NELSON’S STORY: A SECOND CHANCE FOR A HEART OF GOLD

W hen Nelson arrived at the League for Animal Welfare last June, on a transport from Elliott County, Kentucky, everyone fell immediately in love with the yellow lab mix. His low-key, sweet and gentle personality won over the hearts of staff and volunteers alike.

“You can’t meet Nelson and not love him,” says adoption counselor Stephanie Garrett. “He was very laid-back—of course, we didn’t know at first that this gentle demeanor was because of a heart condition.”

A Dire Prognosis

It was during his intake exam for routine spay/neuter/dental that League veterinarian Dr. Denise Bevins detected the heart problem—an atrial myopathy which gave him an abnormally slow heart rate, and put him at risk for sudden death. Nelson would require a pacemaker if they were going to be able to extend his life expectancy beyond another year.

It was a dire prognosis, but fate—and the good hearts of Nelson’s adoptive family, the League staff and volunteers — stepped in at the critical time.

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Stay warm, stay clean
You put a lot of care into choosing a quality pet food. You put time in to make sure your pet has enough exercise...to ensure that your pet gets love and affection. Your pet gets checkups and vaccines. But what about your pet’s teeth?

Since February is National Pet Dental Health Month, it’s a great time to become aware that good dental hygiene for your pet is one of the most overlooked areas in pet health. Just as with humans, proper dental care can detect dental disease that not only affects the mouth, but can detect and even prevent more serious health problems such as heart, lung, and kidney disease. League veterinarian Dr. Denise Bevins suggest you go ahead and start with a professional cleaning, especially if your pet is a little older and is just getting dental attention. “When tartar is already adhered to the teeth,” says Dr. Bevins, “brushing alone will not remove it.”

Like regular grooming or the daily mosey outside, dental care should be something your pet comes to expect each day. But it won’t happen overnight; most animals take some time getting used to someone poking around in their mouth. (Most owners need to warm up to the idea, too!) Ideally, introduce dental care when your furry pal is still young. But don’t stress if you just realized that your adult pet’s teeth need some attention. Just take a slow, patient approach, and remember that lots of love and treats go a long way in winning him over.

You probably don’t want to share your toothbrush, so once you’re ready to begin brushing you’ll need your supplies:

**Toothbrush:** A human toothbrush works well; choose a soft one in a size to match her mouth. Toothbrushes for pets are more angled and also come in a fingertip style, which slips over the end of your finger. Not sure which you want? Try them all and see which your pet takes to.

**Canine/Feline toothpaste:** It’s unlikely your pet will learn to spit, so he or she needs a toothpaste that’s safe to swallow. That rules out human formulas, which contain abrasives and detergent that she shouldn’t ingest. Plus, she’ll prefer the poultry or seafood options available for animals.

**Wipes or pads:** When you can’t brush, wipe! Get in a few swipes at the gum line to whisk away bacteria and food. You can use a dental pad, available at most pet stores, or a simple gauze pad wrapped around your finger.

**Good hygiene is a treat!**
Pet chews and treats can help maintain hygiene. Look for the “VOHC-approved” stamp on any dental-cleansing product, which means they meet the tooth cleaning protocols established by the Veterinary Oral Health Council. While these items won’t replace the need to brush, they can help reduce unwanted buildup. Some pets won’t bite on these natural choices, but many do enjoy chewing artificial bones or chew toys. Try a variety to see what your pet likes. Always choose rubber or nylon toys with a rough or bumpy surface, large enough so that it won’t present a choking hazard. A chew toy should be somewhat flexible, not rock hard.
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Have your pet’s teeth checked sooner if you observe any of the following problems:

- Bad breath
- Broken or loose teeth
- Extra teeth or retained baby teeth
- Teeth that are discolored or covered in tartar
- Abnormal chewing, drooling, or dropping food from the mouth
- Reduced appetite or refusal to eat
- Pain in or around the mouth
- Bleeding from the mouth
- Swelling in the areas surrounding the mouth

A SECOND CHANCE: continued from page 1

First, the League sprang into action, setting up a GoFundMe campaign to appeal for contributions for the $3,800 needed for Nelson’s procedure.

At about the same time, Bill and Michelle Hock visited the League to look into volunteering at the shelter. “Nelson had already caught his eye,” Michelle says of Bill. “For me, it was love at first sight. We went through the next orientation class, and we walked Nelson as part of our training. He was a polite and gentle dog. Even though he had the habit of jumping up, it was very gentle.”

