

**Presentation to
Orange County
Board of County Commissioners**

8/13/2024

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Good morning Mayor and County Commissioners,

I am here today to talk about the Last Chance (Euthanasia) List dogs at our county animal shelter and to ask for these dogs to be allowed to be adopted with proper vetting of applicants.

In October 2023 all Last Chance Dogs were henceforth designated to be Rescue Only . This decision was justified by the assertion that it would protect dogs from risky placement. The outcome has been that since its introduction 43 of 64 Last Chance Dogs have been euthanized, that's 67 %, making it a death sentence rather than a "Last Chance" for adoptable dogs.

These dogs are more than a number or a percentage. These are the faces of the dogs who did not make it off "The List" - see separate sheet entitled LCA (Rescue Only) Dogs Euthanized Since Oct. 2023.

So most of these "Last Chance" dogs who are adoptable on a Friday morning suddenly become "Rescue Only" once the Last Chance Animal List is sent to rescue partners who have opted into receiving that communication. These dogs have not changed. What has changed is that there are suddenly unreasonable barriers to their placement.

Take this week for example Remi A547501 and Tiger A55947 who qualified for the "Gold Medal Favorites" adoption promotion were available for adoption for just \$10 until approximately 4 pm last Friday afternoon. And Runt A547566 qualified for the "Benchwarmers" \$10 adoption promotion as did other previous week's LCA dogs like Mike A547421 and Lord Cadbury A549586 (both euthanized as Rescue Only LCA dogs).

I believe many lessons have been learned since the uncovering of the Sky's the Limit confiscation case and mistakes made by many, including OCAS management *, would not be repeated. OCAS can also promote more positive outcomes through the proper vetting of the applicants.

This is what I propose as an alternative to the mandatory Rescue Only designation for Last Chance dogs i.e. the screening of potential adopters in order to give the LCA dogs a greater opportunity to make it out of the shelter alive and into an "appropriate" home, giving the Last Chance dogs just that a CHANCE.

I would also like to ask that the workshop on Animal Services which was promised to Commissioners earlier this year be scheduled asap.

LCA (Rescue Only) Dogs Euthanized since Oct. 2023



Last Chance Dogs -Deadline TODAY 8/13



Remi A547501:

- 3 years old
- Confiscated by police
- Living in a filthy crate without access to food and water
 - Emaciated at 37 lbs, now 58 lbs
- Dog selective in kennel but indifferent in yard
 - Staff & volunteer favorite
- “Resilient”, “Such a happy dog”, “Lots of good energy”,
 - “luvluvluv to play”, “luuuvvvvsss his treats”

Runt A547566:

- 1 year old
- His owner passed away.
- Has shared kennel multiple times.
 - Volunteer favorite.
- Gentle when taking treats. Sweet and happy dog.
 - Very obedient. Knows commands: sit, heel, lay down, roll over, fetch.



Tiger A550947:

- 19 months old
- Stray shared with zip from Lake County
- Still intact after 43 days at the shelter, not paired
 - No aggression noted towards other dogs
 - Volunteer favorite
- “Sweet and chill boy”, “Playful”, “Gentle”

A547501



Room: WD54

Name: Remi
 Species: Dog
 Age: Approximately 3 YEARS
 Sex: Male
 Weight: Approximately 58 pounds.
 Color: Gray And White
 Spayed/Neutered: Yes
 Heartworm: Positive
 Intake Date: Tuesday, May 14, 2024
 Intake Type: CONFISCATE
 Intake Subtype: POLICE
 Applicants: 0
 Location: Orange County Animal Services

[Click Here to View Pet Profile](#)

This pet qualifies for the Gold Medal Favorites adoption promotion offered in August 2024 through Orange County Animal Services. This pet is available for adoption for just \$10, which includes the spay or neuter, initial vaccines and microchip identification. Visit the shelter today to meet this pet! Great news! My heartworm treatment is sponsored, meaning much of the cost of my heartworm treatment will be covered! Adopt me today so I can begin my treatment.

- Due to serious temperament and/or medical issues, this animal is only available to be rescued by an Animal Services registered rescue partner. Find out more about the Animal Services rescue program. [View the full list of our rescue partners.](#) If you are interested in helping this pet we recommend reaching out to the rescue partners for their assistance.

To find out more information, please email AnimalServices@ocfl.net or call 407-836-3111 and reference this pet's ID number.
<https://www.ocnetpets.com/Adopt/AnimalsInShelter.aspx?animalid=A547501>

A547566



Room: WD60

Name: Runt
 Species: Dog
 Age: Approximately 1 YEAR
 Sex: Male
 Weight: Approximately 54 pounds.
 Color: Brown And White
 Spayed/Neutered: Yes
 Heartworm: Negative
 Intake Date: Friday, August 02 2024
 Intake Type: RETURN
 Intake Subtype: 30 DAYS
 Applicants: 0
 Location: Orange County Animal Services

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This pet qualifies for the OCAS "Benchwarmers" adoption promotion! This pet is available for adoption for \$10, which includes the spay/neuter, initial vaccines and microchip identification. Visit the shelter today to adopt!

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A550947



Room: WD51

Name: Tiger
 Species: Dog
 Age: Approximately 1 YEAR 7 MONTHS
 Sex: Male
 Weight: Approximately 64 pounds.
 Color: Br Brindle And White
 Spayed/Neutered: No
 Heartworm: Negative
 Intake Date: Monday, July 01, 2024
 Intake Type: STRAY
 Intake Subtype: OTC
 Applicants: 0
 Location: Orange County Animal Services

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LIST OF LAST CHANCE DOG OUTCOMES SINCE RESCUE ONLY IMPOSED

October 20, 2023 - 100 % euthanized

A529300 Princess (euthanized)

October 27, 2023 - 100 % euthanized

Candy A533409 (euthanized) - contracted pneumovirus at OCAS, non-symptomatic, not last dog to contract pneumovirus at OCAS.

