

Bowie Finds His Heroes

The first thing you notice about Bowie is his big, gorgeous eyes. When Bowie, then known as Mantis, arrived at the APL he was a tiny kitten, just two months old. Found as a stray, he was undernourished, and his white coat bedraggled. Mantis was a kitty who would benefit from some love in a good foster home.

Foster parents are often the unsung heroes in the tales of animal rescue and adoptions. Many of the thousands of furry, feathered and scaly friends who make their way through the APL each year spend time in the homes of foster families, gaining weight, de-stressing, getting medical care, becoming socialized, even learning to navigate without a limb or tail! Foster parents give the APL adoption staff vital feedback, too, to make sure their foster "child" is adopted into a home that will be a good fit.

Mantis was sent to live with foster mom, Jennifer. She is one of the APL's very experienced foster parents; she has fostered more than 100 APL animals, mostly tiny kittens like Mantis!

In Jennifer's home, Mantis put on weight, and became energetic and playful. But he wasn't doing some of the typical "cat" things, like jumping on furniture, playing with laser toys, or even using the stairs. It turns out those big, beautiful eyes were having trouble with depth perception. Jennifer set to work helping him to adjust, initially modifying his litterbox so he could negotiate the wall and finding him a noisy toy that he loved. After a month, he was navigating her home well. Jennifer knew that Mantis would need an adopter who would see past his good looks to his issues that needed attention. Ideally, she thought, his new home should have more noise and activity than in a single-person household like hers—maybe one with children or even a dog. Who better to adopt him than another foster mom?

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Bowie got his name because he shares the same one blue eye, one hazel eye combination as David Bowie.

Karen is also an experienced APL adopter and foster mom. She talked with Jennifer and met Mantis, and knew that she could give him the home he needed. The first order of business? A new name: Bowie, after David Bowie, as the two shared the same one blue eye, one hazel eye combination. Bowie made himself at home at Karen's house; the one-story bungalow is perfect for a cat who is still learning to manage stairs. He gets along famously with her other cat, a "foster fail" (i.e., a cat she first fostered, then decided to adopt), Benjamin. The two wrestle, and Karen finds them spooning together at night. Karen's two little dogs, Rocky and Oreo, both

Paws for an Update

Letter from the President and CEO

Fostering compassion and ending animal suffering has been our mission at the Cleveland Animal Protective League (APL) for more than a century. Since our founding in 1913 by a group of compassionate citizens, we have worked tirelessly to protect animals. We rescue abused and neglected animals, investigate animal cruelty and work with prosecutors to get justice for voiceless animal victims, offer shelter to homeless animals, promote compassionate and responsible pet care, and strive to elevate the status of companion animals in our society.

Today, while our mission and the essentials of our work remain the same, the needs of our animals, team, and community are rapidly evolving.

- We are treating more animals with complex medical issues.
- Humane investigations cases can bring dozens or hundreds of animals into our care at once or individual animals who require extensive, complex care.
- Sick and injured animals are staying in our care for longer periods of time.
- We are trying to preserve the special bond between animals and the people they love and keep families that may be struggling together by providing resources and access to veterinary care.

The reality is that our facility—last renovated in the early 2000s when the needs were vastly different—no longer supports the complicated and unpredictable work we are doing today. It will not support continued growth of existing programs or the addition of new and innovative lifesaving programs. In addition, there is a growing body of research that is

Sharon Harvey teaching us about animal shelter and

veterinary clinic design strategies that

reduce animal stress and enhance

animal experience while they're

with us.

Through our years of serving this community and our leadership in animal welfare, we know we can expand our ability to help animals in need, improve the experiences and outcomes for the homeless animals in our care, and do so much more to keep pets with the people they love when lack of access to veterinary care, knowledge, or resources get in the way.

By renovating and expanding our Tremont shelter facility into an animal resource center for the animals and people in our community, we will be able to better meet the needs of the animals and people we see today, expand existing and implement new lifesaving programs, and be flexible enough to address what may come our way tomorrow.

Examples of the improvements we are planning include:

- An expanded veterinary clinic with a dedicated medical treatment area, X-ray suite, larger surgery rooms with induction and recovery areas, and private exam and consultation rooms so we can offer veterinary care to low-income pet owners;
- Redesigned animal isolation and quarantine spaces;
- Improved cat and dog cages and housing areas that are designed to reduce stress;



- An indoor play and training area for dogs and colony living spaces with safe access to screened in "catios" for cats:
- A redesigned "intake" area that will become an animal resource center, where our team can provide private, more respectful consultation to pet owners who need to learn about options or may be making difficult decisions;
- A redesigned adoption lobby that will provide for private adoption counseling; and
- Flexible spaces for emergency animal housing.

