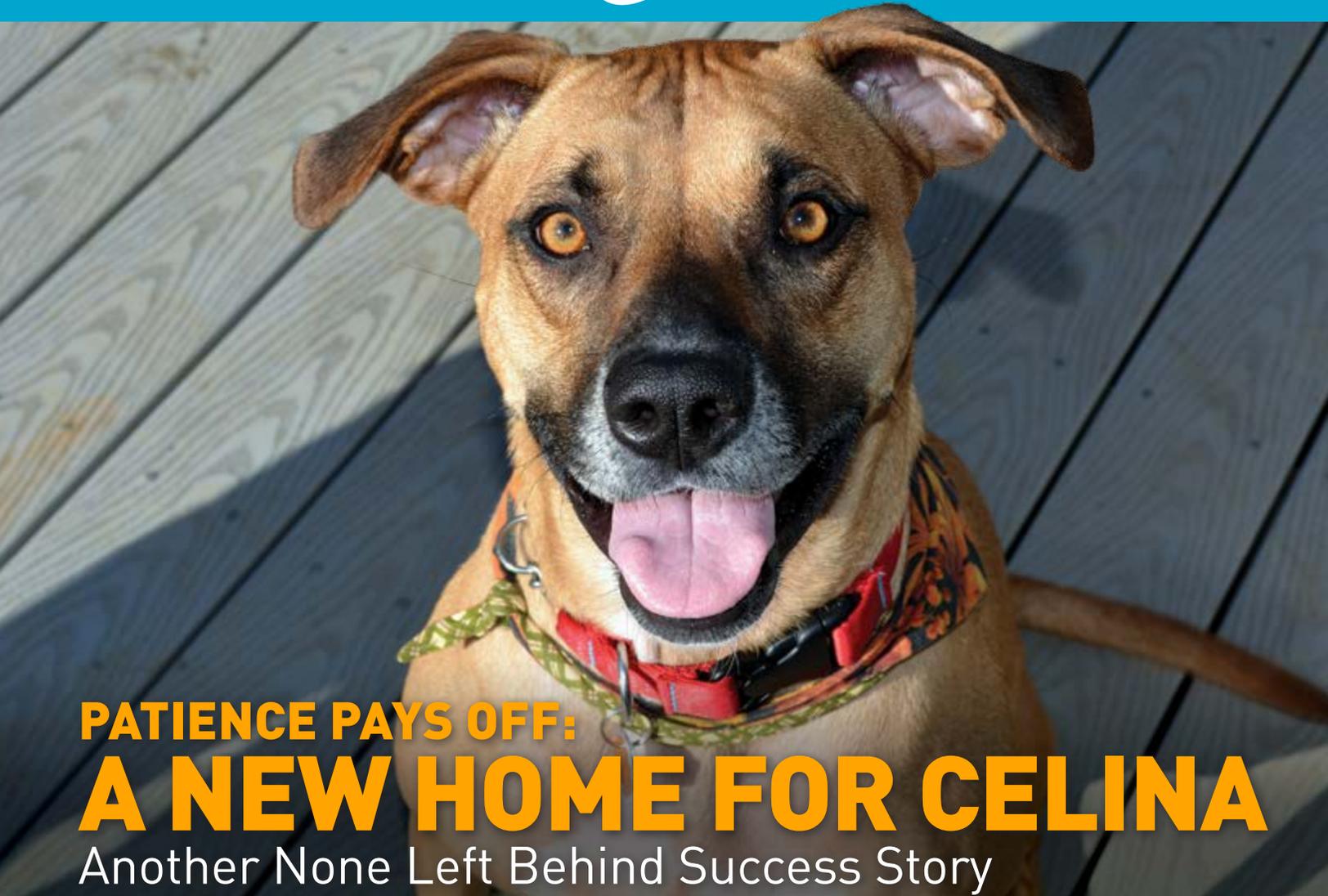


# LEAGUE LINES

Spring 2016

**LEAGUE FOR  
ANIMAL WELFARE**

*Choose No-Kill. Choose the League.*



## **PATIENCE PAYS OFF: A NEW HOME FOR CELINA**

### Another None Left Behind Success Story

**C**elina was a lot like many of the rescue dogs coming into the League for Animal Welfare in 2013. At 18 months old, she had been a stray: a beautiful buff-colored, long-legged Boxer mix with caramel-colored eyes and boundless energy.

