Dorothy — There’s No Place Like Home

Most of us probably remember from our childhoods the movie (or book) about a girl named Dorothy who had to experience several adventures—some of them quite frightening—to find her way back home. That Dorothy went along her way with some friends and her little dog. But, in this tale, Dorothy doesn’t have a dog; she is a dog. And fortunately for our Dorothy, she, too, makes friends along the way, who help her find a wonderful new home.

Dorothy’s story starts out sadly. This beautiful brindle and white purebred bull terrier came to the Cleveland APL by way of the Cleveland City Kennel, after it was determined that Dorothy had been a victim of animal abuse and neglect.

Despite her pain, Dorothy was friendly to the staff from the moment she arrived. As her new APL friends on the veterinary team examined her, they discovered that Dorothy’s ears were infected. More distressing, her right rear leg was broken in several places.

Fortunately, the APL’s own highly qualified veterinarians have developed relationships with local veterinary specialty practices that may have specific equipment and expertise that can supplement the APL’s efforts. For treatment of her leg, Dorothy went to one of those practices, where she got some extra help and surgery that would save her leg. She returned to the APL for follow-up care, and after several weeks with a dedicated foster volunteer, Stan, Dorothy was ready to find her new home.

The best friend Dorothy made on her journey was Robert. Robert was looking for a third dog to complete his “pack.” He recently lost a beloved English Bulldog, leaving his English Mastiff, Oliver, and his Cane Corso, Mia, short one sibling. He saw Dorothy on the website and brought Oliver and Mia to the APL to meet her.

The three got along well, though Dorothy seemed a bit unsure. Robert decided to take a day to think about it, knowing that once he adopted a dog, it would be a commitment. After consideration, he came back the next day to take Dorothy home. He gave her a new name to go with her new happy life: Ava.

Robert initially planned to keep the dogs separate and introduce Ava to Oliver and Mia slowly. When he got them home, however, they had other plans: The three of them raced into the yard and became fast friends!

Ava’s new life is idyllic. She has a large, fenced yard to run in. She likes barking at the neighbors down the hill, just to let them know she’s watching. Spring will likely introduce her to the deer who frequent the area.

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Since you’re reading Pet Patter right now, I doubt you need to be reminded about the importance of our pets in our normal, daily lives. Now, let’s think about a time that wasn’t so normal, say during a global pandemic and shutdown. When many of us faced incomprehensible uncertainty, fear, and stress, and felt very alone, our pets were there for us. More than ever, they became our rock, our social circle, our partner in crisis. The companionship and comfort they provided played a huge role in getting us through an impossible time. Have you ever stopped to think about how you would have coped without them?

Sadly, every day, pet owners are facing uncertainty and crises. Often, having a pet makes it harder for them to access programs and services that are needed to get through a difficult time. And yet, the crushing alternative is giving up their pet when they need that unconditional love, comfort, emotional support, and companionship the most. And let’s not forget the pet in this sad equation. It will lose the people it loves with no idea why. This heartbreaking scenario plays out day after day and is especially true of families facing the loss of their house or apartment.

Most human shelters do not permit pets. While friends and family members may offer a couch, they might not be willing or able to take in the pet. Many owners facing housing insecurity are deeply committed to their pets and will go to great lengths to keep them. They’ll try to live with their pet on the street or in a car before even considering surrendering their beloved family member to an animal shelter. However, in the end, there may be no option other than to make an unselfish decision and say goodbye.

Increasingly, progressive animal welfare organizations like the Cleveland APL are thinking beyond the customary yet critical role we play as animal shelters. We are adding programs and services that will preserve the human-animal bond when people and their pets face crises. Examples of strategies that will help families to stay together or be reunited include:

- Offering access to temporary shelter for pets. The Cleveland APL is developing a crisis safety net program that will include specialized foster homes for owned pets and subsidizing boarding kennel fees for qualified pet owners.
- Being a resource. The Cleveland APL will work to connect pet owners to the information and resources they need. Examples include providing guidance about pet-friendly housing alternatives, information about financial assistance for pet care, access to low-cost veterinary care, and referrals to other social service agencies.
- Advocating for pet-friendly housing policies. The Cleveland APL will work with policymakers with the goal of increasing access to and affordability of pet-friendly housing.

