

IT ALL BEGINS WITH

# YOU

## 2018 ANNUAL REPORT

Abandoned and neglected cats and dogs find their way to the League for Animal Welfare every day. Some have had to leave behind the only home they have ever known due to illness, death or just unexpected changes in their owner's life. Some were put on the street to fend for themselves. Regardless of what brought them to the League, all pets in our shelter receive the compassionate care they need for a second chance.

*That second chance is made possible by you.*

Your generosity ensures that we can help animals in their time of need.

Your support enables:

- our medical team to provide comprehensive veterinary care - everything from vaccines and microchips to spay/neuter surgery and hernia repairs;
- our shelter staff to ensure the animals have clean living quarters, fresh kitty litter and nutritious food;
- our animal trainer to develop plans for individual training and socialization;
- our adoption team to provide an exemplary experience and match potential adopters with the right pet for their homes; and
- our volunteers to give them love and attention, preparing them for a successful transition to a forever home

This would not be possible without our donors and the gifts you entrust to us.

We are proud to have earned our 6th consecutive 4-star Charity Navigator rating last year. As America's largest independent charity evaluator, this rating is based on our strong financial health and commitment to accountability and transparency. We also were named one of *Top Dog Tips'* "Ten Best Animal Charities" based on the services we provide, specific ethical standards and how efficiently we utilize contributions.



Your gifts helped 856 cats and dogs find new homes last year.

Private donations are critical to our mission as adoption fees represent less than 8% of our operating budget. Whether you donate your time or money, adopt a pet or refer someone to our shelter, or share our posts on social media, there is a way for everyone to help.

Together, we are saving homeless animals from the lives they were dealt by providing the lives they deserve.



Your gifts helped

**856**

cats and dogs find new homes last year

## EDUCATING THE

# NEXT

## GENERATION



In Andrew Lloyd Weber's iconic musical "Evita," the lead character sings about the importance of "getting them while they're young." It's a philosophy volunteer Shannon Breznai endorses, and it underlies the League's Humane Education Program that last year reached out to touch 882 young minds.

Children from ages 5 and up enrolled in more than 39 separate programs conducted by Shannon in 2018. Most of the classes, with a maximum of 16 attendees, were held primarily at the League's shelter, but since they could also be conducted off site, some were held in schools and public libraries.

A former pre-school teacher for 12 years, Shannon finds her work with children consistently rewarding. "There's always something in these classes that a kid says that lets me know a seed has been planted," she says. "Even if it's only one child, it's so worth it."

Classes are free (with donations accepted) and are offered by topic. Two of the most popular are "Taking Care of Our Cats and Dogs" and "Pets Have Feelings, Too," with the content of each modified to suit the appropriate age level.

There are eight class topics in all, with the remaining programs dealing with the advantages of adopting senior pets, the problems caused by pet over-population and how it can be prevented (spoiler alert: the answer is spaying and neutering pets at an early age), service/therapy dogs and cats and how they can help people with various special needs, and the history of modern-day domesticated cats and dogs. Underlying each program is a clear message: kindness and respect for all of God's creatures.

Shannon's expertise was earned over nine months studying to acquire national certification as a Humane Education Specialist, a goal she decided to pursue after she began volunteering at the League in 2017. After earning her certification, she was listed on the national registry of humane educators. Along with social media and classes advertised on the League's website, this is how many of the requests for classes reach her.

On average, Shannon receives one to three requests a week for classes, and she conducts an average of one class every week. Often, attendees are members of scouting troops needing to earn badges, but sometimes requests come from schools and Shannon takes these opportunities to talk about various career options available to those interested in someday working with animals.

Onsite classes held at the League include a tour of the shelter and the opportunity to interact with a cat or dog. And all classes usually end with some type of age-appropriate activity. For younger children, constructing artwork of dogs or cats made out of heart cutouts is always popular, while older children often enjoy making posters outlining things they've learned in the class.

Education is a major part of the League for Animal Welfare's core mission. Through the dedication of this Northern Kentucky native, who says she inherited her love of animals from her dad, Shannon is passing this along to the next generation, including her nine-year-old son, Jack, who loves volunteering at the League every bit as much as his mother.

Without a doubt, Evita would be so proud!