"There was something about her," says Heather Hodges, who spotted Celina and brought her to her forever home last July. "I just couldn't stop thinking about her."

#### **A Long Road**

But it took Celina some time to find her forever home. She lived at the League for more than two years before she found her fit. "She was not that cuddle-bug of a dog that people look for," says League Trainer Donna Moore. "She was reserved. When I came in to evaluate her, she didn't

make any attempt to look at me, to play with me, come near me. She went straight for the toys and ignored me."

It's not unusual for dogs who have been sheltered for a long time, Donna says. But that lack of connection can cause potential adopters to move on to other dogs who were more snuggly, and more affectionate—who longed for a warm lap, friendly pets, and a connection to a forever home. So, for more than 800

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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Looking back over the past two years since I became League president, it's astonishing to me how much has changed in so short a time—changes that led to the League having its best year ever in 2015!

But past success doesn't ensure a secure future. Many charities have failed because they failed to recognize that—like it or not—a non-profit is a business and its operations must be run like a business if it is to survive.

While it might at times be difficult to accept, the League can no longer be viewed as it began—a small non-profit run by volunteers. Those early efforts, and the dedication of those volunteers who came after, nourished the League's growth to become what it is today: a \$1.4 million a year operation. Clearly, a non-profit of this size requires a solid management infrastructure to support and sustain it, and this has been our focus over the last year.

But there are three legs to the stool on which the League's future rests: Volunteers, Staff and Board. Each one is essential if the stool is to remain balanced and upright.

In many ways, our volunteers are the most important. They are the heart and soul of the League and we could not function without them. But it is the other two legs of the stool that are responsible for ensuring the League's financial and operational sustainability—the Board by establishing policies that determine the League's future direction and protect its resources, and management by deciding how these policies can most effectively be implemented by staff and volunteers.

In 2015, the Board undertook a strategic planning process designed to take the League to the next level. An integral part of this three-year plan—one that literally and figuratively will "drive" our future growth—is a mobile veterinary clinic. It will be delivered to the shelter in March, and soon after that we will begin providing on-site check-ups, shots and spay/neuter surgeries for League animals.

We have hired Dr. Denise Bevins, former medical director at UCAN, as the League's in-house veterinarian. She and an on-staff vet tech will work in close coordination with Sue Schellhaus, our animal care manager, to ensure the highest quality care for our animals. (Note: We will continue to refer acute cases to outside and critical care vets, as needed.)

The advantages of providing basic on-site veterinary care are many, including reducing stress on the animals by no longer requiring transport to and from an outside vet. This will shorten the timespan between in-take and availability for adoption, which in turn means we can help more animals in need. And ultimately, it can provide a new revenue stream by making basic wellness care available to League adopters and others in the community.

So we are poised for another exciting year at the League, and we can't wait to see what the future brings!

For the animals,



Carol Sanger  
President, Board of Directors



Carol Sanger, President

## About Us



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](mailto:davina@LFAW.org).

**On the Cover: Celina, happy at home**

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## Fostering Saves Lives

Making the world a better place sounds like a daunting task. But you can do it. How? Fostering.

Bringing in a dog or cat is an essential element of animal rescue. For some animals, it can make or break their chances at getting a happy home of their own. And it's rewarding for you, as well! For starters, fostering frees up a spot so the shelter or rescue can take in another dog. It gives your foster pet the chance to learn how to be loved...so many animals are brought in as strays and simply have not had any attention paid to them. And yes, you may become attached. But they leave your home ready to be the best pet possible to their grateful, new family.

For more information on our fostering program, contact Donna Moore at [donna@LFAW.org](mailto:donna@LFAW.org).

# Healthy Body, Healthy Mind

A smart life for people and pets

**S**tudies have shown that the bond between people and their pets can increase fitness, lower stress and bring happiness to their owners. It is, quite literally, in our best interest to keep our pets as healthy as possible. And keeping them healthy isn't hard. In fact, the American Veterinary Medical Association says there are just seven things we can do to affect a long, healthy life for our pets.

## 1 Healthy weight

A 14-year landmark study by Purina found that dogs fed to ideal body condition lived 1.8 years longer than their overweight litter mates. That's a bonus of nearly two extra years of life—just for keeping your dog close to his ideal body weight. So, how do you know what your pet's ideal weight should be?

