Katie Gets a Second Chance at a Happy Life

When she arrived at the APL, Katie’s appearance was heartbreaking. The boxer mix was extremely underweight, with very little fur and open sores. Katie had been confined in one room for most of her life; now her owner was moving, and could not take Katie along.

The APL staff quickly set to work. One of the first orders of business: a bath. APL volunteer Angela stepped in to help. Initially, Katie was frightened and cowered, but eventually she let Angela run the water over her, calming her irritated skin. During her bath, Katie rested her head on Angela’s arm, and looked into her eyes, pleading for some relief. At that moment, Angela recalls, Katie won her heart. Angela was determined to give this sick, neglected dog a better life. She became Katie’s foster mom, less than a week after Katie’s arrival at the APL.

The road to that better life wasn’t short, or without its bumps. Katie’s skin issues were complex and difficult to diagnose and treat. The APL’s veterinary staff performed tests and applied treatments, and even referred Katie to a doggie dermatologist! Because of the APL’s Second Chance Program, which provides medical care to animals with serious illnesses or injuries, Katie’s conditions were treated, giving her a second chance at a healthy, happy life.

Katie loved her adoption day party at Bow Wow Beach. Katie, whose luck previously had been so bad, hit the jackpot with this foster mom. A health care professional (and ardent dog lover), Angela was well-equipped to handle the frequent baths, topical medication, injections, and special diet necessary to get Katie healthy. After some months, Katie even began to re-grow a bit of fur, and Angela could see at last what color Katie would be!

It took some time for Katie to become healthy enough to be declared ready for adoption. Finally, after nearly a year in foster care, that day came, and her place in Angela’s family became official. Katie celebrated with an adoption day party at Bow Wow Beach. Her face that day was a picture of sheer joy, as she ran in the water, carrying her beloved toy. It was an experience Katie likely couldn’t have imagined just a year before.

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Katie's life now is a dog's dream. Her family includes Angela and her husband, Randy, canine and feline siblings, and even a grandma who adores her. Katie loves playing with balls and biting the garden hose. And at night, when Angela tells her it's bedtime, Katie goes in her bed, and Angela covers her with an afghan and gives her a toy. Katie drifts off to sleep, perhaps dreaming of the adventures to come.

Katie got her second chance thanks to the Second Chance Program, mandated training through the Ohio Police Officers Training Academy, be appointed as an agent of our humane society by our board of directors, and have the appointment approved by the County Probate Judge. Once all of that has happened, they proudly carry out the responsibility of protecting animals from people who are committing acts of abuse or neglect that violate the law, whether intentionally or negligently. They investigate reports of animal cruelty and work with prosecutors to find justice for the animal victims of these crimes. To be clear, this critical and lifesaving work is funded by donations to the Cleveland APL from caring, compassionate people like you who believe animals should be protected from cruelty.

So, that’s how we’re all different, but there are many ways in which we’re the same. We all care about saving animals. We all advocate for animals. We all adopt out animals. We all work to reduce the number of animals that end up in our shelters by spaying or neutering the animals we adopt out. We also work together as often as possible to help more dogs through our dog transfer program, through which, when we have the capacity, the Cleveland APL brings in dogs from CDACC and CCAS when they are too crowded so they can go up for adoption here.

The leaders of the three largest shelters in Cuyahoga County have forged a supportive and productive collaboration that is arguably one of a kind in the United States. Not only do we meet regularly to make sure we’re all on the same page and are doing the best we can to serve both the animals and people in our community, but we enjoy doing so and celebrate each other’s successes.

What does this all boil down to? The Cleveland APL is not the same organization and does not serve the same purpose as CDACC or CCAS, but we ALL work together to help as many animals as we can in our community through our different services and programs. I can assure you that animals like Angel, a Rottie mix who had significant neurologic impairment; Wyatt, a Mastiff mix who had lost one of his back paws; Patrick who had horrible skin issues, and Penny and Dill who were very old, had heart murmurs, and needed additional “senior” care, and were all transferred from CDACC or CCAS to the Cleveland APL for adoption are all grateful that we get along and work together so well despite our different functions. And so am I!
Another Happy Tale

Cinderella

Cinderella’s name itself tells you she was destined for a happily-ever-after. In January 2016, however, that outcome seemed far from certain.

