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## **A HAPPY ANNIVERSARY STORY:** The League Celebrates Its 70th With Groundbreaking on New Wellness Clinic

**W**hat better anniversary present for the League for Animal Welfare than a brand-new wellness clinic?

In 1942, the League was born of an idea from a small group who wanted to protect and provide shelter for stray, unwanted animals in the area. Seven years later, it was officially recognized by the state of Ohio as a non-profit, charitable organization.

Today, as the League celebrates its 70th anniversary, it has grown to be one of the oldest and largest no-kill shelters in the Greater Cincinnati area, uniting countless dogs and cats, old and young, with their forever families.

### **Historic Groundbreaking**

In late March, shovels turned at the forested, 21-acre campus, for groundbreaking on the Sis and Dick Miller Wellness Clinic, a \$1.5 million facility designed to serve the veterinary needs of League animals, and to provide medical services to other shelters, rescue groups, and, eventually, the Greater Cincinnati community.

Scheduled to open in September 2019, the clinic will include specialized intake and isolation areas as well as a surgical suite and exam rooms.

Clinic benefactors Sis and Dick Miller have a history with animal rescue, starting with a pup named

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## UPCOMING EVENTS: JUNE 2019 - AUGUST 2019

SATURDAY, JUNE 1

### WHEN

12:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.

### Grand Opening

### WHERE

Camp Bow Wow Milford  
892 OH-28  
Milford, OH 45150

SUNDAY, JUNE 2  
SUNDAY, JULY 7

### WHEN

12:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.

### Adoption Event

### WHERE

Earthwise Pets  
11328 Montgomery Rd  
Cincinnati, OH 45249

SATURDAY, JUNE 8  
SATURDAY, JULY 13  
SATURDAY, AUGUST 10

### WHEN

9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

### Adoption Event

### WHERE

Covington Farmer's Market  
124 E. 3rd St  
Covington, KY 41011

SUNDAY, JUNE 9  
SUNDAY, JULY 14

### WHEN

12:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.

### Adoption Event

### WHERE

Petco Amelia  
260 W. Main St  
Amelia, OH 45102

SUNDAY, JUNE 15

### WHEN

12:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.

### Adoption Event

### WHERE

Emmanuel United Methodist Church  
4312 Amelia-Olive Branch Rd  
Batavia, OH 45103

SATURDAY, JUNE 22  
SATURDAY, JULY 27  
SATURDAY, AUGUST 24

### WHEN

12:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.

### Adoption Event

### WHERE

Pet Supplies Plus  
11345 Montgomery Rd  
Cincinnati, OH 45249

SATURDAY, JUNE 29

### WHEN

12:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.

### Adoption Event

### WHERE

Batavia Township Park  
1535 Clough Pike  
Batavia, OH 45103

SATURDAY, JULY 20

### WHEN

3:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m.

### Fundraiser

### WHERE

Crafted Fest - At Sawyer Point  
705 E. Pete Rose Way  
Cincinnati, OH 45202

Tickets available at  
[CraftedFest.com](http://CraftedFest.com)

## About Us

The League for Animal Welfare is a 501(c)(3) organization. Our mission is to reduce the number of homeless cats and dogs in Greater Cincinnati by providing a compassionate no-kill animal shelter and programs that promote responsible pet care. For your privacy, the League does not sell, rent, lend or exchange its mailing lists. Please notify us if you do not wish to receive future mailings and/or fundraising communications designed to support the League for Animal Welfare by calling 513-752-0292 or emailing [autumn@LFAW.org](mailto:autumn@LFAW.org).

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Sunday	12:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.

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## ADOPT ME



### Skeeter

EBOD 12/16/17

After a rough life on the streets, Skeeter found refuge in our shelter. He has been at the League for

over a year and is still timid around new people, so he's looking for someone with patience and compassion.

**View all the cats and dogs available for adoption at [LFAW.org/adopt](http://LFAW.org/adopt)**



### Etta

EDOB 8/1/16

Husky mix Etta is singing the blues as she waits to find her forever family. She is a spirited, fun-loving

young gal who is also happy to simply sit beside you, curling up in your lap to beg for tummy rubs!

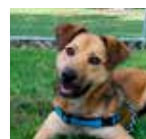
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## It All Begins With You

We invite you to take a few moments to read our 2018 Annual Report and join us in celebrating the tremendous impact you are making through your support.

*View the report online at  
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# Keeping your pets safe: Pet Friendly Gardening



**W**e love our pets and we love our gardens, but the two may not always mix. That gorgeous flowering plant that catches your eye in the nursery can be dangerous to your pet if ingested.

