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*Years of*  
*Improving Lives*



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# Petpourri Newsletter

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## Helen

They said she was lazy. They said she wouldn't do her job herding their cattle, so they didn't want her anymore.

When she arrived at LCHS, not only was Helen incapable of herding cattle, but with a fever of 104 degrees, she could barely walk.

Originally a Rescue Ride dog bound for South Florida, Helen reached the end of her endurance as she was transferred to LCHS at the end of the first leg of her transport. She took just five steps out of the Rescue Ride van before she collapsed on the back doorstep of the LCHS office.

It was immediately clear that the exhausted dog needed emergency medical care. So instead of serving as a pit stop in her southbound journey, LCHS became Helen's new home and her refuge from a life of mistreatment and neglect.

Just a day after being abandoned because she was "lazy", Helen was diagnosed at our vet with mastitis, a urinary tract infection, an ear infection, heartworms and a belly full of nothing but worms and hair.



Her ravaged immune system was failing under the weight of multiple infections left untreated for far too long. It was touch-and-go for the first several hours as Helen crashed, then rallied to survive only to crash again. But a prolonged vet visit ensured that the gentle Great Pyrenees would pull through, despite the odds stacked against her.

Eventually Helen was able to leave intensive care at the animal hospital for her new foster home. Once there, she settled into a blanket-lined bed meant just for her and slept straight through the next three days. Weary but alive, she was finally able to rest.

Helen still has a long road to recovery in front of her, but her valiant spirit helped her reach just the right place to make sure she would survive - and thrive. From now on, Helen's only job will be living as a healthy, happy and beloved furry family member.



## Smokey

removed. But a cat who has lost a leg requires a significant amount of rehabilitation, especially when, like Smokey, they have two bum legs. Not only would Smokey lose one leg to infection, but his other leg needed surgery to repair his knee if he was to have any chance at walking again.

He would need extensive rehab after his double surgery, which meant lots of exercise and special care for his remaining leg. These are not things that are easily provided in a shelter environment. Fortunately for Smokey, LCHS was willing and able to take on a complicated case like his - because of people like you.

Smokey had no place at the local shelter. He would have been euthanized to make space for healthier cats once the full scope of

his injuries became clear. However, because of your generous support, we were able to transfer him into our foster program, treat his medical needs and give him a safe place to learn how to walk again. Today he is well on his way to full mobility and already looking for his forever home.

Smokey turned up at a local shelter with a leg wound so badly infected that the limb tissue was dead and rotting away.

And yet, in spite of the excruciating pain of the injury, this sweet, smoke-colored cat was still all snuggles and purrs. He wanted only to be held close and have his chin scratched by any willing person.

The extent of the infection in his leg meant that the only way for Smokey to keep his life was for his leg to be

**Donate \$25, \$50, \$75 or more to help us continue to save animals in need. Your gift makes all the difference for pets like Helen, Smokey and so many others in need of specialized, extensive care. You can give them their best chance at a happy life by donating today!**

Does your dawg like to get dirty? LCHS will get him clean for only \$10 in our shady back yard at the LCHS office.

Dog Washes are held every 2nd Saturday of the month April through October. Get a FREE Dog Wash with a Season Pass, available now at [www.LCHS.info](http://www.LCHS.info). Nail clipping available!



## 55th Birthday Bash

On Saturday, February 21st, LCHS celebrated 55 years of improving the lives of our community's companion animals. We are so grateful to all of the animal lovers that came out to meet our pets and celebrate our great successes over the past 55 years. We are also honored to have received many wonderful birthday gifts and donations. We just want to express our thanks to YOU, our amazing supporters. Your generosity and warm hearts make everything we do possible. We so look forward to sharing many more years of saving lives with you.



## Rescue Ride

Last October, you helped us raise more than \$9,000 to help fund our Rescue Ride Program. These donations have allowed us to continue doing dog transports this year and we set out to save even more lives than ever.

Already in 2015, Rescue Ride has saved over 100 dogs! The first transport of the year saved 56 dogs from danger, making it the largest Ride to date. With the incredible success of the program so far, we have even higher hopes for what we can achieve in the future. But we need your help to make these life-saving Rides possible! Every donation makes a meaningful impact on the life of a dog in danger. Help us save more lives by donating today!

*Since 2011, the Leon County Humane Society's Rescue Ride Program has saved over 600*



*lives by transporting dogs from overcrowded shelters in North Florida and South Georgia to Humane Societies and SPCAs in South Florida, where they enter guaranteed adoption programs.*

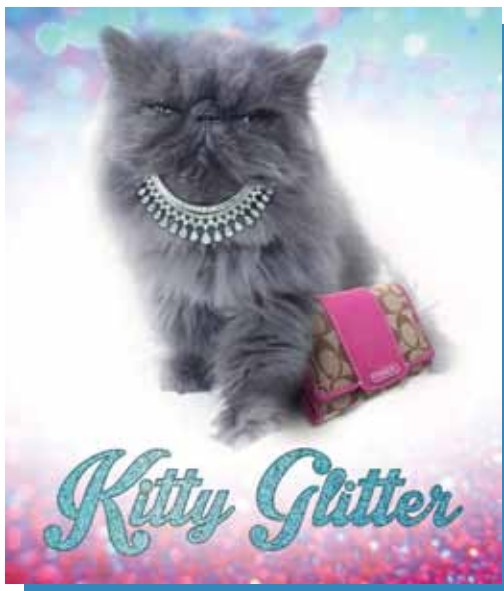


## Kitty Glitter

Score a fabulous deal while you help homeless animals. You're invited to enjoy a fashionable Tuesday evening on April 21st saving lives at Kitty Glitter. This lovely silent auction and fashion show will feature the most remarkable handbags, jewelry, accessories, home décor, vacation packages & more.

Be entered to win a marvelous vacation package to San Destin as part of the Kitty Glitter VIP experience. VIP tickets are limited, and entitle you to such exclusive perks as early admission to the event and unlimited free drinks, so get yours before they're gone!

Kitty Glitter will be held at the Goodwood Museum and Gardens from 5:30pm to 9pm. Tickets are available at [www.LCHS.info](http://www.LCHS.info) and are just \$20 for General Admission or \$50 for VIP. **All proceeds benefit the animals of Leon County Humane Society.**



## 2016 Paw Prints Calendar Contest

The 2016 Paw Prints Calendar Contest is Coming! Enter your photo for FREE starting July 1st at [www.gogophotocontest.com/leoncountyhumanesociety/](http://www.gogophotocontest.com/leoncountyhumanesociety/)!

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