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HOME AT LAST FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Blossom and Bunnee celebrate the holidays

As Bunnee and Blossom get ready to celebrate the holidays in their first forever home, their names are reminders of springtime—the season that inspired them—when the pair first came to the League for Animal Welfare. These two sisters came in on a transport from a rescue shelter in Montgomery County, Kentucky. They were slender and distinctive—a matched pair, like black and white dominoes, with bold markings. And their personalities were as sunny and gentle as the springtime.

Moving past a hard start

As fetching as they were, the sisters had health issues that gave prospective adopters pause. “They were not in good shape,” says adoption counselor Anne Springman. “They

had thin, patchy coats, and runny eyes, and that weak condition that you get from malnourishment.”

They also had age working against them. Coming to the shelter at about five months old, the sisters were at the age where people would approach them, and then pull back to bring home younger kittens. Prospective adopters looking for just one cat hesitated to separate them.

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Another year is about to fade into history as a new one dawns. It's a seamless transition, with the close of 2016 setting the stage for what's to happen in 2017.

Many of you heard about or were even part of a feasibility study undertaken this past summer. Its purpose was to determine whether the capacity existed for a major expansion at the League – broadening its operations and enlarging its footprint in the community.

We engaged Conway & Co., a well-respected consulting firm that had assisted the League previously, to conduct the study. In October, it presented its report to the Board of Directors. The report recommended proceeding with a capital campaign to address very real, unmet needs.

The Board currently is taking these recommendations under advisement and a campaign leadership group is engaging in a preliminary review of the various options available to us.

We anticipate proceeding with plans for expansion in the coming year, undertaking a capital campaign to fund construction of a new campus facility that includes:

- An on-site veterinary clinic
- A training/behavioral modification center
- Isolation areas to contain contagions
- A dedicated pre- and post-natal care area
- An animal intake and overflow area

Our goal for the next six months is to develop initial architectural and design drawings that will translate these concepts into actual plans.

Assuming a decision to proceed is made, we hope to be able to announce the start of a capital campaign in the Spring. It will be the first such campaign since that for construction of the League's current shelter facility nearly 20 years ago.

So stay tuned!

For the animals,



Carol Sanger, President

A handwritten signature of Carol Sanger in black ink.

Carol Sanger
President, Board of Directors

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On the Cover: Bunnee looks forward to the holidays with her new family.

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Ensuring the League's Future

We are grateful for those who have chosen to include the League for Animal Welfare in their estate plans. They recognize the importance of making a gift to ensure the League continues to fulfill its mission to reduce the number of homeless cats and dogs in Greater Cincinnati. We would like to thank the following individuals who have joined the **1949 Legacy Society** in the last 12 months:

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Protect your pets

Keep furry friends happy and healthy this winter

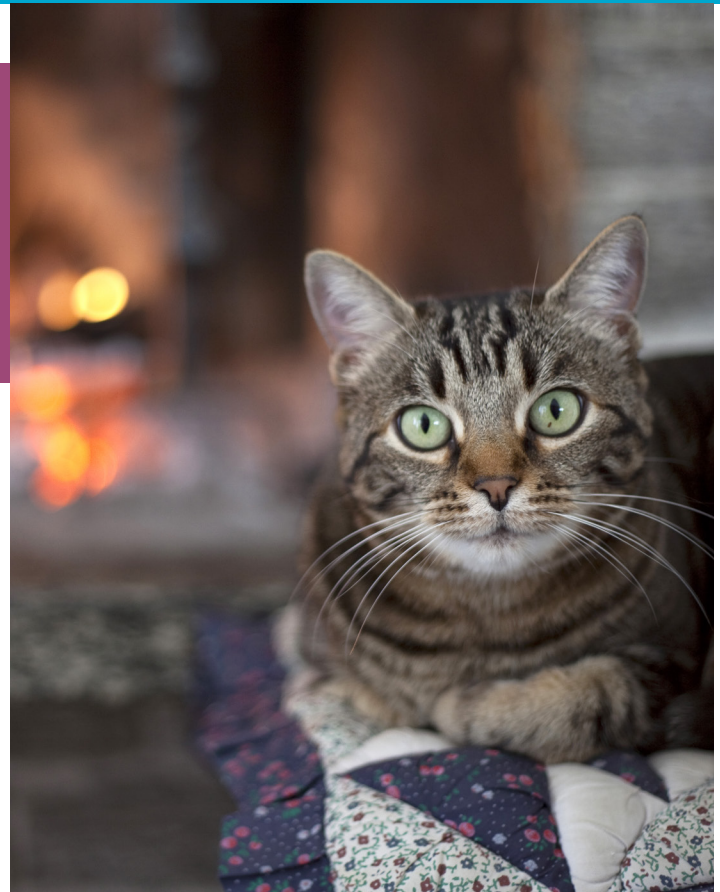
With temperatures dropping and snow undoubtedly on the horizon, you may already be turning up the heat, unpacking your warmest sweatshirts and bundling up before you go outside. But we're not the only ones who need to prepare for winter weather. Here are easy-to-follow tips to keep your pet friends happy and healthy when the elements strike and guests arrive for the holidays.

