



Pups in the park

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South Cove County Park ranger Mike Ozzello sits on a bench at the park with his adopted dog, Ranger — formerly named Skippy — during a photoshoot on Wednesday.

South Cove rangers hold photoshoot with adoptable dogs

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SENECA — South Cove County Park in Seneca was awash in sunlight, pine needles and wagging tails Wednesday as park rangers wrangled eight dogs into photo-ready poses.

Rangers were dressed in their best, and the dogs — on loan from the Oconee Humane Society — boasted brightly colored “Adopt Me” harnesses.

South Cove arranged the photoshoot to give more exposure to adoptable dogs, humane society community events coordinator Kris Morriss said. The park will



Katniss chews on a stick during an event Wednesday at South Cove County Park in Seneca.

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Goober looks around as South Cove County Park ranger Gina Spear holds his leash on Wednesday.

DOGS: OHS shelter at capacity

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Wearing a bright yellow "Adopt Me" harness, Sawyer stares into the camera during a photoshoot on Wednesday at South Cove County Park in Seneca.

share the photos as a way to show the dogs' personalities up close and personal, and to show the community just what they're missing by not taking one home to stay.

"The park rangers saw this done in Texas and they shared it with us and asked if we would bring the dogs," she said. "We're really just trying to get exposure for the dogs, get them out and about."

Humane society staff chose longer-stay dogs, such as bulldog mix Goober and boxer mix Lola Mae, along with some newer arrivals.

The shelter is at capacity, Morriss shared, so getting the 15 adoptable dogs into their forever homes is a priority.

"These are all wonderful dogs," she said, looking around the park. "We have a lot more at the shelter, so come on by and see what we have."

The Oconee Humane Society on Sandifer Boulevard is open for adoptions from 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. on Saturdays.

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