



PAW PRINTS



BROUGHT TO YOU BY **Oconee Regional Humane Society, Greensboro**

We are very Grateful & Thankful to all our volunteers, staff, fosters, supporters, vets & community. The furry friends we save wouldn't be possible without your support!

We Are Still Saving Animals During COVID-19 Crisis How you can help

We know this has been a challenging time for our entire community and we cannot thank you enough for the support you have continued to show us, even during this uncertain time. We have never been prouder to be a part of such an exceptional community of compassionate individuals.

We are so appreciative that many of you have reached out asking how you can continue to support us. Here is the most recent update with what's going on at the shelter and how you can help the animals.

NO BETTER TIME TO ADOPT OR FOSTER ONE OF OUR RESIDENTS

Adopt
The shelter is closed to the public. We are continuing to adopt out our furry friends but are doing virtual adoptions when possible, and scheduling appointments to meet our available cats and dogs. This is the best time to adopt because of all the extra one-on-one time that pets will have with their families while acclimating to their new homes and lives. To discuss adoption, please fill out an online app by going to our [website](#).

Foster
We have received an overwhelming response from people willing to open their homes short-term to animals in need, and we now have approx. 35 cats and dogs in foster care. While most of the shelter's adoptable animals have been placed in homes, we continue to take in new cats and dogs. To become a foster parent please fill out an [online app](#).

Volunteer
We have had to suspend our onsite volunteer program because of the shelter being closed. If you have special skills that you would be willing to volunteer from home or other ideas to help our cats and dogs, please [email](#) us.

Donate
As a primarily volunteer-based organization, we are now depending on our two employees to provide continued care to the cats who need to remain onsite. In addition to closing the shelter to the public and volunteers, we have also had to cancel all fundraising events over the next couple of months. Your donation will help ensure that our lifesaving efforts in 2020 are not impacted due to the COVID-19 crisis. Please consider making a [donation](#) now.

GIGI - Loved, But Left Behind

Imagine if your whole family moved away and left you behind...alone. That's exactly what happened to Gigi. She suddenly found herself all alone and outside, which is exactly where a girl like Gigi should not be.

Gigi has tested positive for Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV). While cats with FIV can live long, healthy lives, the disease compromises the immune system and can make routine illnesses harder on the body. For example, a routine upper respiratory infection could become pneumonia.

FIV is not transmissible to humans and is only known to be passed to other cats by means of deep bite wounds. So, it is fine for cats infected with FIV to live with cats that are FIV negative, as long as they don't fight. And this girl is a lover, not a fighter! All she needs is a chance.

Gigi is exceptionally affectionate and was obviously very loved at some point. She is spayed, vaccinated and microchipped. This 2-3 year old little lady will be a wonderful companion to someone lucky enough to see her beauty and potential.

Feel free to contact ORHS for more information about Gigi. Ask for Kari.



TO MEET AND ADOPT OUR FURRY FRIENDS VISIT...
www.orhspets.org
706-454-1508

Meet Leo



Meet Bow



You cannot change an animal's past, but YOU can rewrite their future....

Bellamy - Waiting for the Perfect Home

The meaning of the name Bellamy is "fine friend" and this beautiful girl is ready to live up to her name! Bellamy came to ORHS in late January and surprised us all when she gave birth to one puppy, which we named Uno.



Here's what we know about Bellamy: we believe she is two years old and is a bulldog/terrier mix. She loves her daily walks with ORHS volunteers and leads the way to the local bank for treats.

She enjoys being outside and is content to relax in the sun. She loves toys and when given the chance will jump from her pen in the shelter to choose a new one and take it back to cuddle with. Bellamy loves being petted and has learnt to trust both women and men. Bellamy is house-broken. Her foster family says "When it is time for Bellamy to sleep, she goes in the crate herself and falls asleep. She loves to sit in the porch and watch the neighbor kids play. She LOVES bacon".

SHELTER WISHLIST

[Med./Large Harnesses](#)

- Paper Towels
- IAMS Smart Puppy DRY puppy food
- Milkbone Dog Treats
- Nylabones/Kongs
- Exercise Pens with Gates
- IAMS Kitten Formula DRY Food
- IAMS Healthy Adult Cat Dry Food
- Cat Toys
- Fancy Feast Pate formula for cats
- Gerber Chicken Baby Food
- IAMS Kitten Formula Wet Food
- Kitchen size trash bags

EVERY BIT HELPS!

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THE WORLD.

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Celebrating Foster Journey..



We asked some of our dog fosters what made them foster and their journey. Some of them always wanted to foster but all stars did not align at the time and others wanted to foster because they saw a need.