We will be sharing more details and updates with you as the months go by. For now, we simply wanted to introduce you to our bold, new vision for the APL, the animals we serve, and the people who love them. I hope you will join us on this exciting journey by supporting this next chapter of lifesaving work and innovation. You are the reason we have come as far as we have. For that, I'm deeply grateful. But, we can do even more, and we will do more. Status quo is not an option. The animals in our community and beyond are relying on us to keep getting better!

Thank you for believing in the APL and our mission, and for sharing our passion for making this world a safer and better place for animals.

Another Happy Tale

Precious and Shadow: A Rescue Tale

When we adopt an animal from a shelter, it's often said that we have rescued them. Lots of times, though, they rescue us right back, bringing love and companionship into our lives. So it was with Precious, Shadow and Philip.

When Precious and Shadow were surrendered to the APL, the seven- and four-year old German Shepherd mixes were in reasonably good health, but thin, a little stressed and somewhat anxious. They had lived together for some time and were attached to one another. Shadow in particular disliked being separated from her big "sister."

It was decided that Precious and Shadow would benefit from some time away from the shelter, an environment that can be particularly stressful for some dogs. They went to stay with two special foster care volunteers, Caryn and Chris. Like other foster parents, Caryn and Chris gave them good food, lots of love, and plenty of attention. Unlike most foster care assignments, however, Caryn and Chris cared for Precious and Shadow for nearly six months. Precious and Shadow had the opportunity to rest, relax, and put on some weight, in a safe, nurturing environment. Then, they were ready to find their new home.

Precious and Shadow became available for adoption at just the right time. Philip had lost his fourteen-year-old Shepherd mix just a few months earlier. Her death and other changes in Philip's life left him something of an empty-nester, whose house was now a little too quiet. Philip decided to look for another canine companion—or maybe two—to keep him company. He saw Precious and Shadow on the APL website, and arranged to meet them, along with Chris and Caryn, at the APL. The five spent a good bit of time getting to know one another,





Shadow (left) and Precious (right) are all smiles with their new family.



Shadow and Precious pose for a photo with their new family, Philip and his five daughters.

and Philip decided that Precious and Shadow would be a welcome addition to his home. As Philip has five lovely daughters who would spend time with the dogs, the next step was to introduce the canine girls to the human girls. Caryn and Chris brought Precious and Shadow to Philip's house, so everyone could meet. Precious instantly fell for one of girls and laid down next to her. Shadow was relaxed and went to work getting acquainted with everyone. It was clear a good match had been made!

And so, Philip's nest became much less empty. Precious and Shadow have settled happily into their new home. Precious is an independent older lady, who does things at her own pace, while Shadow is a more of a people-pleaser, who gazes adoringly into the eyes of her new humans. The dogs love roaming their yard, getting their noses scratched, and soliciting attention from Philip and his daughters. In fact, they love attention so much that it seems that one can sense when the other is being petted—even in another room. Philip describes the scene, "the one who is not getting attention will trot in, as if to say, 'Hey, I heard there was some petting going on in here. I like petting..."

Philip did a great kindness, rescuing these two not-so-small dogs, giving them not only a warm, comfortable home, but a home together. And the dogs repaid Philip in turn, giving not only their love and affection, but also an unexpected bonus—a warm friendship with Caryn and Chris, who Philip now considers family as well. All of these new family members, Philip reflects, canine and human, came at a time when he needed warmth, stability and companionship. Who rescued whom? In the end, we don't have to decide. Instead, we can simply offer congratulations to all on this very happy new beginning!

Thank you to the 2018 Cage Sponsors!

We are so grateful for the support from the following friends who showed their commitment to our animals by sponsoring a cage in 2018.

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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)

Community News

Thank You So Much!

12 Bars of Charity

For donating \$10 for every shirt sold in support of the Cleveland APL for its bar crawl.

Celebrate Tremont

For donating a portion of its proceeds during the fun-filled evening for Tremont residents, friends and supporters.

Gales Garden Center Westlake

For hosting our Offsite Adoptions team three times during the holiday

season and donating money from the sales of Christmas ornaments to the Cleveland APL.

Hilton Garden Inn

For donating money raised through their employee contribution to 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 a one-of-akind keepsake.

Tuna Melts My Heart

For collecting in-kind donations and donating a portion of calendar sales to the APL during his meet and greet at the Cleveland APL for Giving Tuesday.

Thanks to the generosity and efforts of everyone involved in these events, more than \$7,500 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.

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adopted from the APL, get along well with their little brother, sharing their mom's time and attention. Bowie is slowly getting used to being up on furniture; Karen has set up a long table in front of the living room window where she puts Bowie so he can enjoy the view, and he gets down by himself. He still has the flashing, noisy "bark ball" that Jennifer found



that he loved, and plays with it in his new home. Jennifer noticed that he had "a tendency to yell whenever he wants some attention and he's not afraid to do that in the middle of the night." "He brought that habit to his new home as well," Karen says with a chuckle.