There are many sources out there, giving us weight ranges for certain breeds. But these ranges can vary wildly and don't take into account sex, or build and almost never apply to mixed breeds. For example, one chart tells us that a lab should weigh between 65–80 pounds. That's a 23% difference! What factors let us know WHERE our dog should fall on that spectrum? With this method, we have to GUESS. So take out the guesswork and determine your pet's ideal weight the way your vet will: using touch and sight.

Look at your pet from above and from the side. You should see the tummy tuck up (no big bellies!), with some fat over the tail and ribs and a proportionate body shape visible. And keep your eyes on the waist; there should be one.



Get out and play! Exercise can be fun for both you and your pet.

## 2 Active pets

Every pet is different. Some need five mile walks every day and more. For others, a few trips around the block will suffice. Know your pet well to get an understanding of what amount of exercise they need to stay healthy. (And don't feel badly about forcing your lazy pet to get up and move about!)

We know, we know...it's cold! And winter presents some challenges for regular exercise. But get creative! Experiment with inside games, like tug (teaches self control) and fetch with soft toys. You can even simulate chase with a stuffed animal on the end of a rope. Buy food puzzles. Search out pet friendly businesses and take your pet. If it gets really bad outside for a long time, you can design your own agility course indoors! You know how bored that YOU get being cooped up...your dog feels the same.

## 3 Nutritious diet

A complete and balanced diet will satisfy your pet's nutritional needs, plain and simple. It may take time and trial-and-error to find the right kind of dog food. Check for quality carbs, proteins, fats, vitamins and minerals.

Tips: try apples instead of fatty snacks. Add pumpkin to protein heavy foods. Get custom made foods delivered to your home. You could even try your hand at homemade meals or treats!

## 4 Yearly exams

Pets can't tell us when they're sick. They need a doctor to help us understand. Your vet will perform a nose to tail check and develop a medical history that is needed for the happiness and longevity of your pets.

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### 5 Vaccinations

One of the easiest ways to protect your pet. Contagious diseases are a real threat, even if your pet is mostly kept indoors. For both cats and dogs, the commonly-called “Distemper” shot and Rabies shot are required by law. There are several other vaccines that your vet may suggest.

### 6 Parasite-free

There are a number of intestinal worms that can infect dogs and cats, and they vary according to the species. In general, these include roundworms, hookworms, whipworms and tapeworms. One worm can produce more than 100,000 eggs per day, which are then passed in the pet’s feces and spread throughout the area the pet roams.

Once in the environment, some of these eggs can present a health risk for your pet and humans for years.

Some parasites are transmittable to humans. Never forget that! But practicing good hygiene, avoiding raw meat, scooping up pet waste, administering proper meds, maintaining a dialogue with your vet and annual testing should keep all of your family members healthy and happy.

### 7 Spay/neuter

You are pet people. You know all about this one.

So there we have it. Seven easy steps to keeping your pets in tip-top shape this year. Whether you plan on adopting, currently have pets or both...follow these steps to ensure a fit, happy, trainable, furry pal in 2016. 🐾

## A NEW HOME FOR CELINA: continued from page 1

days, per the League’s count, Celina called our Taylor Road shelter her home, until Heather came along.

### Celina’s Forever Home

Heather, a Milford resident, wasn’t looking to bring home a dog. She was helping out a friend who was looking for a little lap dog—when she saw Celina on Petfinder. Says Heather: “I liked her immediately.”

So Heather went to the League and met Celina, and decided she needed to bring her home. There were details to work out—Heather’s dog Abby, a twelve-year-old beagle mix who Heather had had since before Abby was weaned. Then there were Heather’s parents, who weren’t really game for another canine family member in the house.

But Celina (who kept her League name thanks to Heather) went home to her family and settled right in. She has a kennel outside, right next to Abby’s, where she can run off her boundless energy. “Sometimes she runs so fast, when she comes into a turn, it looks like she’s going to fall over,” Heather says. “In summer, she flops and rolls, rubbing her back in the grass. And she loves the snow!”

Indoors, Celina loves to burn off her energy by playing with her toys—from Kong toys and barbells to her Nyla Bones and tennis balls: “She picks her favorites, and each day it’s different,” says Heather. And when she’s spent, Celina curls up in her favorite leopard-print bean bag chair for a long nap. “She’ll literally spend a minute and a half spinning, trying to find that perfect spot.”