Stay warm, stay clean

Dogs and cats are safest indoors and should only venture outside for exercise. Just as you're sensitive to temperature, so are your pets, and cats and dogs are also at risk for frostbite and hypothermia, too! Always remember...if it's too cold for you, it's too cold for your pet!

Coming in and out of the cold into the dry heat of your home can cause itchy, flaking skin. Keep your home humidified and towel dry your pet as soon as he comes inside, paying special attention to his feet and in-between the toes. Remove any snow balls from between his foot pads. Plus, less frequent baths, a moisturizing shampoo, and routine brushing to remove excess fur and dander.

Plus there are always pet sweaters...



Walks and paws

We know, we know. Many pets just LIVE for their daily walks...even in below freezing temps. Massaging petroleum jelly or other paw protectants into paw pads before going outside can help protect from salt and chemical agents. Booties provide even more coverage and can also prevent sand and salt from getting lodged between bare toes and causing irritation. Use pet-friendly ice melts whenever possible.

Bring a towel on long walks to clean off stinging, irritated paws. After each walk, wash and dry your pet's feet to remove ice, salt and chemicals—and check for cracks in paw pads or redness between the toes. Like coolant, antifreeze is a lethal poison for dogs and cats. Consider using products that contain propylene glycol rather than ethylene glycol.

Make the holidays merry for everyone

Trees, Tinsel and Holly: Securely anchor your tree so it doesn't tip and fall, causing possible injury to your pet. This will also prevent the tree water from spilling—which may contain fertilizers that can cause stomach upset. Holly, when ingested, can cause pets to suffer nausea, vomiting and diarrhea. Mistletoe can cause gastrointestinal upset and cardiovascular problems.

Say "no" to tinsel

Kitties love this sparkly, light-catching "toy" that's easy to bat around and carry in their mouths. But a nibble can lead to a swallow, which can lead to an obstructed digestive tract,



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severe vomiting, dehydration and possible surgery. It's best to brighten your boughs with something other than tinsel. **Wired Up:** Keep wires, batteries and glass or plastic ornaments out of paws' reach. A wire can deliver a potentially lethal electrical shock!

Holiday Food Dangers

Just like with every other day of the year, skip the sweets. You don't give them chocolate or xylitol normally, why start now? Same goes for those leftovers that Fluffy and Fido will no doubt be clamoring for...but they're a no-no. And lastly, be careful with your holiday liquor! Place your unattended alcoholic drinks where pets cannot get to them. If ingested, your pet could become weak, ill and may even go into a coma, possibly resulting in death from respiratory failure.

Room of Their Own

Give your pet his own quiet space to retreat to—complete with fresh water and a place to snuggle. Shy pups and cats might want to hide out under a piece of furniture, in their carrying case or in a separate room away from the hubbub. 🐾

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Sunny sisters

But beyond their physical setbacks, their personalities were shining. Says Springman: "The good thing was that they were nice, and outgoing. They were socialized, and had been with people." Blossom, she says, was curious, ready to pounce on toys, with an impish, playful personality and a little bobtail. Bunnee, her counterpoint, was the first to sit in your lap, cuddle up with her soft purr, and reach up to pat a nose with her dainty paw.

Almost like it was meant to be

When Joel Howard and her daughter, Brandi, went looking for a companion for their cat Ace, they knew they wanted a cat with black and white markings. Beyond that, they didn't have specifics in mind. Joel (pronounced 'Jo-elle') had a pet-loving family: two dogs and three cats, two of whom

were 18 years old. When the two older cats passed away in quick succession in early 2016, Joel found she had room in her family for two cats instead of one.

