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BROUGHT TO YOU BY Ocone Regional Humane Society, Greensboro



A LETTER FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The first half of 2021 has been a whirlwind for ORHS! Thankfully we were able to reopen our doors to the public and allow our available dogs and cats to be seen in-person by potential adopters.

- ◆ I am proud that so far this year, we have been able to rescue 227 cats and dogs, of which 200 have found new caring and loving homes. What a great start for our small but mighty organization!
- ◆ Our Rescue Readers program has continued to increase in popularity. This unique opportunity invites children age 6-12 to come to the shelter and read aloud to our cats - helping to build the child's reading skills and confidence while socializing the cats.
- ◆ The "Rivers' Ramblers" group of volunteers, who walks our dogs each day has not only grown in numbers, but has taken on an extra duty by posting live Facebook streams highlighting our cats and dogs. We find that social media exposure for our animals really helps show their personalities and attracts potential adopters.
- ◆ Recently, we have been able to go out in the community and hold successful off-site adoption events. These events and programs are just a few of the ways that we have been able to connect with those in our community and create great opportunities for animal lovers.



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Continued.. A LETTER FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

In the month of June, we teamed up with other organizations in our area to rescue over 30 dogs that were part of an animal hoarding case near Conyers, GA. These small terrier-mixes were abandoned at a rental property and were living in very undesirable conditions.

ORHS partnered with Circle of Friends Animal Society, Humane Society of Morgan County, and Athens Area Humane Society to help rescue as many as possible. Most of the dogs rescued were underweight, in need of medical attention, and under socialized. Happily, 6 out of 7 dogs that arrived at ORHS, have already been adopted!

ORHS also teamed up with Atlanta Humane Society and their pet food distribution program. We received over 1,000 pounds of cat and dog food and over 2,000 pounds of cat litter. These resources will be reallocated to other animal welfare groups in our community to help supplement their own life-saving programs. We are scheduled to receive another bulk food and litter donation from Atlanta Humane Society in the months of August and September.

Support, teamwork, and a love for animals is what allows ORHS to continue our important work. Thank You to all our generous volunteers and donors who support us!

If you would like to learn more about our efforts, please give me a call at 706-454-1508 or email at orhspets@gmail.com.

Thank You,
Josh Comstock
Executive Director

A Tough Act to Follow

Retirement Party Honors 9 Years of Service, Kari Wires

Kari Wires recently announced that she will be stepping down after 9-years as ORHS Cat Program Director. Kari will be greatly missed and we are indebted to her for enthusiastic energy, expertise and dedication to the many kittens and cats which have passed through our doors during her tenure.

Kari tells us a little about her history with ORHS and what is in store for her now...

What is your background?

I have been a Registered Veterinary Technician, licensed in the state of Georgia, for the past 30 years. Throughout my career I have worked in many different veterinary settings, including multi-specialty and emergency facilities, surgical specialty practices and even at the University of Georgia. It has been very exciting!



What brought you to ORHS?

I came to ORHS through Linda Pack, the previous Director of the Cat Program. I became a volunteer with the organization, then a board member and eventually became Cat Director myself when Linda stepped down.

What is the most difficult part of being Cat Program Director?

Without a doubt, the most difficult job part of this position is saying “no.” There are so many animals out there needing saving, but I had to remember my primary obligation was to the animals already in our care. Not many people know that there are months out of the year where we are forced to turn down 15 to 20 cats/kittens per day due to lack of physical space.

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What did you like best about your job at ORHS?

Along with all of our wonderful volunteers, one of the best things about this job was being able to take cats or kittens from often horrible situations and then find wonderful, loving homes where they become members of a family. It was so rewarding!

What is your best memory of working at ORHS?

Some of my happiest memories of ORHS happened each year at Christmas time. Dave Delich and I would do what we would fondly call our Christmas save. We would go to a crowded animal control and pull, or save, as many cats or kittens as we had room for; sometimes it was only one, and other times it could be as many as three or four. We did it to save lives at Christmas and pretty much just because we had the ability to do so. There are few things more rewarding than allowing a cat to live (vs. being euthanized) at Christmas.



What now? Future plans?

Fortunately, I will not be completely leaving the organization. I plan on volunteering as much as possible right along side everyone I have so enjoyed working with the past nine years. I will also be working as an advisor, so who knows what that will bring. I don't have any great plans; I just reached a point in my life where my time off would be my own. I will also be spending more time, quality time, with my family.

