

LEAGUE LINKS 2.0

Winter 2021



LEAGUE FOR ANIMAL WELFARE

Choose No-Kill. Choose the League.



CASEY



CARMEN



SKARLET

Home at Last **Terminally Ill Pets Find Their True Forever Home**

For all the love, laughter, devotion and companionship our pets give us, one of the best gifts we can give back is the gift of a loving, restful final chapter.

Through the League for Animal Welfare's None Left Behind program, several area families have come forward to give just that—the gift of family—as dogs and cats with terminal medical conditions find a place to call home.

"It's critical for elderly and terminally ill pets to soak up every ounce of love and comfort in their last days. As much as the staff and volunteers at the League love the animals here, we cannot replicate the comfort and dedicated attention that a home and a family brings. Every creature deserves to feel surrounded by that, especially when their time is short," says Executive Director Devon Smith.

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Lacey Lou has feline leukemia and is looking for her forever home.

Casey & Emily - The Most Important Goodbye

Emily Braun reached out when she heard about Casey, an 18-yr old cat with advanced kidney disease. "I knew when I got in the car that day, she was coming home with me. I could tell that all she wanted was love ... and I wanted to do that for her."

For months, Casey loved snoozing on heated blankets, lapping up gravy, snuggles with her dad, and keeping Emily company in the kitchen. When Casey was finally ready to go, she waited for Emily to get home from work to say goodbye. "She waited until I was there with her, holding her paw, to tell her I loved her one last time," Emily says. "She waited for me to come home that morning so that I could go on knowing she didn't die alone. That was the most rewarding thing."

Skarlet & Renee - Rekindling a Spirit

A Maltese with a fighting spirit, Skarlet was a morbidly obese senior dog when her person passed away and she was left at the shelter. At 37 pounds, She struggled to even take a few steps - her new family had to carry Skarlet around the house and outside until they could help get some weight off of her.

"I learned about the League's None Left Behind program. It impressed me that an organization could give a senior dog with medical issues a chance, and I wanted to be part of that," Bates explains. "We wanted to help her get her light back."

Carmen & Karen - The Comforts of Home

Moved by learning that Carmen's owner had passed and Carmen had cancer, Karen Luken took action. "I just couldn't stand the thought that she just lost her owner and now was sick and not in a home," she says. "I knew a home would be the best place for her."

The petite brown tabby had a "blues singer's swagger," Karen describes. She relished good food, snuggling in with Karen for naps, and was "obsessed with petting my hair," Karen remembers. "She would be content to be carried 24/7."

Though treated at the League, Carmen's cancer eventually returned. "Even on bad days," Karen says, "she would do everything possible to be near me and comfort me. The worst part of it was deciding when to let her go." But she wouldn't do it any other way. "It's not always the easiest journey, but the League will be extremely supportive and your pet will love you dearly for spending their final days in a loving home."



Ringo is 13, and suffers from epilepsy - and would love to meet his forever person.

To join this special group of people that give terminally ill pets their final forever home and to rescue pets like Casey, Skarlet, Carmen, Ringo, and Lacey Lou, contact the League at info@lfaw.org

Help the League Fix 500 Pets!

A MATCHING GIFT CHALLENGE FROM KENNETH A. SCOTT CHARITABLE TRUST WILL HELP HUNDREDS OF LOCAL FAMILIES

Kenneth A. Scott Charitable Trust has been a long-time supporter of spay/neuter efforts across the Great Lakes Regions and in Ohio. This year, they have issued a challenge: KASCT will invest \$10,000 in the League's spay/neuter assistance program if our donors do the same! Our matching gift challenge ends on December 31, 2021 - we must raise \$10,000 by that date to receive this gift from KASCT!

Spay/Neuter Assistance at the League

The League's spay/neuter assistance programs are a critical part of helping to reduce the homeless pet population. These programs include:

- our voucher program, providing a \$30-\$50 discount for owned pets to be fixed at participating private veterinary offices. This program serves approximately 1,000 pets each year, and has operated for decades.
- our TNR program, which covers the cost of spay/neuter and vaccines for free-roaming cats in Clermont County. This program serves approximately 500 cats each year, and was new in 2020!
- our spay/neuter assistance for families in critical need, providing free spay/neuter for owned pets of Clermont County families who have shown extreme financial hardship. This program serves approximately 50 pets each year, and began in 2021.

Give the Gift of Spay/Neuter!

Your gift to the League's spay/neuter assistance programs will be matched by KASCT through the end of the year - so your gift will help twice as many pets live a healthy, litter-free life - and help your local shelter reduce the unwanted pet population! The gift of spay/neuter is the most humane way to help cats & dogs - before they and their babies end up in shelters. 🐾



Pictured: local families are able to provide their pets the gift of spay/neuter, thanks to your support!

Make a difference!



Donate to the Spay/Neuter Challenge at lfaw.org/donate with "KASCT" in the memo line!

Thankful

A TOUGH BUT REWARDING YEAR

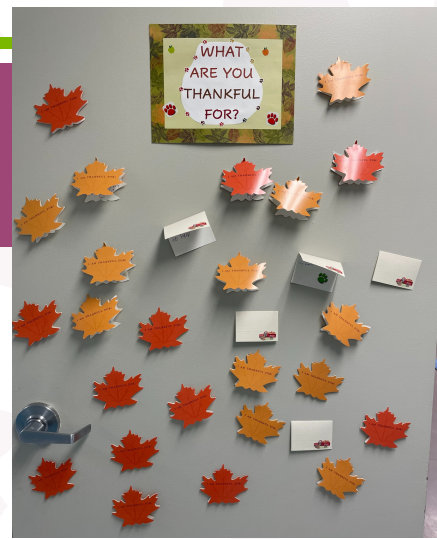
What are we thankful for? So much!

We are thankful that a record number of homeless animals (more than 1200 to date!) were sheltered and loved at the League in 2021.

We are thankful for volunteers that log tens of thousands of hours (more than 50,000 hours in 2021 alone!) to make sure the shelters' animals are walked, brushed, petted, and loved.

We are thankful that we could take in 634 pets from 17 overcrowded partner shelters, so that no pet has to be euthanized for space.

We are thankful to everyone who donated, adopted, fostered, volunteered, and advocated to make sure every animal finds a loving home.



2021 was a hard year in animal sheltering, with intake numbers way up and adoption numbers way down all over the US. But with your help, the League was able to make 2021 our most loving year yet.

We are thankful for all of you for helping save more than 1200 homeless animals in 2021! 🐾🐾

ADOPT ME



Cecilia - 1 year, female

Our beautiful and spunky Cecilia has Cerebellar Hypoplasia - an underdevelopment of her cerebellum, which controls coordination. Cecilia can only walk a step or two without flopping to her side. But that never stops this determined girl. Cecilia uses her litterbox (with a few modifications!) and eats on her own, and has kitty friends she loves to snuggle with. This sweetie is living her wobbly life to the fullest!



Birdie - 2 years, female

This adorable blockhead is a favorite - a meatball on stubby little legs, who snorts like a piggie and snuggles like a champ. Birdie is excellent with all people, including small children - she soaks up attention like a sponge. She loves other dogs, but likes to play rough and rowdy and wrestly with them (so spare your dainty or senior dogs - this girl has energy!). Though she's strong, she walks like a dream on a leash (as long as she's getting enough walks!). You will fall in love with our Birdie!

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