While there are varying levels of toxicity in some common garden plants — i.e., some can cause symptoms ranging from mild irritation, drooling, vomiting and diarrhea while others can cause seizures and quickly prove fatal — the key to pet-safe gardening is to know beforehand what not to plant. Following is a list of plants you should avoid in areas that pets can freely access:

## Toxic to dogs

- Aconitum
- Amaryllis bulbs
- Asparagus fern
- Azalea
- Cyclamen
- Daffodil bulbs
- Lilies (Day/Tiger/ Asiatic/Easter/ Japanese)
- Delphiniums
- Foxgloves
- Hemlock
- Hyacinth
- Hydrangea
- English Ivy
- Laburnum
- Lily of the valley
- Lupins
- Morning glory
- Nightshade
- Oleander
- Rhododendron
- Rhubarb leaves
- Sweet pea
- Tulip or narcissus bulbs
- Umbrella plant
- Wisteria
- Yew

## Toxic to cats

- Amaryllis
- Autumn Crocus
- Azaleas and Rhododendrons
- Castor Bean
- Chrysanthemum
- Cyclamen
- English Ivy
- Kalanchoe
- Marijuana
- Oleander
- Lillies (same types as dogs)
- Pothos
- Sago Palm
- Spanish thyme
- Tulip and Narcissus bulbs
- Yew

So now that you know what not to plant, here are some popular options for plants that **ARE** safe for pets:

- Black-eyed Susan
- Hibiscus
- Snapdragons
- Alyssum
- Zinnia
- Impatiens
- Aster
- Pansies
- Magnolia Bush
- Petunias
- Sweet Potato Vine

## Seek Help

If your pets chew or ingest any of the above — or if you're not certain — time is of the essence and you need to seek veterinary help immediately. There is also 24/7 help available via the Pet Poison Hotline at (855) 764-7661. 🌸

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Tippy they saved from being abandoned by a roadside. Tippy ended up staying with them for 18 years.

Says Sis of the new wellness clinic: "I think it'll be wonderful for anybody who cares for animals, and especially keeping them from being dropped on the side of the road. They don't do that with children, and I hope they don't do that with animals," she says. "If they're thinking about doing that, they can just take one look at the League, and they know they won't have to."

Construction of the clinic was made possible through the League's 'More Than a Shelter' capital campaign, in partnership with KBA Architects, North Shore Construction and Development Services, and PNC Bank. The purpose of the campaign extends the mission of the shelter beyond compassionate care to bettering the lives of the cats and dogs it is dedicated to serve.

"We are really excited about what this will mean for

people and pets in Clermont County, and for the groups throughout the region who are struggling to find affordable veterinary care for all of the homeless cats and dogs they are dedicated to helping," says Barb Casciani, board of directors' president.

Early veterinary care is crucial for the dogs and cats coming through the League. With the new clinic, the League can better isolate incoming pets, and prevent outbreaks of ringworm, Parvo, kennel cough, and other contagions.

"It is critical to reduce the spread of contagions in our shelter," says executive director Marilyn Goodrich. "The new clinic will allow us to isolate new animals away from our general population until cleared by our medical team, ensuring all animals will be healthier."

The planned result? More happy, healthy cats and dogs finding forever homes in Greater Cincinnati and beyond. 🐾

### Family Album: Snapshots of Success

Over the summer, visitors to the League may have to sidestep some construction. But in spite of the changes, the success stories stay the same. The dogs and cats who find their way to the League find passionate people who are dedicated to their care and to placing them in loving homes. Here is a look back at just a few of the success stories that warm our hearts and show the promise of the future.



#### Kinzy and Alex: A Love Story

Three years ago, Kinzy and Alex found their purr-fect match. Time and time again, Kinzy—a beautiful blue-point Siamese—was passed over for adoption. What looked like another failed adoption turned out to be a glowing success. After adoption, Alex said: "Kinzy is my best friend...we live our lives in tandem."



#### Nelson's Story: A Second Chance

Nelson needed treatment for a heart condition which would have made him challenging to adopt. The League set up a GoFundMe campaign to cover his treatment. Adopter Michelle Hock said "Our goal going into this was to give Nelson a beautiful life, regardless of whether it was nine months or five years.



#### Snickers finds her furever home

Found on a Kentucky farm with a BB lodged in her spine, Snickers' future was uncertain when she came to the League. Said Dr. Denise Bevins: "The League is a very special place. I know that I would not have been given the time I needed to help her recover at most shelters." The petite, friendly girl with a striking calico coat caught the eye of Déva Burnett, who says, "I really bonded with her... I knew she was the one."



#### Faye-Faye: "She's a wonderful girl"

Covington, KY, resident Cathy Boyle spotted Faye on FOX-19 WXIX TV, which regularly invites the League to showcase adoptable pets. She and her husband Joe wasted no time in getting out to the League to meet Faye. "They took us back to the adoption room, and Faye held up her left paw to shake," Joe says. "I got down on my hands and knees and started playing with her." Before long, Joe was as smitten as Cathy, and Faye had finally found her forever home.

