From outings at Wags Park to one-on-one play sessions, our Dog Enrichment Program may look like it’s all fun and games. But during the enrichment sessions, there’s important work going on with a specific goal in mind—socialization and successful adoptions.

“In my opinion, the better our dogs get along with other dogs, and the more socialized they are, the more adoptable they are, and the happier they’ll be,” says League Dog Trainer Donna Moore.

Begun by Moore about four years ago, the Dog Enrichment Program includes a range of activities tailored specifically for each dog. Some need training in basic manners or obedience. Others need foster care to help bring out their true nature and help them thrive. For still others, it’s confidence-building exercises to overcome a shy personality.

Here’s a look at what the enrichment program offers, how you can get involved, and the stories of some special dogs on their way to forever homes.

Play Buddies
Just as the name implies, Play Buddies gives volunteers a chance to get dogs together for a romp. The pups

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PRESIDENT’S LETTER

I’ve looked over, under, inside and out, but I still can’t figure out where summer went! And I’m sure it’s the same for most of you.

This latest issue of League Lines, with its professional new look and interesting, informative articles, is just the latest in a series of improvements that we’re seeing bloom this season.

Here at the League, we will be remembering this summer of 2015 for reasons other than rain, rain and more rain. It has been a record-setting season for animal adoptions, too, with several hundred dogs, cats, puppies and kittens finding their new homes in the past few months.

A combination of reasons underlies this good news. We had a hugely successful June Jamboree event that resulted in the most monthly adoptions in the League’s 66-year history! Our website and social media is attracting visitors from as far away as Columbus and Indianapolis, due in large part to the incredible pet photography courtesy of volunteers Sandi Norris (cats) and Michael Callihan (dogs). Finally, our accomplishment can be tied to our new marketing initiatives and greater public exposure through community adoption, education, and fundraising events. All are part of what has helped make the magic happen.

Yet getting potential adopters to the shelter is only part of the picture. The rest depends on the efforts of a dedicated staff—from kennel technicians to adoption counselors—who realize the importance of ensuring a positive experience for all who come through our doors.

In this issue of League Lines you’ll also find several articles that highlight some other things that set the League apart. The dog training programs run by Donna Moore and cat enrichment sessions held by Dr. Lisa White provide unique learning opportunities for our animals and volunteers alike.

And not to be outdone by the obvious health benefits of an active lifestyle with dogs, the article on page 3 gives equal time to cats and their people. Did you know, for instance, that children growing up in homes with cats have fewer allergy issues than children in cat-free homes? (Okay, to be fair, these benefits apply to dogs, too!)

Ultimately, however, it is donors like Sandy and David Filbert who ensure that the work of the League will continue in perpetuity. On page 6, Sandy and David articulate why supporting the League through its planned giving program—the 1949 Legacy Society—is so important to them, and why it’s something we all should consider.

So as we look ahead to a glorious Midwestern fall, we hope to see you at our October 14th Volunteer Appreciation event, featuring pumpkin-carving, s’mores and firepit sing-alongs here at the League…and at Wine & Whiskers, our biggest fundraising event of the year, on Saturday, October 24th.

For the animals,

Carol Sanger
President, Board of Directors

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The League for Animal Welfare is a 501c(3) organization. Our mission is to better the lives of cats and dogs in the Greater Cincinnati area. We provide animals with loving care and shelter until we match them with their forever homes. We promote a reduction in pet overpopulation and responsible pet ownership through public education and spay/neuter programs. 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 513-735-2299 or emailing davina@LFAW.org.

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Adoption Goal Update

In 2014, the League found homes for 903 animals including 442 cats and 461 dogs. This year, we set our sights on 1,000 adoptions, and we are thrilled to report that we are ahead of schedule! Many of our adopters learn about us through word-of-mouth, so please keep spreading the good word about the League.

Post on our Facebook page:
facebook.com/leagueforanimalwelfare

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@LFAW Just use #LFAWFamily!
Much has been written touting all the health benefits—both mental and physical—of dog ownership. You’ll get active! Or, if you’re already an exerciser, you’ll get more active! Visions of cardio-boosting romps through the park, playful tussling in the backyard, smiles all around. And the best part is that it’s all true!