Today, the Cleveland APL is more than an animal shelter; we are an animal resource center for our community. While we will always be here to offer shelter and care for animals whose owners can’t or don’t want to keep them, we are just as committed to championing programs that will keep more pet families together when times get tough.

With your support and belief in our mission and vision, we have achieved things over the years that I didn’t think possible during my career, and I sincerely thank you for that. But our work isn’t done. Now, we need to work together to keep families from ever again having to wonder how they would cope without their beloved pets.
Did You Know?

There are so many things that happen every day at the Cleveland APL!

Did you know?

...in March 2023, the average number of dogs that needed to be walked was 70. Dogs are given three walks per day by staff and volunteers, which totals 210 walks daily. Their walks are at least 10 to 15 minutes long, meaning our team spends anywhere from 35 hours to more than 52 hours walking dogs every day!

...in March 2023, the average number of cats in the building was 230. Our staff and volunteers change litterboxes an average of two to three times a day, making a total of 460 to 690 litterbox changes every day!

...in January and February 2023, the average number of animals in foster homes was 112. That’s an average of 85 cats and 27 dogs being cared for in the safety and comfort of a foster volunteer’s home!

Opportunities 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’s Combined Federal Campaign number is 29857.

The Cleveland APL’s Tax ID number is 34-0714644.
By now we've all heard the saying, “life is like a box of chocolates … you never know what you’re going to get.” Well, that certainly applied to Jefferson Rabbit. When he came to the APL, he likely had no idea what to expect. The sweet, four-pound rabbit was surrendered to the APL by a Good Samaritan. She saw him outside a client’s house. The little guy had trouble moving; it appeared that his back leg was broken. She brought him to the APL in hopes that we could fix his leg and find him a good home. The APL veterinary team examined Jefferson (as he was named by our admissions team) and determined that his leg was, in fact, broken. After monitoring him until he was a bit stronger, they reached the conclusion that it would not be possible to save his leg, and so they amputated it. They neutered Jefferson as well, in hopes that he’d soon be ready for his new home.

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Emily is a big rabbit fan. She came to the APL looking for a companion for her larger rabbit, Jerry. Jerry, sadly, has been diagnosed with cancer, and Emily has been determined to find a good companion to comfort Jerry and keep him company. She initially noticed Jefferson’s next-door neighbor—a rabbit called Chocolate Muffin. He appealed to her because of his wide-eyed look. While visiting Chocolate, she noticed Jefferson. She felt sorry for Jefferson, who was being treated for an infection in one of his surgical incisions and struggling to recover. It wasn’t clear when Jefferson would be ready for a new home. Emily came back to see Chocolate more than once and checked on Jefferson each time.

Then came decision day. Chocolate was ready for a new home, but Jefferson was not. Emily adopted Chocolate and renamed him Burnt Chicken Nugget, Nugget for short. Coincidentally, within days, Jefferson was upgraded to available for adoption. Luckily for him, over the course of visits to the APL, Emily had grown fond of Jefferson, and worried that if she didn’t adopt him, no one would. So, he joined the family as well.

Regardless of his previous life experience, there was no way that Jefferson could’ve guessed what his new life would be like.

First, Jefferson got a new name, Lt. Dan, after Forrest’s friend in Forrest Gump.

Lt. Dan also got a feisty brother, Nugget. Dan’s a bit calmer than Nugget. When Nugget gets too wild, Lt. Dan can bring him back to his senses with a nip on his bunny butt. Meanwhile, he got a great big brother in Jerry. The two have bonded, as Emily had hoped. They spend most of their time at home together.

Unlike the character in Forrest Gump, Lt. Dan the rabbit didn’t get new legs, but he navigates just fine. He gets bunny zoomies and races around Emily’s house.

