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lossie was alone, roaming the Eastgate Mall parking lot in January, 2016, when a kind couple found her. The holiday shopping rush had ended, but winter was a long way from over. She was a senior, with a black-and-gray tabby coat, a medium frame and terrible teeth. Unwilling to leave her on her own in the wintry cold, the couple scooped her up and brought her in to the League.

"She was really sweet," says adoption counselor Maddie Davis, "but the people who found her couldn't keep her." So Flossie settled in to new lodgings at the League, far from her parking-lot life—with clean, warm beds, regular meals and veterinary care for her special needs as an 11-year-old.

Overall, even considering her age, her health wasn't bad. But time had taken a toll on her teeth. "They had to pull all of them, except the incisors," Maddie says. The result? An endearing little smile, and her name "Flossie," because she apparently forgot to floss, Maddie says.

Flossie Gets a New Job

Once she grew accustomed to her new surroundings, Flossie came out of her shell—and found

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

2017 is proving to be an exciting year for the League!

Our plans to leverage the Mobile Vet Clinic (MVC) in the community are exceeding expectations. We are not only doing all primary veterinary care for the League animals prior to adoption but have the MVC in Brown County on a regular basis! We knew there was a demand for low cost spay/neuter and wellness care but we have been overwhelmed by the response for these services!

We had our Volunteer Appreciation celebration on April 24th and I wanted to extend my personal thank you to the

"2017 is proving to be an exciting year for the League!"

volunteers who tirelessly give of their time to support the League. We simply could not accomplish our mission without you! We are always looking for more volunteers so please call the shelter if you are interested. It is an amazing experience and you won't be sorry!

Looking forward, we are excited to kick-off our capital campaign. The shelter expansion will further our efforts to provide an enhanced experience for the animals in our care, for adopters, and for volunteers. Finally, we will be able to expand our community outreach programs by freeing up capacity in the MVC!

So stay tuned for more in the coming months and if you haven't been to the shelter lately, please stop by!

For the animals.



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The League for Animal Welfare is a 501(c)(3) organization. Our mission is to reduce the number of homeless cats and dogs in Greater Cincinnati by providing a compassionate no-kill animal shelter and programs that promote responsible pet care. 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.

On the Cover: Flossie finds a new forever home.

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Keeping your pets safe: Prevention

n telephone poles. On the community boards at the grocery. All over the internet. We have all seen those heartbreaking flyers that speak to a pet family's worst fear: LOST.

While there is no way to guarantee you will never be in those shoes, there are effective steps you can take to help reduce the possibility of your pet getting lost and making sure you can be reunited, if the unthinkable happens.

Spay/Neuter

Spaying or neutering your pet is a good start. This eliminates the urge to wander in search of a mate. Speaking of wandering...secure your yard! Some dogs are skilled at jumping or climbing fences, or digging under fences or walls. Some animals are simply curious. Cats are expert jumpers and climbers too, which is why it's recommended you keep them indoors. However, even indoor-only pets need identification on the off chance they escape or an emergency forces you out of your home.

Which ID do you choose?

There are several inexpensive ways your dog or cat can carry identification at all times. Use as many forms as possible to give your pet the best possible chance of returning home when lost.

The classic dog tag can be purchased from pet stores, online and through mail-order vendors. Tags come in a variety of shapes, sizes, colors and materials. There are even vending machines in pet supply stores where you can make your own custom ID tags.

A pet's collar itself can be used as identification. They can be embroidered with your pet's name and your phone number, or a small metal tag can be engraved with this information and riveted to the collar.

There are also collars available with GPS units. With this technology, you can use your smartphone or computer to keep track of your pet's activity level and location. In addition, you can receive a text alert if your pet wanders away from a predetermined area.

Microchips

Microchips are a more permanent form of identification. Microchips are about the size of a grain of rice and implanted just beneath the skin, usually above the



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shoulders. The procedure for implanting a microchip in your pet is similar to a routine injection, such as a vaccination, and can be done at almost any time in a pet's life at virtually any veterinary office or animal shelter. Some rescue organizations and low-cost spay/neuter services offer them free of charge. However, with those discounts, the microchip and implant usually cost around \$50. If you have a League pet, you can rest assured that, before your pet left with you, they were implanted with a microchip. While these miniscule little life savers do not track the pet's location, they do provide vital information. When the pet is found, he or she is scanned using a small electronic device that reads the unique identification number from the microchip. The microchip's manufacturer is then contacted for the owner's information. It's important to register your pet's microchip as soon as possible, so the unique identification number can be linked to your contact information. And always update your phone number and address should they change.

