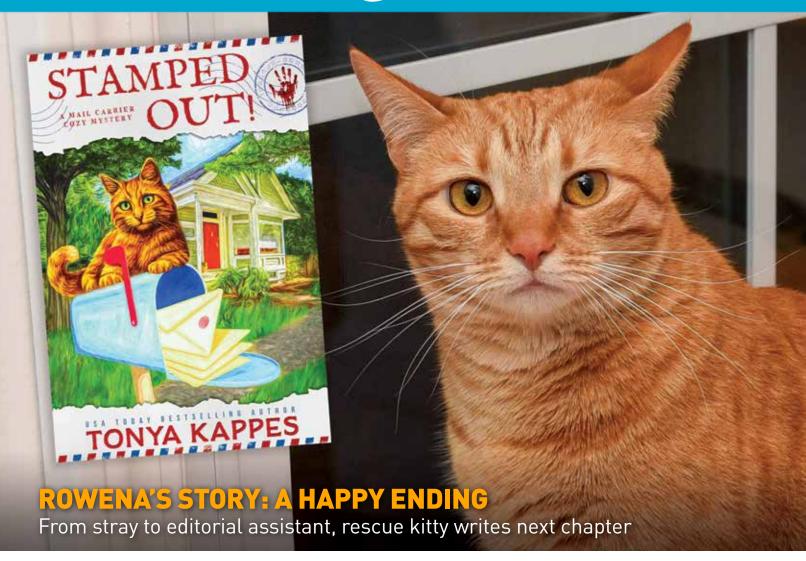
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ats often grace independent bookstores with their presence, curled up contentedly in the stacks, or greeting customers with a friendly purr of hello. Rowena has done them one better, gracing the covers of a cozy mystery series by novelist Tonya Kappes, and charming her fans on social media. But for Rowena, it was a journey from a Kentucky shelter to the League to her eventual forever home.

Rowena was transported to the League in August of 2018, with her litter of three kittens. Adoption counselor Anne Springman says that although she was "in reasonably good shape when she came in, she was thinner from nursing." An introvert, Rowena preferred space to herself, so the League gave her run of the hallway, where she loved to scamper

up and down the hall, playing with toys. "And she loved mealtime," Springman says.

Regular meals, a warm bed and safe space were just the tonic Rowena needed. "Over time, her coat went from a dull orange to a bright, beautiful orange," Springman says. "In time, she rounded out to the point where she was diagnosed as overweight!" At just two, Rowena was playful and spunky, and "she would jump on the laps of volunteers for attention."

Help wanted: Co-Worker

Author of a vast series of mysteries, the *USA Today* best-selling author Tonya Kappes has built an equally vast fan base, with her Southern Cake Baker, Mail Carrier Cozy

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Cecily

Stoney 6 years old

3 years old

Cecily came to the League after being abandoned in rural Kentucky. She's a sweet, calm, reserved gal who keeps getting overlooked (she has been with us for 18 months). She gets along with the other cats in her room, loves snuggling with her BFF and would love to find a quiet home.

become your best friend. He loves to cuddle and give kisses and is always happy to get his belly rubbed. His favorite

Stoney lacks confidence, so he needs to be slowly introduced to new things. Once he warms up to you, he'll

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

pastimes are walks and playing fetch.



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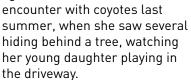
Protecting Your Pets from Coyotes

t first it may sound like your neighbors are having a wild party. Or maybe it's just the sound of distant howling, spooky on a quiet night. Either way, what you're likely hearing aren't noisy neighbors or midnight marauders, but coyotes -- and you need to be prepared should you or your pets encounter one.

Formerly lone hunters that plagued farmers and ranchers in the West, as coyotes began migrating east of the Mississippi in the last century, their habits and even their looks changed. They began mating with wolves and grew into larger bodies. They became more brazen hunters, forming packs and hunting larger prey. They threw off their nocturnal shackles and began prowling in daylight hours, too. And they became more cunning and able to adapt to their new environments of populated suburbs and cities.

Indian Hill Ranger Lt. Shawn Perdue tells of one case where a woman who raised exotic goats could only watch helplessly as a large coyote dragged one of her adult goats over a pasture fence and into the surrounding woods. On another occasion, a coyote stood atop a rock on the edge of a pond in broad daylight and looked on scornfully as homeowners with multiple dogs tried unsuccessfully to scare him off.

Dr. Susanna Hinkle Schwartz, a surgeon at MedVet in Cincinnati, told *CincyPet* magazine of a friend's close



"We see many coyote attacks," she said of MedVet, located on Redbank Road in Fairfax, "and I know there are many more dogs that never make it home and just go 'missing'." She described coyotes as "opportunistic, versatile feeders," as prone to rooting through trash for fruits and vegetables as they are to hunt small mammals, deer, insects and birds. "Small



dogs and cats are often targeted in more urban areas, but coyotes have been known to shadow human joggers or larger dogs as well."