Cinderella is a beautiful cat with long gray and white fur. But, like any good fairy tale heroine, Cinderella had her troubles. A senior at 10 years old, Cinderella had painful bladder stones, and needed dental care. Her owner moved into a nursing home, and was no longer able to care for her. A family member surrendered Cinderella to the Cleveland APL.

Enter the fairy god-parents. The APL veterinary staff provided her with much-needed medical care. That care took several months, most of which she spent in the home of an APL foster parent, Jodi, who gave this gorgeous girl much-needed time and attention. Then, it was time for Cinderella to find her new home.

Fortunately for Cinderella, her timing was perfect. Jennifer wanted a furry roommate to keep her company; friends suggested she look at the Cleveland APL. Jennifer was looking specifically for an older cat, because they don’t get adopted as easily. And since Jennifer is a quiet person, she was hoping to find a cat that would be a low-key, cuddly companion.

Jennifer browsed the APL website the night before her visit. She saw Cinderella and “instantly fell in love with her.” Jennifer noted that the website said she was in foster care, so she wasn’t sure if Cinderella, with her striking markings and big green eyes, would even be at the APL the next day. But there she was, right in the front of the Cat Adoption room, waiting. Jennifer tried to keep an open mind and consider other cats, but Cinderella already had stolen her heart. She adopted Cinderella, and took her home that day.

Cinderella has embraced her new life eagerly. She eats special cat food for her kidney issues, but has been healthy and happy.

And Jennifer’s quest for a roommate? Well, as Jennifer explains laughingly, it’s now Cinderella’s apartment, not hers. Cinderella “lives a nice, retired, quiet life,” napping during the day. Then, when Jennifer comes home, Cinderella is anxious for a cuddle. “It does not take much to get her purring,” Jennifer notes. With wet food, dry food, and her favorite cranberry cat treats, Cinderella is treated like royalty. She sleeps through the night, often on her own blanket on her chair in Jennifer’s room. Then it’s up in the morning for another day in charge of her “kingdom.” Life for this kitty is so good that, like any good fairy tale princess, Jennifer reports, sometimes Cinderella actually begins to “sing!”

“I am so happy to have her in my life!” Jennifer exclaims. Thank you, Jennifer. We’re so glad that you and Cinderella are living happily forever after!

Barbara Reitzloff, APL Volunteer, assisted in the writing of this issue’s Happy Tales.
Thank You Fox 8 for Hosting Dick Goddard’s APL Telethon

The second annual Dick Goddard’s APL Telethon aired on Fox 8 on Thursday, September 22. This fantastic event was hosted by Fox 8 personalities Kenny Crumpton, Natalie Herbick, and of course, Dick Goddard. Between 6 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., Fox 8 viewers saw vignettes that featured some of the amazing animals who were in our care. The segments also showcased the meaningful and life-saving work that takes place at the Cleveland APL every day.

The event brought together the community and inspired viewers to make a donation to help the more than 14,000 animals who are served by the Cleveland APL every year.

We are so grateful to Fox 8, Dick Goddard, Natalie Herbick, Kenny Crumpton and the sponsors who made this event possible. A special thank you to the Presenting Sponsor, Stautzenberger College. We would also like to thank Melt Bar & Grilled for donating 10% of their total sales from their Northeast Ohio locations on September 22 and 23 to the Cleveland APL and also Panera Bread, who included the APL in their canister campaign at their Northeast Ohio locations during the entire month of August!

Tune in next year for Dick Goddard’s APL Telethon in September 2017!

We Wish to Thank Our Sponsors:

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2017 Calendar is Here!

We are excited to announce the arrival of the Cleveland APL’s 2017 Annual Calendar. Again this year, we let you pick the final “Pet of the Month” in the calendar! After the voting of the top 10 runners-up took place, we were happy to announce that Sadie’s beautiful photo received the most votes, and is featured in the calendar as “Pet of the Month” in November. Overall, more than $955 was raised for the Cleveland APL during the second year of this fun addition to our calendar contest!