You can see that Bowie's new home agrees with him. His fur is fluffy and perfect, and his eyes are bright. In fact, when you see him, it's easy to mistake him for a doll!

As David Bowie (the artist, not the cat) said, "We can be heroes." Thank you, Jennifer and Karen, for being the hero Bowie needed.

Introducing Rita Maimbourg

Rita Maimbourg is the new President of the Cleveland Animal Protective League Board of Directors. She is a trial lawyer and partner at Tucker Ellis LLP, and regularly represents health care systems and physicians.

Rita moved to Cleveland in 1978 to attend Case Western Reserve University School of Law and currently resides in Orange Village with her husband, Chuck, and their dog Bentley. Bentley may have been a lawyer in a previous life—he likes to help his mom read legal papers and tap on the computer when she works at home.

Before adopting Bentley, Rita and Chuck adopted



Stewart and
Rodie from
the APL. Both
dogs graced
the cover of the
APL calendar—
Stewart in 2012
and Rodie in
2016. Bentley is
hoping for the
cover in 2021!

New Board President, Rita Maimbourg, and her helpful assistant, Bentley, hard at work!

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Another Happy Tale

Ellie: Defying the Odds to Find Her Furever Home

It's no small wonder that Ellie is even here to have her tale told.

A Good Samaritan brought Ellie and her two siblings to the APL. The three kittens were only a month old and very, very tiny; Ellie, then named Flamingo, weighed less than three-quarters of a pound. All three were very sick, battling upper respiratory and eye infections, serious conditions hard enough on adult cats, but devastating for babies. Sadly, one of the three did not survive. And, unfortunately, Ellie was not able to fight off the eye infection, and had to have her eyes removed for the sake of her overall health. There simply was no other option if we wanted to save her.

While it might not seem like it, Ellie and her brother were lucky in one respect. In the not-so-distant past, shelters like the APL often did not have the resources to devote to seriously ill animals, and young kittens like Ellie and her brother likely would have been euthanized. But, thanks to the generosity of APL supporters, the Second Chance Program was born. Funded by donations, the Second Chance Program enables the APL and its amazing veterinary staff to provide care every year to thousands of ill and injured animals who require complex or lengthy treatment. And a second chance was definitely what Ellie needed.

She grew slowly, and was sent to foster care for some extra TLC. Then, Ellie was ready to find a place of her own.

She didn't have to wait long. Within a day after she became available for adoption, Allyson's mom saw her on the APL website and sent Allyson her picture. Allyson, her mom reasoned, works in ophthalmology, and so would understand the issues this kitten had

Ellie and her seeing-eye dog and best friend, Gemma.

faced. Allyson talked with her wife, Erin, about going to look at Ellie. They laugh as they tell the story; it's clear that even before they met her, they knew this tiny, determined kitten would be joining the family.



Ellie is still a normal cat, finding joy in her crinkly tunnel.

Now Ellie is an orphan no more. Gemma, a puppy-mill survivor, has stepped in to be Ellie's "seeingeye dog" and, more importantly, her mom. Ellie also has a feline big sister, lggy, to teach her secret cat things. And, of course, she has Allyson and Erin, who



Ellie poses for a photo.

were determined from the start to do whatever was necessary to make Ellie's life happy and comfortable.

It turns out, though, that Ellie's "limitations" don't limit her much at all. Ellie quickly learned to navigate through the single-story house. And the noise-making toys her moms bought her so she could find them? She doesn't like them, preferring quiet ones instead.

Ellie's moms describe her as "fearless and bold, affectionate and super-sweet," and the description fits. Ellie has a crinkly tunnel into which she loves to dive. And occasionally she gets the kitty zoomies, racing through the house, navigating by some internal radar. She has her quiet moments, too, when she nestles in her favorite fuzzy blanket. She nudges and head-butts her moms when she wants some attention. And she loves to sit on the chair in front of the window, taking in the sounds from outside and feeling the sun on her face.

Allyson reflects, "We love her SO much and we feel like it was meant to be that we found her. She's absolutely the perfect addition to our family!" Congratulations, Ellie, on finding your perfect home sweet home!

Cleveland Animals Bar Crawl Swoops in for their 6th Annual Crawl!

Join The Cleveland Animals Bar Crawl on Saturday, April 27, and combine Cleveland's passion for beer along with a desire for social justice. Visit select animal-themed bars in Cleveland and raise money for the Cleveland APL while doing it!

Purchase your official CABC t-shirt and get admission to the crawl, access to shuttles between bars and amazing drink specials brought to you by the sponsors of the Cleveland Animals Bar Crawl!

To buy your shirt and check out participating bars, visit www.ClevelandAnimalsBarCrawl.com.



Left: The Cleveland Animals Bar Crawl is a lot of fun for pet owners of any age!