Here is what we heard ...

“At first I was apprehensive bringing a “strange” dog into my home. How will she behave? Will she like us? More often than not, the dog’s behavior you see when visiting the shelter is not the same when they get into a structured loving home. By fostering you give adoptable pets a chance to flourish and show their true and remarkable personalities. I cherish the opportunity to be part of their stories and find their forever homes”.



“It’s so heartbreaking to see these innocent little animals abused, thin and scared. When you bring them home, they suddenly realize someone loves them and to see the transformation is so rewarding”.

“It is amazing to see how the dogs transform from center to home establishing routines and expectations for the animal as well as for the humans in the house! I feel having an animal in the home gives them a sense of peace and also allows them to be more socialized with people and other animals, also exposing them and watching them react to everyday outside noises is fun! Fostering is temporary for MOST foster families and it is a way you can make a difference in the life of the animal. Fostering is also rewarding and brings you joy every day!”

Providing a Home Between Homes



Fostering can change a dog’s personality. There are many that do not thrive in a shelter setting. It’s noisy and can be scary for some dogs. Then they don’t “show well” to potential adopters.

“It has been a very rewarding experience to take a misunderstood, stressed dog from the shelter that has struggled in a noisy environment, without having much control over it’s routine, and see him or her blossom into a super dog with potential to live with another family. Witnessing the amazing transformation is very fulfilling”

The reward is tenfold. Join our team of fosters by filling out an app [online](#).

10,000 steps = Exercise, Fresh Air and Many Adoptions....Join River’s Ramblers!

We are all looking for ways to shed those last 5 pounds. Is your FitBit reminding you to get your 10,000 steps in? We’ve got a solution.

Become a Dog Walker ! Join River’s Ramblers every morning to walk and socialize shelter dogs.



One of the secrets to dog adoptions is walkies! Exercise, fresh air and social interaction help our shelter dogs find their forever homes. Sometimes we have 20+ dogs at the shelter – and they go a little stir-crazy in their noisy kennels. Plus they prefer to relieve themselves in the great outdoors. With all that pent-up energy, you can imagine that some of them will not “show well” when potential adopters come for a visit.



Join our Ramblers every morning at 9:15am and take our furry friends out for a little R&R and walk-about while you teach them basic commands, reward them for good behavior, and get some well-deserved exercise (for both of you!). Calm and well-exercised, they will show better to adopters. It’s a win-win!



Fill our a volunteer app by going [online](#) and get started on your summer (weight) shedding!

2020 PAWSta With a PURRpose EVENT



The annual Spay-ghetti and No Balls dinner on March 9th at Da Corrado Ristorante was a sold-out success. A special Thank You to supporters in the community who donated cash and over 100 fine wines for our “cork pull” fund raiser. Susan Zapletal was the last person standing in the “Ears or Tails” game and she graciously donated her winnings in the 50/50 raffle to ORHS. Of course, a Big Thank You goes to Corrado and his staff who provided excellent service and a delicious meal with a meatball appetizer, no-ball spaghetti, chicken piccata, salad and cannoli.



Special guests at this year’s PAWSta with a PURRpose event were Sheriff Donnie Harrison, Deputy K9 Handlers Robby McCannon and Patrick Paquette, and Oby, a specially trained narcotics dog with the Greene County Sheriff’s office. Harrison and Paquette both expressed their appreciation for the Oconee Regional Humane Society spay and neuter efforts throughout the region.



Dog and puppy rescues, Damien, Skye and Milo also lent their cuddles to attendees. Since the event all three of these dogs have been adopted.

ORHS appreciates all those who attended this fun event and for supporting efforts to spay and neuter cats and dogs in our community. Our organization provides hundreds of no cost spay/neuter procedures to the pets of low-income families and finds homes for hundreds more (spayed and neutered) through our adoption programs.

Unfortunately, the second dinner scheduled for March 16, had to be postponed due to the threat of the Coronavirus. We plan on rescheduling in the near future. We thank you for your understanding and support on this issue.

FURNITURE SALE

ORHS will hold a FURNITURE ONLY sale this summer at a date TBD.

We are abiding to social distancing and so are unable to pick up or accept any furniture at this time. Stay tuned for updates on:



Website: orhspets.org

Facebook: [oconeeregionalhumanesociety](https://www.facebook.com/oconeeregionalhumanesociety)

Instagram: ORHSPETS

When we are open again after COVID 19, we will pick up and accept FURNITURE ONLY by appointment .

Drop offs will be allowed only on set days.

No lamps, mirrors, pictures will be accepted. Only furniture. No accessories.

If you have furniture you would like to donate, and can hold onto it until it is safe, please email us at orhspets@gmail.com



Thank you for your continued support.



