



**LEAGUE FOR  
ANIMAL WELFARE**

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2017 ANNUAL REPORT

# NUMBERS OFTEN TELL A STORY BETTER THAN WORDS

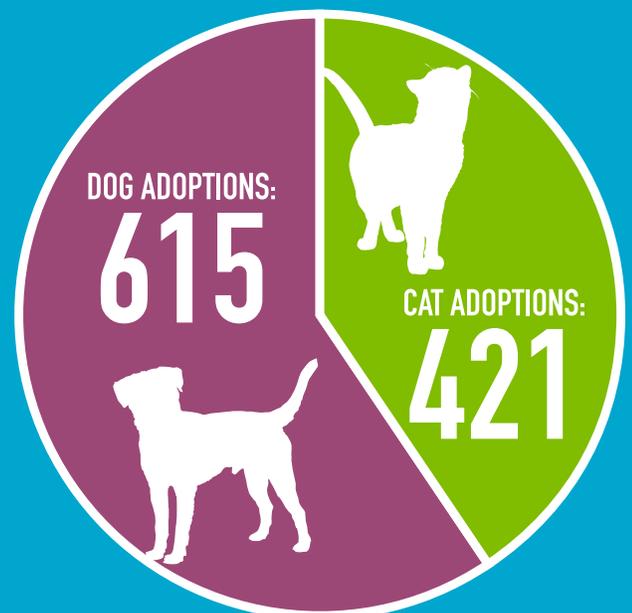
**For the League for Animal Welfare, the numbers from 2017 tell a story of planning, progress and promise.**

- Planning to fund much-needed shelter improvements and a permanent on-site veterinary clinic
- Progress toward achieving self-sustaining shelter operations through enhanced efficiencies and constant budget monitoring
- Promise of new programs and community partnerships that support our primary mission of saving animals in need from the life they were dealt and giving them the life they deserve

*Thanks to your generosity, 1,036 homeless animals found new homes in 2017. It was a year in which the League's mobile veterinary clinic saw its first full year of operations, with 956 dogs and cats being spayed or neutered by our staff veterinarians.*

Amidst it all, our volunteers continue to be the heart and soul of the League, dedicating more than **60,000** hours to helping the animals in our care get ready to join their adoptive families. More than **400** new volunteers went through our dog and cat orientation programs in 2017, training that enables them to provide the unique level of one-on-one interaction and socialization for which the League is noted.

These are just a few of the numbers that defined 2017 for the League as we approach our 70th year of matching loving pets with loving families throughout the Greater Cincinnati region. ***But none of this would be possible without your support. Thank you!***



**TOTAL ADOPTIONS:**

**1,036**



# LOVE TRANSFORMS

When Hurricane Irma prepared to wreak havoc across Florida last September, volunteers from the League for Animal Welfare were quick to respond.

Under the direction of volunteer manager Carrie Leary, the League stocked its adoption and cargo vans with crates and supplies and headed off on a 1,600-mile trek to and from Gainesville, Florida. Their mission was to assist Gainesville Pet Rescue in emptying out its shelter to prepare for the emergency intake of animals displaced by the hurricane.

It was a 36-hour marathon roundtrip, complicated by heavy traffic and heavier eyelids, but the League volunteers successfully returned with 13 dogs and 5 cats for vetting and eventual adoption.

“It was an amazing experience, and one that never would have been possible without Bruce [Walters] and Mike [Callihan] selflessly jumping in to drive the cargo van and help Leah [Marks, the League’s registered vet tech] and me with the animals,” said Leary. “People were camped out with their pets at all the rest stops on the way back because most of them had no place else to go. Hotels for hundreds of miles were all booked.”

There was a good deal of meowing and barking on the return trip, but all arrived safely after their two-day-into-night adventure.

Once at the League, the four-legged refugees were dubbed the “Hurricane dogs” and “Hurricane cats.” Each received much-needed vet care in our Mobile Vet Clinic and, when ready, were put up for adoption. Most have found new homes, but a few still remain, waiting for the day they, too, will be adopted.



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Visit [LFAW.org/adopt](https://www.lfaw.org/adopt) to see hurricane pets who are still available for adoption

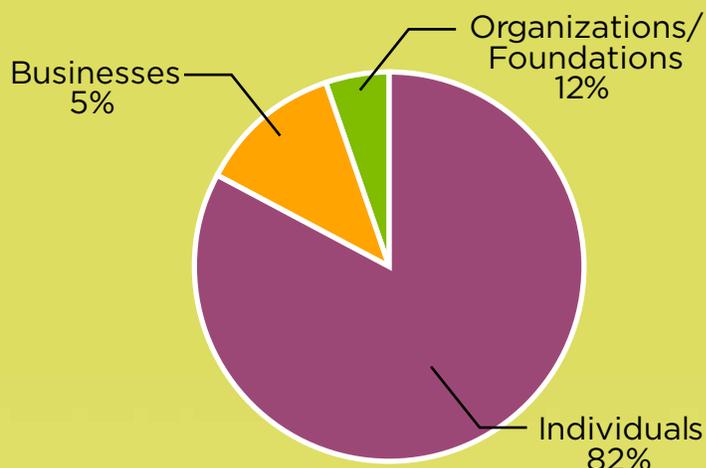
## DONORS

While adoption fees cover some of the League's operating costs, they don't come close to absorbing all of the expenses encountered annually for medical care, facilities maintenance and program expenses. We depend on the generosity of our donors for this, and we are fortunate for the numerous individuals, companies, organizations and foundations who support our mission. For their support, the League is most grateful.

