A Tiny Cat Heals Hearts

As all pet “parents” know, a new animal can never replace one that you’ve lost. Sometimes though, opening your home to another animal in need can help to heal your heart. So it was with Connie, Kaelin, and Dixon.

Connie and her family lost their Manx cat, Winslow, in 2011 after an illness. Winslow was a beloved member of the family and his loss was hard to bear. Especially, Connie recalls, for her daughter Kaelin, who Connie says “never really got over that loss.”

Spring always brings kittens to the APL and last May was no exception. Early that month, a litter of four kittens, exactly two months old, were surrendered. They were each named for poets. The tiniest of all got the biggest name to live up to: Shakespeare. When he arrived, the little gray kitten weighed just over a pound!

May is also the month of the APL’s annual Q104 Pledge for Pets Radiothon fundraiser. On the first day of Radiothon, when she got home from working third shift and her husband left for work, Connie, her daughter and her son decided to visit the APL during the broadcast, she laughs, “instead of me getting sleep.” She had seen Shakespeare online and thought he was adorable. When they arrived, they didn’t see Shakespeare, so they looked at other cats. She saw an older cat, but the resemblance to Winslow was striking – so striking, Connie recalls, that it brought tears to her eyes. She decided to ask if Shakespeare was still there – and luckily for him, he was! A volunteer brought him to meet the family. It was love at first sight. He went home that day.

Connie renamed Shakespeare “Dixon,” after a favorite television character. Dixon was to be a Mother’s Day gift for Connie, but she graciously shares him with the whole family – human, feline and canine. Dixon has a “brother,” another Manx cat named Batman, with whom he loves to play, and a canine “sister,” Taylor, whose face he licks when they curl up together. Most importantly, Connie says, he has become Kaelin’s best buddy, her

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“cuddlebug.” When he celebrated his first birthday in March, he was surrounded by a family who loves him very much. He’s a sociable boy, who loves being around people, especially his people. In fact, things are so good for him that he only meows when his food dish isn’t full enough (as Connie says, “he also loves to eat!”)

“He is just the sweetest little boy and has really helped my daughter fill the void of losing Winslow,” Connie reports. “Dixon has a lot of the same personality traits that Winslow did. He has eased a lot of pain that we all felt when we lost our beloved Winslow.” What a loving tribute to Winslow, providing a loving home to a homeless kitten. Winslow, no doubt, would approve.
Another Happy Tale

A Tale of Two Rescues

Stanley's dad tells his tale best.

It was the day after Thanksgiving 2011, and my wife, sister-in-law and I decided to deliver some supplies to the county animal shelter. When we discovered that the facility was closed, we headed down to the APL. We decided to walk through and visit with some of the dogs that were awaiting adoption. We had recently lost my wife's first dog (nearly 18 years old) and the thought of adopting another dog was the furthest thing from our minds. He was a darling little tan Cockapoo rescue, and Max spent most of his waking moments cuddled on your lap and trying to please you. Our emotions were still fairly raw over the loss of Max, so visiting with some of the homeless dogs that day was purely window shopping.

We began our visit just like we had always done, and while viewing each dog one-at-a-time, the magic happened. My wife stopped in front of a little Yorkiepoo named Danny. When his eyes met my wife's, Danny began to jump nonstop. It was love at first sight.

My wife asked if we could visit with Danny, and we were escorted to a private room. Once inside, Danny began the sales process, moving from lap to lap, giving each of us some quality time with the most effective salesperson I have ever met.

We started the adoption process and the name Stanley came to me. I am not sure where the inspiration came from—it just seems to fit. Stanley became such an integral part of our family in a very short period of time that I wanted to give him a middle name. As I am part Italian, Stanley-Guido was born.

There was something very magical about this puppy. Everyone that met Stanley-Guido smiled from ear to ear. Many were surprised to learn that he was a rescue, and remarked that they had no idea that you could get such a cute dog from the APL. Someone suggested that because of his temperament and ability to make people smile, we should consider therapy training. My wife and I agreed, and signed up for classes at Ohio K-9 University. He received his Canine Good Citizen certificate, then earned his Therapy Dog Certification.

For the past few months he has visited a local nursing home and has made many new friends. During our visits, patients routinely call his name—and then say to me and my wife, And what are your names again? We recently began visiting Holy Family Hospice, where Stanley provides comfort and cheer to both patients and families.

We had no idea that our trip the APL would profoundly change our lives. Stanley-Guido has guided us to a new and unbelievably rewarding vocation. It took a dog (granted, a very special rescue dog) to show us how to give of our time. We have been blessed in meeting some amazing people and thanks to Stanley, we have made them a part of our extended family—how blessed are we!