But what of the cat owner? For too long, cat folks have put up with the homebody stereotype—content to laze away the afternoons on the couch, lulled perhaps by a perfect beam of sunlight casting a warm glow. And really, what’s so bad about that? We say nothing, frankly, but there are plenty of benefits of welcoming a feline friend into your home you might not have even thought about. So let’s take a closer look:

**Cats Do a Body Good**

So you may not be taking a jog with your cat (though some people have mastered the art of walking a cat), but that doesn’t mean your body doesn’t benefit from being a cat owner! If you need some talking points when gloating to dog-loving pals, consider:

- Cat owners often exhibit lower blood pressure than non-cat owners. In fact, a study by the State University of New York at Buffalo found that the act of stroking a cat actually lowers blood pressure.
- Cat owners enjoy a lower risk of cardiovascular disease. A study by the University of Minnesota found that non-cat owners faced a between 30 and 40 percent greater likelihood of life-threatening cardiovascular disease than did their cat-loving counterparts.

**Purr-fect Pals**

As anyone who has suffered through the commercials because they don’t want to reach for the TV remote for fear of disturbing a resting cat can attest, owning a cat will help you take life at a slower clip.

Want to reduce your stress? Get a cat. Just being in the presence of a cat can raise your serotonin and up your dopamine levels. Meaning it’s one of the...
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are paired off for play with a purpose—more fearful dogs can pick up confidence cues from more outgoing dogs, and others can burn off extra energy so they're more calm for kennel visitors. Kit Kat, a whippet mix, came to the League high-strung and scared, Donna says. Through Play Buddies, Kit Kat grew comfortable being around other dogs, and being handled by people—and has since found a forever home.

Fun Thursdays
Select Thursday nights, from 7 to 9 p.m., volunteers and dogs get together for after-hours fun. Activities include clicker training, crate training, transport van training (to get the dogs ready for adoption events), park visits and more. Lorie, a cream-and-white four-year-old puggle, wasn’t showing well at the League. But during a visit to Wags Park she relaxed, showed off her cuddly, loving personality, and found a foster home.

Foster Care
Whether they have just had a litter or surgery or they’re not well-suited temperamentally, some dogs don’t thrive in the kennel. Foster placement is perfect for these special League residents, giving them the comfort and learning experience of living in a home. Foster care can transform a dog’s personality. “People like to hear how they do in a home,” Donna says, “and how they’re going to handle that transition.”

Carolina, a Treeing Walker Coonhound brought in from Brown County, was shy and withdrawn and had trouble putting on weight. Just a week after finding a foster home, Carolina overcame her housebreaking issues and has found her forever family.

Dog Walking and Handling
For volunteers who have a few hours a week to give, this can be the perfect opportunity to get involved. Says volunteer trainer Bruce Walters, the goal is to “somehow make the dog more adoptable during your visits. If he’s hyper, teach him how good it feels to be calm. If he’s fearful, teach him how wonderful and kind people are. If it’s a puppy, teach him it’s ok to be held and handled.”

Get Involved
To participate in the dog enrichment program, volunteers must complete the League’s on-site orientation. Please call 513-735-2299, ext. 300, or email our volunteer coordinator at volunteers@LFAW.org to reserve a spot.
What could be better than helping provide hope to homeless cats and dogs, while also making a smart financial decision? If you have appreciated securities (stocks, bonds or mutual funds) that you’ve owned for at least 13 months and that have increased in value, you can help animals find forever homes AND take advantage of a significant tax deduction. It’s a win-win situation!

When you directly transfer appreciated stock to the League for Animal Welfare—instead of selling it yourself first—you don’t have to pay any capital gains tax. In order to ensure that we can accurately acknowledge your generous donation of stock, it is important that you or your broker notify us of the gift and its intended purpose, and for the broker to reference your name in the transfer instructions.

Making this kind of gift benefits you as well as the animals waiting for their forever home.

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Volunteers are at the heart of the League for Animal Welfare. While we provide safe shelter and medical care for homeless cats and dogs, our volunteers provide loving care and attention to the animals. They socialize cats, exercise dogs, work off-site adoption events, bottle feed abandoned kittens and puppies, and so much more! The way in which League volunteers help may vary, but they all have a deep love of animals, first and foremost.