### A Brand New Celina

Since she’s found her forever home, that reserve and distance that were Celina’s trademarks have melted away. Says Heather: “You know how cats rub on you? Celina does that, but she weighs 50 pounds—she can knock you over!”



And Celina still loves going back to the League to reunite with the family that was hers during her early years. Because Celina has urinary tract issues, the League provides her with special food for the rest of her life. Which brings Heather back to our Taylor Road home on a regular basis, and when her schedule permits, she brings Celina along.

“They love seeing her,” Heather says, and apparently the feeling is mutual. On a recent visit, Celina spotted Donna, and Celina was so excited to see Donna that “she literally dragged me, running, across the parking lot—I was exhausted! 🐾



### About our adoption program

Are you looking to add a beautiful, forever family member to your home? Please visit [LFAW.org](http://LFAW.org) to view all of the animals available for adoption. 🐾

# Animal Rights & Wrongs



BY: NANCY SLONNEGER HANCOCK, J.D.

If you're like me, you probably will never forget the image of Texas veterinarian Kristen Lindsey holding the lifeless body of an orange and white male cat named Tiger. She posted the picture on her Facebook page, proudly proclaiming "My first bow kill (cat smiley face) lol. The only good feral tomcat is one with an arrow through it's [sic] head! Vet of the year award...gladly accepted."

The photo went viral. Outraged animal lovers were calling for the her to be charged with animal cruelty and her license revoked. Although Dr. Lindsey was swiftly fired by her employer, an Austin County grand jury decided not to bring any criminal charges against her. Dr. Lindsey is still listed by the Texas Veterinary Board as having an active license. No disciplinary actions appear on her record.

Most animal lovers are shocked to learn that Dr. Lindsey's killing of Tiger did not constitute criminal animal cruelty. There are no nationwide animal cruelty laws. Instead, animal cruelty legislation has been left to states and, as a result, they vary widely across the country. What counts as a criminal act of cruelty in one state may be perfectly legal in another. For example, in Minnesota, South Dakota and Wyoming, it is legal to hunt feral cats all year without restriction. While in other states, such as Texas, it is illegal to shoot a stray or feral cat or dog.

States also vary widely with respect to who has the authority to arrest an individual suspected of animal cruelty. In Ohio, agents of the Humane Society and enforcement officers have the authority to investigate cruelty and make arrests. But in Kentucky, humane agents and animal control officers have the authority to investigate suspected animal cruelty violations, but not arrest.

It should be no surprise, then, that state laws as vary dramatically regarding punishment. The same act of



animal cruelty may be punishable as a misdemeanor in one state but as a felony in another. Some states, such as Ohio, provide for the forfeiture of animals when a person is convicted of cruelty, while other states, such as Kentucky, have no provisions related to forfeiture, allowing even repeat offenders to regain custody of the animals they have abused or neglected.

We have a long way to go in providing adequate protections for the animals we care for. As animal lovers, each of us must become informed about the scope and limits of our own states' cruelty laws and encourage our state representatives to support stronger, more comprehensive protection laws and enforcement. 🐾

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*This is the first in a series of articles addressing legal issues related to animals. If you have a particular question you would like to have addressed, please send it to [barbara@LFAW.org](mailto:barbara@LFAW.org). Next issue, we will talk about legal implications of the FBI's recent policy decision to begin categorizing animal cruelty crimes as felonies.*

## For more information:

Animal Legal & Historical Center: [www.animallaw.info](http://www.animallaw.info)

The Animal Legal Defense Fund legal resources: [www.aldf.org/resources/laws-cases](http://www.aldf.org/resources/laws-cases)

Kentucky state representatives and senators: [www.lrc.state.ky.us](http://www.lrc.state.ky.us)

Ohio representatives and senators: [www.legislature.ohio.gov](http://www.legislature.ohio.gov)

# Profile:

## Q&A with Alan Eccard and Ashley Bedel

**A**lan Eccard and Ashley Bedel have been a blessing to the League and League animals. How? Their kindness, their loving care of animals and their decision to foster—repeatedly!

### What made you decide to start fostering?

Fostering allows us to help an animal in need. It opens space in the shelter for another dog. We do have to remind ourselves daily that it isn't our dog, but that we are privileged to have the opportunity to teach it how to live in a home, interact with other dogs and how to let humans love it.