Joel and Brandi had visited other shelters, and found one cat they were considering, but that one didn't click, she says. Then they spotted Blossom and Bunnee on the League's website, and make the trek out to Batavia to meet them. "It's like they picked us," Joel says. "They came up to us and loved on us." Brandi—expecting to bring home just one cat—had saved enough money for only one adoption fee, but her mom stepped in to help. Says Joel: "It's almost like it was meant to be."

Anne Springman agrees: "They definitely connected with Blossom and Bunnee," she says. "They bonded. They just knew that they were cats who needed that something extra—that they needed that special home, and I just think they had that in their hearts."

They have found their forever home

Blossom and Bunnee (whose names have been switched, Bunnee appropriately now the bobtail) are enjoying their lives as the latest additions to the Howard family. Ace has bonded with them, as have the dogs. And Joel says when they're finished running around the house playing, it's not unusual to find them all piled on the bed together. "They're spoiled brats," she says affectionately. "They will live very spoiled, long lives at their forever home." 🐾

Party with a Purpose

The 11th annual Wine & Whiskers Tasting and Auction was held at the Kingsgate Marriott on November 5. Presented by Marilyn Scripps, the 20's-inspired event raised over \$65,000 to support the League's mission.

Guests enjoyed sampling wines, craft beers and cocktails designed by Cincinnati mixologist, Molly Wellmann. The evening's festivities were led by Local 12's Jen Dalton and professional auctioneer Tom Hambly. Bidding was especially lively for the 12 pieces of one-of-a-kind paintings created by canine and feline artists. The paintings were renditions

of famous artwork by Georgia O'Keeffe, Paul Klee and others. A "fund the mission" appeal helped raise over \$4,000 to purchase a second anesthesia machine for our mobile veterinary clinic. Guests also enjoyed dinner-by-the-bite, live music, a wine pull and a photo booth. And Scooter the Neutered Cat was on-hand to draw the split-the-pot raffle and visit with the two- and four-footed guests.

Thanks to all of our event sponsors: Marilyn Scripps, Bounty, Bartlett & Co., Jon Parker/Ameriprise Financial, Care Center, Ian & Aimee Guttman and family, Lykins Energy Solutions, Old Firehouse Brewery, Park National Bank, PNC Bank, Sanger & Eby, and Teasdale Fenton. 🐾



Board Elections



2017 BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION BALLOT

According to the League's Code of Regulations, only Regular Members for two (2) consecutive months are entitled to vote. A Regular Member can cast only one (1) ballot (to be voted on by members at the Annual Meeting on January 19, 2017).

Since all nominations had to be made prior to October 31, write-in votes cannot be accepted. Ballots must be signed if they are mailed in.

Please mark your selections with an "X" in the appropriate boxes. There are four (4) positions to be filled. You are voting for four (4) persons. Except as otherwise noted, each Board member will serve a term of three (3) years.

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All mail-in ballots must be received by January 19, 2017 to be valid. Votes sent via email will not be accepted. If you attend the Annual Meeting, there will be ballots available at the door.

Mail ballots to:

LFAW Ballot
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In order to keep track of those who vote by mail, and those who cast their votes in person, it is necessary for mail-in ballots to be signed. (Votes will be kept confidential.)

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Debbie Bates

Debbie has been involved with the League for 12 years and has served as the board treasurer for the last 3 years. She and her husband, Lee, have been residents of Union Township for the last 22 years. She is employed at The Kraft Heinz

Company, starting as the Plant Controller for 6 years and then moving over to the operations side of the business as the Materials and Production Scheduling Manager for the past 5 years. She has a Rottweiler named Mena who likes all of the attention and has decided that she will be the only pet in their household!



Diann Cox

Diann has been a League volunteer for over 15 years and a member of the Board of Directors for over 10 years, serving as Vice President and most recently as Secretary. She is a Healthcare Strategist with over 25 years of

experience working with a variety of hospital system and health insurance organizations, including Humana, Mercy Health and most recently UC Health. Diann is the co-chair of the Cat Committee, chair of the kitten and puppy bottle-feeding and fostering program and served as committee chair for the Wine & Whiskers wine tasting event from 2010-2014. She lives in Anderson Township with three cats (Hynkel, Hypurr and Tom-Tom), one dog (Rissa) and one husband (Don).



