It was an overcast day in late December, 2017, and the temperature couldn’t struggle above freezing. Lindsay Duffey made her way to the League for Animal Welfare that frosty day, after she had visited earlier with a friend who adopted a kitten, and was inspired by the caring staff.

Having lost a family cat roughly eight months before—who lived to be a dignified senior of 23—Lindsay was not in a rush to adopt. Nearly a year had gone by when she arrived at the League to look for a new family pet. But “new” wasn’t exactly what she was looking for.

“Before we adopted, we decided we wanted to try to get an older cat,” she says, “because it’s harder for them to find homes.”

Meeting Bombay
With her striking tuxedo coat and green eyes, Bombay was an easy stand-out in the cat adoption rooms. But at nine years old, with more than a year at the League, she had been waiting for the right family to choose her as “the one.”

Bombay had arrived at the League from another shelter in March of 2017, and settled into her routine there. With her bright personality and sweet nature, she even enjoyed a cameo on FOX-19 WXIX TV, which regularly invites the League for Animal Welfare to bring adoptable pets to be featured in its Take Paws adoption segment.

When Lindsay met her at the League, she says, she knew right away she’d found her perfect match. “She was waiting at the door...
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On the Cover: Bombay’s second chance

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**UPCOMING EVENTS: JUNE - AUGUST 2018**

**SUNDAY**
**JUNE 10, 2018**
**JULY 08, 2018**
**AUGUST 12, 2018**

**WHEN**
12:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.

**Adoption Event**

**WHERE**
Petco
260 West Main Street
Amelia, OH

**SUNDAY**
**JUNE 23, 2018**
**JULY 28, 2018**
**AUGUST 25, 2018**

**WHEN**
12:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.

**Adoption Event**

**WHERE**
Pet Supplies Plus - Harper’s Point
11345 Montgomery Rd.
Cincinnati, OH

**SATURDAY**
**JUNE 09, 2018**
**AUGUST 11, 2018**

**WHEN**
9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

**Adoption Event**

**WHERE**
Covington Farmer’s Market
Third and Greenup Streets
Covington, KY

**TUESDAY**
**AUGUST 07, 2018**

**WHEN**
6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.

**Sheriff’s National Night Out**

**WHERE**
Batavia Township Community Center
1535 Clough Pike
Batavia, OH

**SUN & SUN**
**AUGUST 18 & 19, 2018**

**WHEN**
10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

**My Furry Valentine’s summer event**

**WHERE**
Sharonville Convention Center
11355 Chester Road
Sharonville, OH

**OTHER EVENTS:**

**ADOPTE ME**

**Nala**
EBOD 11/2016

Nala is a playful, energetic doberman/boxer mix who gets along great with other dogs and wants a home with room to romp and run.

**Arbee**
EBOD 5/2016

Discovered roaming a graveyard, Arbee is a beautiful, petite grey and white kitty who just wants a home to call

View all the cats and dogs available for adoption at LFAW.org/adopt

**NEWS**

**Animal Welfare Alert**

The Humane Society of the U.S. is suing the federal government for failing to release animal welfare records, as required under law. The issue involves an action taken by the U.S. Department of Agriculture in February 2017. The DOA, without prior notice, removed from its website thousands of Animal Welfare Act and Horse Protection Act inspection and enforcement records. These public records contained descriptions of animal neglect and suffering at puppy mills, roadside zoos, research laboratories and the like and were relied on by humane organizations, rescue groups and animal welfare advocates to determine compliance with state and local laws and to document cruelty, suffering and abuse for law enforcement. The League supports the HSUS in this action and is monitoring this issue.
Going on vacation is hard, especially if it means leaving your pets behind. It can mean added expense for boarding or pet sitting, and lots of worry on your end about how well your fur kids are doing and whether they’re missing you as much as you’re missing them. It’s a lot to deal with, which is why some pet parents just choose to stay home. But more and more of us are choosing to hit the road with Fluffy or Fido in tow, which makes sense since pets these days are considered part of the family and it is, after all, a “family vacation.” But traveling with pets requires planning and preparation. So here are some travel tips to help ensure that everyone keeps safe and has a good time:

• Before leaving home, make sure your pet pays a visit to the vet. Shots and records should be up to date and it’s a good idea to take these records with you, just in case. If your pet if the nervous type, asking the vet for some calming meds might be a good idea, too. And don’t forget to take any pet meds, supplements and the like with you, along with food, treats, bowls, collars, leashes and maybe a favorite toy or blanket.