Finally, both Lt. Dan and Nugget got grandparents, who live in a house that is a kind of Bunnytopia. Though he has grand-dogs, Emily’s father clearly favors the grand-bunnies. He built a large hutch for Jerry. With the arrival of Nugget and Lt. Dan, he got back to work and built three pens in the yard for the rabbits. The pens are sturdy, constructed with lids to keep the rabbits safe from birds and other predators. One of Emily’s favorite pastimes is sitting in the yard with Jerry, Nugget, and Lt. Dan.

The compassion of a Good Samaritan and then the kind-heartedness of Emily in making room for just one more gave one special little bunny an exceptional life. And no movie ending can top that kind of happily-ever-after.
Don’t Miss the Chance To Feature Your Furry Friend(s) In The 2024 APL Pet Calendar Contest

If your adorable furry friend is star material, then don’t miss the chance to feature them in the 2024 Cleveland APL pet calendar honoring our area’s much-beloved pets! To enter the contest, visit our website at www.ClevelandAPL.org or call 216-377-1628 for more information. Remember to enter before Saturday, July 22, for the chance to make your furry friend a star!

Also, look for the calendar contest voting again this year on our website in August.

Photos of some of the animals that were entered into the 2023 Pet Calendar Contest by their families.

Why I Give…

Thirty years ago, Bonnie Hagerman stopped by the Cleveland APL to donate newspapers and ended up adopting a black rabbit, a type of pet she had been keeping since college after having grown up with dogs. These personal connections fueled her love of animals, and that chance adoption was the beginning of a lasting relationship Bonnie would form with the Cleveland APL.

Bonnie says that it’s “serendipity” that brought her to the APL the day she adopted that black rabbit, named Munchie. Luck would come her way again when she adopted Bugs, a Peter Rabbit look-alike, from the APL just eight years ago.

In 2020, Bonnie was grateful the Unleash the Dream Capital Campaign gave her an opportunity to help fund one of the surgery suites in the Cleveland APL’s new clinic. Since then, Bonnie has felt personally invested in our clinic and the needs of our medical team. “Whatever I can do to help, the medical staff has become my focus.”

She knew that with the new clinic and the extra space, there would be a greater need for the most up-to-date medical equipment. Bonnie’s continued commitment is to provide the veterinary team with the tools of the trade necessary for further elevating our already high standard of care and handling even more complicated medical issues in-house. Thanks to this dedication our veterinary team now has incubators in our clinic, a wish-list item that makes an incredible difference in the care and comfort of neonates and animals recovering from surgery.

“|’m helping animals knowing they will go to new loving homes. You rescue them, then they rescue you.”
Community News

My Cause, My Cleats!

During the 2022 season, the Cleveland Browns participated in the NFL’s My Cause, My Cleats program where players could choose a cause that they are passionate about to feature on their cleats. We are so grateful to Jedrick Wills, Jr., for choosing to represent the Cleveland APL on his cleats! Jedrick said that he chose the Cleveland APL, “In order to be a voice for those who cannot speak for themselves. I stand for the innocent lives of animals who are in need of our help.”

The custom-designed cleats from this campaign were then auctioned online, with all of the proceeds raised from Jedrick Wills, Jr.’s, cleats benefitting the Cleveland APL. Thank you to Jedrick Wills, Jr., and the Cleveland Browns for choosing the Cleveland APL!

Save the Date: Dick Goddard’s APL Telethon

Thursday, September 14, 2023

Save the date for the ninth annual Dick Goddard APL Telethon, which will air on Fox 8 from 6 am to 7:30 pm, on Thursday, September 14, 2023. Funds raised during the event will help the thousands of animals the Cleveland APL cares for every year. Help keep Dick Goddard’s memory alive and help the various furry, scaly, feathered, and everything-in-between pets we work tirelessly to save by tuning in. Throughout the day, you will hear stories about the many wonderful animals who are at the APL waiting for loving homes and learn what your donation can do to support the Cleveland APL’s life-saving programs and services.