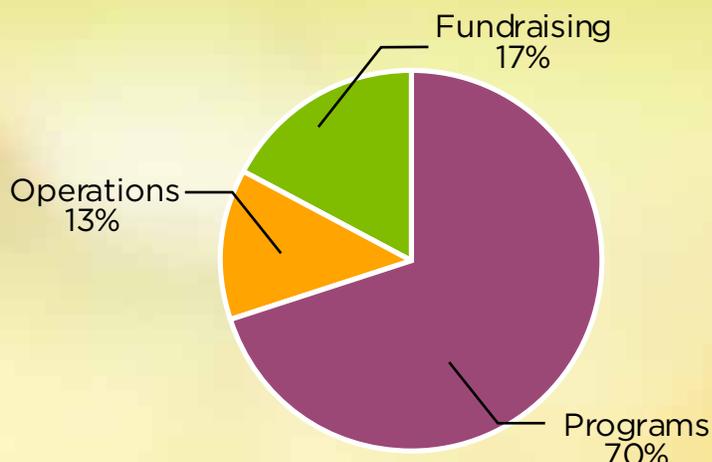
## VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers enrich the lives of our animals. Their passion to help homeless animals inspires them to give their time, heart and energy to ensure every cat and dog finds a home. They provide our animals with personal attention, hands-on care, love and more. They help in a wide variety of ways: socializing animals at the shelter, accompanying them to off-site adoption events, bottle-feeding kittens and puppies around the clock, maintaining our shelter and campus and assisting at our Pet Jam fundraiser. They all play a crucial role in the success of the League. Last year, our dedicated volunteers donated 60,150 hours of service - the equivalent of nearly 29 full-time employees!

### Source of Donations



### Your Dollars at Work



## A LASTING LEGACY

The 1949 Legacy Society recognizes individuals whose generosity demonstrates a commitment to the vision of tomorrow. Society membership is granted to donors who include the League for Animal Welfare in their wills, trusts or other planned-giving arrangements.

The League is pleased to recognize the following individuals who joined the 1949 Legacy Society between January 1, 2017 and December 31, 2017.

Anonymous\*  
Joanie Bennett  
Avanelle & Edward Biedinger\*  
Cindy Brouillette &  
Melanie Hester  
Donald & Cynthia Buehler  
David & Pamela Ginsburg

Charles E. Kroeger\*  
Alice Kennelly Roberts\*  
Mary E. Sand\*  
Erlyne Schubert  
Martha Stunkel\*  
\*deceased





**911** miles traveled to take affordable vet care to Rural underserved communities through Community wellness clinics

**1,567** donors



**1,105** spay/neuter surgeries performed on the mobile veterinary clinic



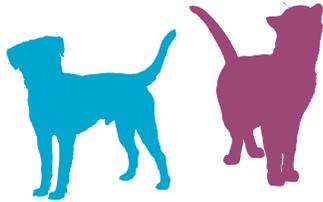
**\$223,533** received from estate gifts



**108** animals served in bottle feeding program



**\$101,510** revenue from adoption fees



**\$93,467** medical expenses for cats and dogs



**60,150** volunteer hours logged

## EMBRACING THE FUTURE

The League's no-kill mission has been our guiding force for nearly 70 years. Our commitment to compassionate care for animals in need guides us today as we prepare for the tomorrows to come.

It means providing comprehensive skilled veterinary care, caring for new moms or bottle-feeding the orphaned young, and enriching pet lives through training and socialization so that their next home truly becomes their "forever" home. It also means identifying and proactively responding to community needs where they exist.

In the year ahead, fulfilling this commitment means taking two major steps into the future... Through our *More Than a Shelter* capital campaign, we will establish a permanent onsite veterinary clinic and training/socialization facility, allowing us to better serve both our own animals and those in the larger community. Intake and isolation areas will protect shelter animals from the spread of outside contagions, as well as house feline and canine newborns and nursing moms.

We are excited to partner with other area shelters and rescues to spread the no-kill movement in new and promising ways throughout the region. This includes sharing League experience, expertise and resources

so that barriers to greater cooperation among agencies are removed.

In short, 2018 is a bridge to a future of expanded horizons and new possibilities. It's a future we are excited to invent, and one we hope you will join us in embracing.

### 2017 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Barb Casciani, President
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- Elizabeth Grapa
- Jamie Lindemann

### Management Team

- Marilyn Goodrich, Executive Director
- Rhonda Kidd, Operations Manager
- Sue Schellhous, Animal Care Manager



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