There are services online that register all brands of microchips. Some services take this one step further and send out alerts to local veterinary offices and animal shelters to let them know your pet has gone missing. Find out what your service offers. Just be aware that a lost pet might be taken to a location that doesn't work directly with either of these services and therefore won't link the scanned microchip number to your contact information. It's best to always register your information with your pet's microchip manufacturer first. Then, if you

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like, you can also register with outside companies for added security. Most microchip companies charge a low, one-time fee to register your pet for life.

If the Unthinkable Happens

As soon as you realize your pet is missing, act quickly. Don't rely on the ID alone to ensure a safe return. Immediately notify all the pet-finding services you utilize. Make sure you have clear, up-to-date pictures of your pet. Don't be afraid to go old school by making posters with a photo and description of your missing pet along with your contact information. Post them near your home, at local pet-related businesses and near areas where other pet owners congregate, such as dog parks and walking trails. Also, make the people at these locations aware you have lost

your pet and are eager to bring him or her home safely. Go to rescue organizations and shelters in person and often—up to several times per week—to look for your pet. And, of course, use social media. A post of your missing pet's picture along with the last known location and any other helpful information could yield rapid results. If you do locate your lost pet at a shelter or rescue, keep in mind that in order to claim your pet, you may need to prove your pet is, indeed, your pet. If lost without clear identification, you could have trouble getting your pet released back to you. Save adoption paperwork, veterinary receipts and photos of your pet with you and your family to erase any possible doubt. When you're finally reunited with your pet, celebrate. Praise your pet with lots of love, a few treats and, of course, a new collar and ID tag.

FLOSSIE FINDS HER HAPPY ENDING: continued from page 1

a new calling. The League needed a front office cat to greet visitors and help put out the welcome mat for prospective adopters. Flossie fit the bill.

"We wanted to showcase her, because even though she was older, we knew she would make somebody a really great pet," Maddie says. "It was pretty much consensus she would be the new office manager. So we put her out there for everyone to meet, because we thought that otherwise, no one would look at an 11-year-old cat."

Flossie made the front office her own—and put out her own special brand of League hospitality, snaggle-toothed smile and all. "She would greet everyone," Maddie says. "She really liked men—some big, burly guy would come in to adopt a dog and she'd curl up on his lap and try to change his mind." Or she'd stride across an adoption survey—in progress—just to make her presence known. "Everybody her loved her so much," Maddie says.

Flossie's Second Springtime

Allison Baker was ready to adopt a companion for her dog, a hound-mix named Trixie. She'd considered a kitten, but thought an older pet might be better for Trixie and her lifestyle. So Allison checked out the League's website. "Flossie caught my eye right away," Allison says. A visit to the shelter sealed the deal: "She was doing laps around the lobby, walking under everyone's chairs and stopping to say 'hi' to each of us. She was clearly a special cat and adored by all."

But Allison hesitated for two reasons. Would Flossie—who didn't really warm up to dogs in the lobby—be a good companion for Trixie? And would Flossie's age mean big

medical bills in the not-too-distant future? But, Allison says, "I fell in love with her and wanted to give it a shot anyway, because those things can work out over time."

Flossie came home with Allison on April 2. As the weeks passed, Flossie and Trixie got acquainted, and now can be found window gazing companionably, and sharing the same couch. "I'm still waiting for the day that cuddling starts, but I think it's coming soon!," Allison says.

As for the medical bills—when and if the time comes—they're pretty much taken care of. As a part of the None Left Behind program, Flossie has coverage through the League, which will pay healthcare expenses related to her age, such as medications, thyroid issues, heart murmurs, and dental and kidney disease.

For her part, Allison is just happy Flossie is home with her. "I think she deserved another chance at a loving home, and I am so honored to be able to give it to her," she says. "Flossie is truly the sweetest girl, and adopting her was the best decision I've made since adopting Trixie."

Maddie seconds that sentiment. "We still miss her," she says. "It was such a bittersweet moment when we came in the next day and she wasn't there to greet us. But we're so happy that now she has a home."

😝 Adopt a Special Needs Pet

To learn more about the None Left Behind program, visit LFAW.org

Donor Profile:Q&A with Jon & Trish Benz

What role have pets played in your life?

We were both blessed with pets growing up and that trend continued once we were married. The first addition to our family was a German Shepherd named Samson who opened our hearts and made us truly appreciate the love and happiness that an animal can provide. In total, we have welcomed four dogs into our family, all of which have deeply impacted our lives.