For more information about the telethon and all the ways you can help, please visit www.ClevelandAPL.org.
Save the Date:
The Cleveland APL’s Annual Gala
Fur Ball 2023 - Viva Paws Vegas

As you plan for your year, consider joining us either in person or virtually on Saturday, November 4, for Fur Ball 2023 – Viva Paws Vegas, benefiting the Cleveland APL’s Second Chance Program. This memorable and unique evening is one you don’t want to miss.

Every year the Cleveland APL takes in thousands of sick, injured, and special-needs animals that require a little extra help and medical care. Through our Second Chance Program, we can provide veterinary care for wonderful animals that are looking for a chance, not only to survive but also to heal and be given a chance to start a new, healthy life with a family full of love. This unique event celebrates the animals who have been given a second chance thanks to your donations.

At Fur Ball, you can bid on fabulous live and silent auction items, “paws” at delicious food stations and enjoy the open bar, and hear stories about our VIPs (Very Important Pets)! We all know how essential a second chance is, and your support of our Fur Ball will be just that for animals in need.

There are many opportunities to participate by either purchasing tickets, becoming a corporate sponsor, 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.

Centerpiece from 2022 Fur Ball
Cleveland Guardians auction items from our 2022 Fur Ball.
Attendees enjoyed dinner, video presentations, and our event program in the Grand Ballroom.

President & CEO, Sharon Harvey, in her disco attire for the 2022 Fur Ball.

Volunteer at the APL
Share your love of animals and become a Cleveland Animal Protective League volunteer.

Interested in helping the animals at the Cleveland APL from your own home or at our shelter? Check out our website at www.ClevelandAPL.org for more information and to submit an online volunteer application to be invited to a future orientation based upon your interest. Don’t delay—get involved today!
Another Happy Tale

Prince — A Royal Happily-Ever-After

The news is full these days of stories from “across the pond” about coronations, royal snubs, and struggling princes. None of those compared to the obstacles our Prince overcame to get to his Happily Ever After.

Our Prince is a stunning, jet-black cat with big golden eyes. In August 2022, Prince’s owner saw this beautiful cat get hit by a car. Prince scrambled through the yard, shrieking in pain. His owner was able to get him inside, but Prince remained in pain, and could not move his back end. His owner brought Prince to the APL to surrender him, as he could not provide the care that Prince would need if he were to even survive the accident.

There was a time when this might have been the end of Prince’s story. A cat with such serious injuries surrendered to a shelter would likely face only one outcome—euthanasia. At the Cleveland APL, however, Prince would get his second chance—thanks to the APL’s Second Chance Program.

Funded by generous donors, many of whom attend the APL’s annual Fur Ball fundraiser, the Second Chance Program enables the APL to provide extra help and medical care for animals with special challenges.

And Prince’s accident did give him special challenges. The APL veterinary team determined that Prince suffered a traumatic abdominal wall hernia. He needed surgery; the surgeon had to stitch the pieces of his abdominal wall back together.

Since this little Prince had been through so much, his caregivers at the APL decided that he would benefit from some time away from the shelter to rest and recover. An experienced cat owner and foster volunteer, Carina, offered to take Prince into her home, monitor his recovery, and give him lots of TLC.

In her home, Carina observed that Prince was dragging his tail on the ground; the feeling in it was not returning. As a result, the APL veterinary team amputated a portion of his tail, and he went back to his foster home to continue healing.

After about a month, Prince’s foster mom shared an update on her little patient with the APL foster team. She reported that he was a “great house guest” who had regained his mobility and was getting up on the bed and “navigating through cat tunnels.” He was using the litterbox regularly and would sometimes play with her other cats. She offered to talk to any potential adopters about Prince.

As it turns out, Prince didn’t need to go back to the APL to be made available for adoption. Less than a month after sharing the update, his foster mom, Carina, realized that Prince had already found his home: He fit in so well with her three other cats that Prince became a permanent member of the family!