Through Surgery and Recovery
Michelle and Bill were in love—but Nelson wasn’t ready to go to his furever home, and be formally adopted, until his heart condition had been treated. So Michelle and Bill agreed to foster him before and during his medical procedure and throughout his recovery. “We were already smitten with him,” says Michelle, “so of course we agreed.”

Nelson underwent his cardiac procedure on September 7th. For several months after, while in recovery, he was on very restricted activity. He wore a temporary vest to track his heart rate and retrieve data for the vet, and secure the wires in his neck which ran down an artery to his heart to keep it beating at a steady rhythm. On December 18th, his adoption was official, and Nelson was safe and sound in his furever home.

Home at Last
“It’s safe to say Nelson is the most affectionate dog we’ve ever owned,” says Michelle. “He prefers to be on your lap as much as possible, and he expects your undivided attention while he’s there. He loves walks, and likes to sit at the back door watching for squirrels and other critters that might venture into the backyard.”

Nelson also loves being in a shirt or sweater, Michelle says. “We believe his preference for wearing a shirt stems from his recovery period. He had bandages wrapped around his neck and chest for weeks after surgery. At his most vulnerable time, he must have felt secure with them, like a thunder shirt. After his bandages were removed, his confidence seemed lower, so we tried a shirt—and it worked!”

Six months out of surgery, Nelson continues his gradual healing, and he’s working his way up to being able to do normal activities, such as fetch, Michelle says. For their part, Michelle and Bill couldn’t be happier. “Our goal going into this was to give Nelson a beautiful life,” she says, “regardless of whether it was nine months or five years.”

PACEMAKER PIONEERS
Did you know? It was man’s best friend who helped develop the technology that led to pacemakers for humans. The first implant of a human pacemaker in a dog took place in 1968. Over the past two decades, a few thousand dogs have received the lifesaving implants.
Volunteer Profile:
Bob & Peggy Bentley

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“Alone we can do so little. Together we can do so much.” Helen Keller said those words and we can see the truth in them every time Peggy and Bob Bentley volunteer at and for the League. They have been dedicated volunteers with us since 2011 and it would be an understatement to say how much we appreciate their time and care. “When it comes to working with animals, anyone can tell you that consistency is key,” says volunteer manager Justin Tucker. “Bob and Peggy have been an excellent example of consistency in their service to the League. It warms my heart getting a friendly hello from them as they come in to donate time, knowing it means even more to the animals!”

As a kid, Peggy brought home many stray cats, but as an adult, her first pet was a black and white stray kitten that they named Nicky. After retiring, selling the house they lived in for 27 years, and settling into a town home, the couple began to look for some volunteer work. Peggy saw the League listed in the paper under volunteer opportunities and it sounded like its been at the League for going on 6 years. That’s a lot of time. What brings them back, you ask?

“It is very rewarding to spend time with the cats,” says Peggy. “To see them gain confidence, and become friendlier and more interested in visitors. It is so satisfying when a cat I have spent time with gets adopted because I know I helped that become a reality.”

Who: Bob & Peggy Bentley
Hometown: Loveland
Years volunteering: 6
Hours logged in 2016: 142

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING?
Visit LFAW.org/volunteer/ or call Justin at 513-735-2299 to learn more about becoming a volunteer.
Visitors and adopters, alike, often ask the same question: “How can I help?” As a private non-profit organization, the League for Animal Welfare receives no local, state or federal funding. This means we rely 100% on private donations from individuals and organizations who support our mission. Adoption fees only cover a small portion of the costs to care for homeless cats and dogs.

The most direct way to support the League is by making a tax-deductible donation on our website (LFAW.org). Your gift helps provide nutritious food, safe shelter and top-notch veterinary care.

