Gift Acceptance Policy

Acceptance of any contribution, gift, or grant is at the discretion of the Cleveland Animal Protective League (APL). The Cleveland APL will not accept any gift unless it can be used to further its mission.

The Cleveland APL will accept gifts of cash (including check, money order, credit card and online gifts) or publicly traded securities. Gifts-in-kind and gifts of services will be accepted at the discretion of the Cleveland APL.

Certain forms of gifts (tangible personal property, life insurance, real estate) are subject to review by the Cleveland APL’s Board of Directors or its designated board committee prior to acceptance.

Bequests made in a donor’s will, trust, insurance policy, annuity, and/or retirement accounts with the Cleveland APL named as a beneficiary are accepted as legally designated.

The Cleveland APL will accept the intent of the donor as per restricted purposes. Acceptance of restricted gifts may be subject to board review.

The Cleveland APL will provide donors acknowledgments that meet IRS regulations. Value is only assigned to gifts of cash and publicly traded securities.

The Cleveland APL does not provide tax advice as it relates to gifts. The Cleveland APL encourages donors to seek professional advice from their personal tax advisor.

The Cleveland APL will respect a donor’s request to remain anonymous.

The Cleveland APL does not sell or give donors’ names to other organizations or entities as per its board-approved privacy policy.