Since joining the family, Prince has developed a different kind of relationship with each of his feline siblings, cuddling with Alice, playing with Gizmo, and trying to steal his dad’s affection from Meeper. Prince, Carina says, is smart and food-motivated, learning commands like “paw,” “up,” and “fist bump” quickly. He loves to eat but prefers not to share his food or snacks. He can jump, if a little less high than the others, loves the treat-dispensing camera, and often sits in the cat tree, observing his “subjects.” He is, she says, cuddly, affectionate, and chatty. And no doubt grateful for his royal happily-ever-after, worthy of a true Prince.
Thank You to Tito’s Handmade Vodka and the Cleveland Browns!

During the 2022 season, Tito’s Handmade Vodka teamed up with the Cleveland Browns to support the Cleveland APL.

Through the Tito’s Victory Vodka Program, Tito’s donated $1,000 to the Cleveland Animal Protective League for every Browns home win. Between this program and an additional generous donation from Tito’s, the Cleveland APL received $8,000 through this partnership!

Thank You So Much!

Thanks to the generosity and efforts of everyone involved in these events, over $7,000 was raised to help the Cleveland APL and our animals.

Barrio
For donating to the Cleveland APL through its 50/50 raffle

CleDog Spa and Social, LLC
For collecting donations for the Cleveland APL through its Operation Giving Tree

Dominique Moceanu Gymnastics Center
For donating a portion of ticket sales from its Preschool & Recreational Showcase to the Cleveland APL

Gale’s Westlake Garden Center
For collecting donations for the Cleveland APL through its “A Home For The Holidays” fundraiser

Informa
For donating to the Cleveland APL through its Walk the World event

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

To learn how your business or organization can host your own Community Fundraiser please call Abby Miller, Events Manager, at (216)377-1628.

You can also visit our website, www.ClevelandAPL.org to view our Community Fundraiser Policies and Application.

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Happy Tale

Dorothy

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And her injured leg? It’s healed well enough that she “bounces around like a kangaroo.”

Ava’s days are filled with snacks and stealing dryer balls (which she prefers to her stuffed toys) and lots of cuddling. As her dad reports, “she loves everyone,” and happily clamors up into available laps for some extra affection. Ava is learning to walk well with her siblings on a leash.

Though the road to her forever home was not a yellow brick one, Dorothy—Ava—certainly knows that there’s no place like her new home.

Ava loves peering through the arches of the railings in her new home.
Other Ways to Give

The Cleveland Animal Protective League’s programs and services are made possible through donations from caring people like you. Here are just a few of the ways you can give to the Cleveland APL, allowing us to continue our life-saving work, while receiving tax benefits as well.

- You can make a gift of stock to the Cleveland APL. Here is the information you will need to gift stock:
  Raymond James
  DTC Participant #725
  For further credit to: Animal Protective League a/c #8855Y413
- Your investment in a donor-advised fund provides an immediate tax benefit for you, and that means your donations go even further to help the causes closest to your heart.
- If you have an IRA and are over 70 ½ years old, you can reduce your taxable income by directly transferring your required minimum distribution to a qualified charity such as the Cleveland APL.

For more information about any of these giving options, please call Judy Hunter, Senior Director of Development, at 216-344-1353.

Making a Difference

Why I Volunteer...

When you think about volunteering with the Cleveland APL, do you think about Volunteer Photographers? That’s exactly how Mike Petcher gives his time to the APL.

Mike got started when Stan Lindholm, the APL’s current longest-termed photographer, posted on Facebook that he was looking for a friend who may be interested in bringing their photography skills to the APL. Mike already knew the APL; his family adopted a favorite pet, Scamp, in the 1960s, and he was excited to answer this call.

He joined the team in July 2019.

Mike loves coming in every week to be the “Phodographer,” having sessions with several of our adoptable dogs. His goal in each session is to make the dogs smile and show them at their adoptable best. In addition to being able to share his skills, Mike gets to see animals blossom into their true selves as they receive care and comfort at the APL. By photographing these dogs, Mike becomes a part of their journey. “My #1 moment from my time so far is watching Jeremy go from a rough, neglected boy to his new owner’s best friend.” Jeremy, one of many dogs Mike has photographed over the years, can be seen in a black and white photo in the APL volunteer room.