Jamie Lindemann

Jamie is a CPA and Manager at Ernst and Young, focused on Indirect Tax planning and Credits and Incentives. Jamie graduated from the University of Cincinnati's Lindner College of Business, and holds a bachelor's in Accounting as well as a

Master's degree in Taxation. Jamie is an active UC alum who enjoys attending sporting events and going back to campus to volunteer. Jamie lives in downtown Cincinnati and enjoys spending her free time hanging out around town and going to Washington Park. Jamie has a dog, Domino, who she rescued from the SPCA in 2008. Jamie has been on the Board at League for Animal Welfare since October 2015, and also serves on the Board of Directors for 4 Paws for Ability, in Xenia, Ohio.



Holly Mott

Holly is the Lead Investigative Agent in the Major Unusual Incident Unit at the Hamilton County Developmental Disabilities Services. She is responsible for conducting investigations involving incidents that adversely affect the

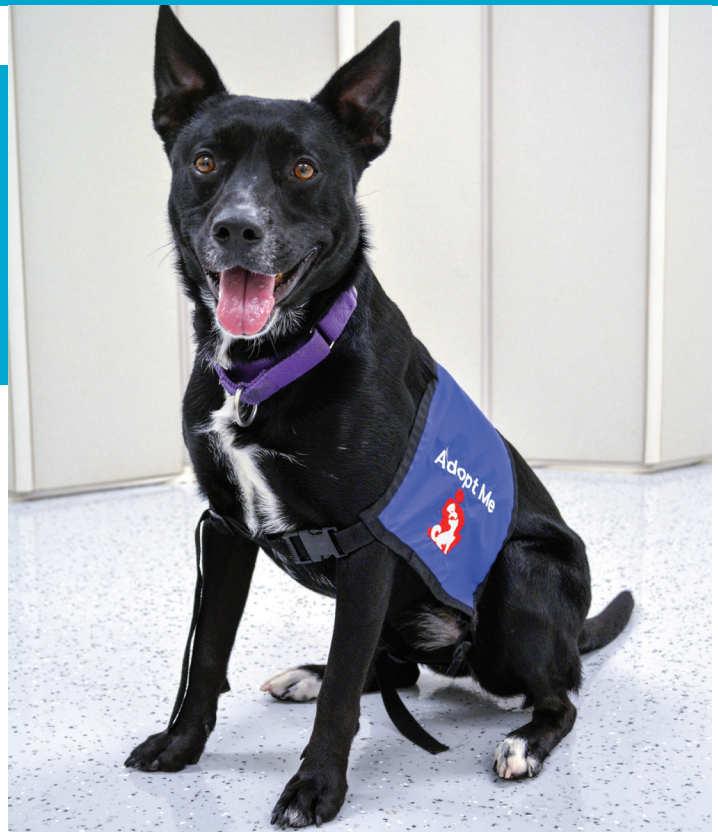
health and safety of individuals diagnosed with developmental disabilities. Holly holds a B.A. in Political Science and Philosophy from Simmons College. In her free time, Holly enjoys running, scuba diving and spending time with her two rescue dogs. Holly has been on the Board at the League for Animal Welfare since October 2015 and has been involved in fundraising for the SPCA and Pets In Need of Greater Cincinnati.

Adoption Events



Come visit us at one of our off-site adoption events or education programs! Celebrate the season with us at our annual holiday party, bring your pets to Newtown Winterfest and enjoy a post-Christmas wine tasting.

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 04 DEC

WHEN

12:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.

WHERE

PetSmart
245 Rivers Edge
Milford, OH 45150

SUN 11 DEC

WHEN

12:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.

WHERE

Petco
260 West Main St
Amelia, OH 45102

SAT 17 DEC

WHEN

12:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.

WHERE

Pet Supplies Plus
11345 Montgomery Rd
Cincinnati, OH 45249

SUN 18 DEC

WHEN

12:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.

WHERE

PetSmart
11741 Princeton Pike
Springdale, OH 45246

FRI 23 DEC

WHEN

12:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.

WHERE

PetSmart
11741 Princeton Pike
Springdale, OH 45246

SAT 07 JAN

WHEN

12:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.

WHERE

PetValu
4394 Eastgate Square Dr
Cincinnati, OH 45245

SUN 08 JAN

WHEN

12:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.

WHERE

Petco
260 West Main St
Amelia, OH 45102

SAT 14 JAN

WHEN

12:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.

WHERE

PetSmart
11741 Princeton Pike
Springdale, OH 45246

SAT **21** JAN

WHEN

12:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.

WHERE

PetValu
8544 Beechmont Ave
Cincinnati, OH 45255

SUN **22** JAN

WHEN

12:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.