Thank you APL for the wonderful work you do, and for giving us the opportunity to share such a wonderful dog with everyone we meet. Our story is certainly a tale of two rescues, as we often wonder who rescued whom.
Making a Difference

Cats on Tour 2014

Returns to a neighborhood near you!

“Cats on Tour” is the APL’s fun, traveling, feline adoption campaign. Beginning in early spring, Rover, our mobile adoption unit, hits the road filled with fabulous adoptable felines and makes tour stops in convenient locations all around the area.

Upcoming tour stops include: Meet Your Best Friend at the Zoo on June 14 and Cleveland Pride, Voinovich Park on June 28.

Visit www.ClevelandAPL.org for tour dates and additional tour stops. As the message printed on Rover exclaims, “You Stay! We’ll Roll Over!”

Puppypalooza is Back!

Save the Date and Bring Your Dog to a Tribe Game!

Join us on Tuesday, June 17, 2014, at 7:05 p.m. when the Indians will take on the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim at Progressive Field. You can enjoy the game with your dog and even participate in a pre-game parade around the warning track on the field! There will be lots of fun activities for you and your pooch, so please go to www.indians.com/puppypalooza or call 216-420-HITS for updates and ticket information. A portion of the proceeds from this event will benefit the Cleveland APL.

Volunteer at the APL

Share your love of animals and become a Cleveland Animal Protective League volunteer. Check our website at www.ClevelandAPL.org for dates of upcoming volunteer sessions.

To Make a Donation to the APL:

Visit our website at www.ClevelandAPL.org or mail your check to the Cleveland Animal Protective League, Attention Development Office, 1729 Willey Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44113.

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Most of the animals adopted from the Cleveland APL are dogs and cats. But we help other furry creatures find their happily-ever-afters, too, like Penelope Rabbit!

Penelope, a white American Rabbit with gray markings, arrived at the APL in October 2013 in the arms of a Good Samaritan, who had found her outside the night before. Penelope’s back leg was injured; x-rays later confirmed it was broken. The decision was made that Penelope would receive medical care through the APL’s Second Chance Program, which has provided veterinary services for thousands of sick, injured and special needs animals. Thanks to the Second Chance Program, Penelope’s leg was repaired and she was sent to foster care to recover, and to get a little extra love.

Penelope’s foster mom was Stephanie Ash, the Adoption Supervisor at the APL’s Everyday Adoption Center at the Parma PetSmart® and a serious bunny fan! Stephanie got to know Penny well during her recovery period and discovered that she was a very clever and curious rabbit. So clever, in fact, that when Penny resisted taking her medicine from a syringe, Stephanie resorted to hollowing out baby carrots to create “carrot cups” to hide the medicine. By day four, however, Stephanie reports that Penny “started becoming suspicious” of this “treat!” Stephanie was hopeful that this smart cookie would be adopted by an experienced rabbit owner, who would honor Penny’s preference not to be picked up, and could also provide her with mental stimulation to keep that bunny brain strong!

Well, Stephanie’s hopes were definitely realized. After recovering in foster care, Penny returned to the APL ready to find her forever home. Just two days before Christmas, Candy and a friend came to the APL looking for a rabbit to keep Candy’s other rabbit, Bun Bun, company. Adopted from the APL in 2011, Bun Bun is a male dwarf rabbit. Candy had done some research, and learned that rabbits do best in pairs, to keep each other company. Candy met Penny and decided that, while Penny was much bigger, the similarities in their ages might make them a good match. Bun Bun then came in to meet his “little” sister, and Penny had a new home in time for the holidays!

After a week or so of squabbling, these “siblings” are now best buddies. They have “more toys than they need,” says Candy, and love to play with stuffed animals, squeaky toys, and balls. And their favorite past-time? Watching television! Bun Bun is the bigger basketball fan, but, Candy reports, they both like watching crime dramas with her.

Candy plans to move to Florida soon, to pursue a career in criminology. While she’s at work, Bun Bun and Penny will keep each other company, and keep up on the latest crime-fighting techniques. Who knows? Maybe in the future we’ll see them in action on their own television show: Law and Order RIU – Rabbit Investigations Unit!
Pooches and Their People Returned for The Q104 Dog Gone Easter Egg Hunt

Photos by: Pixure This! Photo Studio

Pooches and their people with the Easter Bunny.
For their role as a bunny, thanks to Stephanie Super, Jeffrey Jerse and TJ Sczepinski

The 2nd annual Q104 Dog Gone Easter Egg Hunt, which took place on Saturday, March 29 at SouthPark Mall, was just the ticket to get dogs and their owners out and walking despite what was a frigid Cleveland winter. More than 430 dogs and 770 people were eager to start shaking off the winter doldrums while they walked the mall from 7:30am-9:30am in support of the Cleveland APL’s animals. The pups had their pictures taken with the Easter Bunny and were on the lookout for Easter baskets filled with dog biscuits.