Mike is just one in a team of dedicated volunteers who share their time and talent with the Cleveland APL.
If you are interested in learning how you can help, visit our website at www.ClevelandAPL.org/volunteer

Juno, a dog the Cleveland APL was able to help thanks to your donations! Adopted 2023.
The following tribute gifts were received between January 2023 and February 2023. A tribute gift of $75 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.

**In Memory**

- In Memory of Individual
  - Anthony Bartholomew
  - Shular
  - Steven Dusky
  - Joan Frappier
  - Thomas D. “Tom” Ganley
  - Carlee Elizabeth Grace
  - William C. Harvey
  - Jennifer Hendryx
  - Dennis Hovan
  - Shawn Kyle Johnson
  - Melissa “Missy” Daugherty Lamier
  - Dianne L. Lehman
  - Mary Ann Likitkowitz
  - Irene Miller
  - Robert J. Minarek
  - Cindy G. Nock
  - Ruth E. Parteka
  - Ann Pelle
  - Cindy Romeo
  - Nancy Sharp
  - Joseph Anthony Sourini
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  - Barbara B. Camburn
  - John Brady
  - Mary Ann Litkovitz
  - Irene Miller
  - Robert J. Minarek
  - Cindy G. Nock
  - Ruth E. Parteka
  - Ann Pelle
  - Cindy Romeo
  - Nancy Sharp
  - Joseph Anthony Sourini
  - John Slawinski

**In Honor of Individual**

- In Honor of Individual
  - All those who care and find homes for homeless or suffering cats and kittens
  - Doug and Sheila Epp
  - Zachary Butterfield
  - Jeff Eisenberg and Mike Weigand
  - Rachel Higgins

**In Memory of Animal**

- Casey, Brandy, and Buster
- Goochie man
- Gus
- Francis Kozak
- Miss Bear Downing
- Moki
- Oreo Speedwagon
- Penny Lane
- Zeus and Zeke

**In Honor of Animal**

- Moki
- Oreo Speedwagon
- Penny Lane

The Cleveland APL's animals are fed Hill's® Science Diet® pet food.
CLEVELAND ANIMAL PROTECTIVE LEAGUE
ANNUAL CAGE SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

☐ Yes, I would like to sponsor a cage at the Cleveland Animal Protective League.

**Dog Cage Sponsorship:** ☐ $1,800 per cage per year. ☐ $150 per cage per month.*
**Cat Cage Sponsorship:** ☐ $1,500 per cage per year. ☐ $125 per cage per month.*
**Small Mammal Cage Sponsorship:** ☐ $1,300 per cage per year. ☐ $108.33 per cage per month.*

*Payment by automatic monthly credit card is required for monthly commitments. See below.

Please print all information.

Name ___________________________ Address ___________________________
City ___________________ State ___ ZIP ___________
Phone: Home ( ) ___________________________ Work ( ) ___________________________
Cell ( ) ___________________________ E-mail Address: ___________________________

☐ I am enclosing a check for $ ______ made payable to the Cleveland APL.

☐ Please charge a one-time gift of $ ______ to my ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ Discover ☐ American Express

☐ Please charge a monthly gift of $ ______ to my ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ Discover ☐ American Express

By signing up for monthly credit card gifts, you authorize your cage sponsorship(s) to be automatically renewed each year until you cancel.

Account # ___________________________ 3 Digit Security Code _______ Expiration Date ___________

Name as it appears on credit card ___________________________

Donor name to appear on plaque: ___________________________

☐ This sponsorship is in ☐ honor or ☐ memory of ___________________________, who is a ☐ pet or ☐ person

Have questions or need assistance? Please contact Trent Charles, Annual Fund Manager, at (216) 255-5024 or TCharles@ClevelandAPL.org.

### Become A Cage Sponsor!

**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 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. 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.

**Tony was with us 5 months and 8 days. Adopted!**

**Vanellope was with us 4 months and 1 day. Adopted!**

**Anna was with us 13 months and 29 days. Adopted!**