So what can be done to keep our pets and families safe? Dr. Schwartz offers the following suggestions to *CincyPet.com*:

- Know how to recognize a coyote. Usually they are grayish brown to yellowish gray, often with a white or buff-colored chest. They can range in size from 20-50 pounds. They travel in packs of six or so but hunt in pairs.
- Always supervise your pets and small children when they are outside, especially at dusk or dawn and at night. And keep your cat(s) inside.
- Avoid walking near the edge of wooded areas at night and keep your pet on a short leash. Carry a flashlight to shine into a coyote's eyes should you encounter one at night.
- Secure garbage cans with locking lids or store them in a garage or shed and clean your grill after use to avoid attracting them to your yard.
- Keep outside lights on and ensure that the area in which you walk your dog(s) is well lit.
- Should you encounter a coyote, never turn your back on it or start to run. And try not to look scared since coyotes read body language and could conclude you're being submissive.

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- Shout, yell, throw sticks or stones and make yourself look as large and intimidating as possible to scare them away.
- Remember that electric fences may keep your pets contained, but they do nothing to keep predators out.

And it should go without saying, but we'll say it anyway: never approach a pack of coyotes!

It may all boil down to common sense, but hey! There's a reason shampoo bottles come with directions... &

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and Ghostly Southern mystery series, among many more. With accolades from *Kirkus, Publishers Weekly* and *Booklist*, Tonya has countless loyal readers and a dedicated social media following. But, she allows, "I'm a writer, and I work from home. It's actually a pretty lonely job."

For 15 years, she had the companionship of two "amazing Schnauzers, Charlie and Scooter," who were her writing company and became the faces of Tonya Kappes' books, she says. "They got more fan mail than me." Both Charlie and Scooter passed in early 2019, says Tonya, "and I was devastated. The house was lonely."

On a busy Father's Day weekend in 2019, her husband Eddy suggested a trip to the League to cheer her up, "just to look at cats, because I was in no way ready for another dog," Tonya says.



With guests on the way for a celebration, no food cooked, and no plans to adopt a cat, Tonya and Rowena met. She knew Rowena was the one. Still grieving her dogs, "I wasn't going to let my heart do too much feeling, but there was something about the way she looked at me that told me we'd be okay."

Employee of the Month

Rowena was right. Today, they share the office where Tonya works on her novels, and Rowena is dubbed Employee of the Month each and every month. "She's the first one in the office, like 'aren't you ready to work?'," she says. "My desk is built into the wall in front of a window, so she loves when

I work in there. She watches the birds, and sleeps in the sunspot."

Rowena also has earned her place as cover girl on Tonya's Mail Carrier Cozy series. Readers will find her likenessglossy apricot coat and bright eyes—on the front of "Stamped Out." "Address for Murder." and "All She Wrote" titles. Says



Tonya: "I had a new series release and had all the covers already in place. I had originally written a dog into the plot, but after I got Rowena, I knew I had to change it and the covers!"

Heart of Kindness

It's no mystery that the League was the right place to bring Rowena and Tonya together. And for her part, Tonya says she would recommend the League to anyone considering adoption. "I could tell all the workers have a heart of kindness and love for all the fur babies there," she says. "The League makes it a very homey place for them, where they are safe, cared for and loved unconditionally. I'm so grateful to them and how well-loved Rowena was before she picked us as her furever home."

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Donor Profile:

Q&A with Kelli & Ken Lackman

Kelli and Ken Lackman are committed to the League's life-saving mission. They have changed the lives of three dogs they adopted from our shelter and continue to support us through donations.

What role have pets played in your life?

Dogs have been important to us our entire life. The first dog we had was a surprise for me in our first year of marriage. Nicki was with us for almost 18 years. We were lost without a dog and began a quest in 2006 that led us to the League.





How did you first hear about the League?

After looking locally for a dog and not finding anything but Bully type breeds at the other places we noticed that the League advertised the dogs available online. A ride out to your facility led us to Carson, our now almost-14-year-old lab mix. When he was about 6 months old, we came back and got Bailey because Carson needed a playmate. Then about 5 years later, my oldest daughter found our third dog, Baxter. He looked so much like our very first doa Nicki. Well. all it took was for Baxter to run into my daughter's arms and we were hooked! Bailev was a great momma to him.



Lackman Dogs, Baxter, Carson and Bailey

Why did you choose to support the League?

I must say that I love the fact that the League makes sure that all pets like each other before you can take another dog home. It has been wonderful. We have been so very pleased with the League that we like to honor Nicki and Bailey with donations in their name. We love the idea that it is a no-kill shelter.