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# Donor Profile:

## Q&A with Shirley Wilt



Shirley with her newest feline family member, Lydia

**A**s a long-time League supporter, Shirley Wilt's love of animals inspires her to making ongoing donations as well as including a gift in her estate plans.

### What role have pets played in your life?

Being raised in the country, I have always been surrounded by animals. My late husband had the same experience. Animals have always been a part of my life. Over the years, I have taken in many stray cats and adopted some. Currently I have four indoor cats, plus I feed two of my neighbor's cats and a feral cat.

### How did you first hear about the League?

I don't recall when I first heard of the League. Last year, a friend and I came out to visit the shelter, and we were both impressed with how clean it was. Seeing the cats in their bright and cheerful rooms warmed my heart.

### Why did you choose to support the League?

I really believe in your no-kill mission, making the League my favorite charity.

### How do you feel when you make a gift to the League?

I feel I have contributed very little to the planet. Perhaps this is my small way of saying thank you. I am so happy knowing that I am helping animals in need!

### If your pets could talk, what do you think they would tell you?

My pets would say I am a forgetful old woman, but they are still willing to put up with me! 🐾

## MAKING A DIFFERENCE EVERY DAY



**I**t doesn't seem like much, but 30 cents a day can make a difference in the life of a homeless cat or dog. Just \$10 a month can keep them safe in our shelter where they receive comprehensive medical care, nutritious food and a chance to find a forever home.

When you join our Hope 365 monthly giving program, you're making a direct and immediate impact on animals in their time of need. Your continuous and steady support helps provide a reliable source of funding for our services and program 365 days a year. And it lets you spread your generosity throughout the year, making it easy on your budget!

Hope 365 members give hope to homeless animals, saving them from the lives they were dealt. Members are recognized in *League Lines* and receive an annual tax receipt as well as periodic updates on some of the animals you are helping. Consider a monthly pledge of \$10 or more and make a difference for homeless animals every day! 🐾



*"Just as ripples spread out when a single pebble is dropped into water, the actions of individuals can have far-reaching effects."*  
~Dalai Lama

### Join Today

Become a monthly donor today by visiting [bit.ly/Hope365](http://bit.ly/Hope365). 🐾

## LEAGUE AWARDED \$36,000 IN GRANTS

**T**he League is honored to have recently received four grants in support of its work.

### Spay/Neuter Voucher Program

For more than three decades, the League has made spay/neuter surgery more affordable through a voucher program that subsidizes the cost at \$30/cat and \$50/dog. Thank you to the Petco Foundation and the Ohio Pet Fund for grant funding! The Petco Foundation awarded a \$5,000 grant and the Ohio Pet Fund, responsible for disbursing funds raised from the sale of Ohio Pet License Plates, awarded a \$1,000 grant. These funds represent an investment in the health and wellness of community animals and will help to address pet overpopulation.



### Capital Campaign

In addition, the League's

"More Than a Shelter" capital campaign received a \$20,000 grant from the Kenneth A. Scott Charitable Trust and \$10,000 grant from the Pedigree Foundation. The combination of these generous gifts and support from the community enabled construction to begin on the Sis and Dick Miller Wellness Clinic. This expansion on our campus will include a surgical suite to provide spay/neuter and routine acute care, dedicated intake space for new animals and isolation areas to prevent the spread of contagions that can endanger other shelter animals.

The League is very proud to partner with these generous organizations to create a more compassionate community. 🐾



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These programs raise thousands of much-needed dollars each year to help the homeless animals in our shelter. Remember to select the League as your charity of choice!



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# Volunteer Corner: For The Animals

**TEAM** = together everyone achieves more

**T**he League embraces this philosophy, and the homeless animals in our shelter reap the benefits from the teamwork between our staff and volunteers. On any given day, our volunteers can be found walking dogs, socializing cats, photographing adoptable animals, writing animal bios, clearing our walking trails, folding laundry, transporting animals from other shelters, teaching kids about responsible pet ownership, handling animals at off-site adoption events, taking dogs on field trips, comforting anxious animals and more!



League volunteers are loving, caring and compassionate people who are dedicated to helping animals in their time of need. Although National Volunteer Appreciation Week in April provides the perfect opportunity for us to thank them for their incredible contributions, volunteers are making a difference **each and every day!**

## Get Involved!

To join our team of volunteers, call 513-735-2299 and register for an orientation class 🐾





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**Batavia Twp Sports Complex & Dog Park: 1539 Clough Pike 45103**

**Celebrate your rescue with friends old and new – both four-legged and two!**