But there are many other ways you can help:

• Foster or adopt a rescued cat or dog awaiting a forever home – you save 2 lives when you adopt (the one you take home and the next animal that can be taken into our shelter)
• Volunteer your time and talent by socializing cats, walking dogs, folding laundry or gardening.
• Help with special events like offsite adoption events, our annual holiday party and fundraisers
• Purchase items on our shelter wish list like kitty litter, Kongs, laundry detergent, leashes, and canned food
• Donate unwanted towels, blankets and bedspreads to give all pets in the shelter a comfortable place to rest
• Have all you need? For your next birthday, request donations to the League in lieu of presents
• Take charge! Plan an event to raise funds for the animals (car wash, bake sale, etc.)
• Follow us on Facebook and share our posts to help our animals find a forever home: facebook.com/leagueforanimalwelfare

SHELTER SHOUT OUTS

Our generous community gives hope to homeless cats and dogs. The League for Animal Welfare would like to acknowledge the following fundraising initiatives during the fourth quarter of 2016:

• Employees at L3 Fuzing and Ordnance Systems collected supplies for our shelter and more than $2,100 in cash
• A large donation of kitty litter, pet food, laundry detergent, paper towels, and cat toys was collected through the efforts of Modern Woodmen, New Vienna Community Church and Goshen United Methodist Church
• League-loving Kroger shoppers earned the League more than $1,600 through the Kroger Rewards program
• Donation boxes in Roney’s and at several adoption events collected nearly $400
• Community Shares’ workplace giving campaigns raised nearly $2,400

We appreciate all those in our community who help support the League’s mission.

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.
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Chase
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Guinness
Patrick Ngo
Lola and Chester
Marriott & Matt Goodrich
Mabel (formerly Helen)
Kayla Mullen
Mash
Amy Jost
Molly and Toby
Donna Kabakoff
Qwerky and Sunshine
William & Samantha Bayless
Rayne O’Meara
Claudia O’Meara
Riley Bean Sarge
Anthony & Lynn Sarge
Roxy (formerly Nikon) Mock
Christina Davis
Rubie
Tricia Rollman
Sasha
Michael Ferone
Sasha
Grace Senefeld
Sherlock Robinson
Heather Anderson
Shiloh
Terry & Miyoko Murray
Sophia
Jean Elick
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David & Barbara Reaman
Tinker
Deva Burnett
Tinkerbelle and Bandit
Mary-Morse Matthews
Winston
Stephen Ryan & Veronica Leonard
Wolfie
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Jolene Logan

IN MEMORY OF
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Park Plaza Animal Hospital
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Abbie
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All Our Friends
Leslie Willowsit

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It was a whirlwind of a weekend and such an honor to be one of the 36 participating shelters and rescues. It was a record-breaking event for the League: more than 40 of our pets found their forever homes! Over that weekend of February 11, 780 pets went home...and that’s not counting the pets that were put on hold and later adopted! Visit My Furry Valentine’s Facebook page for official totals. But in the meantime...here are some of the faces of pure love that found their families.
Come visit us at one of our off-site adoption events or education programs! Spring into the action—stop by and say hi at our adoption events, get a pet lover’s tattoo at our Skin Tight tattoo marathon, go green for a cause when you sign up for the Leprechaun Run and so much more.

We always need volunteers to help at our off-site events. Call Volunteer Manager Justin Tucker at 513-735-2299 x205 to learn more about becoming an event volunteer.

SUN 12 MAR
WHEN
12:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.
WHERE
Petco
260 West Main St
Amelia, OH 45102

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12:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.
WHERE
Petsmart
245 Rivers Edge
Milford, OH 45150

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Pet Supplies Plus
11345 Montgomery Rd
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Paws for a Cause
A fun event for the whole family—including your tail-wagging family member!

**WHEN**
4:30 p.m.–7:30 p.m.

**WHERE**
Matthew 25: Ministries
11060 Kenwood Rd
Blue Ash, OH 45242

**REGISTER**
http://m25m.org/event/pawsforacause/

Ice Cream Social
For adopters, volunteers, staff and supporters. (Rain date of 7/22)

**WHEN**
4:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m.

**WHERE**
League for Animal Welfare
4193 Taylor Road
Batavia, OH 45103

Pet Jam
The League’s newest fundraiser, a family- and pet-friendly music fest.

**WHEN**
6:00 p.m.–10:00 p.m.

**WHERE**
Receptions in Loveland
10681 Loveland Madeira Rd
Loveland, OH 45140

Holiday Party
Come and celebrate the holidays with our League family!

