

## CLEVELAND ANIMAL PROTECTIVE LEAGUE

### Second Chance Program: Helping Animals with Special Needs

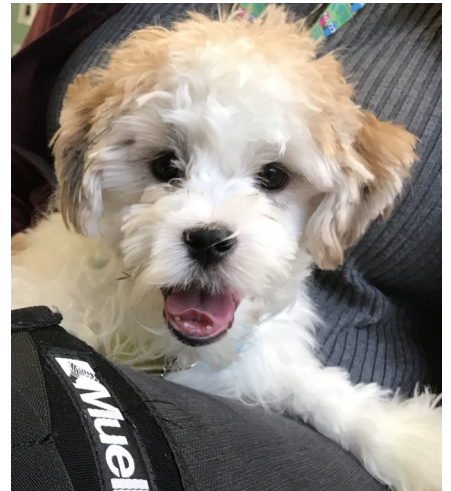
As a private, nonprofit humane society with a limited budget, the Cleveland Animal Protective League (APL) is frequently challenged by the cost of providing medical care for the thousands of sick, injured and special-needs animals who arrive on our doorstep every year. And yet, whether they're surrendered by their owners, turned in by caring individuals who found them as strays, or rescued by the APL Humane Investigations Officers from abuse, abandonment or neglect, we believe they all deserve a second chance.



The Second Chance Program, which is funded solely by donations, allows us to provide veterinary care for animals who need that chance—a chance not only to survive, but to heal and start a new, healthy life with a loving family. Two examples of animals who have benefited from the Second Chance Program are Robo and Munchie.

**Robo** was only 2 months old when he first came to the Cleveland APL. He was found by a Good Samaritan on the road after he was hit by a car. This adorable kitten was in bad shape; he was missing 3/4 of his front left leg. To improve his quality of life, our veterinary team decided to remove what remained of his leg. Now this sweet cat is living happily with his loving family and making the most of his three-legged life!

When **Munchie** came into the Cleveland APL, he was a 5-month-old puppy whose owners could not afford or manage his care, so they planned to have him euthanized. Upon examination, our veterinary team determined he had a liver shunt: a condition that allows blood filled with waste products to bypass the liver, where toxins are normally intercepted and filtered from the blood before going back into circulation. This meant Munchie's little body was constantly under stress. Left untreated, the condition would be life threatening, but our team knew we had another option. Thanks to donations to our Second Chance Program, we were able to send Munchie to a specialist for surgery, today he is a cherished member of a wonderful family and living a normal life!



Through the Second Chance Program, sick, abused and injured animals have the chance to be adopted and brighten the lives of new, caring families.

### Thanks to the support of our donors, the Cleveland APL is able to:

- Assist nearly 15,000 animals annually through a variety of programs.
- Employ four court-appointed Humane Investigations Officers who rescue animals in Cuyahoga County.
- Provide veterinary care for animals who are sick or injured.
- Sterilize nearly 5,000 free-roaming cats each year.
- Provide loving foster care for orphaned and special-needs puppies, kittens, dogs and cats.
- Offer sterilization for every dog, cat and small mammal adopted from our organization.
- Care for every friendly, healthy animal, and an increasing number of sick or injured animals, until a new home is found.

*The Cleveland APL has been their voice for the past 104 years.  
Please help us continue our work.*

Where HAPPY HAPPENS