The calendar makes a great gift, especially for the holidays! To order your copy, visit our website, call 216-377-1628 or stop down to the Cleveland APL. To preview the calendar, visit www.ClevelandAPL.org. Don’t miss the chance for your pet to be featured in the 2018 calendar! Enter online at www.ClevelandAPL.org or call 216-377-1628 for more information. Also, look for the calendar contest voting again next year on our website!
Another Happy Tale

Bee Bee Feline Superstar

Many people say they love animals. Lisa and Debbie put that love into action.

Lisa and Debbie devote much of their time and attention (and income!) to helping out cats and other creatures. They have a cheerful assortment of creatures at home, including several cats, a dog and a bird. At times, their household also has included guinea pigs, lizards, and other furry and not-so-furry creatures. They care for the neighborhood stray cats as well, taking them to be neutered, and providing them with access to food and shelter in the cold Cleveland winters. One of those stray cats was Bee Bee.

Last winter, the big black and white tuxedo cat appeared with some of the other strays. He progressed to the front sunroom, where he visited to soak up some warmth. Lisa had worked with some of the stray cats before, eventually welcoming them into her home. She began to approach Bee Bee slowly, on his terms, until he would let her pet his head. The big cat was frightened, and Lisa had to take her time. Eventually, he remained by Lisa while she stroked his fur. Success! But the very next day, Bee Bee disappeared. For three days Lisa and Debbie looked for him, and the neighbors did the same. On the fourth day, they found him. And the news wasn’t good.

Lisa and Debbie found their feline friend huddled in their shed. His jaw was dislocated, and appeared to be infected. The only bright spot? Bee Bee knew to return to Lisa and Debbie in his time of need. Lisa coaxed him into a carrier, and took him to the APL, to get him help.

The APL veterinary staff treated Bee Bee’s fractured jaw and facial wounds. They wired his jaw, and put a feeding tube into place to make sure he got enough to eat. And slowly he began to mend. While Bee Bee was focused on healing, Lisa couldn’t get him out of her mind. She says with a laugh, “I called the APL all the time checking on him. I know they were tired of me!” When it came time for Bee Bee to find his new home, Lisa gave in to her heart, and adopted him.

No one knows how Bee Bee was injured, but it’s likely he doesn’t spend much time now thinking about what happened then. After a brief period of adjustment, he made friends with Rainbow the dog, and now they lay together by the door, looking outside. Having given up the shed, he now sleeps on Lisa’s pillow, enjoying his fluffy “bed.” Breakfast often includes a small bite of bacon, and plenty of healthy cat food. He gets along well with his kitty siblings. And he’s discovered a new passion: soccer. He’d rather play it than watch, though. Lisa discovered that Bee Bee is an adept soccer player; she buys him cat-sized rubber soccer balls, that he kicks back and forth with Lisa, keeping himself entertained and in shape.

Lisa describes Bee Bee as her “Superstar.” Lisa and Debbie are superstars, too, giving this formerly-stray cat a life to love. Bee Bee most certainly would agree.

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. (Tax ID: 34-0714644)
More than 400 guests helped us to raise more than $265,000 to benefit the APL’s Second Chance Program during the Cleveland Animal Protective League’s annual gala on Saturday, November 5, at the InterContinental Hotel in Cleveland.

Guests had a groovy time and enjoyed “paws-ing” at the many food stations as well as bidding on fabulous items in our live and silent auctions. They also learned about some very special animals whose lives were saved because of the medical care and expertise the Second Chance Program allows us to provide.

Shailmar (Shali), a 7-year-old Shepherd mix who came to the Cleveland APL severely underweight, was the night’s VIP (Very Important Pooch). When she arrived at the APL, she only weighed 37 pounds; a healthy weight for a dog her size is 55 pounds. Shali was diagnosed with Exocrine Pancreatic Insufficiency, which made her unable to keep on weight. With time, love and a wonderful adopter, Shali has been able to nearly double her weight and made an appearance at Fur Ball to show off her amazing transformation. BeeBee, whose Happy Tale can be found on page 5, and Koda, a Papillon puppy who was brought to the APL with badly burned paws, whose Happy Tale was featured in our September Pet Patter, were both featured in videos at the event.

