

# LCHS UPDATE

COMING SOON:  
Newsletter Naming  
Contest!



Lee County Humane Society Newsletter

Spring 2016

## LCHS in 2016

A lot has happened here at the Lee County Humane Society in the first few months of 2016 with so much more to come! But don't worry, this newsletter is here to get you up to date. You can now look forward to receiving this quarterly newsletter to stay informed about all the amazing things happening at LCHS and how you can help.

Our live release rate for the first quarter of 2016 was **92%**!

### In the last three months...

- 607 dogs and cats have come through our doors
- 424 have been adopted out
- 91 lost animals have been reunited with their owners
- 43 animals have been transferred to other animal rescue groups

The only way we can keep our numbers up (and keep saving lives) is with YOUR help! Whether you are an adopter, a volunteer, a foster, or a donor, we can't do what we do without you. Keep reading to find out how you can help!

*"I'll never understand how someone could abuse an animal, especially a tiny puppy. I've never met a more kind little dog. Just two months ago she was in an abusive home, and now she's home with me. I'm so thankful for the Lee County Humane Society for saving her so I could bring her home!"*

*- Kaitlyn Elliott, adopted "Karma"*



Byron is looking for his forever home! Could it be yours?

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# Pets for Patriots: Benefiting Heroes, Saving Shelter Pets

In June 2015, Dunkin (now known as Waffles) was brought to LCHS as a stray. Like most dogs that come through the shelter, Dunkin was very scared and confused. Because he was a stray, we didn't know anything about his past or what he had been through before coming to us. Little did Dunkin know, he was soon to have a hero come to his rescue.



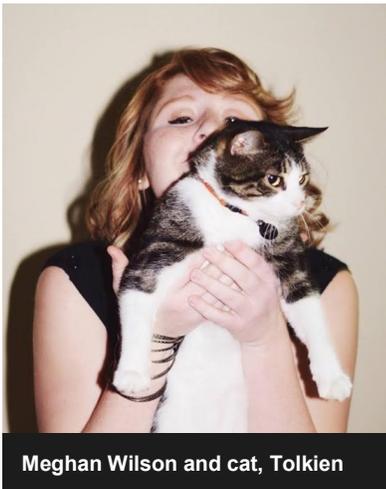
Waffles (formerly Dunkin) and his dad Aaron

Aaron Trapnell, an Army veteran, had been searching for just the right dog. He said that he “had a general idea of the kind of dog he wanted to adopt,” but had no idea that when he entered the shelter in July that he'd fall in love.

“When [a staff member] told me about Waffles (Dunkin), I came to see him the next day and was instantly attached,” said Trapnell.

Through the Pets for Patriots program, veterans that adopt a qualifying dog or cat from LCHS will receive a reduced adoption fee, discounted pet care, \$150 gift card to a pet store, pre- and post- adoption counseling, and, of course, the benefit of lifelong companionship.

Curious to see how Waffles is doing in his home? You can follow him on Instagram @wafflesthepibble! For more information about the Pets for Patriots program and how to qualify, visit [petsforpatriots.org](http://petsforpatriots.org).



Meghan Wilson and cat, Tolkien

## Remembering Meghan Wilson

When Meghan Rose Wilson visited the Lee County Humane Society and met Tolkien the cat, the bond was instant. Tolkien had patchy hair and was very thin, but Wilson wanted to nurse Tolkien to health. And that she did. Wilson's life was tragically cut short one year ago, but her impact lives on in a myriad of ways, including with our local animals.

In October 2013, Wilson entered the “Groovystuff by Design: Connecting Education with Industry Challenge” involving the use of reclaimed materials to create designs that are sustainable, useful and visually appealing. Wilson's design went into production by Groovystuff, and one year into production, this Auburn student-designed table is number one in units sold, with a plan to expand the market soon.

Currently, the game table is sold through dealers, but Chris Bruning, president of Groovystuff, says that the company intends to publish the game table as an exclusive on one of their online dealer's websites.

A special and unique memorial created by the Wilson family allows for a portion of proceeds from the sale of the table to be donated to the Lee County Humane Society as a memorial to Meghan Rose Wilson.

These monies will help other animals, like Tolkien, an LCHS alum.

Thank you, Meghan Wilson, for your creativity, compassion and choosing to adopt a shelter animal — one that needed extra attention — and provide it with so much love.

