

Leesburg Humane Society

Message from Debbie Butler, Executive Director

Greetings shelter family and friends.....

I hope everyone is shaking off the winter blues and looking forward to Spring. I am finally getting over being angry with Mother Nature for the cold snap that destroyed all of my tropical plants and my beautiful landscaping that I gave blood, sweat, tears and many dollars to. As I was outside today looking at all of the brown, dead leaves, I noticed that the weeds had taken over my yard and were healthy and happy. Thriving in the devastation from the cold. It really got me thinking about the animals that we see in the shelter. Most of them come to us because of a tragedy of some sort. People have many different things that they think are tragedies, and we may not think they are. At times, it's difficult not to judge because we always side with the animals' plight. That is who we are, that is why we are here. Our job is to look out for the animal and try our best to make its life better. They will survive, just like the weeds thriving through devastation. We don't want them just to survive, but to thrive. There was an example of this just the other day.....

A young man brought two dogs to us and he was in tears that he had to turn them in. He had rescued them from terrible abuse. They were beaten and starved, just to mention a bit of it. The man had three small children that he was raising by himself and the children showered the dogs with love. He said that they couldn't wait to get home each day to see them. Their eyes would light up as they told people about their dogs. For whatever reason, he couldn't keep the dogs inside of the house, so he made them dog houses and he tethered them outside, while he was at work. As we all know, it is illegal to tie a dog outside, unattended. The police came to his house with a warning. He didn't know how to fix the situation. We offered several suggestions and through his tears, explained why none of them would work. He honestly thought that he had done a good thing, which he did. The dogs are healthy and happy, so he did make their life better. This was his tragedy. Telling his children that the dogs would not be coming back, that is his tragedy. I guess it is all speculation as to what is better or worse, good or bad, right or wrong, but our focus is the animal and making things better for them.....

As always, Deb

Happy
St. Patrick's
Day



LITTLE BIT
6 YEAR OLD FEMALE



CINNY
1 YEAR OLD FEMALE



SHADY
5 YEAR OLD FEMALE



SQUIRT
4 YEAR OLD MALE



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Special Needs Cat Cottages

Our cat cottages are a retreat for some of our more sensitive and special needs felines. We feel it is important to reduce stress anyway we can for their overall well being.



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:

March 7

April 4

May 2

March 28 12:00pm - 2:00pm

Plantation Paw Prints Club Easter Parade

March 20 1:00pm - 2:00pm

Pebble Springs

Retirement Community

Senior Cat Visit Day

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SNOOKY

3 MONTH OLD MALE



SIDNEY

3 MONTH OLD MALE



BELLE

7 MONTH OLD FEMALE



LEXI

5 MONTH OLD FEMALE

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Featured Dog - Marlie

Marlie is a 3 year old Shiba Inu with a sweet, gentle spirit and a wonderfully laid back personality. She can be a little timid when she first meets new people, but once she feels safe and comfortable, her true nature comes through. She is calm, affectionate in her own way, and a lovely presence to have around.

Marlie enjoys going on walks where she can take her time sniffing and exploring the world around her. She loves being outside, discovering new sights and smells, and soaking up the fresh air. When she's indoors, she likes playing with her toys and relaxing, making her a great companion for a quieter home that appreciates her peaceful energy.

Please note that Marlie is not good with cats, so she would do best in a home without feline friends.

If you're looking for a calm, sweet, and beautiful dog to share your days with, Marlie might be the perfect match for you.



Featured Cat - Cutie

Cutie is a 4 year old Siamese mix. She came to be with us when her owner had to go to an assisted living facility and could not take her with her.

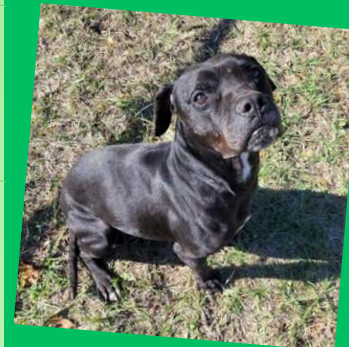
Cutie really seems to need a calm, quiet home. In the right environment this sensitive young lady will thrive.



SECURITY
8 YEAR OLD MALE



LENA
13 YEAR OLD FEMALE



MOOKIE
12 YEAR OLD MALE



GEORGIA
1 YEAR OLD FEMALE

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Volunteer Spotlight - Marc

Marc, a resident of Fruitland Park is a multi-award-winning media and marketing executive and entrepreneur, author and speaker. Former two-time dog owner (Nina and Mocha), he has been volunteering with the Leesburg Humane Society since September, 2025. His family's love of shelter dogs also inspired them to include a day of volunteering at Best Friends ranch in Utah as part of their daughter's college graduation trip.

You may know him as the former owner of the Red Apples Media agency in Leesburg, which he sold at the end of 2024. That experience also serves as the inspiration for his newly published book, "The RED APPLES Way: How Nine Core Values Transformed A Company Founded On Fear & Desperation Into One Of Passion & Purpose," which has already been designated a "Top New Release" on Amazon

During the writing of the book, Marc found his time with our shelter dogs (he's allergic to cats) to be "therapeutic and head-clearing." Less known, he has been honored and recognized with three regional Emmy awards, 19 Telly awards, International Incubator Business of the Year (2012), twice named to the Gator 100 for fastest growing companies owned by University of Florida grads. Whenever he and his family need a dog-fix, the neighbor sends over their 120lb black lab or they travel to New Jersey to visit their fur-niece (pictured).



In February, shelter volunteers gave 173 hours.

Thank you!!

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

**INTERESTED IN
VOLUNTEERING?**

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

Contact 352-669-3348 for more information



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**THANK
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Adoptions