### You could foster at any number of places, so why choose the League?

We adopted our first dog Mia (then Tia) from the League almost seven years ago. Alan's parents adopted all three of their last dogs from the League. It is a place that we trust and believe in. Fostering through the League was a no-brainer. They provide everything we need to take care of the dog within our home, from toys, food and vet care to emotional/mental support.

### What have you learned about animals while fostering?

Each has a totally different personality and way of expressing themselves. They are emotional and need someone they can trust to take care of them. It usually takes them a few days to get settled in and comfortable enough to interact with you. We had one dog who stayed in her bed for the first few days. We had to force her to come downstairs. She never made a sound. Then all of sudden she started to play and found her voice. It is just cool to see them go from uncertain and maybe downright scared to being comfortable and happy. The feeling we get when they come out of their shell will never get old.



Ashley with Gideon



Alan with Gideon

“Fostering starts the process towards a forever home and hopefully a long and happy life.”

### What has been your favorite moment, fostering with the League?

We have had multiple wonderful moments with each of our foster dogs.

Alan's favorite is taking Rocky, our first dog, on summer vacation to Michigan. To be comfortable enough with him to be able to do that and give him a new experience was very satisfying. He got to go to the beach, run around at dog parks, take long walks and chase ducks.

Ashley's favorite was taking our third dog, Gideon, hiking at the Cincinnati Nature Center. He did great and we think he really enjoyed it. Seeing him interact with other dogs and people was awesome. He was our first dog that would actually play fetch—we were floored that he brought the ball back!

We both love hanging out with the dogs and love when they finally get comfortable enough with us to cuddle. By the end, each was sleeping in our beds.

### What you do is so important and we know it can be hard. Can you tell us why it is worthwhile to you?

We get to help a vulnerable animal and teach it how to trust again. Fostering starts the process towards a forever home and hopefully a long and happy life. Just seeing the look on a dog's face when they are content and happy is worth everything. They have all seen hardship and are grateful for the second chance they are given. 🐾

# How Can I Help?



**O**ur employees often hear the question “How can I help the League?” As a private non-profit organization, the League for Animal Welfare receives no local, state or federal funding and, therefore, relies 100% on private donations from individuals and organizations who support our mission.

The easiest way to support the League is by making a tax-deductible donation on our website ([LFAW.org](http://LFAW.org)). But there are many other ways you can help support the League:

- Purchase shelter cleaning supplies from our Amazon wish list, allowing donations to help with medical and direct animal care expenses
- Ask your friends to donate to the League in place of traditional gifts for your birthday
- Do all your online shopping through [Goodshop.com](http://Goodshop.com) and a portion of your purchases will be donated to the League
- Donate an item or professional service to our fundraising silent auctions

- Register with the ResQwalk app and earn money just by taking your dog for a walk
- Host a yard sale or other event to raise funds for the League
- Attend our annual Wine & Whiskers Tasting & Auction this Fall

Our adoption fees only cover a portion of the food, shelter and medical costs to care for homeless cats and dogs. By financially supporting the League, you can give hope to these animals. 🐾

## For more information:

Visit [LFAW.org](http://LFAW.org) and click on “ways to give.” 🐾

## SHELTER SHOUT OUTS

**O**ur generous community helps provide hope to homeless cats and dogs. The League for Animal Welfare would like to acknowledge the following initiatives during the fourth quarter of 2015:

- The sixth annual Alexander L. Baxter Memorial Benefit, held on November 28 at The Lounge on Beechmont, raised more than \$2,000
- #GivingTuesday, a global day to celebrate and support giving and philanthropy, raised \$2,050
- Brownie Troop #41011 from St. Bernadette School donated homemade dog treats
- Girl Scout Troop #41301 donated cat beds, kitty litter and treats
- “Dine and Donate” fundraisers at six locations of Potbelly’s and the Harper’s Point Chili’s raised \$538
- Water Tower Fine Wines in Mt. Washington held its annual wine tasting on December 27 and raised \$516

We appreciate all those who help support the League’s mission through unique and innovative ways. 🐾



Mary Baxter, center, holding a photo collage in memory of her son Alexander at the Alexander L. Baxter Memorial Benefit.