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## Assisi Society Founding Members

### *Champion Circle*

Gerald S. Leischuck  
Rhonda and Ike Scott  
Mary Lou Rogers Parker  
Memorial

### *Blue Ribbon Circle*

Shirley Rose Glisson

### *Kennel Master Circle*

Dr. Marie H. Attleberger  
Alice and Charles Bell  
Karen and Ronald Bobo  
Susan Brinson  
Mary Helen Brown and  
Beth Yarbrough  
Paul Casarona  
Nancy and Donald Conner  
Katie Hare Coto  
Linda and Mike Davis  
Team Ashley Durham,  
Prestige Properties  
Karen Gaston  
Beverly and Al Golden  
Kim and Tim Hudson  
Kelly Hume and  
Conrad Wolan  
Nancy and Albert Killian  
Catherine Lowder  
Linda and Clark Lundell  
Kristi and Gus Malzahn  
Terri and Tim McLain  
Elizabeth Mueller  
Jaena and Greg Norton  
Dr. Ann B. Pearson  
Joel Pittard  
Pat Rynders and  
Michael Tilson  
Aina and Steward Schneller  
Mary and Bruce Smith  
E.L. Spencer, Jr. Foundation  
Mr. and Mrs. E.L.  
Spencer, III  
Larry Thorne  
Ronnie Ware  
Anne Welch  
James Whatley



Assisi Society founding member recognition event

## How You Can Help

We are proud of what we've accomplished so far in 2016, but we still have so much more to do. As long as there are homeless animals in Auburn and Opelika, LCHS will be here to love and care for them until they find homes. Unfortunately, all this love and care comes at a huge cost to our shelter.

As a non-profit organization, we rely heavily on charitable donations from people just like you. Every donation allows us to provide basic medical care (spay/neuter, vaccines, microchip, and more), food, shelter, socialization, and so much for every animal that comes through our doors. In addition, you'll be helping our passionate and dedicated staff and volunteers find forever homes for these animals.

For your convenience, we have included an envelope with all the information you need to donate. Whether you give \$10 or \$1,000, your generous donation to LCHS will benefit the homeless and needy pets of Auburn and Opelika.

To provide monthly support to LCHS, go to the donation page of our website and sign up for monthly, recurring payments through PayPal.

## Assisi Society 2016

Donors that give \$1,000 or more within a year are invited to join the Assisi Society. The Assisi Society was established to provide an opportunity for all those who are able to give at a higher level to help enhance the quality of life for the lost, homeless, and abandoned animals in our area.

To become an Assisi Society member today, simply mark the amount you'd like to give (\$1,000 or more) on the enclosed envelope and return it to LCHS with your payment information. You can also donate online by clicking "Assisi Society" in the navigation menu on our website.

Remember, you don't have to donate \$1,000 or more all at once! Sign up for recurring donations starting in May, and you could become a 2016 Assisi Society member just by giving \$125 per month through December 2016!

## Lee County Humane Society

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## Upcoming Events

### Garden in the Park — Saturday, May 7

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. @ Opelika Municipal Park  
Come visit our table where we'll have adoptable pets and items for sale!

### For Paws Carnival — Saturday, May 14

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. @ Town Creek Park  
Stop by our table where we'll have adoptable pets and items for sale!

### Red Clay Charity Beer Run — Saturday, May 14

Starting at 6:00 p.m. @ Red Clay Brewing Company  
\$30 for pre-registry and \$40 on race day. This price includes a Red Clay Charity Beer Run event t-shirt, beer, snacks, and after-party activities. Register at Red Clay Brewing Company or online at [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com). Proceeds benefitting LCHS!

### Newk's Benefit Night — Thursday, May 26

5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. @ Newk's Eatery in Auburn  
Grab a bite to eat and let the cashier know you're with LCHS.

### Woofstock — Saturday, October 8

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. @ Kiesel Park  
5K/1-Mile Fun Run @ 8:00 a.m.  
Training demonstrations, contests, games, silent auction, and MORE!

To donate toward the silent auction or to become an event sponsor, please contact [ausu@leecountyhumane.org](mailto:ausu@leecountyhumane.org).

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### HOURS

Tuesday - Sunday  
12:00 pm - 5:00 pm