“Finally, a tremendous thanks and my heartfelt gratitude to all of those who have worked so tirelessly and selflessly to make ORHS the organization it is today. I am happy and super proud to be associated with all of you. Here's to many great years going forward”.

THANK YOU KARI FROM EVERYONE AT ORHS !!!

ORHS PARTNERS WITH ATHENS AREA HUMANE SOCIETY TO OFFER **LOW COST SPAY NEUTER SERVICES**

WHY SPAY OR NEUTER YOUR PET(S)?

There are currently 8 million dogs, cats, puppies and kittens euthanized in the United States every year simply because there aren't enough homes for all of them.



Besides preventing more unwanted puppies and kittens, spaying and neutering your dog or cat prevents diseases and prevents many behavioral problems that occur in unaltered pets.

The risk of mammary cancer is greatly reduced if you spay your dog before age one. Also, cancers of the reproductive organs are eliminated. Behavioral problems such as aggressiveness towards same sex dogs, marking or spraying in the house and roaming to find a mate are also eliminated or reduced if you spay or neuter your pet.

Our Low-Cost Spay/Neuter Program



This past March, ORHS began a transport program to increase the availability of spay and neuter opportunities for residents of Greene and Putnam Counties. Since ORHS does not have an on-site or mobile clinic, we partnered with Athens Area Humane Society to offer low-cost spay/neuter services to the public as part of our goal to reduce the number of homeless pets in our community.



Every Tuesday, ORHS volunteers drive up to eight dogs and cats in the ORHS van to Athens Area Humane Society for spay or neuter. Owners can also have their animals vaccinated for rabies. Volunteers pick the animals up in the late afternoon and return them to anxious owners. To date the program has transported over 100 animals.

If you or someone you know is interested in the community spay / neuter program, call ORHS for more information. We are also looking for volunteers to drive the ORHS van!

PETS AND Fireworks



Fourth of July traditions of picnics and fireworks are wonderful opportunities for families and friends to get together and celebrate our nation's independence. Yet, it can be a frightening and even dangerous time for our pets. More dogs are lost and run away on July 4th than any other day of the year and stress levels in pets are especially heightened.

As you anticipate and plan for the July 4th festivities, it is important to take precautions to keep your pet safe. Here is a list of tips that will hopefully be helpful to you and your pets.

Preparing in Advance:

- ◆ Make certain that your dogs and cats have identification tags with up-to-date information.
- ◆ Get your pet microchipped prior to this holiday if you have not done so and make sure that your contact information in the microchip registry is accurate and current.
- ◆ Take a photo of your pet – just in case.
- ◆ See your veterinarian if your pet has a history or tendency of being upset and anxious during these times and discuss the use of medications to calm them down.
- ◆ Make sure that your environment, house and yard, is safe and secure. It is best to keep your pet contained if they are outside with you.

Safety During the July 4th Celebration:

- ◆ Leave your pets at home when you go to a party, fireworks display, or other gatherings. Loud fireworks and unfamiliar settings with crowds can be very frightening to a pet.
- ◆ Warn visitors if you have a pet and if you are hosting an event so that they can be aware of your pet and can help be vigilant.
- ◆ Provide an escape-proof room or use a crate for your pet to stay in during fireworks or parties; this is especially important for cats. You can also consider playing music or the TV to mask some of the outside noise.
- ◆ Keep pets inside especially if neighbors are setting off fireworks.
- ◆ Keep sparklers, glow sticks, fireworks, and charcoal barbeque grills away from pets.

We wish everyone a wonderful and enjoyable July 4th holiday and with a little planning and awareness of these potentially dangerous activities highlighted in these tips, it should be a safe and fun day for everyone including our beloved pets.

Thank you!



JetSki Raffle Fundraiser is a **BIG Success for ORHS**

The Covid pandemic has kept many non-profit organizations from conducting their traditional fundraiser and Oconee Regional Humane Society was certainly feeling the pain. While the vital work of our organization continued, the Spay-ghetti Dinners and Treasure/Furniture Sale which was traditionally held in past years had to be cancelled as a precaution.



As an alternative, ORHS was able to obtain a 2020 GTX 230 Sea-Doo JetSki to use as a raffle item. In an effort to reach important fund-raising goals for the year, it was decided to attempt to sell 100 raffle tickets for \$1,000 each in hopes that the coveted JetSki would gain attention and entice donors. After an intense 25 days of sales, a total of 92 tickets were sold. The winning ticket was drawn on Sunday, May 30th by Greene County Sheriff, Donny Harrison. The winner was a local Greensboro resident.