A suggested donation to the APL was the admission to this fun-filled event hosted by Q104’s Fee’s Kompany, and we raised more than $4,600. This year, walkers had the opportunity to raise funds online for the APL by asking their friends and family to make a donation. The Dog Gone Easter Egg Hunt was the kick-off to the 9th annual Q104 Pledge for Pets Radiothon. The 18-hour event was broadcast live on Q104 from the APL on May 2nd and 3rd.

We are so grateful to our friends at Q104 for organizing this fun event, to SouthPark Mall for hosting us, to The PUP Program from Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District for their generous sponsorship, and to Pixure This! Photo Studio for the wonderful pictures with the Easter Bunny.

The Cleveland APL Thanks Your True Dedication!!!

Just when we thought the super cold, snowy weather was over, Cleveland was blasted with another snow storm in mid-March, but that did not stop our intrepid APL dog walking volunteers from coming to the shelter to walk our dogs. Not only is it important for these animals to get out of their kennels for a potty break, exercise, and a brief respite from the shelter, but time spent with the volunteers is often the best part of a dog’s day! Their commitment and dedication is truly appreciated and means so much to every animal they touch.

Several of our early morning dog walking volunteers posing with APL resident, Brisco on March 12, 2014.
From right to left: Peggy Schaffer, Anne Nottingham, Marge Cantlin, Lisa Arnson, and George Andrews

The Cleveland APL is fortunate to have so many wonderful, compassionate volunteers who help our animals every single day and in so many meaningful ways. We could not provide our life-saving programs and services without them.
Thank You WKYC Channel 3 for Hosting the Third Annual Fur-Get-Me-Not Telethon

The third annual Fur-Get-Me-Not Telethon aired on Friday, March 21, on WKYC Channel 3. This wonderful event was hosted by Channel 3 personalities Joe Cronauer and Michael Cardamone. Between 5:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., viewers saw vignettes that showcased the diverse and meaningful work the APL does to rescue, heal, nurture, adopt and advocate for animals in need.

The event brought together the community and inspired viewers to help the thousands of animals who will come through the Cleveland APL’s doors this year.

We are happy to report that more than $60,557 was raised to support the important work we do here at the Cleveland APL. More than 130 people donated their time as volunteers, including 100 phone bank workers who recorded pledges from viewers. In addition, a special Channel 3 adoption promotion for cats—$3 fee for adult cats and $33 for kittens—resulted in 26 animals finding new homes that day!

We are so grateful to Channel 3, Joe Cronauer and Michael Cardamone and the sponsors who made this event possible. A special thank you to Presenting Sponsor Stautzenberger College and to Melt Bar & Grilled for donating $1 from every Good Burger—Melt’s awesome new vegan burger—sold on Friday, March 21, and Saturday, March 22, to the APL!

Don’t Miss the Chance to Feature Your Furry Friend(s)

In The 2015 Pet Calendar Contest

If your adorable furry friend is star material, then don’t miss the chance to feature them in the 2015 Cleveland APL pet calendar honoring our area’s much-beloved pets. To enter the contest and get all instructions, visit our website at www.ClevelandAPL.org or call 216-377-1628 for more information.
As you plan for your year, consider joining us for this sensationally casual event that will be held Saturday, November 1, 2014, at 5:30 p.m. at the InterContinental Hotel Cleveland. Enjoy wonderful food stations, fabulous live and silent auction items and a surprise guest appearance from a VIP (Very Important Pooch)—or two! Proceeds from this event benefit the Cleveland APL’s Second Chance Program.

There are many opportunities to participate:
- Purchase tickets and invite friends, family, colleagues or clients
- Consider corporate sponsorship opportunities that range from $500 to $10,000
- Donate an item or service for our live or silent auction. Popular items from past auctions include artwork, loge or box tickets to sporting events, gift certificates, vacation packages, behind-the-scenes tours and experiences.

To learn more about the event and the ways you can get involved, please call 216-771-8823.

To learn more about our Second Chance Program, please visit www.ClevelandAPL.org and use the drop-down “Donate” Tab, and select “Second Chance Program.”