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

If my dogs could talk, I would think that they would say that they are grateful to the League for saving them (literally so for Bailey who survived kennel cough and pneumonia



thanks to the care she received). I feel that they would say that they have had a good life. 🗳



Make a difference!

Give hope to homeless cats and dogs by donating online at LFAW.org/donate *

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Volunteer Corner: **CHANGE A LIFE**

hether surrendered by their owners or found as a stray, homeless cats and dogs are confused, scared and nervous when they

enter our shelter. No matter how nice the conditions, the transition can be overwhelming. Luckily, our volunteers are here to help them acclimate and prepare them for life in a forever home.

There are numerous volunteer opportunities for people who care about supporting homeless and adoptable pets in our community. Every day, our volunteers are walking dogs, socializing cats, introducing dogs to crates, making cat toys, filling Kongs, maintaining the walking paths, handling animals at off-site adoption events, and more! We are grateful for the compassion, enthusiasm and dedication they share with us - and our adoptable pets - every day.

A love for animals is what brings volunteers to the League, but the difference they make in the animals' lives keeps them coming back. If you have some love to share, please consider becoming a volunteer. Orientation sessions are offered the second Sunday and fourth Saturday each month. Simply call our shelter at 513-735-2299 to sign up! 🕸

"I love volunteering at the League because I see the love for every cat or dog." ~Sue

"Volunteering here has filled a place in my heart that has been closed off for a long time. I need these animals just as much as they need me!" ~Emily

"I love volunteering with my kids. It is wonderful to see my children learn to give their time to others and help all the cats and dogs find loving homes." ~Megan



"Every visit I make is special in its own unique way. Nothing gives me more pleasure than to help provide a voice to the innocent cats and dogs that don't have a voice of their own." ~Teri

"Seeing the eyes of a lonely, neglected dog change from fear and anxiety to trust and devotion creates such a wonderful feeling!" ~Gretchen

"We rejoice every adoption!" ~Sandra





BECOME A SHELTER SPONSOR

he League's shelter is a temporary home for homeless cats and dogs - a gentle stop on their way to a new and better life in a loving, forever home. As you walk through our shelter, you might see a cat room with two grown cats whose owner passed away or a dog kennel with a puppy who was abandoned in a cardboard box. These animals – and others who find their way to our shelter - have different lives but one thing in common: they are now safe.

We are pleased to introduce our new **Shelter Sponsorship** Program that offers a unique opportunity to show your commitment to helping these animals begin a new life!

For \$500, you can sponsor the care and upkeep of one cat room or dog kennel for one year (or \$300 for six months). Your gift will provide food, cat litter, bedding and toys for all the cats or dogs who reside in your sponsored room or kennel during that time.

Shelter sponsors directly impact many cats or dogs as they make our shelter their temporary home. You will be recognized on the cat room or dog kennel you are sponsoring.

Sponsorships can even be made in honor of a living pet or in memory of a special pet that has passed on. 👸





Help the Animals!

To become a Shelter Sponsor at the League, visit LFAW.org/sponsor or contact Autumn Lees at 513-735-2299 x217 or Autumn@LFAW.org *

year to help the homeless animals in our shelter. Remember to





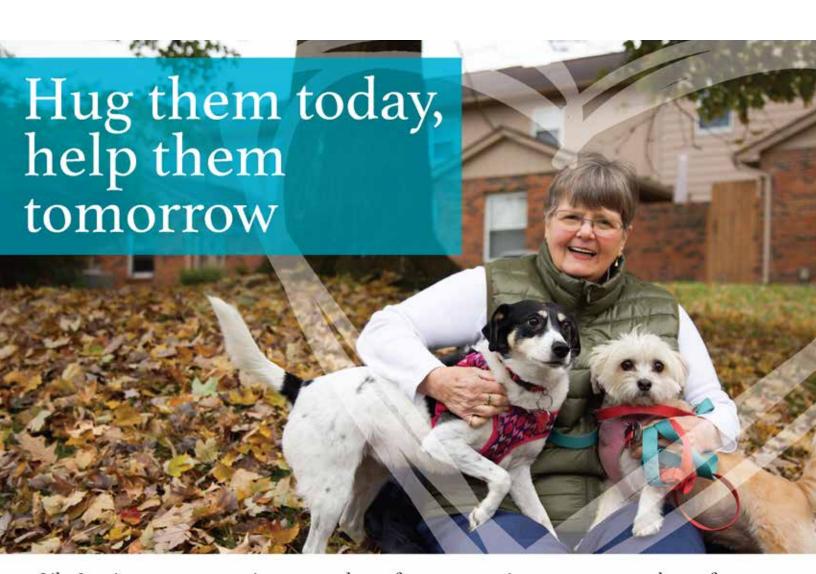


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Talk with us about joining the 1949 Legacy Society Contact Marilyn Goodrich at 513-735-2299 ext. 207