• No matter how you choose travel, it is vital to outfit your pets with proper identification prior to setting out. After all, if you should become separated from your pet, their identification is the surest way they’ll find their way back to you. In addition to I.D. tags, microchipping your pet is an easy way to facilitate a happy reunion, and a GPS tag can help locate a pet that has wandered off.

• Invest in a sturdy, well-ventilated carrier for your pet, and make sure it is secured in the vehicle. Always keep pets carrier-confined when traveling -- for their safety and yours. If you leave your pet loose in a moving vehicle and they become startled, they can panic, go into attack mode and seek out the safest spot, which could be under your feet when driving, with dire results. And should you need to stop suddenly, an unrestrained pet can easily become an injured pet.

• Remember -- temperatures in a parked vehicle can climb dramatically and in a very short time become life-threatening to pets left inside. When the outside temperature is 70 degrees, a car can heat up to 89 degrees in just 10 minutes, and to 104 in 30 minutes. At 80 degrees outside, you’re looking at 99 degrees inside a vehicle in 10 minutes and 114 in 30 minutes. And cracking a window for ventilation doesn’t help.

• Install a pet travel app on your phone to help you find pet-friendly places and share your travels with friends and family, such as Bring Fido (see sidebar). It’s best to plan ahead, so you can be sure that hotels, B&Bs, vacation rentals, public parks and other areas you may plan to visit are pet friendly.

• Pack a travel kit for your pet that includes their current medical records and a simple first-aid kit. This should contain gauze, bandages, and hydrogen peroxide to induce vomiting if necessary (but always contact a vet or animal healthcare professional before attempting to treat a pet for possible exposure to toxin). And you might want to take along contact information for the Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care Society (VECCS), which can provide information on the nearest animal hospital. Of course, Siri, Alexa and friends can also be a big help in emergencies, too!
• If you’re headed to the beach, make sure it’s okay to take your dog onto the sand and into the surf. Some beaches permit dogs, others don’t. (For cats, it’s the most awesome litter box EVER, so best leave them inside!) Bathing your dog after a romp at the shore is always a good idea to wash off irritating salt and any sand fleas that may be hitching a ride.

If you’re looking for a pet-friendly hotel so you can travel with your dog, BringFido.com makes it easy! Explore over 100,000 places to stay, play and eat with your dog. Just use promo code LFAW2018 and we will receive a $10 donation every time you book through BringFido.com and complete your stay. Happy trails to you and your furry travel companion!

BOMBAY’S SECOND CHANCE: continued from page 1

Before we even walked in,” Lindsay says. “She was so sweet and playful, and did not leave our sides. I knew instantly she was the perfect one! It was hard to believe that she came from a different shelter and still was not adopted—we got lucky!”

Settling Into Her New Life
“Bombay has adjusted perfectly,” Lindsay says of their new family member. She still goes by ‘Bombay,’ or one of a couple of different pet names, and “she has become comfortable very quickly. She loves attention and is definitely not afraid to climb on you if she feels she is not getting enough!”

Full of energy and welcoming to new people, Bombay spends her days sunning herself on the balcony, playing with her “too many toys to name,” and cuddling. Even with her new suite of playthings to keep her active and engaged,

she prefers to play with Lindsay’s hair ties. When she’s not tussling in a play session, you can find Bombay curled up in bed in her own fuzzy blanket. Says Lindsay: “She is so loving and loyal.”

Thanks to the League
For her part, Lindsay reflects positively on her experience adopting with the League, and connecting her with Bombay.

“The League has an amazing staff that is very caring and enthusiastic,” she says. “It is very obvious how much they love the animals they are able to find forever homes for. [They] helped us the day we adopted Bombay and did an excellent job ensuring all of our questions were answered, and followed up to make sure everything was going well. I would highly recommend the League to anyone adopting a pet.”

With a little bit of advance planning and a good deal of common sense, it is possible to take a pet along on vacation and for everyone -- Fido and Fluffy included -- to have a safe, happy time. 🐾
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It seemed like divine intervention that Sheri Boone walked into the League shortly after a dog meeting her specific characteristics found her way there as well. It was love and first sight and with a passion for training, Sheri began working with Tippy to participate in agility competitions. After the loss of her beloved Tippy, Sheri wanted to honor her memory and made a gift to the League. Her continued generosity gives hope to the homeless animals who find refuge in our shelter.

What role have pets played in your life?