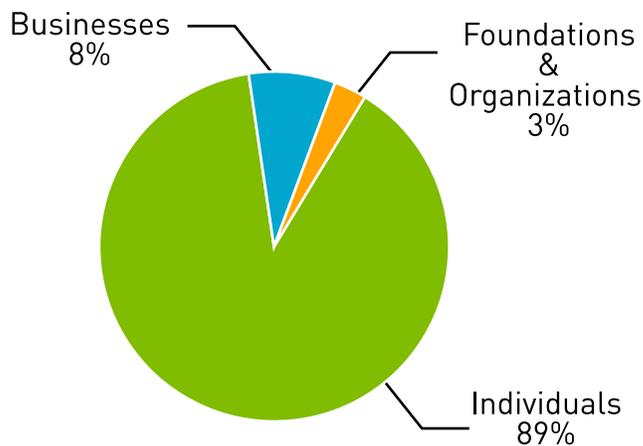
## Legacy Society

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.

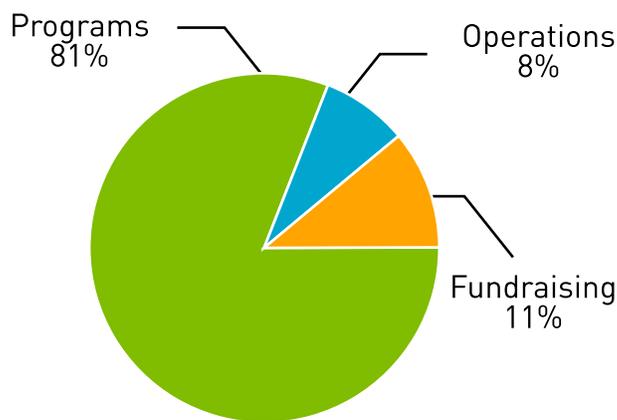
The League is pleased to recognize the following individuals who joined the 1949 Legacy Society between January 1, 2018 and December 31, 2018.

Anonymous  
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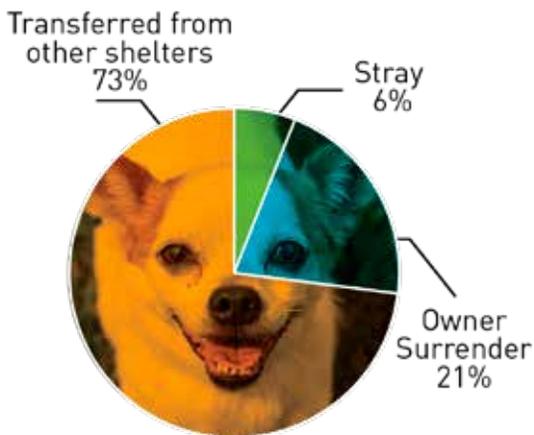


## Your Dollars at Work



Audited financials are available at [LFAW.org](http://LFAW.org)

## Intake Sources



### Dogs



### Cats



## ADOPTIONS

BY THE

# NUMBERS

**1,727**  
DONORS



**197**  
ANIMALS  
SERVED IN  
BOTTLE FEEDING  
PROGRAM



**\$729,498**  
RECEIVED FROM  
ESTATE GIFTS



**ONE**  
GENEROUS  
COMMUNITY

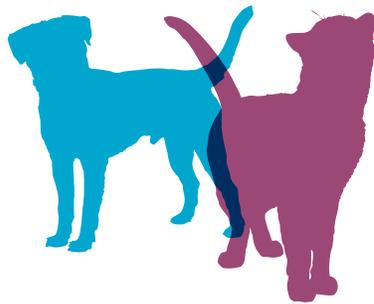
**589**  
NEW VOLUNTEERS  
ATTENDED  
ORIENTATION



**\$97,235**  
REVENUE FROM  
ADOPTION  
FEES



**\$56,136**  
MEDICAL EXPENSES  
FOR CATS AND DOGS



**1,217**  
SPAY/  
NEUTER  
VOUCHERS  
REDEEMED



## LOOKING FORWARD

With your help, a new era of growth and expansion has begun at the League for Animal Welfare. What started as a small group of animal lovers wanting to help homeless and forgotten animals has evolved into a robust organization that provides comprehensive care for the animals in our no-kill shelter, subsidizes the cost of spay/neuter surgery for community animals, and offers humane education classes to teach children about respectful interaction between pets and people.

Celebrating our 70th year of helping companion animals includes some very exciting changes in 2019. Construction has begun on the Sis & Dick Miller Wellness Clinic on our campus. When the clinic opens later this year, it will not only enhance the care of animals in our shelter but also provide veterinary care for other shelters, rescues, adopters and community animals.

We hope that you'll continue to support the League's mission, taking great pride in knowing the difference you're making in the lives of animals in need. Thank you for being a part of our work; without you, none of this is possible!

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