Margaret Carlton recently moved from Cincinnati to Florida. After adopting her dog Sargeant from the League, she became a volunteer. During her three years here, Margaret volunteered with both cats and dogs. But, most recently, she was the “voice” of our adoptable canines, providing fun and engaging descriptions for the League website. She spent valuable time with each incoming dog to learn his or her personality. “The true beauty of the League for Animal Welfare is the genuine spirit of love for all creatures,” explains Margaret. “I do not intend to volunteer at another shelter [in Florida]. When you’ve experienced the best, it’s hard to settle for less.”

Animals at the League are not confined to cages and have access to secure, outdoor areas. This unique shelter environment inspired Patsy Kelly and Ed Walton to become volunteers. For more than four years, they have made weekly trips to help socialize the cats and trim their nails. Wanting to do more, they joined the League’s Cat Subcommittee. Patsy and Ed enjoy “suggesting improvements to the care and socialization of the cats and training new cat volunteers.” They said “We are always eager and happy to tell our friends about the League and how much we love volunteering there!”

Volunteers are not paid—not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless.”

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Ed Walton, Patsy Kelly, and League resident Li

Make A Difference We are always looking for friendly volunteers who love animals. To learn more, please contact Rebecca Burt, Volunteer Coordinator, at rebeccaf@LFAW.org or 513-735-2299.
Meet Sandy and David Filbert, members of the League’s 1949 Legacy Society. As Legacy members, the Filberts have included the League in their estate plans.

What role have pets played in your life?
Over the last 35 years, our pets (both dogs and cats) have always been a part of our family. We love them and they, in turn, show their love for us. We both grew up in homes with family pets and have kept that tradition throughout our married life. It is our opinion that pets truly do complete a family.

How did you first hear about the League?
Dave discovered the League while running errands on the other side of town (we live on the west side). He got lost and stumbled upon their original location. Shortly thereafter, we adopted our Great Dane, Clyde. Clyde was short for Clydesdale! He stood 39 inches at his shoulders. Our second adoption was a Rottweiler/Coonhound mix named Harley. Both Clyde and Harley were like our children and went everywhere with us. At the time we adopted Harley, Sandy’s mother was living with us and Harley made a wonderful daytime companion for her while we were working.

Why did you choose to include the League in your estate plan?
The League provided us with two wonderful new family members and continues to provide shelter, care, and love to so many unwanted pets. Our financial contribution to their ongoing efforts will help the League to develop and grow as it maintains its professional and loving care for the many dogs and cats that are looking for their new forever homes.

If your pets could talk, what do you think they would tell you?
If our current pets (three cats), could talk they would say: “Thank you for saving us, thank you for loving and caring for us, and thank you for making plans that will help to save so many of our brothers and sisters through the efforts of the League For Animal Welfare.”

What does philanthropy mean to you?
When we decided to get our estate in order, we faced many decisions; however, it became obvious that philanthropy would be a logical route for us. It provides us the opportunity to give back to organizations that we have developed a relationship with over many years. We’re sure Clyde and Harley, as well as our many other pets, would be very happy to know their love influenced us to follow a way to support the League’s efforts to protect and care for so many desperate animals. We feel it should be an important part of everyone’s estate planning.

Pets truly do complete a family.

If you would like to learn more about leaving a Legacy, contact Marilyn Goodrich at 513-735-2299 or marilyn@LFAW.org.
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  Marilyn & Matt Goodrich
  Sue Hyde
Rachet Evans
  Park Plaza Animal Hospital
Rigel
  Diann Cox & Don Aren
Ringo, beloved pet of Whitney DeMaster
  Marilyn & Matt Goodrich
Sadie, beloved pet of Sue & Doug Waddell
  Diana Laviolette
  William & Janice Long
  Ellen Welham
Sash and Sky
  Miriam Schmidtgesling
Sassy Muldoon
  Park Plaza Animal Hospital
Skip, a noble hound
  Kendra Leonard
Snoopy, Lucy, Marcie and Pepper
  Ann Ruchhoft
Sparkie, beloved cat of Dee Lanaham
  Judith & William Lipsky
Sparky Sharma
  Ruchi Sharma
Spike Willoweit
  Park Plaza Animal Hospital
Tess, beloved pet of Sherry Case
  Francine & David Glassmeyer
Tigger and Allie
  Mary Morse-Matthews
Tippy the Wonder Dog
  Clean Run Productions, L.L.C.
Trotter
  Donald & Nellie Bates
Warrior, beloved pet of George & Luanne Goode
  Alwine & Raymond Kneipp
Want To Do Good? Shop Goodshop!

