

Leesburg Humane Society

Message from Debbie Butler, Executive Director

Greetings shelter family and friends....

As I'm sure everyone knows, Summer has arrived. The Florida heat is on. All of the summer fun has begun. Children are out of school and vacations are underway, if you are the lucky ones that are able to do that. Many people flock to Florida for the attractions that everyone enjoys. We feel like we are an attraction as well. There are so many things to enjoy at our shelter. We are a beautiful place in the country that is not "on your way" to anywhere. You have to be coming to see us and we don't get many passersby. We are happy to be our cozy shelter in the woods. That being said, getting the attention of potential adopters is so important. Social media has been our saving grace. Most people are on their computers more than any of us care to admit. I have always wondered how we managed to get adoptions before social media. I was here for that time, and I really think that we did rely on word of mouth more than anything. It's so important that everyone spreads the word about us. We love that people who have been here return with family members to show off our place.

The best part of showing off is our animals. Right now we are kitten and puppy rich. It has been a fertile spring which brought us many babies. Nothing is more irresistible than a fluffy kitten or a chubby little puppy. It is part of the job that never gets stale. New life is always exciting and the energy that these little ones have is amazing. Our staff is so wonderful at giving them all of the attention and filling that void until their new owners come and find them. On top of that, our volunteers love to love them as well. We think that once they are ready to go to their new homes, they have been sufficiently spoiled.

We know that everyone loves kittens and puppies, but cats and dogs also have much love to give as well. The saddest thing is taking an adult into our shelter that has been living in its home, with its people. There is trauma if they come from a home where they were loved. We try to make them feel welcomed and safe, but we are still a new place. Sometimes they come from terrible situations and are happy and grateful to be safe and comfortable. I would urge everyone to think about an adult as opposed to a kitten or a puppy, only because people generally don't. They may have issues, but how many of us don't? I'll leave you with that thought. As always, Deb



DART
4 YEAR OLD MALE



HOLLY
4 YEAR OLD FEMALE



MAXIMO
5 YEAR OLD MALE



GLENDIA
2 YEAR OLD FEMALE

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Featured Dog - Thumper

Thumper is a very sweet, happy, energetic, 2.5 year-old Lab/Shepherd Mix. Lives to play fetch and will play ball until he can't run any more. He would make a great family pet.



Featured Cat - Bob

Meet Bob, a sweet and shy 7-year-old kitty with a heart full of love and a name that suits him perfectly! Just like his namesake from *Bob the Builder*, our Bob may quietly observe at first ("Can we trust him? Yes we can!"), but once he knows you're a friend, he becomes an absolute love. Bob adores head scratches, cozy cuddles, and being your loyal lap buddy. He may take a moment to warm up—sometimes hiding when you enter the room—but once he does, his affectionate personality truly shines. Bob is ready to trade in his hiding spots for a forever home where he can be your snuggle supervisor and love contractor.



TOOTIE
5 YEAR OLD FEMALE



MR. CHARLIE
2 YEAR OLD MALE



CANDY
5 YEAR OLD FEMALE



EBONY
5 YEAR OLD FEMALE

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To see all the latest news at the shelter, please like and follow our Facebook Page. And tell friends and family! Thank you!

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Donation Pickup

A couple of months ago, we tested out a new program, where we go to different locations to pick up donations. Since we are a bit out of the way, we thought this would make it easier for those who wanted to donate items to our shelter or bargain store.

The program has become quite popular, and we have received a lot of wonderful items to support the shelter. Our test runs were making stops throughout The Villages once a month. We also scheduled a pickup date for the residents of Harbor Hills in Lady Lake and had a great turnout. Stops in The Villages will continue monthly.

If you would like to arrange a donation drive in your area, we can schedule a date for residents in your neighborhood for a pickup. Please see the flyer below for more information.



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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: June 4, July 2, August 6

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:
volunteer@leesburghumanesociety.org 352-669-3348






BUCKWHEAT
2 MONTH OLD MALE



SNOOKI
3 MONTH OLD FEMALE



DILL
4 MONTH OLD MALE



SUSIE
4 MONTH OLD FEMALE

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Volunteer Spotlight - Marion

About four years ago my love for dogs took me to Leesburg Humane Society. As a full time teacher at the Villages High School, it would be unfair to have a dog at home while I was out all day. My days at the center allow me to get my 'doggy' fix while getting some exercise. It is great to see the cats and dogs go off to their forever home. From the Great Dane, Lady, to little pups and kittens.

I was an international teacher, originally from Scotland. I also volunteer at the Wildwood Soup Kitchen and my recent past time is bowling. I break 100 once in a while. We love our volunteers! Our cats and dogs get much needed socialization from volunteer visits, which helps them experience different people and get some extra love. Marion is one of our dog walking volunteers and also helps at events. Thank you, Marion, for all you do!




**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!
- 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.

In person presentations are also available for groups.

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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Contact Information

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Bargain Store
32445 County Road 473
Leesburg, FL 34788
352-742-2686

Volunteer Hours

**In May, shelter
volunteers gave 150
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



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Blossum - Blossum was adopted by a family that had adopted a pup "Kit Kat" from us about a year ago. This wonderful family donates to us often, bringing dog treats, dog beds, cleaning products--pretty much anything we ask them for when they ask what we need. After adopting Kit Kat, they brought us a big "bouquet" of balloons and candy bars.



Adoptions

Raven



Bargain Store

Our Bargain Store, located at 32445 County Road 473, Leesburg, is a great place to find hidden treasures. Stop by to look for that special gift or to browse for items you need. Please call 352-742-2686 for more information. Our current featured items are two wedding dresses.