ORHS Executive Director, Josh Comstock was very pleased with the outcome of this fundraiser. "The funds raised by this event will certainly be put to good use by the shelter. Since the start of the pandemic, ORHS was able to care for and place over 750 dogs and cats into adoptive homes. The cost for medical care and food for each of these pets is approximately \$300. Everyone involved with this fundraiser is humbled by the generosity of our friends and neighbors. We cannot thank this community enough for their support."

A **BIG THANKS** goes out to Bank South, Print and Sign, Silver Moon, R & R Insurance and Sheriff Harrison and his team.

THANK YOU TO LOCAL BUSINESSES, COMMUNITY, PUBLICITY TEAM AND VOLUNTEERS FOR MAKING THIS FUNDRAISER THE BEST EVER !!!



Another Raffle Fundraiser is planned for the FALL with another fun and exciting prize...what could it be??? HMMMMMM

ORHS has a food distribution program for Greene and Putnam Counties. We have volunteers who show up about once a month to bag and weigh three pounds of dog and two pounds of cat food.

This bagged pet food is distributed monthly along with the local Golden Harvest food bank in Greensboro and Eatonton who distribute to families who come for people food.



We normally provide for about 200 families in each county. Along with the food we always have beds, treats, collars, leashes, etc. that are dropped off at the center.

The acquisition of the monthly food distribution was accomplished through purchasing at Harmony Pet Supplies but more recently we were able to coordinate with Rescue Ranch in Rutledge who has a source for free cat and dog food. This turned out to be a very reliable source of fresh high quality food that was damaged in transit and destined to be thrown away.

Most recently ORHS has been able to work with Atlanta Humane who has a similar warehouse situation and has made food available for ORHS. We have reached out to the surrounding counties and have made several contributions to their Animal Control facilities. The directors of these facilities have a great need for not only food but also Vet care in addition to spay/neuter.

By developing a relationship with these various facilities ORHS is able to grow our program and in return provide quality care for a much broader population of animals in rural Georgia.

SOME OF OUR ADOPTABLES !



WE OUR VOLUNTEERS!

VOLUNTEER

The volunteers at The Oconee Regional Humane Society (ORHS) are the backbone of the program. There is always room for more volunteers at ORHS. When asking our volunteers what they would say to someone thinking about volunteering they all say the same thing, "DO IT!"

We have so many wonderful, fun and rewarding volunteer opportunities, it might be hard to choose! Work directly with the cats and dogs, volunteer at the Adoption Center, in the community, and even from home.

- ♥ **FOSTERING:** which is both fun and rewarding, is providing a foster "home between homes" for dogs/puppies and cats/kittens prior to adoption. With our support, you help socialize animal(s), making them highly adoptable. This is a wonderful and personal way to help save pets in your loving home.
- ♥ **DOG CARE:** these volunteers help with maintaining a healthy, clean and happy dog room environment. We always need lots of puppy duty volunteers. You could also help with laundry and dishes.
- ♥ **DOG WALKERS:** You can walk dogs and puppies in the morning with the River's Rambler group to give them some exercise, fresh air and allow the puppy duty volunteers to get their kennels ready for the day.
- ♥ **CAT CARE:** these volunteers help with maintaining a healthy and happy cat room environment, while helping our feline friends feel comfortable and loved, which helps them get adopted. You can spend time petting, keeping kennels clean, socializing and feeding our kitties. Volunteers are very hands-on with our cats, help promote them on social media, and love helping them find their fur-ever homes.
- ♥ **SUPPORT SERVICES:** We have several opportunities for volunteers in invaluable support roles. At the Shelter's front desk you can greet visitors, answer questions, and help with projects. The Shelter has very little staff, so your contribution is immeasurable.

Learn more by clicking here: [I want to volunteer at ORHS.](#)



WE OUR VOLUNTEERS!

VOLUNTEER

We recently sat down with some of our volunteers and want to share their insights on volunteering with ORHS.