**WHEN**
2:00 p.m.–10:00 p.m.

**WHERE**
Grailville in Loveland
932 O’Bannonville Road
Loveland, OH 45140

THIRD PARTY FUNDRAISERS

**Leprechaun Run XI**
A road rally Benefiting The League For Animal Welfare.

**STARTING POINT/ CHECK-IN**
1:00 p.m.

**ENDING POINT**
6:00 p.m. at Molly Malones
in Covington, KY

**WHERE**
Crestview Hills Town Center
Dewey’s Pizza/Dillard’s
2949 Dixie Highway
Crestview Hills, KY 41017

**REGISTER**
http://bit.ly/2kolGsA

**Dine & Donate**
You eat gooey, delicious pizza and Dewey’s donates a percentage of your bill to the League. It’s a win-win!

**WHEN**
4:00 p.m.–10:00 p.m.

**WHERE**
Dewey’s Pizza in Anderson
7933 Beechmont Ave
Cincinnati, OH 45255

**Adopt a Pig**
Adopt a pig in The Piggest Raffle Ever and you could win $5,000 for yourself and $5,000 for the League!

**WINNING PIG WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON MAY 5, 2017**

**PURCHASE TICKETS**
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~Martin Luther King, Jr.

What if every person on earth volunteered for eight hours each month? What impact would 624 billion volunteer hours per year have on the world? Well…we don’t need 624 billion volunteers. We do need you! Have you been interested in volunteering with the League, but live too far from the shelter to get to orientation or to events in Batavia? We have heard your concerns and are responding!

Our team is working on scheduling events in different parts of Greater Cincinnati. We currently hold events in the Deerfield Township/Mason and Tri-County areas and we’re looking for animal-loving individuals like you to help at those events.

We do ask that you attend an orientation before volunteering. And we offer event orientations at off-site adoption locations. These mobile orientations are chock-full of all the information you’ll need to feel confident volunteering with the League…anywhere in the Tri-State.

Interested in volunteering?
Make a difference in the lives of animals and in your neighborhood. Contact Volunteer Manager Justin Tucker at justin@LFAW.org

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Adopt Me!

Chomper
E.D.O.B. 1/12/13 • 19 pounds
Chomper had made his transition to the League in admirable fashion. He is content in his kennel and accepts interaction with staff and volunteers. After just a few days with us, he attended his first off-site adoption event and was very well behaved! This little guy is great on leash and around the other dogs and people. Chomper is just too cute with his short stature and long nose. Although he is a mix of Jack Russell terrier and dashshund, he is not too energetic or too stubborn. Chomper will do well in many different homes and will want lots of attention and devotion. He is still young and will want regular walks and fresh air. If a smaller dog is what would prefer, please plan to meet Chomper.

Hilo
E.D.O.B. 03/26/15 • 56.2 pounds
Despite his size, Hilo is still a very young boy and is learning more every day about how to be a well-behaved dog. He grew so big so fast that it is no wonder he can be a bit clumsy. He gets very excited when he knows he is about to get some attention. Hilo is a very affectionate dog and loves to play with toys.

Rufus
E.D.O.B. 4/25/15 • 30.4 pounds
Rufus is a reserved guy. He enjoys being with other dogs but does not partake in roughhouse play. He is more of a spectator...at least for now. Rufus is a sweet dog who will do best in a home where his adopters will practice patience and create a structured environment where he can continue on his path to self-assurance.

Steffie
E.D.O.B. 3/2012
Winkie came to us from a home where she lived with other cats and dogs. She is such a gentle little girl and truly wants to be loved. She is a shy due to her new surroundings but is still willing to climb onto your lap for some cuddling. Her love nibbles show how much she wants the attention! She is looking for her forever family that would give her room to develop her outgoing and loving personality.

Baby
E.D.O.B. 04/2013
Baby starts purring the minute she jumps up to be with you. There’s a lot of Baby to love...literally...and her New Year’s resolution is to get fit! It is amazing how easily she adjusted to being in the shelter so going to her new home will be no problem for her. Baby had a wonderful home but unfortunately her owner developed a serious disease and could no longer keep her. She is accustomed to children and other cats. She’s going to bring someone so much joy!

Penelope
E.D.O.B. 01/2015
Penelope is a sweet, independent girl! She will decide when she wants to come to you... usually after she feels comfortable with you. She was found as a stray, which may be why she is hesitant at first. There are times when she does love to chit chat. She doesn’t engage with other cats much of the time, but does like to spend her time with toys or bird watching. She is just waiting for a home where she can continue with these engrossing hobbies and shower you with love for life.
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