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Celebrating Foster Journey..

JUST ONE PERSON CAN MAKE SUCH A DIFFERENCE...

When you're at work and you get a call to be an emergency foster home for a cat, what do you say? You say "of course!" At least that's what ORHS Volunteer Karen Sawinski said...

A young lady moved to our area recently from out of state and was unable to keep her cats. She thought a home for her sweet Duchess had been found, but it wasn't working out and a home was needed for the kitty immediately. Maybe ORHS could help? Being closed for the viral outbreak, the only way animals can come into our dog and cat programs right now is if they go directly into foster care. So, the SOS went out and Karen didn't even hesitate to say yes! Duchess was picked up after work and went to Karen's house. Less than one week later, the sweet kitty was adopted! And what

makes of all this even better is that she was adopted by the same family that adopted Duke, Duchess' previous housemate, from ORHS just a few weeks ago. The family was reunited!

Without the availability of a foster home, this happy ending could never have taken place. So many thanks to Karen and her husband, James, for their generosity!



CELEBRATE LIVES WITH A "PAW-TY" FUNDRAISER

Birthdays are for celebrating the number of years lived. We want them to be memorable occasions shared with family and friends. During this time of social distancing are you looking for a creative way to celebrate an upcoming birthday, a milestone, an anniversary or a special occasion?

We've got the perfect Paw-ty idea. You can make your celebration special by throwing a party with a purpose. May we suggest hosting a PAW-TY to benefit furry pets in our care? Instead of gifts this year, ask your friends, family members and colleagues to donate to ORHS in your honor. You'll truly be **making a difference for our furry pets**. Check out our wishlist on our website or the first page of this newsletter.



If you buy from Amazon, go to Amazon Smile and pick ORHS as your non-profit of choice.

Even easier, you could start a Facebook fundraiser benefiting ORHS. With Facebook birthday fundraisers, you can reach hundreds of people at once and encourage them to help ORHS. Your friends can tell their friends, who can tell their friends, who can... you get the picture. It's like the twilight bark in 101 Dalmatians.

YOUR CHANGE CAN MAKE A CHANGE FOR HOMELESS PETS

Social Distancing Bottle Challenge !



How it works:

- * **Step 1: Grab a plastic drink bottle—wide mouth ones work best**
- * **Step 2: Drink it and wash / dry it**
- * **Step 3: Fill out the form from our [website](#) and you will be contacted for label**
- * **Step 4: Pick up label from ORHS or we will mail it to you (your choice)**
- * **Step 5: Place the custom ORHS label on the bottle**
- * **Step 6: Between now and August 1, 2020 fill the bottle with your pocket change**
- * **Step 7: Either pay the amount you raised by Paypal from our [website](#) or drop the bottle at ORHS**
- * **Step 8: BAM ! You just raised money to help ORHS care for the homeless dogs and cats in our community**

BEYOND SHELTER LIFE POST-ADOPTION STORY



Some call it fate, some say good things come to those who wait. Others believe situations happen for a reason. Call it what you like, but this match was definitely made in heaven.

Two pups, Romeo and Juliet, were brought to ORHS after being in a very undesirable situation around Christmas time. They stole the hearts of all the volunteers who came in contact with them. Juliet was adopted first and Romeo waited patiently for his forever home.

While Romeo was waiting, a little boy was waiting for HIS forever pup. Wyatt, a 5 year old who absolutely loves animals, had three dogs of his own. Sadly, one of his dogs passed and there was an empty spot in his heart. Wyatt took part in caring for his other dogs. In return, he earned a weekly allowance. Over time, Wyatt saved his money, never really feeling the need to buy anything with it. His mom often would ask if he would like to spend his money on something that he wanted, but mostly would say no, and even at one point even said he might like to donate it to Save the Animals.

The family talked of getting another dog, but never found one that seemed to fit. Until one day. One Saturday when an ORHS adoption event was taking place at PetSmart in Athens, Wyatt and his mom went to check out the dogs. They looked at each one until Wyatt saw little Romeo all by himself in his pen. That was all it took. Wyatt climbed in and Romeo was gentle but played "just right". Wyatt told his mom he finally decided what he wanted to spend his money on. Adopting Romeo.

Fast forward to today. Romeo, now fondly known as Stephen, and Wyatt are inseparable. Where you find one, you will find the other.



For those of us who include our pets as part of our family, we understand how they can sense our moods and needs. Our dogs provide us with unconditional love and companionship no matter what the circumstances. And as I reflect on Stephen's journey to find his forever home, I know he and Wyatt were put in each other's lives for a reason.