Bob Hartman has been a volunteer at ORHS for almost 2 years. Bob does it all, but started and continues on the Puppy Crew that cleans every morning at 8:00 am. In addition to helping with puppy duty he also helps walk the dogs and puppies on some mornings, is a member of the Publicity Committee, and also a Board member of ORHS. Bob didn't have any formal experience with animals before stopping at the office to sign up to volunteer. "We have always had dogs, cats, and then horses when our daughter started to ride. Caring for the animals gave me a great understanding of the animals and bonds created. When I heard about ORHS from neighbors that had adopted their dogs from them, I decided to volunteer." Bob even adopted his dog from ORHS. "One morning I came in for puppy duty and I saw a lone puppy in a kennel and immediately fell in love with her. Her name was Ellie (now Elsa), and she came home with me that day. We fostered her for a week before officially adopting her. Elsa also volunteers. Some mornings she comes with me to walk with the River's Ramblers and other dogs and puppies in the care of ORHS or she may play in the yard helping to socialize some of the dogs" Bob added.



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VOLUNTEER

Rachel Belcher didn't have any formal experience volunteering with animals before finding a place at ORHS. Rachel is a newcomer to ORHS and has been volunteering for the past 5 months.



Rachel was looking for a way to give back to the community and be a part of something bigger than herself. She found out about the Humane Society by doing an online search (ORHSpets.org) and signed up.

She trained for both dog duty and the front desk, but works mostly at the front desk during the day. She loves the flexibility of the schedule and the amazing work that ORHS does in the community helping the animals find loving homes.

During her time at ORHS she met some dogs that really stand out and that are her favorites, Frannie and Sammy.

Are you interested? Do you want to help animals? Meet great people? Help your community? We need you and want to meet you. There is no experience required, training is provided, and the time commitment is up to you. We can't wait to meet you.

There is a spot for you at ORHS !!!

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SOME OF OUR ADOPTABLES !



WE OUR VOLUNTEERS!

VOLUNTEER

Peggy Ruzika heard about ORHS from a friend and has been volunteering for 4 1/2 years. Like the other volunteers she didn't have any formal experience with animals but has always had pets of her own.

Peggy is a staple at the front desk and answers the phone during office hours, makes appointments, and checks in the guest when they come to meet the cats and dogs. Some days she helps with direct mailings and helps lighten the load of the other people in the office.

All the great people and volunteers that she has met makes ORHS a great place to be and the cute kittens and puppies help too.

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SOME OF OUR ADOPTABLES !



LOVIE



CRUZ



MOLLY



GIDGET

How to Create Your Own Foster Journey



Fostering Saves Lives.

Do you have a nurturing personality, and are you wanting to make a difference in your community? Have you considered fostering a cat or dog to fill this void? Fosters are needed at ORHS. Maybe weighing the positive and negative aspects of fostering will help you make your decision.

First of all, the most important reason to foster a cat or dog is that you are saving two lives. Yes, TWO lives! First, is the animal you have taken into your home, and second, the animal who has found refuge by the space you have created at the shelter.

Fostering helps the rescue animal get ready for his forever home. It helps to keep the shelter pet happier and healthier. Foster parents help provide a safe environment for the animal, and teach what loving care is like. Many homeless dogs and cats simply find the shelter too stressful. Foster parents work to socialize the animal with people and animals. They also provide feedback to the shelter about the animal's personality so it can be placed successfully in a home.

Did you realize the shelter receives special needs animals too? By fostering, you are helping these animals convalesce in a quieter place, and get more one-on-one attention.

Recently an adorable puppy found behind a dumpster, a gorgeous Bluetick Hound, came to us with a broken leg and pelvis. The puppy's chances for recovery were unknown. Jackie Stolarski, a frequent foster at ORHS, offered her home to the puppy so he could get the needed attention he deserved. This puppy named Blue is doing great and has been adopted.

Jackie also fostered another special needs puppy, a beautiful lab puppy, who arrived with congenital megaesophagus, a condition that causes food to become stuck in the esophagus. This requires the puppy to eat in a highchair during mealtimes. Jackie and her husband couldn't help but fall in love with this puppy while fostering. They adopted this puppy and named her Reagan, a "foster win".



How to Create Your Own Foster Journey



Occasionally we have pregnant cats and dogs that arrive at our shelter. Often, we look to our fosters to care for them until they give birth and their babies are able to be weaned.

We have fosters who bottle feed kittens who don't have a mother. Katherine Calhoun, the "queen of bottle feeding", has been opening her home for cats for over 20 years.

Since the start of the pandemic, ORHS was able to place 750 dogs and cats into adoptive homes. Part of this success was because of fosters who took in dogs or cats. ORHS fosters are provided with everything they need to take care of their "temporary pet", including food, cages, toys, and veterinarian care.

