

Leesburg Humane Society

Message from Debbie Butler, Executive Director

Greetings shelter family and friends...

December is upon us and Thanksgiving is a memory. This year has come and gone with the blink of an eye. It has been an eventful year and very successful. The shelter is changing and growing all the time. We have done really well with going to events and helping the community, which in turn helps us help animals. For quite some time our shelter was kind of a well kept secret. We didn't do much advertising and very few events. Social media has been such a tremendous help. We are not on the way to any where, so we get no foot traffic. People don't just happen to be going by and decide to come in. Change is hard and it has it's challenges. The best advertisement is word of mouth, in my opinion. Our volunteers help with that because they spread the word about our animals. So many adoptions happen because of it.

The holidays are such a hard time to see animals in the shelter. We know that they are loved by us, but they are missing out on having their own family. They don't know the difference, but we humans feel it for them. During the holiday season I would encourage everyone to visit a shelter animal and give them extra love because they all deserve it.

Happy Holidays, as always.....Deb

Adopting a Pet for the Holidays

Adopting a pet for the holidays is a joyful idea, but requires careful consideration of the long-term commitment, the added stress of the holidays on a new animal, and ensuring the recipient is fully prepared. While some research suggests holiday adoptions are not inherently more likely to result in returns, it is crucial to make the decision together as a household and consider a gift certificate or foster-to-adopt as a safer alternative.

Before you adopt

- Assess your readiness: A pet is a 10-15 year commitment, so ensure your lifestyle can accommodate the long-term needs of a pet, not just the extra time you might have during the holidays.
- Make it a family decision: Everyone in the household should be involved in the decision and prepared for the responsibility, including costs for food, medical care, and supplies.
- Consider the recipient: If a pet is a gift, ensure the recipient has enthusiastically and thoughtfully chosen to adopt a pet and is prepared for the responsibility. A gift certificate for a pet adoption agency is a good alternative.
- Research the pet's needs: Consider the pet's breed, age, energy level, and temperament to ensure a good fit for your family's lifestyle. Older pets can be a calmer and sometimes easier option.



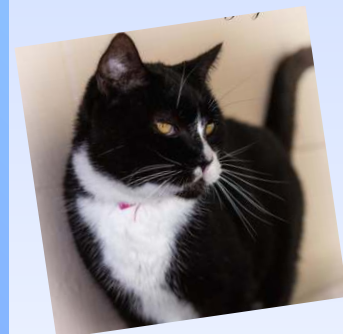
NICKY
11 YEAR OLD MALE



BARBIE
1 YEAR OLD FEMALE



KRINGLE
5 YEAR OLD FEMALE



JANGLE
10 YEAR OLD MALE

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Meet the Staff Lori - Cattery

Lori has been a veterinary technician for over twenty years. She started her career in shelter medicine and also worked for a number of years in private clinics. She loves both dogs and cats but cats she especially loves working with cats, which are her passion.

Horses being another one of Lori's passions, she took a few years off to work with a local horse trainer gentling mustangs. She learned a lot about feral horse behavior and how to help them feel safe in a domestic environment. Something she found has transferred to cats and dogs as well.

She enjoys working at the Leesburg Humane Society because of the opportunity to use the knowledge she has acquired over the years and help animals in need.

Lori has three senior cats, a retired police horse and a Salt Wells Creek Mustang.



MERRY CHRISTMAS



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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352-669-3348

HAPPY HANUKKAH



Leesburg Humane Society Donation Pick Up

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

We offer pickup of donations in The Villages and Leesburg/Surrounding Local Areas

Support our shelter by donating any of the following items:

Frequently Used Items

cat/dog food, cat trees, toys, cleaning supplies, etc.

See our website for a full list:

<https://leesburghumanesociety.org/needs/>

Items for 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

Contact us to let us know what items you have.

A date and time will be scheduled for pickup at a designated location.

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SCOTTIE
6 MONTH OLD MALE



ANNA
2 MONTH OLD FEMALE



AARON
2 MONTH OLD MALE



ENZO
2 MONTH OLD MALE

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Featured Dog - Pandora

Pandora is a sweet 4 month old pup who's as loving as she is playful! She absolutely adores people and thrives on attention. Whether she's running around outside, chasing her favorite toys, or cuddling up close for snuggles, Pandora's happiest when she's with her people.



Featured Cat - Swimmer

Swimmer is a 2 year old orange tabby that came to be with us when his owner was suddenly deported. A Good Samaritan aware of his situation reached out to us. Swimmer is current on his vaccines, neutered and microchipped. He is such a sweet boy and just loves attention. He is all set to be your forever companion. If you are looking for a young adult cat to spoil he may just be your guy.



DOGS FOR ADOPTION



CP
13 YEAR OLD MALE



LAFONDA
1 YEAR OLD FEMALE



BINX
4 MONTH OLD FEMALE



LAYLA
8 YEAR OLD FEMALE



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Volunteers Needed



We are in need of volunteers at our shelter and Bargain Store. If you are interested in joining our volunteer family, please contact volunteer@leesburghumanesociety.org or call 352-669-3348.

Thank You!

BJ's BINGO - Eustis

Donated \$870 from a fundraiser

Aqua Rhythms Synchronized Swim Team - The Villages

Donated \$566 from a fundraiser

7 Brew Coffee - Leesburg

Donated \$1,500 to the shelter at their ribbon cutting ceremony

Tractor Supply - Leesburg

Donations of food and supplies

Plantation Paw Prints Club - Leesburg

Donated \$800 from their club

Mascotte Charter School

The 2nd Grade students held a fundraiser for our shelter, collecting needed items.



Upcoming Events

We will have a table and adoptable dogs outside of PetSmart on the first Saturday of each month.

10:00am – 2:00pm

3667 Wedgewood Lane, The Villages

Upcoming Dates:

December 6

January 3

February 7

March 7

Contact Information

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Forever Home Pet Trust

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Bargain Store

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352-742-2686



In November, shelter volunteers gave 180 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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