Right: Dogs can join their owners in the fun and visit dog-friendly patios in Tremont.



Event organizers during 2018's Cleveland Animals Bar Crawl from left to right: Vince Williams, Morgan Whitely, and Stephen Wojtila.



AffoGATO Cat Cafe

Tremont now has a very unique café open serving as a home and adoption center for many of the furry friends from the Cleveland Animal Protective League. Cleveland's first cat café opened in Tremont on January 2, 2019, and now serves as another location to meet and adopt cats from the Cleveland APL.

In this new and unique space, for a small cover fee, visitors can spend an hour visiting with 15 adoptable cats from the Cleveland APL and affoGATO's new resident cats—APL Alums Prince and Chip. If a visitor falls in love, they can adopt a new feline friend right from the cat café. This cat café is serving up delicious snacks and coffee as well. In a separate, cat-free portion of the café, visitors can enjoy cat-themed "Catpawccinos" and "Meowcchiatos."

AffoGATO is located at 761 Starkweather Avenue in the Tremont neighborhood and is open Wednesday-Sunday, 11 am–9 pm. Visit the Cleveland APL website at ClevelandAPL.org to view all adoptable cats and see who is at affoGATO. Then go to the affoGATO website at



affogatoCatCafe.com to see a more in-depth profile on the cats at the café! And don't forget to visit affoGATO's website to schedule a time to visit the cats in the café!





Above: affoGATO features a wall with all of the adoptable cats' bios—all cats are available for adoption and come from the Cleveland APL! Left: affoGATO's resident cat, APL Alum Prince, shows off one of his favorite lounging spots.

Save THE Date

WKYC and the Cleveland APL present:

The 8th Annual Fur-Get-Me-Not Telethon

The Eighth Annual Fur-Get-Me-Not Telethon will be broadcast on WKYC Channel 3 live from the Cleveland APL on Thursday, March 28, from 5:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. This event will bring together the community and inspire viewers to help the more than 13,000 animals that will come through the Cleveland APL's doors this year.

Tune in on March 28, and see vignettes that will showcase the diverse and meaningful work the APL does to rescue, heal, nurture,

adopt, and advocate for animals in need. All funds raised during the telethon will benefit the Cleveland APL.





Cleveland APL staff member, April Clark, WKYC's Joe Cronauer and Hollie Strano with three of the many animals featured at last year's Fur-Get-Me-Not Telethon.

Offsite Adoptions

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

Don't Miss The Chance To Feature Your Furry Friend(s) In The 2020 APL Pet Calendar Contest

If your adorable furry friend is star material, then don't miss the chance to feature them in the 2020 Cleveland APL pet calendar honoring our area's much-beloved pets! To enter the contest, visit our website at www. ClevelandAPL.org or call 216-771-4616 ext. 111 for more information. Remember to enter before Saturday, July 20, for the chance to make your furry friend a star!

Also, look for the calendar contest voting again this year on our website in July!







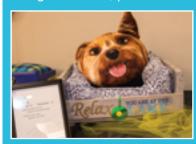
Save the Date—

Fur Ball 2019—Saturday, November 2, 2019 Cleveland APL's Annual Gala

As you plan for your year, consider joining us for this sensationally casual event that will be held Saturday, November 2, 2019, 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)! Proceeds from this event benefit the Cleveland APL's Second Chance Program.

There are many opportunities to participate by either purchasing tickets, corporate sponsorship opportunities, or donating an item or service for our live or silent auctions.

To learn more about the event and the ways you can get involved, please call 216-377-1628.



One of the many adorable pet beds up for auction at last year's Fur Ball.

Photo by: Jan Farrugia



Fur Ball guest perusing a few of the artwork pieces up for auction at last year's event.

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Shelter Adoption Center Hours

Monday - Friday Saturday Sunday Phone Number:

11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Noon to 4 p.m. 216-771-4616

Animal Surrender Hours (Intake)

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Monday - Friday Saturday Sunday Phone Number:

11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. 440-845-9592, Ext. 5

Community News

Pucks and Paws

It's back again! The Cleveland Monsters invite all four-legged friends and their "people" to the 11th Annual Pucks & Paws event at Quicken Loans Arena on Sunday, March 24, 2019. The Monsters will be playing the Hershey Bears, and faceoff is at 3 p.m.

The APL has always been the beneficiary of the dog tickets, and again this year we will also receive a portion of the "human" tickets that are bought through this special offer. In order for the APL to receive the additional fundraised portion of the human tickets, please download the flyer on our website, mention the APL when you order your tickets over the phone, or use the link on our website using the pass code "apl" to buy your tickets to this fun event for you and your pooch! Visit ClevelandAPL.org for more details.





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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.



ributes

The following tribute gifts were received between October 2018 and December 2018.

A tribute gift of \$50 or more is recognized in Pet

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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