ORHS appreciates all of our fosters, including Christine and John Barrett who have fostered countless dogs over the past several years. Penny Davis, a volunteer with many hats, has fostered 10 dogs in 14 months, including pregnant Olive and her babies. Karen Sawinski is currently fostering two special needs cats. Marie and Dave Delich help foster kittens too young to come to our shelter. Lastly, Kari Wires, our cat program manager for the past nine years, keeps each cat close to her heart. Still, we have a need for more fosters.

You may ask about the "negatives" of fostering. Maybe there is an occasional chewed item like a rug, shoe, or broken vase. But it is this writer's opinion that if you were to open your heart and home to fostering, you too would see that the positives outweigh the negatives.

HOW TO BECOME A FOSTER PARENT..... It's easy.

Go to our website at www.orhspets.org and learn more about fostering for ORHS. Fill out the application at the bottom of the page.

We provide food, blankets, meds, toys. You provide your time, love and cuddles!

SUMMER SAFETY TIPS FOR PETS

We all love the warm, beautiful days, but just like we need to be careful of the sun and heat, we need to be sure our pets are safe as well.

In the summer, the inside of a car can be over 40 degrees warmer than the outside. So, if it is a 90-degree day, the inside of your car could be over 130 degrees!!!! NEVER leave your dog inside a car. When outside, be sure your dog has access to shade and fresh water.

A dog house in hot weather is NOT shade, it's a OVEN!!! Take your pets inside or atleast get them real shade, plenty of cold water and a baby pool if possible please....



Sometimes the street and asphalt can be too hot for humans to walk on with bare feet. It is the same for our pets. Hot walking surfaces can burn your dog's paws. Dogs with long coats may need a clipping or shaving, and if a dog has a thin coat, you may need to apply some sunscreen. Our pets need special care in the summer, just like us.

Since we all love to walk around outside in the summer, don't forget to keep your dog free from parasites like fleas and ticks.

If you think your pet is overheated or possibly suffering from heat stroke, we recommend you contact your veterinarian immediately and follow their advice for the best ways to help your pet cool down as safely and quickly as possible.



DO NOT LEAVE PET IN CAR



PROVIDE ENOUGH WATER



GIVE A HAIRCUT



WATCH TEMPERATURE



PROTECT FROM SUNBURN



AVOID HOT PAVEMENT



SHOWERING / BATHING



BE AWARE OF SNAKES

A Gentle Soul Finds a Home



Sammy the Heart Stealer

Sammy, a two-year-old Terrier mix, came to ORHS in late April from Baldwin Animal Control. Sammy arrived with a skin infection and was also malnourished. He was pretty much just skin and bones, and was missing fur on his head and back. But yet, he had the most soulful looking eyes. If you were to sit next to him on the ground, he would wash your face with his saliva and tongue. That is how he showed his gratefulness.



Sammy loved his daily walks and on his walks he learned basic commands. Volunteers learned quickly that Sammy loved Milkbones and Pupperoni.. After his walks, he would get yard time with the “Ramblers”. This is when Sammy would hand out his drool baths. He was content to lie on the concrete while getting his belly rubbed, listening to the conversations. Everyone at the shelter couldn't help but love this gentle boy.

Puppies arrived at the shelter while Sammy was in the care of ORHS. The puppies joined us on the walks and the “nannying” side of Sammy appeared. During these walks, Sammy had to be in the middle of all of them. Sammy wanted to protect them, and he just plain loved them.

The skin on Sammy improved and he continued to look handsome everyday. Early June we learned that Sammy would leave with his forever family. Everyone at the ORHS was over-the-moon with joy!



The moment came for goodbyes and hugs with Sammy. It was a bittersweet goodbye. Looking into those deep brown eyes he was told that he was loved, but his forever family had come to give him a fantastic life.

Sammy lives at the lake with his 90 pound four-legged brother. He loves the water!

ORHS is thankful to the family who opened their hearts and home for Sammy. Sammy had left ORHS, but would forever remain in all of our hearts!!!

How About A Feel Good Story

SHIRLEY & MITZI



Never too late for a new life! We're over the moon for these two cats who recently found homes. We love it when any of our animals get adopted, but there's an extra reason to celebrate when it happens to older adult or special needs pets.

First, there's Shirley aka miss chatty Kathy.

This friendly five-year-old was always one of the first to greet staff and volunteers to ask for pets and say, "hi."