## Get creative!

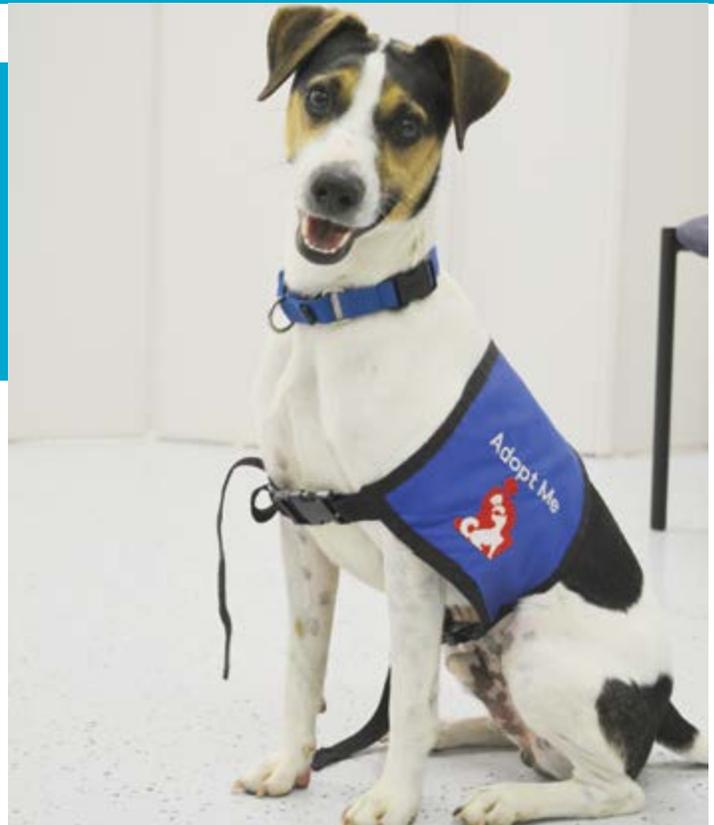
If you have an idea to raise funds for the League, please contact Davina Prebble at [davina@LFAW.org](mailto:davina@LFAW.org) or 513-735-2299, ext. 217. 🐾

# Adoption Events



The next few months offer so many opportunities for you to meet furry League friends out in the community through our mobile adoption unit! From Amelia and Milford to Eastgate and Harper's Point, we're rolling in to your favorite pet stores (and one high school!) with our cuddliest and fluffiest adoptable friends. Stop by and say hello!

Check for newly-added events on the LFAW.org calendar. 🐾



**SAT 05 MAR**

**WHEN**

12:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.

**WHERE**

Petsmart  
245 Rivers Edge  
Milford, OH 45150

**SUN 13 MAR**

**WHEN**

12:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.

**WHERE**

Petco  
260 West Main St  
Amelia, OH 45102

**SUN 20 MAR**

**WHEN**

11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

**WHERE**

Petsmart  
650 Eastgate South Blvd  
Cincinnati, OH 45245

**SAT 26 MAR**

**WHEN**

11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

**WHERE**

Pet Supplies Plus  
11345 Montgomery Rd  
Cincinnati, OH 45249

**SAT 02 APR**

**WHEN**

12:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.

**WHERE**

Petsmart  
245 Rivers Edge  
Milford, OH 45150

**SUN 10 APR**

**WHEN**

12:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.

**WHERE**

Petco  
260 West Main St  
Amelia, OH 45102

**SUN 17 APR**

**WHEN**

1:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.

**WHERE**

Turpin High School  
2650 Bartels Rd  
Cincinnati, OH 45244

**SAT 23 APR**

**WHEN**

12:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.

**WHERE**

Pet Supplies Plus  
11345 Montgomery Rd  
Cincinnati, OH 45249



## Come visit us!

Please plan on visiting us and meeting your new best friend. See you there! 🐾



SAT **07** MAY

**WHEN**

12:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.

**WHERE**

Petsmart  
245 Rivers Edge  
Milford, OH 45150

SAT **28** MAY

**WHEN**

12:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.

**WHERE**

Pet Supplies Plus  
11345 Montgomery Rd  
Cincinnati, OH 45249



## ANIMAL TALK SERIES

MON **14** MAR

**WHEN**

6:30 p.m.–8:00 p.m.

**GUEST SPEAKER**

Speaker: Therapy Pets of  
Greater Cincinnati

**WHERE**

Amelia Library,  
58 Maple St

**COST**

Free

MON **11** APR

**WHEN**

6:30 p.m.–8:00 p.m.