Making Happily Every Afters Since 1913 – Celebrating 101 Years!!!
A letter from Jade’s mom to the Cleveland APL

March 3, 2014

To: The Staff and Volunteers

Three and one-half years ago, I adopted from you, Jade, a 7-year-old, 112 pound, Shepherd/Rottweiler mix. I saw her picture on-line and immediately loved her kind face. Her bio read that she was having difficulty with shelter life but was coming out of her shell. It further read that she was continually passed over by potential adopters but was a staff and volunteer favorite. I knew that because of her age, size, “aggressive” breed reputation, her timidity, duration that she was at the shelter and type of home she needed, her wait to get adopted was going to be a very long one. It took three visits before I brought her home at the urging of my sister and the staff and volunteers.

Jade was the most gentle, intelligent, loyal and trusting animal I have known. I fell in love with her the first day I brought her home, and she loved me just as much. After a few months of good food, exercise and love, she blossomed. She never left my side and truly seemed to know what I was saying and doing. Not once did she complain or fuss about anything. Our bond was profound.

Sweet Jade passed last week at the age of 10 ½. My heart is broken. I heard over and over how I saved her life and if it wasn’t for me, etc. My only response ever was that she rescued me as much as I rescued her. I am grateful for the 3 1/2 years I had her. She was an angel in the guise of a dog.

Thank you for the gift of Jade.

Sincerely,
Cathleen Donovan

The Cleveland APL’s animals are fed Hill’s® Science Diet® pet food.

Offsite Adoptions
For dates and times, visit our website at www.ClevelandAPL.org.

Shelter Adoption Center Hours
Monday - Friday 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sunday Noon to 4 p.m.

Animal Surrender Hours (Intake)
Monday - Friday 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sunday Closed

PetSmart Charities® Everyday Adoption Center Hours
Monday - Saturday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Sunday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
In Memory of Individual


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Tributes

The following tribute gifts were received between January 2014 and February 2014. A tribute gift of $50 or more is recognized in Pet Patter. Tribute donations are a very special way to remember and honor loved ones and pets. Notification will be sent to whomever you ask to notify.

In Honor of Individual

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Making Happily Ever Afters Since 1913

The year 2013 marked the Cleveland Animal Protective League’s Centennial. And as we look back on our long, rich history of serving the animals of the Greater Cleveland area, we know we have so many things to celebrate. But, truly, it all boils down to one very simple thing … each and every happy ending that has been created over 100 years for adopted animals and their people.

Our Centennial Wall not only celebrates our history, it also allows you to honor the happy ending you made with your dog, cat or other furry friend. If you choose to sponsor a panel on our Centennial Wall, you may include a photo of your best friend and tell his or her story. This sponsorship is renewable every year.

At the Cleveland Animal Protective League, healthy friendly animals stay with us until they are adopted. There is never a limit to the amount of time that they can be with us. Thanks to our Second Chance Program, we’re also providing additional medical care to an increasing number of animals with treatable injuries and illnesses, which means they may be with us for a little while longer than usual. Your support of our Centennial Wall will allow us to continue to care for all the animals who pass through our doors waiting for their happy ending.

Cleveland Animal Protective League Centennial Wall Sponsorship Program

Yes, I would like to honor my beloved pet(s) at the Cleveland Animal Protective League.

* One 6”x 6” Panel (1 photo, approximately 100 words): $2,500 per year.

* One 12”x 6” Panel (1 or 2 photos, approximately 250 words): $5,000 per year.

* Each panel will be customized to fit photos and text provided.

A representative from the APL Development Department will contact you to customize your plaque.

Please print all information.

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Pledge payment options are available. If interested, please call Judy Hunter, Director of Development, at 216-344-1353.
The Cleveland Animal Protective League lovingly cares for thousands of homeless, injured and abused animals each year. For some, their cage at the APL, complete with a warm bed, toys, plenty of food and water, and lots of TLC, is the only “home” they have ever known. For others, it’s a temporary home until they find the love of another family. For all of them, it’s the reason they’re getting a second chance. Our annual cage sponsors bring hope and comfort to our animals while they wait for their future mom or dad to adopt them and take them home—permanently. We ask that you help us to provide all of the care and love they need while they are with us by becoming a cage sponsor.

Your cage sponsorship will be recognized with a plaque on a cage in our cat, dog or small mammal adoption center areas. You may choose to make your cage sponsorship in honor or in memory of a special pet or person or you may choose to advertise your business. Cage sponsorships are renewable every year.

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