While we'll miss her company, Shirley now has three human siblings to share all the hot gossip with.



Then there's Mitzi, our gray-haired beauty queen. A bit sassy from the beginning, Mitzi needed a family who knew how to work with a cat like her. Luckily the purrfect family arrived who already had a sassy girl of their own. Mitzi is getting along well with her new family and loves to play in the sink.



Thank you to both families who gave these ladies a new and happy life! Here are a few of our senior cats still looking for their happily ever after.



IN SEARCH OF MY FOREVER HOME

The Wit and Wisdom of Willie

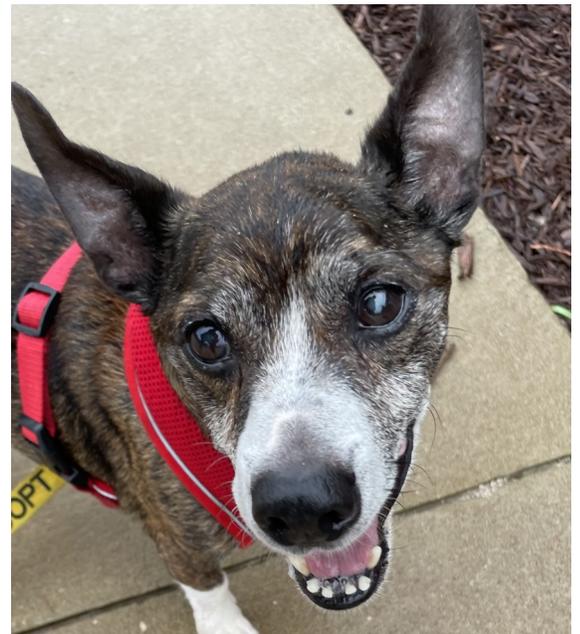
Hi Y'all – I'm Willie ...at least that became my name after I was rescued by the wonderful people at ORHS! I like the name Willie – it suits me well – you see it reminds me of my favorite singer Willie Nelson.

I overheard that I am 11 years old – sounds pretty young to me. At least I know I can still keep up with the youngsters on my walks. I've also been told that I am very handsome and might even look a bit like a corgi...what ever that is. I am a nice size, too. I'm not too big - not too small – just right, I guess!

I don't want to go into details of my life – it's far too depressing– let's just say I am putting those memories behind me. I will tell you that the family I was living with, left me and many of my friends to fend for ourselves. I do have good memories of being loved by them and I loved them, too! That's why I am such a good boy today.

My very best recent memory is when the ORHS van pulled up and loaded up me and my friends, Connie, Cory, Cora, CiCi, Cam and Chuck and brought us to our new wonderful accommodations. We would rate the *ORHS Bed and Biscuit* 4 Stars – our rooms are clean, dry, quiet (sometimes) and the meals and treats are outstanding. We even got spa treatments on day one! We especially love all the hugs and snuggles we get from the maids and personal trainers assigned to us. What service!

I have a feeling my days at ORHS are numbered and I will be “On the Road Again” – I know there are a lot of nice people looking for the perfect sofa for me to spend my senior years on – I would also love a lap to call my own.



WILLY

THE MEOW CORNER of SHEEBA



This sweet girl is Sheeba. She was surrendered to our shelter when the home she chose for her family was not able to have cats.

Although just a kitten herself, Sheeba came to us with her two daughters, Luna and Tweedles.

All three are just as loveable as they can be! Sheeba, however is exceptionally sweet and accommodating.

If you are looking for a love bug that will be a great companion, this is your girl.

If interested in adopting Sheeba or any of our sweet animals call us at 706-454-1508.



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[Help us drive adoptions!](#)

Everyone can put their phone to work for the animals! Join us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter—the more you share and comment on our posts the faster our cats and dogs find homes.

On April 1st we launched our annual “Heart to Heart” campaign, to raise funds to treat our heartworm positive rescues.

Heartworm treatment ranges from \$500 —\$1,000 per dog.

Our goal for the campaign was to raise \$10,000 which would allow us to annually treat at least 20 heart worm positive dogs.

WE MET OUR GOAL !!!

Without treatment, heartworm can be a fatal disease. We are humbled and amazed by the abundance of love and support our donors show for our furry friends.



WILL YOU LEAVE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE?

Pets give us so much love and joy, while asking little in exchange. One way you can return their love is by including ORHS in your will. Leaving a legacy gift is a unique way to ensure that homeless cats and dogs will be safe and cared for even after you're gone.