WHERE

PetSmart
245 Rivers Edge
Milford, OH 45150

SAT **28** JAN

WHEN

12:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.

WHERE

Pet Supplies Plus
11345 Montgomery Rd
Cincinnati, OH 45249

FRI **03** FEB

WHEN

12:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.

WHERE

PetSmart
11741 Princeton Pike
Springdale, OH 45246

SAT **18** FEB

WHEN

12:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.

WHERE

PetSmart
245 Rivers Edge
Milford, OH 45150

SUN **19** FEB

WHEN

12:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.

WHERE

PetSmart
11741 Princeton Pike
Springdale, OH 45246

SAT **25** FEB

WHEN

12:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.

WHERE

Pet Supplies Plus
11345 Montgomery Rd
Cincinnati, OH 45249

SPECIAL EVENTS

SAT **03** DEC

WHAT

League Holiday Party

WHEN

5:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.

WHERE

Receptions Inn Eastgate
4450 Eastgate Blvd #350,
Cincinnati, OH 45245

TICKETS

\$30 adults
\$12 kids 12
& under
RSVP 513-735-2299

SAT **10** DEC

WHAT

Newtown Winterfest

WHEN

4:00 p.m.–8:30 p.m.

WHERE

In the Heart of Newtown
On Church Street between
Main and the railroad tracks.

THU **19** JAN

WHAT

Annual Meeting including 2016 review and board elections

WHEN

7:00 p.m.

WHERE

League For Animal Welfare
4193 Taylor Rd, Batavia, OH 45103

SAT & SUN **11-12** FEB

WHAT

My Furry Valentine: Greater Cincinnati's Largest Companion Animal Adoption Event

WHEN

FRIDAY 12:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m.

SATURDAY EARLY BIRD 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. | SATURDAY 12:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.

WHERE

Sharonville Convention Center
11355 Chester Road, Cincinnati, OH 45246

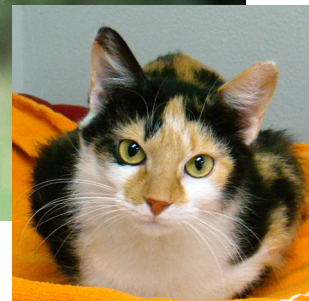
STOCK TRANSFERS: EVERYONE WINS

Our pets give us unconditional love and steadfast loyalty, and they hold a very special place in our hearts. During this time of year, we give thanks for all the joy they bring to our lives. As we celebrate the holidays, consider all of the homeless cats and dogs who are waiting at the League to find their forever home.

Why not combine your love of animals with a smart financial decision? Making a charitable contribution to the League can give hope to homeless pets AND you can take advantage of a significant tax deduction. It's truly a win-win situation!

Consider donating appreciated securities (stocks, bonds or mutual funds) that you've owned for at least 13 months and have increased in value. When you directly transfer stock to the League – instead of selling it yourself first – you don't have to pay any capital gains tax. Please let the League know of your intent to transfer stock so we will be able to accurately acknowledge and honor your generous donation.

Making this kind of gift benefits you as well as animals like Brent and Lissa. Give the gift of hope to homeless pets this holiday season!



Your gift will help animals like Brent and Lissa find their forever home.

For specific information on the tax benefits of donating cash, stocks or securities and other gifts, please consult your tax advisor. 🐾



Interested in Transferring?

Visit LFAW.org and click on "Ways to Give > Planned Giving" to access stock transfer instructions that you can provide to your broker. 🐾

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 third quarter of 2016:

- PetValu Eastgate's efforts in a corporate Paws 2016 challenge raised nearly \$2,300
- League-loving Kroger shoppers earned the League more than \$1,700 through the Kroger Rewards program
- Our adoptable cats and dogs were at the Love for Paws art show in August, generating a \$300 donation
- Community Shares' workplace giving campaigns raised more than \$2,600
- A grand opening of Raising Cane's newest location in Fairfield raised \$500
- Nearly \$350 was collected from shoppers at Roney's and Everything Bagels and patrons of Blank Slate and Mt. Carmel breweries.

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



Eric Gibson, manager of PetValu Eastgate, presents a check for \$2,299.38 to League Executive Director Marilyn Goodrich



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. 🐾

Adopt Me!

