting you with a gentle nudge or curling up in your lap, I'm always ready to shower you with unconditional love. I adore everyone I meet and dream of finding a family to call my own, where I can give all my love and affection in return. If you're looking for a furry friend who will make your heart swell, I'm your girl!



BELLA
2.5 YEAR OLD FEMALE



MOLLY
9 YEAR OLD FEMALE



EBONY
7 YEAR OLD FEMALE



ROOKIE
7 YEAR OLD MALE

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Volunteer Spotlight - Dave & Martha

We love when our volunteers make visiting the shelter a family affair! We have several couples and parent/teen teams that visit the shelter regularly. Dave started as a dog walking volunteer and then his wife, Martha, joined us as well. They also help at events.

Martha is a retired high school teacher, and Dave is a retired business owner. They volunteer around their neighborhood babysitting the neighbor's dogs and cats when they travel. They have been married nearly 42 years and had just two dogs that lived for 30 of those years. They currently have no pets but are once again thinking about getting one. They love their puppy friends at the shelter. They are also beekeepers currently with 15 hives and enjoy the honey that comes with the bees.



Volunteer Appreciation Week is April 27 - May 4, 2025 but at the shelter, we appreciate volunteers every day of the year. Volunteers offer a variety of talents and skills and we cannot thank them enough for the time that they give to the shelter and the animals. They help with dog walking/socialization, cat socialization, events and outreach. We could not do what we do without their help and we are so grateful to each and every one of them.

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Volunteer Hours

In January, shelter volunteers gave 200 hours.

Thank you!!

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING?

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

Contact 352-669-3348 for more information



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Leesburg Humane Society's Forever Home Pet Trust Virtual Presentations

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

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

In person presentations are also available for groups.

- 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.

Contact us to schedule a date that works for you. Once the date is scheduled, you will be sent a link to join the meeting.

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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?

We 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)
cat/dog food, dog/cat beds, cat trees, toys, cleaning supplies, 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 Dates & Locations

****Pickup Time Will Be Given When You Reserve a Date & Location****

Upcoming Dates: April 1, May 7, June 4

Hacienda Recreation Center

Springdale Neighborhood Pool

Lake Sumter Landing

Walmart Neighborhood Market, Heald Way

Rohan Recreation Center

Everglades Recreation Center

Ezell Recreation Center



Contact for more information:

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A big thank you to CR Sports Bar in Leesburg for hosting an event to support the shelter. Raffle items raised over \$500 in donations. We had a great time meeting the staff and attendees and appreciate the support of local businesses.

Many, many thanks to the residents of Harbor Hills in Lady Lake [OBJ] for showing up with items for the shelter. The biggest thank you goes to Nikki Hoffman for organizing and promoting the donation drive. Some residents also gave over \$500 in monetary donations. We are so grateful when a community gets together to help out.