For more information about making a planned gift to ORHS, contact us via email at ops.orhspets@gmail.com.

To leave a bequest, simply write:

“I give to Oconee Regional Humane Society, Tax ID# 58-2440625 (the sum of \$___ or % __ of the rest, residue and remainder of my estate) for its general purposes”.



HOW CAN YOU HELP?

1. **FIX** - Spay/neuter your pets. Preventing unwanted pets and animals in our community is the most effective way to reduce the number of homeless pets .
2. **ADOPT** - Choose to adopt your pet, choose to save a life. When a pet is adopted, it opens up a kennel for another animal and saves not only the adopted pet's life but has the potential to save another.
3. **IDENTIFY** - Microchip and license your pets. Preventing the intake of animals through microchips, licenses and identification tags is the easiest way for lost animals to find their way back home.
4. **DONATE** - Time, goods, or money. - Name ORHS as a beneficiary or include us in your will, trust, retirement accounts, and life insurance policies. Give your time as a volunteer or foster parent.

A BIG THANK YOU

We want to acknowledge our appreciation to our partnering veterinarians for their kindness, generosity and expertise. Thank you very much to:

- ◇ Park Place Animal Hospital
- ◇ Main Street Vet
- ◇ Vet at Blue Ridge
- ◇ Lake Oconee Animal Hospital
- ◇ Veterinarian at Lake Oconee
- ◇ Harmony Vet
- ◇ Athens Area Humane Society



HONORARIUMS *

Eric & Collette Anderson in honor of “All the Volunteers”

Steven & Elizabeth Kippels in appreciation of Diane & Gary Kirby

Marah Fox in honor of Ron Maples

Gregg & Libby Lindahl in honor of Lucy Smith

Joy Disharoon Boone in honor of “My Pup”, Justice Fidelis Boone

Cherrilane Blackburn in honor of Ally & Jan McLean

Cheryl Ducray in honor of Bob The Rambler

Andy & Jackie Stolarski in honor of Carolyn Tucker

Jeffrey Jacobs in honor of Caryl Kuchman

Terry Turbeville in honor of Jackie & Andy Stolarski

Lauralee Hunter in honor of Karen Gaughan

David & Ginny Dornheggen in honor of Kari Wires, a fabulous cat director

Justin Cutler in honor of “Louie”, ORHS Adoptee

Patricia Secrist in honor of Lynn & John Herbert

Andy & Jackie Stolarski in honor of Marilyn & Terry Turbeville

Deborah Cummings in honor of “Oliver,”, Brett & Katy Cummings Gray Boy

David Smith in honor of Pamela Smith and her dog “Ida Claire”

Debra Campbell “Thank You for saving Lyle”

*** As of Jan 1st 2021 through June 23rd, 2021**

HONORARIUMS *

Sheldon Klotz in honor of Peggy Ruzika

Hilary Harrington in honor of River's Ramblers

Ashley Heath in honor of Shela

Karen Adams in honor of Susan Blanton

Greg Lindahl in honor of Trixie Helper

Tara Parsell in honor of Diane B Horne

Mr. & Mrs. James K Pound in honor of Dee Rainey,

Mr. & Mrs. James K Pound in honor Mr. & Mrs. Mike Thornell

Mr. & Mrs. James K Pound in honor Mr. & Mrs. Dave Harms

Mr. & Mrs. James K Pound in honor Stephenia Walker

Mr. & Mrs. James K Pound in honor Mr. & Mrs. Chuck Bradshaw

Mr. & Mrs. James K Pound in honor Sandra Bain,

Mr. & Mrs. James K Pound in honor Claudia Perry

Mr. & Mrs. James K Pound in honor Mr. & Mrs. Rusty Lovell

Mr. & Mrs. James K Pound in honor Mr. & Mrs. Hank Sullivan

Mr. & Mrs. James K Pound in honor Mr. & Mrs. Ted Pound

Mr. & Mrs. James K Pound in honor Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Boyd

Mr. & Mrs. James K Pound in honor Chris Harman

Mr. & Mrs. James K Pound in honor Virginia Causey

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MEMORIALS *

Roy Madsen in memory of “W” loving dog of Marie & Roy Madsen
Andy & Jackie Stolarski in memory of “Wrigley” beloved dog of Keith & Kathi Martin
Lauren & Jim Hardeman in memory of Amy Hardemann Brown
Bonnie Stewart in memory of “Aussie”, loving dog of Jessica & Nick Harrison
Donny Jackson in memory of Barron Bray
William Aiken in memory of Bernita Aiken
Drew Aiken in memory of Bernita Aiken