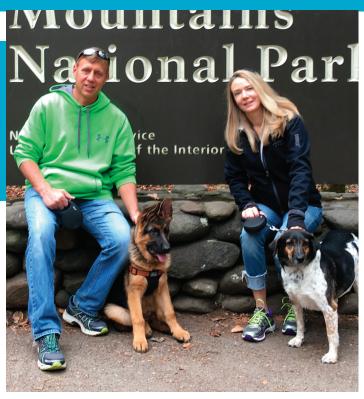
How did you first hear about the League?

We were introduced to the organization by a friend who informed us about an incredible no-kill shelter that we should investigate. Upon attending a Wine and Whisker's event we were immediately struck by the compassion and kindness of the individuals that we encountered and immediately knew the LFAW was an organization that we needed to promote and support.

Why did you choose to support the League?

When we visited the facility we were very impressed with the high energy atmosphere, the genuine love and





Jon and Trish Benz with Nessa and Thor

"The incredible feelings we receive from supporting the League are both a blessing and an honor.

commitment the staff exhibited for the animals, as well as, the incredible "suites" in which the animals were housed. Although there are a number of worthwhile groups to support we knew the LFAW was the organization we should embrace. We believed our support would provide an immediate impact to a local organization that shares our core values and beliefs.

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

A wise individual once said "You can't out give God", in this instance that statement could not be more germane. The incredible feelings we receive from supporting the League are both a blessing and an honor. We would like take this opportunity to thank all of the employees and volunteers, as it is your dedication to the League which makes it possible for us to participate in this great organization.

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

We would like to believe they would say they are as happy as we are to be part of the family. We are certain they would say they want to go on a hike and they deserve more treats.

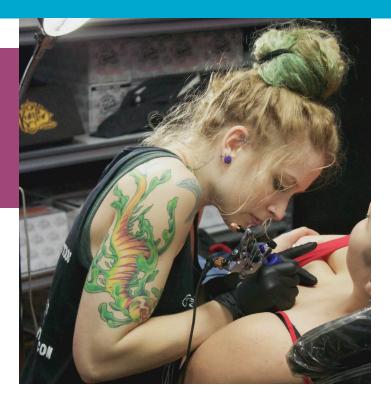
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Put the fun in Fundraising

n a rainy March 26, a group of tattoo artists from Skin Tight Tattoos in Batavia banded together with Everything Bagels to create a unique fundraising opportunity benefitting the League: 12 hours of first-come, first-served, 100% time-and-proceeds donated tattoo event that raised more than \$4,000 for the care of League cats and dogs!

The event featured a selection of original tattoo designs with a rescue theme, food donated by Everything Bagels and an enormous show of love and support from this amazing community!

So if you're interested in the math: \$25 tattoos and (a rounded down!) \$4,000 was raised. That's 160 tattoos. And the event started at 9am and ended at 9pm. So that's 13 tattoos an hour! The artists must have been doggone exhausted.



Thank you to Skin Tight, Everything Bagels, Renee Mouser Photography and everyone who waited in the rain, making friends with fellow animal lovers, to participate in this amazing event!

VOLUNTEER CORNER: Celebrating Our Volunteers

s a wise person once said: Volunteers are love in

motion.

This could not be more true for the dedicated League volunteers. Their commitment, dedication and contributions are immeasurable.



The week of April 18 was National Volunteer Appreciation Week. In 2016, our volunteers logged more than 18,000 hours. They bottlefed little newborns. Socialized introverted animals at the shelter. Braved wind and rain at adoption events. Fostered. Did laundry

(so much laundry!). Served on committees and much more!

Thanks to them, there are thousands of wagging tails and contented purrs.

So on April 24, we held a volunteer appreciation event in honor of those individuals who logged 50+ hours in 2016 more than 100 people! We ate, we drank, we ate some more! Then, the showstopper: the Cincinnati Zoo brought their "Zoo on the Move" to us, including a screech owl, a cave-dwelling rat



snake from Thailand and a Lady Ross's Turaco! 🖑

Make a difference!

Visit LFAW.org/volunteer/ or call Justin at 513-735-2299 to learn more about becoming a volunteer.

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Max -Welch Alwine & Raymond Kneipp

Meathead and Socks

Walter Thomas Midget

Diann Cox & Don Aren Miller Nick-Fausey Kenneth Wolterman

Jean & Arthur McFaddin

Missey Mary-Ellen Morris Misty Covert

Park Plaza Animal Hospital Mollie Keller

Judith & William Lipsky Molly Lange Kenneth Wolterman

Morris Brueggemann Ronald Rosen & Bridget Blaney Rosen **Murphy Dalhover**

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Nayana Shepard Park Plaza Animal Hospital Olive

John & Nancy Mulhauser

Ozzy Goedde Park Plaza Animal Hospital

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Pixie

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Rachel Danhires Bruce Gack & Beth Fine Michelle Gack & Bev Vincent Rich & Fran Garber Park Plaza Animal Hospital Sue Schellhous

Going Mobile

Alone we can do so little. Together, we can do so much.