A committed group of APL volunteers works on the gala all year long. Committee chairs Angela DeMuesy, Patti De Rosa, Barbara Reitzloff, Ginny Russ, Christine Snyder, Regina Stopper and Kara Vlach-Lasher and honorary chair Annie Thomas all donated their time to this event. Without their hard work, and the hard work of the many volunteers who helped during the gala, Fur Ball would not be possible!

Save the date and join us again next year for Fur Ball 2017—Saturday, November 4, at the InterContinental Hotel Cleveland!
Whether it is a momma dog and her newborn pups or a senior cat with dental issues, our APL fosters are willing to help every animal that comes through our doors in need of a little extra care. Our foster care volunteers offer temporary, in-home care for animals until they are ready for adoption, offering the perfect place to ‘crash’ for some of our most deserving animals. And, sometimes, they even help us to find them their new homes.

One puppy whose life changed thanks to our Foster Program was Saint. Saint was 4 months old when she came to the Cleveland APL. This sweet pup had some hair loss in her first home, and it continued to get worse—so they surrendered her to the Cleveland APL in hopes she’d have a chance at a better life. Right away, she went to foster care in order to grow back her hair. The two months Saint spent in foster care guaranteed that she could look and feel good when she returned to the shelter to find her loving family.

Every day, animals like Saint, and also Cinderella, Bee Bee and Katie from our Happy Tales, are healing, playing, learning, loving, and thriving in their foster homes as they are prepared for adoption. Our foster volunteers provide care to animals-in-need that goes beyond what we can provide in the shelter.

To learn more about our Foster Program and become a life-saving member of the APL’s volunteer team, visit our website!
This year, the Cleveland APL introduced something new and wonderful for our shelter dogs–dog playgroups! They are run based on the principles of Dogs Playing for Life (DPFL), a program founded by professional trainer Aimee Sadler. Through the work done by Aimee and her team, as well as shelters across the country like the APL that have implemented DPFL, we are learning how much they offer in the way of critical enrichment for the dogs and additional information about the dogs that help us to make better adoption matches.

During playgroups, the Cleveland APL gets a great deal of information about each dog’s personality while also allowing them the opportunity to get out of their kennels and interact with other dogs and people! The dogs get a chance to burn off energy, which in turn helps to counteract the stress of shelter life, all while learning critical dog-to-dog social skills.

We would not be able to give our dogs this wonderful chance to run and to enjoy life outside of their kennels with other dogs without the volunteers who are helping us run the play groups. Our volunteer Dog Playgroup Supervisors and Assistants are unquestionably improving the lives of these deserving dogs while they are in our care.

Thank you so much to our volunteers and everyone involved in making the playgroups a woof-tastic new addition to the Cleveland APL!

If you are a current APL volunteer interested in joining our dog playgroup program, contact Brenna Romig at bromig@ClevelandAPL.org. To learn if there will be a Public View Playgroup this Saturday, where you can watch the dogs play, contact the Cleveland APL at 216-771-4616.

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### Other Ways to Give

Many generous individuals choose to donate to the Cleveland APL in lieu of giving gifts for birthdays, weddings, anniversaries, Bat Mitzvahs, Bar Mitzvahs, etc. Their thoughtfulness is a wonderful tribute to their love for animals. Call 216-344-1353 if you would like to learn more about how your celebration can help the APL’s homeless animals.

In addition, many individuals choose to give through a workplace giving program. The Cleveland Animal Protective League is a member of Greater Cleveland Community Shares. Community Shares supports local nonprofit organizations working for long-term, sustainable solutions to build a stronger Cleveland. Learn more about Community Shares at www.communityshares.org, and please consider supporting the APL through workplace giving. Federal employees also have the opportunity to give to the APL through the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC). The mission of the CFC is to promote and support philanthropy through a program that is employee focused, cost-efficient, and effective in providing all federal employees the opportunity to improve the quality of life for all. The Cleveland APL Combined Federal Campaign Number is 29857.