**GUEST SPEAKER**

Speaker: TBD

**WHERE**

TBD

**COST**

Free

MON **09** MAY

**WHEN**

6:30 p.m.–8:00 p.m.

**GUEST SPEAKER**

Speaker: Angel's Paws

**WHERE**

TBD

**COST**

Free

Please reserve your spot by  
calling 513-735-2299.

## SAVE THE DATE

SAT **11** JUN

Summer Picnic

Raindate: June 25

SAT **05** NOV

Wine & Whiskers Tasting  
& Auction

SAT **03** DEC

Holiday Party

## VOLUNTEER CORNER: Debbie Schafer

**D**ebbie Schafer has lost count of how many kittens and puppies she helped in the last seven years as a volunteer in the League's bottle feeding program. "It's a lot of work with sleepless nights and it can be heartbreaking," she says, but she does it out of her love for animals and anything that is helpless.

She considers herself fortunate to be in a position where she can be a bottle feeder for the babies who need it, but she has a helper in the form of her 100 lb. German Shepherd, Cisco. Some of the kittens or puppies don't take to eating from a bottle easily, she says, so she "will lay them on Cisco and weave the nipple of the bottle through his fur," making them feel like they have the warmth and comfort of a mother. It usually works in getting them to eat, too. Cisco is also helpful with the fussy little ones that just need a warm, furry place to cuddle up. As they grow, they view Cisco as a big playmate.

Debbie gets a lot of satisfaction out of watching the puppies and kittens grow, develop and learn to play. Once the babies are over a month old, they need fewer

bottles and can potty on their own. They begin to show their own personalities, and Debbie says she enjoys "watching them discover how much mischief they can get into." It is fun to see them play, climb and explore, and "they are just so proud of themselves with each new achievement (or mess) that they make."



Cisco with kitten

When they are thriving on their own, it is "so very hard to let them go," she says, "but that's when the greatest reward comes, when, against all odds, the tiny motherless babies find their loving forever homes." 🐾



### For more information:

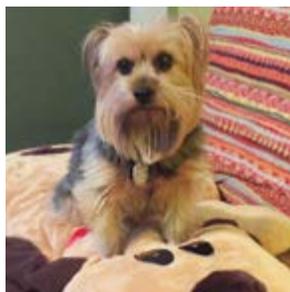
Are you interested in being a bottle-feeding volunteer? Please contact the League at 513-735-2299. 🐾

## SHELTER SPOTLIGHT: Lori Pegg

**L**ori Pegg is a big-hearted animal lover who is a two-time adopter from LFAW. Get ready to giggle and get a little misty-eyed at Lori's story, in her own words:

We do love those little dogs! They helped us through a difficult time. We have always been pet owners, and in 6 months last year we lost both of our dogs. Cole was 17 years old and just kept hanging on. And TJ, my five-year-old Yorkie who was my little man! Suddenly he got cancer and died within a week. I was heartbroken.

Two weeks went by and we could not take the emptiness in the house! I had been researching shelters and came across the League. The fact that it was no-kill is what drew me to it and when I got there, it was immaculate and the people were so kind! The lady at the front desk listened to my story and said that someone had just brought in a little Yorkie. I didn't know if I could bear to look at another one, with TJ gone. But, when they brought Miah to me, I cried! She was so scared and I had to have her. Her former



Miah

owners had brought her toys, her hair bows and even a garbage bag full of clothes!

Once Miah got settled in, we hated leaving her at home by herself while we went to work, so we talked about getting her a friend. I had still been watching the League website for another dog, and one day they posted that there were several puppies

available. I went over to see them, along with everyone else who was there! When walking through the dog room, I saw this little tiny furball all curled up. They didn't know much about him, but he had just got back from the vet where they had to extract all of his teeth, with the exception of one. While doing that his jaw was accidentally broken and was wired shut. So, instead of a puppy, I adopted a tiny seven-year-old, Yorkie-Poo with no teeth! He is the sweetest thing. You can just tell he is as happy to have us as we are to have him. We saved each other and Miah loves him!