When it comes to animal rescue, truer words have never been spoken. And no where is it more evident than in the partnership between the League's Mobile Veterinary Clinic and the Brown County Animal Shelter. To date, there have been 8 sold out clinics held at the F.O.E. of Georgetown (who generously donate their hall as a waiting room and staging area).

"It helps people keep their pets up to date on vaccines and spayed/neutered," says Brown County Shelter Associate Renee Bates. "The most rewarding thing about it is seeing how many people take advantage of quality low-cost veterinary care. The people who come to these clinics are relieved to be able to afford quality care for their pets right here where they live."

While the popularity of the community clinics is clear, both organizations are interested in the long-term effect. The desired outcome? A long-term positive impact, resulting in a consistent decrease in overpopulation, cruelty, neglect, homelessness and owner surrenders of pets in Brown County and surrounding rural areas.

So far, the Mobile Vet Clinic has altered 275 animals (115 cats and 160 dogs) for the community and other shelters. Additionally, 34 animals have been serviced in other ways, such as wellness checks, vaccinations and microchip implants.

The League looks to a sustained partnership and will continue to work toward measurable success in creating brighter futures for companion animals.



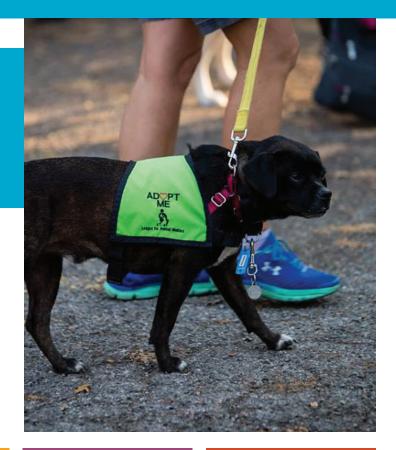


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adoption Events

Summer is just around the corner and so is all the League summer fun! Come visit us at one of our off-site adoption events or education programs. Play with adoptable dogs and cats while you peruse local art at the Oakley Fancy Flea. Pop by our booth at Cincinnati Pride Fest. And mark your calendars for the inaugural PetJam music fest and fundraiser! We always need volunteers to help at these off-site events. 🝪



WHEN

12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

WHERE

Petco

260 West Main Street Amelia, OH 45102

SAT **24** JUN

WHEN

10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

WHERE

Cincy Pride Fest Sawyer Point

SUN **09** JUL

WHEN

WHERE

Petco 260 West Main Street Amelia, OH 45102

SAT **22** JUL

WHEN

12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. 12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

WHERE

Pet Supplies Plus 11345 Montgomery Rd Cincinnati. OH 45249

SUN 29 JUN

WHEN

WHERE

Oakley Fancy Flea Mad Tree Brewing 3301 Madison Rd Cincinnati, OH 45209

WHEN

10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. 12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

WHERE

260 West Main Street Amelia, OH 45102

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12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

WHERE

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Pet Jam

The League's newest fundraiser, a family- and pet-friendly music fest.

WHEN

2:00 p.m.- 10:00 p.m.

WHERE

Grailville in Loveland 932 O'Bannonville Road Loveland, OH 45140

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Ice cream socials have been enjoyed by kings, presidents and sewing clubs alike. They've been held in castles, the White House, churches and backyards. They've brought people together to talk about every topic under the sun, and we think it's high time the League family took part in the grand tradition!



HERE'S THE SCOOP:

On July 15th, we'll be closing the shelter an hour early to mix and mingle with our wonderful, extended League family and enjoy cool treats on a hot summer day! This includes volunteers, staff, foster families, supporters, adopters and, of course, League alumni!

- Indulge in ice cream and cotton candy, compliments of Gold Medal Products, Snowy snow cones and finger foods
- Partake in old-fashioned games, be amazing by a roaming magician, get WOW's by volunteer-led agility presentations and enjoy Donna's Dog Games and alumni parade (talented pets can show off their skills with a quick trick)
- Purchase tickets for basket and cash raffles (win \$300, \$200 or \$100); cash raffle tickets can be downloaded at LFAW.org or pick them up at the shelter; winners do not need to be present to win

You won't want to miss this heaping helping of summer fun!

SAT 15 JUL

WHEN

4:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m.