The League has recently partnered with Goodshop, an online service that not only helps you find the best deals on thousands of products, it donates a portion of each sale directly to the League!

What is it:
Goodshop.com is a website where, once registered, you can use to search for the best deals at the stores you like to shop! For instance, once you log in, you can look up a store. Say you want to shop Pottery Barn Kids. Once you input your information, all your available deals and coupons for that store will be shown to you and you can use them instantly!

What it does for the League:
Depending on the store you choose, Goodshop will donate a certain percentage of each sale you take advantage of to the League! When you search a store, you can clearly see the percentage that will be donated, so you can not only be an informed consumer, but a savvy supporter, too.

How to get started:
Visit the website at www.GoodSearch.com/GoodShop and you can register using your email or your Facebook login. And don’t worry—the site is secure. Once you confirm your email, you’re ready to start saving yourself money and helping us save some more homeless pets!

Get Creative

If you have an idea to raise funds for the League, please contact Davina Prebble at 513-735-2299 or davina@LFAW.org.

SHELTER SHOUT OUTS

Our generous community helps provide hope to homeless cats and dogs. The League for Animal Welfare would like to acknowledge the following fundraising initiatives during the second quarter of 2015:

- More than $1,800 was earned through League supporters shopping at Kroger
- Nearly $250 was earned through “dine and donate” events at Quaker Steak and Lube in Milford and Sweet Frog in Eastgate (visit our website for upcoming opportunities!)
- Community Shares’ workplace giving campaigns raised more than $2,000
- By participating in an adoption event at the Macy’s corporate offices downtown, the League earned nearly $500 through proceeds from the sale of pet goodies
- Girl Scout Troop 45361 collected items from the League’s wish list, including laundry soap, bleach, collars, leashes and toys, plus a $50 gift card

We appreciate all those who help support the League’s mission through unique and innovative ways.
## Adoption Events

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| SAT 05 SEP | Adoption Event   | **WHEN**
3:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m.
**WHERE**
Harmony Hills Wines
2534 Swings Corner Point
Isabel Rd
Bethel, OH 45106 |
| SAT 12 SEP | Adoption Event   | **WHEN**
11:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.
**WHERE**
Batavia Bicentennial
1535 Clough Pike
Batavia, OH 45103 |
| SUN 13 SEP | Adoption Event   | **WHEN**
12:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.
**WHERE**
Petco
260 West Main St
Amelia, OH 45102 |
| FRI 18 SEP | Adoption Event   | **WHEN**
11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.
**WHERE**
Petsmart
650 Eastgate South Blvd
Cincinnati, OH 45245 |
| SAT 19 SEP | Adoption Event   | **WHEN**
8:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.
**WHERE**
St. Jude Walk/Run to End Childhood Cancer
Newport on the Levee |
| SUN 20 SEP | Adoption Event   | **WHEN**
11:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.
**WHERE**
Earthwise Pets
11328 Montgomery Rd
Cincinnati, OH 45249 |
| SAT 26 SEP | Adoption Event   | **WHEN**
12:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m.
**WHERE**
Pawapalooza
5819 Idlewild Rd
Burlington, KY 41005 |
| SAT 27 SEP | Adoption Event   | **WHEN**
12:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.
**WHERE**
Pet Supplies Plus
11345 Montgomery Rd
Cincinnati, OH 45249 |
| SAT 03 OCT | Adoption Event   | **WHEN**
10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.
**WHERE**
Home Depot
5203 Bardes Rd
Mason, OH 45040 |
| SAT 03 OCT | Adoption Event   | **WHEN**
12:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.
**WHERE**
Petsmart
245 Rivers Edge
Milford, OH 45150 |

**Come visit us!**

Come visit us at one of our off-site adoption events or education programs! Please plan on visiting us and meeting your new best friend. See you there! ❤️
**ANIMAL TALK SERIES**

