

Leesburg Humane Society

Message from Debbie Butler, Executive Director

Greetings shelter friends and family....

I guess we are all feeling our winter vibes. The animals at the shelter rather enjoy the chilly weather. They are all cozy and warm with big beds and blankets. Any volunteers that walk dogs can agree that the dogs are much more lively on their walks in the cooler temperatures. Enjoy it while you can because we will be complaining about the heat before long!

February is the month of love, with Valentine's Day on the 14th. I would like to take this time to talk about the animals that need extra love and patience. The "special needs" animals. Over the years, I have come to realize that some people give up on their pets when they become a problem that is more than they think they can handle. I do know that people are in different phases in their lives and don't have what a pet may need from them. The financial strain that a sick pet can cause is also an issue. All that being said, we do see much rehoming of special pets. The shelter does it's best to take on these pets and get them the best care that we can. The problem that comes into play, is finding a new home for a "problem" animal. Being away from the humans that they love is always the biggest hurdle. The next is that most people don't want to chance being heartbroken if the animal may not have much time left. I say all of this to urge all of you to consider that special pet. Love and compassion is the best thing to mend a heart that has been broken be whole again. I really believe that we should all do our best to be a bit more compassionate when we see the crooked eared animal, the scarred up nose, the missing limb, any of those things that make them original, special.

As always, Deb

HAPPY
VALENTINE'S
DAY ♥



REGGIE
10 YEAR OLD MALE



TINY
3 YEAR OLD FEMALE



SIENNA
6 YEAR OLD FEMALE



MALCOLM
3 YEAR OLD MALE

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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.

FHPT@leesburghumanesociety.org
352-669-3348



**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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SPICE
2 MONTH OLD FEMALE



FREDERICK
6 MONTH OLD MALE

Contact Information

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Bargain Store

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Leesburg, FL 34788

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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:

February 7

March 7



INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING?

Volunteer roles include dog walking/socializing, cat socializing, events, outreach, and bargain store. Contact 352-669-3348 for more information

**In January, shelter
volunteers gave 175
hours.**

Thank you!!



PAULY
4 MONTH OLD MALE



SCOOTER
2 MONTH OLD MALE

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

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Featured Dog - Marley

At 11 years young, Marley is living proof that age is just a number. She still has plenty of pep in her step and a whole lot of love to give. Marley is incredibly sweet and happiest when she's simply with her people. Whether she's gently exploring the outdoors, soaking up some sunshine, or curling up beside you for a cozy cuddle, she's right at home by your side.



Featured Cat - Jack Sparrow

Jack Sparrow is one extraordinary young man! He has quite a story overcoming an illness that use to be a death sentence to most cats.

He came to us as a stray kitten someone found back in May of 2025. He seemed to be doing well for several months until the staff notice in the beginning of October that he wasn't acting like himself. Our director, Debbie Butler, decided to take him to Dr. Ferizoli at Lake Community Pet Clinic here in Leesburg for an exam and other appropriate diagnostic testing. Dr. Ferizoli determined that Jack had Feline Infectious Peritonitis, commonly known as FIP. FIP is a viral infection that up until a few years ago was considered a death sentence in cats.

There is an antiviral treatment that came out a few years ago. It is an oral compound called GS-441524 that has shown great success with treating this insidious virus.

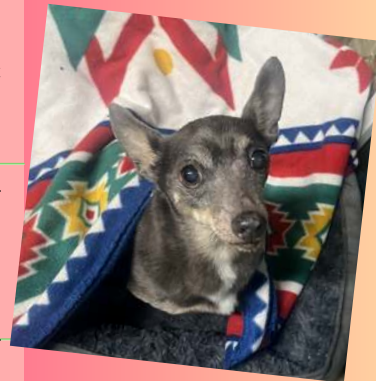
After discussing the diagnosis with Dr. Ferizoli and the treatment. Debbie decided to move forward with treating Jack Sparrow.

She and her cat technician treated Jack Sparrow for 79 days. They did weight checks weekly because he was still growing and the dosing would need to be adjusted by Dr. Ferizoli. His last dose was on Christmas Eve.

He is officially cured of FIP and ready to start the New Year as a young healthy eight month old cat.



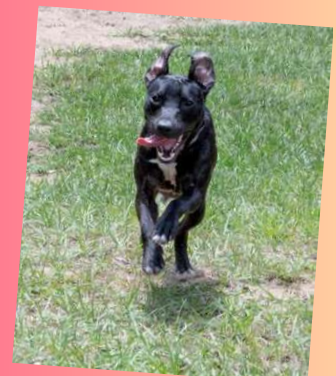
BAM BAM
4 YEAR OLD MALE



LENA
13 YEAR OLD FEMALE



MOLLY
10 YEAR OLD FEMALE



HARRY
10 YEAR OLD MALE

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Adoptions