Buddy

After meeting all of the kind people at the League I decided that I should volunteer there. I owe them so much for Buddy and Miah! The day of volunteer orientation, I was worried that I would leave heartbroken for all of the dogs. But when I left I was happy! The people at the League genuinely care about the animals, and the volunteers are wonderful. I definitely recommend the League if you are looking for a furry family member! 🐾



### Make a difference!

Visit [LFAW.org/volunteer/](http://LFAW.org/volunteer/) to learn more about becoming a volunteer. 🐾

# Adopt Me!

## Coby

Born 4/2015

Resident since 7/28/15

Do you remember what it was like to be a kid and have no cares in the world? Coby is in that state of mind and we hope it never changes. This spunky little pup is happy all the time. He is captivated with the world around him and doesn't miss a thing. Everything is just so fascinating!



## Mai Tai

Born 9/2011

Resident since 9/2/15

Mai Tai is one lucky girl. She was found around some cabins on a lake in Kentucky. We can't imagine why she was abandoned. She is so sweet and just wants love and attention. She will approach everyone that visits like they are old friends. She is that

way with other cats too, getting along with them immediately. Mai Tai will bring loads of joy to any person or family.

## Smokee

Born 11/2012

Resident since 11/18/15

Smokee is like a big cuddly teddy bear. This handsome gray boy wants to be petted and cuddled. Smokee comes from a home that loved him but due to allergies had to surrender him to the League. He misses his home but is adjusting to a new life. He is a sweetheart who would like to be your companion for life. He loves children and gets along with other cats. He will be the kind of friend that will make sure you always feel loved!

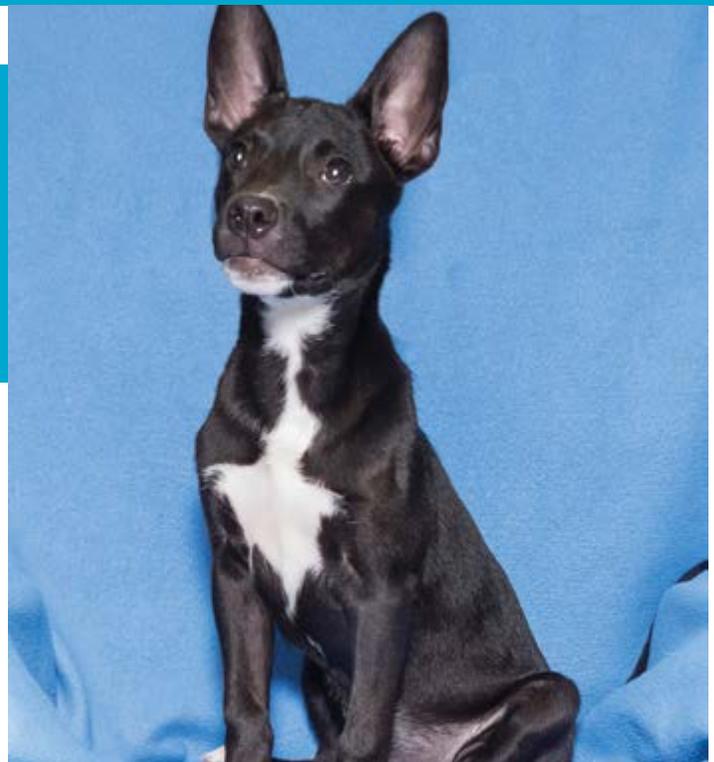


## Spott

Born 12/2012

Resident since 12/16/15

Spott had a very happy home until the baby developed allergies. He lived with children, another cat and a dog. He is very shy right now as he really misses his home. If you take the time to sit by him and talk to him he



will come out of his bed and approach you. Once he feels comfortable he changes in to a very loving guy who longs to be petted!

## Hanz

Born 3/2015

Resident since 8/11/15

Believe it or not this fifty plus pounder was only just born in March! He is learning every day that people are good and it's ok to be playful. With regular care, a routine, and plenty of training and play time, this young boy will grow into a loyal (and large!) canine companion for a devoted adopter.



## Hilo

Born 3/2015

Resident since 5/27/15

Hilo is not quite a year old and is 56.2 lbs. of pure puppy! Like most puppies, he's adorably awkward. Couple that with his serious growth spurt and you'll agree that he's the cutest klutz you'll meet! Hilo loves toys, is very affectionate and gets very excited when he gets attention.

(We are working with him to help him contain himself a little more).



## For more information:

These animals may already be in their forever homes, but our website [[LFAW.org](http://LFAW.org)] is constantly updated with the cats and dogs available for adoption. 🐾



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