**MON 14 SEP**
- **WHEN** 6:30 p.m.–8:00 p.m.
- **GUEST SPEAKER** Tri-State County Animal Response Team
- **WHERE** Anderson Township Library
  7450 State Rd
  Cincinnati, OH 45230

**MON 21 OCT**
- **WHEN** 6:30 p.m.–8:00 p.m.
- **GUEST SPEAKER** Ohio Alleycat Resource
- **WHERE** TBD

**MON 09 NOV**
- **WHEN** 6:30 p.m.–8:00 p.m.
- **GUEST SPEAKER** Dr. Zeke Zekeoff: Pet safety during the holidays
- **WHERE** TBD
NONE LEFT BEHIND: Happy Endings for All

Some cats and dogs at the League for Animal Welfare find a home within a few days and others wait several weeks. But there are other animals who patiently wait for months—even years—to be adopted. Animals like Celina and Van Gogh.

Celina
An energetic, task-motivated boxer mix, Celina spent more than 800 days at the League until her new family took her home. Staff and volunteers provided extensive socialization opportunities to help her bond with humans. “Trail dog” on a horse farm by day and devoted companion by night, Celina has found her perfect home.

Van Gogh
Van Gogh, a lovable polydactyl cat, impressed visitors with his big paws and extra digits. Being FIV-positive affected his ability to be adopted and it took 16 months for him to find his forever home. However, it certainly didn’t take long for him to settle in, quickly adopting his family’s bed as his own.

One of the most unique features at the League is our None Left Behind program. We believe that every cat and dog at the League is deserving of a loving, caring home. Adoptions can take longer for older animals, those with special needs or those with behavioral issues. Removing barriers to those adoptions is the focus of None Left Behind.

The League waives the adoption fee for None Left Behind animals. To relieve an adopter of any concerns about the cost of caring for an animal with special needs, the League will cover the medical expenses (through PetWow Highland Heights) and any special food needs for the life of that pet.

Share Your Love
To support the None Left Behind program, please donate online at LFAW.org or mail in your donation.
Glee
Born 6/2011
Resident since 6/10/15
Glee is a very enthusiastic shepherd mix who loves outings and activities. She has finished treatment for heartworm and is now ready to find her new home. We would recommend that she be in an only-dog family and definitely needs a fenced yard.

Fiss Pop
Born 3/2013
Resident since 3/7/15
This cutie is super sweet and wants nothing more than some loving attention. Fiss Pop is quick to approach anyone who enters her room and will happily jump up on your lap. She quickly adjusted to her roommates and loves playing with toys.

Neuman
Born 9/2013
Resident since 3/24/15
Staff and volunteers consider Neuman quite the ladies’ man! Friendly, easy-going and playful, he would probably adapt well in any home. He “plays well with others,” happily sharing his toys with the other cats in his room.

Jacks
Born 8/2012
Resident since 5/28/15
Jacks is a collie/hound mix with great facial expressions. He’s a bit timid, but our volunteers have helped bring him out of his shell. He could use a little work walking on a leash and is very eager to explore.

Wryn
Born 7/2013
Resident since 6/30/15
Wryn is an amazing little girl. She recently had hip replacement surgery, which is very unusual for a cat. But don’t feel sorry for her—she’s doing great! She is quick to greet you, always ready for some love and attention.

Juxton
Born 5/2011
Resident since 5/27/15
All our volunteers call Juxton a “great little dog!” Despite being a Jack Russell, he is actually mellow and calm. He walks great on a leash and loves playtime. This cute, lap-sized boy would do well in almost any home.

For more information:
These animals may already be in their forever homes, but our website [LFAW.org] is constantly updated with the cats and dogs available for adoption.

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Join the League for Animal Welfare for a fantastic evening of wine, craft beer and signature cocktail tastings at the 10th Annual Wine & Whiskers!

You'll also enjoy heavy hors d’oeuvres, live jazz music and fabulous auction items, including original artwork created by League residents and alumni. Live auction sneak peek: fine jewelry from Saks Fifth Avenue, exclusive Cincinnati Ballet “Nutcracker” package, and at-home experience with Executive Chef Alfio Gulisano.

New this year, mobile bidding will allow all League supporters to participate in the silent auction! Frank Marzullo from FOX19 is the Master of Ceremonies & Auctioneer.

For more information, please call 513.735.2299 ext. 333 or visit LFAW.org.