Shyla

Born 12/15/14

Shyla was found as a stray, so she hasn't had a stable start in life and has trouble trusting. She has shown anxiety when the weather is stormy. Because of her trust issues and anxiety, she will do best with patient adopters who spoil her but also work with her to overcome her unease. Shyla will blossom in a home where she can settle into routine and build a trusting relationship with her new family.



Allove

Born 12/2012

Cuddler! She loves to be petted and will lie in your lap as long as you let her. She is such a pretty girl who has a mellow personality. Allove was found as a stray but given her wonderful disposition she most likely had a home at one time. She doesn't seem to be bothered by the other cats in her room. If you're

looking for a cat that will bring you happiness and joy, you're looking for Allove!

Chillie

Born 2/2013

This fluffy orange buddy is GORGEOUS! And he's also a little shy at first and will wait for you to extend the first paw of friendship. He enjoys walking around to check things out but will always come back for more attention.

He's used to being with people and is an independent, loving guy, who will be a delight to any cat-loving home.

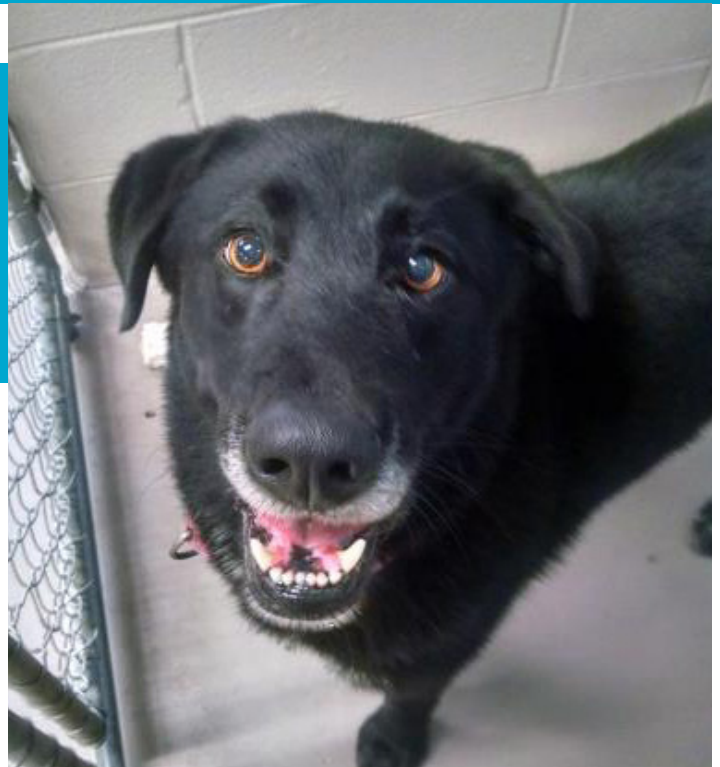


Verne

Born 3/2013

Verne is a BIG, beautiful cat. He has a wonderful, gentle personality and would make a perfect pet. As he is declawed on all four paws, extra attention must be given to see that he has a safe environment. Verne

is eager for a forever home and would make a very loving companion.



Stone

Born 3/26/15

Stone is the League's long-legged handsome hound! He knows basic commands such as sit, come, and stay...he's good with other dogs and has lived with children. A large yard and a schedule that will allow his owners to exercise him will

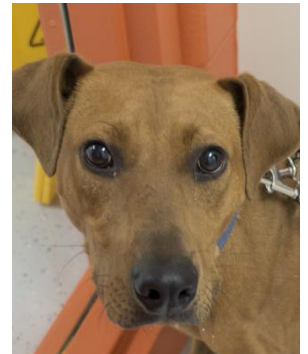


be best for Stone. Plan to meet Stone if you are a fan of hounds.

Rufus

Born 9/17/14

Rufus came to the League with his brother, and both were under-socialized older puppies, anxious and fearful. Rufus has made such great progress and gains confidence daily! He is a reserved dog. He enjoys being with other dogs but does not partake in roughhouse play. He is such 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.



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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League Wear

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Short-sleeve shirt \$12

Short-sleeve women's cut \$15

(\$2 extra for sizes 2XL and larger. Plus 6.75% tax.)

All offerings are available in Navy.

Long-sleeve shirt. \$15

Pullover hoodie \$20

Wall Calendar

2017 League Calendar featuring
contempawrary art \$15

(Free pick up or \$2.99 shipping/handling.
Plus 6.75% tax.)

Items can be purchased
at LFAW.org, at our
front desk or by calling
513-735-2299