Our pets are our family. We have been so fortunate to have them and share an amazing journey with them!

How did you first hear about the League?

Our first dog, Tippy the Wonder Dog, came from the League. She was a celebration of our 10 year wedding anniversary. My husband thought he was getting a better deal to rescue a dog instead of buying me a diamond anniversary band. She was the ultimate gift and a much better investment!

Why did you choose to support the League?

We love the League! We had been to several shelters and rescue organizations and we found the League to be extraordinary. Since the adoption of our first dog, we have referred many of our friends and family to them when they were looking for a pet. The League is very helpful and caring. They also have an amazing facility. We choose to support them because they put pets first and want the best for each and every pet.

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

I feel confident that my donation is being used the right way to help pets that have been fortunate enough to find a temporary home at the League. I know they will be taken care of until they find their forever homes.

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

I think they would say “Thank You for giving us such an amazing life with you! We have learned, traveled & experienced so much with you. We couldn’t ask for a better home! Now... can we have a treat”? ☺️

“The League is very helpful and caring...We choose to support them because they put pets first and want the best for each and every pet.”
As a dedicated advocate for the spaying and neutering of pets, the League strongly believes these surgeries are the only true way to reduce and control the overpopulation of unwanted cats and dogs in Greater Cincinnati. Our Spay/Neuter Voucher Program began three decades ago in an attempt to offer financial assistance to pet owners who may not have the means to cover the full cost of surgery. Our vouchers cover a portion of the surgery cost ($30/cat and $50/dog) with pet owners contributing the balance. Vouchers are accepted at many local veterinary clinics.

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Volunteer Corner: Many opportunities to help

Volunteering can be a fun activity for the whole family, especially during “school’s out!” months when you’re looking for something new and different to try. There are numerous volunteer activities at the League, and helping hands are always welcome.

For cat lovers, our sunny cat rooms and screened “catios” overlooking the woods can be the perfect place to spend an hour or two. Cats love the attention and thrive on interaction, whether it’s just stroking their fur, playing with their favorite toys or even reading to them -- a great activity for young and old alike.

Dogs need exercise, so meeting new people and getting to sniff the day’s news on our shaded walking trails is high on their list of favorite things. Volunteers are also needed to help with events -- check the calendar on page 2 to see what’s coming up, and contact Carrie Leary, the League’s volunteer manager, to see how you and members of your family might get involved. Whatever you choose to do, just know how much your help will be appreciated.

Make a difference!

Visit LFAW.org/volunteer/ or call Carrie at 513-735-2299 to learn more about becoming a volunteer.
What do a latte, a blockbuster film and a homeless animal have in common? The same money you spend each month on your caffeine fix or a night out at the movies can help save a life. Just $10 a month - about $0.30 a day - keeps homeless cats and dogs safe in our no-kill shelter while they wait to find a forever home.

Supporting the vital work of the League with an automatic, monthly donation gives hope to these animals 365 days a year. Your recurring donation provides a consistent, reliable stream of income that provides medical care, food and shelter for more than 1,000 homeless cats and dogs annually.

Join others who are part of the League’s Hope 365 giving club!

• It’s convenient! Direct payment automates your giving so you don’t have to remember to write a check or make your gift online.
• It’s economical! Spread your support over time, making it easy on your budget.
• It makes a difference! Even a small gift every month adds up for the animals throughout the year.
• It’s cost-effective! By reducing our postage and mailing costs, recurring gifts enable the League to spend less on overhead, directing more money to the animals we help.

• And most importantly, IT SAVES LIVES! Your continued support helps even more homeless animals.

“The dollars add up quickly but you barely notice because it’s automatic. It’s the most effective and least painful way to make a meaningful contribution.” C.S.

“I wanted to make sure I regularly contribute and didn’t have making a donation slip my mind in the hustle and bustle of daily life.” S.B.

“My weekly volunteer visits have convinced me that the need is real and nothing is wasted.” B.W.

Your ongoing support saves homeless animals from the life they were dealt, giving them the life they deserve!

Make your commitment at bit.ly/LFAWHope365
1,567 donors

911 miles traveled to take affordable vet care to Rural underserved communities through Community wellness clinics

1,105 spay/neuter surgeries performed on the mobile veterinary clinic

$223,533 received from estate gifts

108 animals served in bottle feeding program

$101,510 revenue from adoption fees

$93,467 medical expenses for cats and dogs

60,150 volunteer hours logged

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