The Cleveland APL’s Tax ID number is 34-0714644.
Thank You So Much!

Cleveland Metroparks
For sponsoring the Dog Paddle & Pet-a-Palooza event along with Q104, 98.5 WNCX, 92.3 The Fan, and Star 102. The event welcomed 1,043 dogs and their humans. Half of the event’s admission benefitted the Cleveland APL.

Chagrin Hunter Jumper Classic
For donating a portion of the entry fees for riders in the Horse and Hound Relay.

Chipotle Rocky River
For hosting an “Eat for Change” event, which donated money for every diner who visited in support of the Cleveland APL.

Mary Ann Hagen, Paint Your Pet
For hosting a Paint Your Pet event for the Cleveland APL where pet owners paint their beloved animals and went home with one-of-a-kind keepsakes.

Szabo Shoes
For hosting a pet adoption fundraiser that included raffle sales and special shoe sales, with a portion benefitting the Cleveland APL. Our mobile adoptions unit was also on site, and three cats and four dogs were adopted!

Tryst Salon and Spa
For hosting a “Dog Days of Summer” fundraiser. The event included t-shirt and raffle sales, a Chinese auction, a lemonade stand, games, and salon specials. Items from the APL’s wish list were also collected.

Yuzu in Lakewood
For hosting a Yappy Hour, which welcomed dog owners, dog lovers and their pooches to Yuzu’s dog-friendly patio. Proceeds from food and raffle baskets were donated to the APL.

Thanks to the generosity and efforts of everyone involved in these events, more than $8,200 was raised to help the Cleveland APL and our animals.

We also appreciate the additional in-kind donations we have received from our friends and supporters.

Volunteers of the Year
During our annual volunteer appreciation celebration in August, Cleveland APL President and CEO Sharon Harvey announced the winners of the 2015 Volunteers of the Year award. Angela DeMuesy, Tom Elias and Christine Gill were named Volunteers of the Year, and Marilyn Sherman was named Foster Volunteer of the Year. Each received the prestigious award for their extraordinary volunteer service to the Cleveland APL and our animals.

Thank you to Angela, Tom, Christine and Marilyn for your dedication and commitment to the Cleveland APL and the animals whose lives you make an impact upon when you volunteer! Also, thank you to all of our incredible volunteers who make a difference in the lives of all of the animals who come to us in need. We could not help the more than 14,000 animals we do each year without you!

Cleveland APL’s Volunteer Manager, Danielle Begalla, along with Sharon Harvey, celebrating our wonderful Volunteers of the Year with their awards.

Show Your Support
Purchase a set of Ohio Pet License Plates and help raise funds to spay and neuter pets adopted from qualifying agencies! Visit www.petsohio.com for more information.
**Project CARE Wellness Clinic**

On Wednesday, October 5, the Cleveland Animal Protective League’s project CARE hosted a wellness clinic serving low-income residents in the 44109 and 44102 neighborhoods. Animals were examined, vaccinated, tested for heartworm and/or FeLV/FIV as appropriate, and given heartworm preventative and flea treatments.

Thanks to a generous grant and incredible volunteer support from the Banfield Foundation, we were able to help even more animals! To learn more about project CARE, which helps pet owners in the 44109 and 44102 zip codes, visit our website.

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

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**Tributes**

The following tribute gifts were received between June 2016 and September 2016.

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 us to notify.
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Until They Find Their New Home and Family...

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.

At the Cleveland Animal Protective League, healthy, friendly animals stay with us until they are adopted.

Cassie was with us 6 months and 25 days. Adopted!
Ziggy was with us 7 months and 26 days. Adopted!

We all know a cage in a shelter is not a permanent home, but with your cage sponsorship, we can make it a temporary home away from home until they have one of their own by providing all the care that is needed—and that they so rightfully deserve.

For cage sponsorship opportunities please see above.