Macaroni A534068 (euthanized) - contracted pneumovirus at OCAS, non-symptomatic, not last dogs to contract pneumovirus at OCAS.

November 3rd, 2023 - 100 % euthanized

Ron Jon A532269 (euthanized)

Max A533148 (euthanized)

Ficaccio A533300 (euthanized)

November 10th, 2023 - 100 % euthanized

A532256 Alabama (euthanized)

A533905 Aramis (euthanized)

A534958 Hugo (euthanized)

December 1st, 2023 - 100 % euthanized

A508774 Buddy (euthanized)

A535519 Artemis (euthanized)

A527477 Jake (euthanized)

A535845 Hendrix (euthanized)

A531571 Lucky (euthanized)

A533967 Kroger (euthanized)

December 8th 2023 - 66 % euthanized

A535159 Rico (euthanized)

A537682 Rocky (euthanized)

A537915 Opa (rescued by Saving His Angels - rescue partner agreement not in place until Feb. 2024) - posted available for adoption by the rescue, **fully vetted BEFORE** she was picked up from the shelter

December 15th 2023 - 50 % euthanized

Beast A528515 LCA (rescued by Bully Up)

Sarge A537374 LCA (euthanized)

January 5th, 2024 - 80 % euthanized

Maddox A483585 (euthanized)

Loui A535549 (adopted) - Owner homeless and incarcerated. Dad came with a friend to adopt Loui. Dad did not have an ID so the adoption was processed under his friend's name.

Taz A536755 (euthanized)

Rodney A537255 (euthanized)

Astra A537304 (euthanized)

January 12th 2024 - 50 % euthanized

Angelina Jolie A537812 (rescued by FBLR)

Bambino A535274 (euthanized)

Baked Beans A537256 (rescued by FBLR)

Tv Dinner A537626 (rescued by FBLR)

Roger A538553 (euthanized)

Randy A538711 (euthanized)

January 19th 2024 - 100 % euthanized

Dasher A538538 (euthanized)

Johannes A538601 (euthanized)

January 26th 2024 - 100 % euthanized

A479948 Thor (euthanized)

February 2nd 2024 - 0 % euthanized

Lydia A539713 (adopted) - Despite medical issues and OCAS own recommendation that Lydia go to a home with no kids she was allowed to be adopted into a home with kids.

February 9th 2024 - 100 % euthanized

Doug A539188 (euthanized)

February 23rd 2024 - 100 % euthanized

Champayne A491137(euthanized)

Hallmark Movie A537129 (euthanized)

March 8th 2024 - 0 % euthanized

Biscuit A436018 (rescued by A Better Life Pet Rescue)

Simone A541560 (rescued by A Better Life Pet Rescue)

March 22th 2024 - 0 % euthanized

Spencer A542442 (rescued by Pet Rescue by Judy)

March 29th 2024 - 100 % euthanized

Beau A543335 (euthanized)

April 12th 2024 - 0 % euthanized

Rollo A539560 (rescued by Bully Up Rescue)

Ubba A539559 (rescued by Bully Up Rescue)

April 26th 2024 - 100 % euthanized

Kojak A540058 (euthanized)

May 17th 2024 - 0 % euthanized

Anna A546680 (medical - rescued by Touch of Grey) - intact, intake 5/11 (placed on LCA with suspected pyometra)

June 14th 2024 - 50 % euthanized

Frida A546838 (rescued by Sophie's Circle Dog Rescue) - spayed

Kaleth A549123 (euthanized) - intact, intake 6/6

June 28th 2024 - 0 % euthanized

Mercy A538815 (rescued by Sophie's Circle Dog Rescue) - spayed, intake 5/15, medical LCA (suspected advanced heartworm)

Anthony Bridgerton A549457 (rescued by Furever Bully Love Rescue) - intact, intake 6/11, medical LCA (suspected advanced heartworm)

July 5th 2024 - 0 % euthanized

Boo A542513 (rescued by Furever Bully Love Rescue) - intake as a neutered stray

Zara A548297 (rescued by Florida Boxer Rescue) - intact, intake 5/24

July 12th 2024 - 100 % euthanized

Kilo A480245 (euthanized) - intact, intake 6/27

Kelly A547433 (euthanized) - spayed (went to boarding)

Gizmo A547495 (euthanized) - neutered (went to boarding)

Hugo A551027 (euthanized) - intact, intake 7/2

July 19th 2024 - 75 % euthanized

Mike A547421 (euthanized) - intact, intake 5/14

Carlos A550599 (rescued by Five Friends Animal Rescue) - intact, intake 6/26

Maggie A551026 (euthanized) - intact, intake 7/2

Jane A551544 (euthanized) - intact, intake 7/12

July 26th 2024 - 100 % euthanized

Drogon A541798 (euthanized) - neutered (went to boarding)

Lord Cadbury A549586 (euthanized) - intact, intake 6/12

August 2nd 2024

Sundance A549846 (Adopted) - intake 6/17, neutered 6/28, Allowed to be adopted by a family who contacted rescue coordinator with a foster offer

Smiley A552732 (Rescued) - intact, placed on euthanasia list on "her" 5th day at shelter (Added to LCA website and presented on Last Chance Animal List as a female. This is a male dog).

August 9th 2024 - *not included in statistics as outcomes outstanding*

Remi A549846 - o/s

Runt A547566 - o/s

Tiger A550947 - o/s