The Golf Group 3 Leadership Team in memory of Bill White
Linda Foster in memory of “Buddy”, beloved dog of Chris & Janis Foster
Judith Pethes in memory of Chandler S Parsons
Kim Parsons in memory of Chandler S Parsons
Rod & Elizabeth Giannace in memory of Chuck Parsons
Gale Weaver in memory of Chuck Parsons
Peggy’s Homemade Soap in memory of Chuck Steffy Parsons

In memory of Dr. Bill Shirey

Stephen Cross Bruce Dructor Gretchen Wichmann Kristina Burling
James & Betty Posz Larry & Pat Hone Jeffrey & Karen Pettit
Dick J & Carolyn Randall Amy Fingerhut

Linda Roberts in memory of Dr. Ray Clayton
Bonnie Stewart in memory of “Freckles”, beloved dog of the Madson Family
Jill Cortada in memory of “Euphrates”, dear cat of Carol Gracco & Mike McClure
Tim & Eileen O’Leary in memory of Gerald Balcar

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In memory of Gretchen Ott

Bill Whorley Herb & Jan Thurmond Donna Wood
Yvonne Stone Tammy Anderson

Linda Akins in memory of Gretchen Ott “my knitting buddy”

David & Ginny Dornheggen in memory of “Isabelle”, beloved cat of Wayne & Karen Bain

Dick Wilkes & Jan Kelly in memory of “Jazzie”, beloved dog of Mary & Scott Gessay

In memory of Jim Bay

Debbie Spann Frances & Gentry Strickland Janet Kelly
Rita & Ronnie McKinney Kathy & Jamie Reynolds Rabun & Kay Neal
Amelia Parkerson Carlton Jr. & Sharon Smith

In memory of Joel McRay

Patricia Kroeger Emily C Vaughn Susan Vaughn Spradley

Webb Brothers Building Supply in memory of “Joey”, loving cat of Andrea & Dick Wuori

In memory of John Henry Smith

Hilary Steen Lori Murphy Pamela Callaway

In memory of John J Horne

Bethany McBride James Padgett Debra & Philip Barnes Tara Parsell

Ruby J Elder in memory of Kay Knowles Leverette

Andrew Wuori in memory of “Madison”, precious Bichon Frise of Jill & Alan Rabb

Betty Meyer in memory of “Maggie”, loving pet of Lavonda & Michael Cheek

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In memory of Marianne Tanner

Homer Neal Meier, Jr

Teresa & Bill Slade

Denny & Pam Jordan

Dr. & Mrs. Robert Betzel in memory of Marjorie Fendley Nipper

Katie & Brenton Robertson in memory of Miles Winters

Lynn Herbert in memory of “Muppet”, beloved cat of Matt & Katie Herbert

Richard Boullain in memory of Natasha Cobb

Frances Alford in memory of “Penny”, beloved dog of Scott Parrish

Constance Piepenbrink in memory of “Penny”, beloved dog of Scott Parrish

Kim & Tommy Smith in memory of “Elle Mae Summertime”, beloved dog of Amy & Glenn West

Kim & Tommy Smith in memory of “Maybe”, beloved dog of Steve & Deb Werrlein

Karen Donerkiel in memory of Rhona Lichtenstadter

Chuck & Judy Heydt in memory of Richard McBride

Teresa & Billy Slade in memory of Robert Clinton Alliston

Collette Anderson in memory of “Rufus”, sweet dog of John & Sally Crouse

The Farmers Bank in memory of Shirley Anderson

Patricia Kroeger in memory of Shirley Anderson

Katie Ormsby in memory of Snickers

Andy & Jackie Stolarski in memory of “Sparky”, beloved dog of Bonnie Stewart

Richard & Pamela Smith in memory of “Lucy”, their beloved dog

Gayle Rizzio-Smith in memory of “Toby”, beloved dog of Ron & Gayle Smith

Jacquelyn Stolarski in memory of “Trapper”, a Miracle Dog

Janice & Bobby Haralson in memory of “Urban”, beloved dog of Ed & Sue Harjehousen

Cheryle Turner in memory of “Wyatt”, beloved dog of Carol & Randy Marmon

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