WHERE

Ice Cream Social @League for Animal Welfare







SAVE THE DATE

FRI **01** DEC

Holiday Party

Come and celebrate the holidays with our League family!

WHEN

6:00 p.m.- 10:00 p.m.

WHERE

Receptions in Loveland 10681 Loveland Madeira Rd Loveland, OH 45140



LEPRECHAUN RUN

GREAT CARS, GREAT WEATHER AND GREAT FUNDRAISING!

he 11th annual Leprechaun Run took place on March 25 and, much like every year, was a roaring success! The road rally, sponsored by Magna Machine Co. and The Audi Connection, had close to 80 cars participating and raised right around \$3,000 for the League! Our own Miss Faye greeted the participants and posed for a photo with Cabbage Lips O'Grady, the trophy awarded to the rally winner.

Our great friends in the Cincinnati car community have raised over \$20,000 through the Leprechaun Run. Thank you for rallying for pets! 📽



Faye and Cabbage Lips

SHELTER SHOUT OUTS

ur generous community gives hope to homeless cats and dogs. The League for Animal Welfare is grateful for the following fundraising initiatives during the first guarter of 2017:

- Erica Liff researched local shelters and chose to donate her Bat Mitzvah money to the League
- TQL Foundation donated \$1,500 when League adoptables visited their employees at three TQL offices
- A sign-making class at Loveland's Old is New Antiques shop raised nearly \$300
- The League participated in the inaugural Cincinnati Brackets for Good tournament, advancing to the Engaged Eight round and raising more than \$3,600 from 33 donors
- Community Shares' workplace giving campaigns raised more than \$2,700
- Pet Supplies Plus in Blue Ash named the League their "shelter of the month" in February, collecting food and supplies for our cats and dogs
- League-loving Kroger shoppers raised more than \$1,600 through the Kroger Rewards program

We appreciate all those in our community who help support the League's mission in a myriad of ways &



Erica Liff donated her Bat Mitzvah money to the League for Animal Welfare

Get creative!

If you have a fun idea to raise funds for the League, please contact Davina Prebble at davina@LFAW.org or 513-735-2299 x217. 💝



John John

Est. DOB 10/14

John John is a mega-boy with a mega-sized personality. He had a loving home where he was around children, however, a family member became allergic to cats. He is a little confused at the moment by his surroundings but just talk to him for a few minutes and he will start curling around your legs and displaying his eagerness to be your "best buddy". John John will make a wonderful family pet.



Leonard

Est. DOB 1/05

He is a beautiful boy who is also extremely loving. He's also very playful and believes that age is nothing but a number! He chases the ball around the room and jumps in the air to grab a toy swinging above his head. He was brought to the shelter as a stray and

was extremely thin. We discovered he has hyperthyroidism but is doing very well on medicine. Leonard is an FIV cat and is part of the None Left Behind program.

Daffy

Est. DOB 2/10

Daffy has a coat of many colors. Daffy is a quiet cat who enjoys being petted and, most likely, will jump into your lap. Like most cats, she is curious and likes to explore what she sees outside. She occasionally will give you a love nip.



Daffy was found as a stray. She gets along with the other cats in the room. Her wish is to have her own home where she can explore and give lots of love to her person or family.



Lexus

E.D.O.B. 1/13

Lexus is fifty five pounds, is very lean and is all muscle. She is very strong and athletic. (She loves to run!) She is, also, a really nice dog who loves everyone. Before Lexus came to the League she received training in basic obedience commands. That's not all...

she knows tricks! High-five, back-up and jump-over are in her repertoire. She is reported to be crate-trained, housebroken and has excellent manners. Lexus deserves a chance to be loved.





Faye

E.D.O.B. 11/06

Faye is a bit of a celebrity here. She first came to the League years ago and was adopted along with another large dog. She had a great family and matured into a wonderful dog. Because of personal health reasons, the adopter could no longer take care of her so

we were happy to bring Faye back to find her another loving home. Faye is so easy to love. She is easygoing and keeps herself busy with toys. She likes attention but is not demanding. Faye is in good health and still active. In all truth, to know Faye is to love Faye.

Flanders

E.D.O.B. 2/14

Little dog. Big presence! Flanders is just so loveable. He

came to the League from another shelter. He's a little guy with a cute round body and a wiry coat. Flanders has had a bit of a rough start recovering from his neuter surgery. Even though he is not so comfortable he is accepting of love and attention. He enjoys time with volunteers for short walks and playtime. Chihua-wow!



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For more information:

These animals may already be in their forever homes, but you can view the cats and dogs available for adoption at LFAW.org *



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