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## **'FAYE-FAYE' FINDS HER FOREVER HOME** Fourth Time's a Charm for the League's 'Celebrity'

It was an ordinary December morning for Joe and Cathy Boyle. The Covington couple was just getting their day started when Joe heard a ruckus from the other room. "Cathy was jumping up and down, hollering for me from three rooms away," Joe says. "All I could think is, 'What's wrong!?'"

Cathy had spotted Faye on FOX-19 WXIX TV, which regularly invites the League for Animal Welfare to bring adoptable pets to be featured in its Take Paws adoption segment. That morning, League Trainer Donna Moore had selected Faye, an 11-year-old Shepherd/Husky mix, to join her for the program.

Cathy had taken one look and decided Faye was the one.

"She said, 'she's so adorable, and she needs a home'," Joe recalls. For his part, Joe wasn't so sure. The couple's dachshunds, who had been with them for 16 years, had recently passed, and Joe's heart was broken from the loss of the beloved pair.

But Cathy convinced him to go meet Faye, and that afternoon the couple headed out to the League. "Cathy wasn't coming home without her," Joe says with a chuckle. "I don't see that often in Cathy, but when I do, I know better than to go against the tide."

### **'To Know Faye Is to Love Faye'**

It was 2007 when Faye first arrived at the League, pretty much a puppy

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# UPCOMING EVENTS: MARCH - MAY 2018

**SATURDAY**  
MARCH 03, 2018  
APRIL 07, 2018

**WHEN**

12:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.

**Adoption Event**

**WHERE**

Bentley's Pet Stuff-Eastgate  
4530 Eastgate Boulevard,  
Suite A-460,  
Cincinnati, OH 45245  
(Next to Kroger)

**SATURDAY**  
MARCH 24, 2018  
APRIL 28, 2018  
MAY 26, 2018

**WHEN**

12:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.

**Adoption Event**

**WHERE**

Pet Supplies Plus -  
Harper's Point  
11345 Montgomery Rd,  
Cincinnati, OH 45249

**SUNDAY**  
MARCH 11, 2018  
APRIL 08, 2018

**WHEN**

12:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.

**Adoption Event**

**WHERE**

Petco Amelia  
260 W Main St.  
Amelia, OH 45102

**SUNDAY**  
MARCH 18, 2018  
APRIL 15, 2018

**WHEN**

12:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.

**Adoption Event**

**WHERE**

Bentley's Pet Stuff-Anderson  
7474 Beechmont Ave.,  
Unit B,  
Cincinnati, OH 45245  
(Next to Kroger)

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**On the Cover: Faye finds her forever home.**

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**NEWS**

## League Again Earns Top Charity Rating

For the fifth consecutive year, the League for Animal Welfare has been awarded the highest 4-star rating from Charity Navigator, America's largest independent charity evaluator.



Earning this rating is based on the League's financial health and commitment to accountability and transparency, and earning this top distinction five years in a row is an honor held by only 8% of evaluated national charities.

"The League for Animal Welfare's exceptional 4-star rating sets it apart from its peers and demonstrates its trustworthiness to the public," according to Michael Thatcher, president & CEO of Charity Navigator. "Based on its 4-star rating, people can trust that their donations are going to a financially responsible and ethical charity."

"We are proud of this achievement and we work hard every year to earn it," said Marilyn Goodrich, League executive director. "It's important to us that our donors can feel confident their donations are being used wisely to save homeless cats and dogs from the life they were dealt by providing the life they deserve."

# Ah-choo! Could Mean A Case of Canine Flu

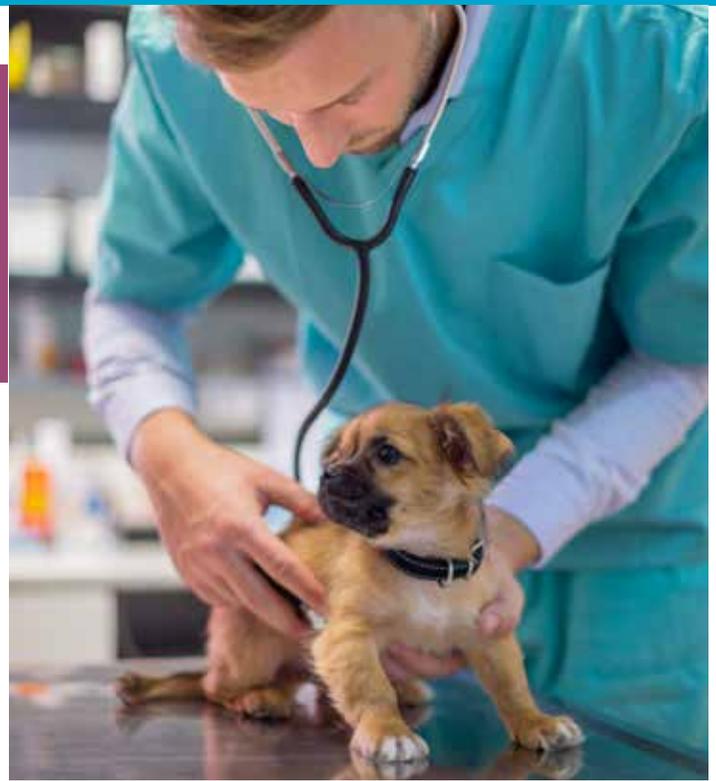
It's been a rough winter for the flu, with lots of sick days, missed work, school closings and, well, just plain misery. But it's not just humans who can catch the flu bug -- dogs can, too. Nor is it a problem that dissipates with the onset of spring and summer, because unlike human flu, canine influenza doesn't follow a seasonal pattern; dogs can get sick and spread the virus year-round.

So it's no surprise that veterinary experts increasingly have been urging pet parents to get their dogs vaccinated, both to minimize chances of catching the bug -- and to mitigate severity should a dog be exposed. It's especially important to do so if you take Fido to dog parks, doggie day care, pet stores or other such public places.

Veterinarians say that while many dogs that get canine flu recover, young and very old dogs are at a higher risk of death. It's mortality rate among all diagnosed canines is 10 percent.

## *Canine flu can and occasionally does infect cats*

Now, before those cat folks among us start exhaling a great big "Whew!" and thinking they've dodged a veterinary bullet, we should note that although people probably don't need to worry about catching the "canine flu," it can and occasionally does infect cats. So cat owners should also be aware of the virus's symptoms, and should keep their feline friends away from dogs that might be sick.



The University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine first reported the northward spread of what is formally known as H3N2 Canine Influenza last summer. Since then, Cornell University's College of Veterinary Medicine has been tracking regional outbreaks in 46 states across the country, including 11 confirmed cases in southern Ohio and northern Kentucky.

H3N2 causes a respiratory infection in dogs that looks like "kennel cough." Common symptoms include sneezing, nasal discharge and frequent coughing that can last for two weeks or more. Dogs with respiratory symptoms and coughing should be immediately isolated and be tested for H3N2, since worsening symptoms such as fever and lethargy can lead to pneumonia. Same goes for any cat that has been around a dog with visible symptoms.

While canine influenza cannot be spread from dog to human -- at least not yet -- it easily can be spread by humans to their pets at home. Since a coughing dog can produce virus-containing mists that can travel 20 feet or more in the air, this can occur unwittingly through contact with an environment or people who have been exposed.

It's also worth noting that the virus can survive on crates, food and water bowls, collars, leashes, toys, beds, vehicles, clothing and hands for 12 - 24 hours before it dies. BUT the virus is easily killed by most disinfectants, hand-washing with soap and water, normal laundering of clothing and bedding, and washing food bowls, water bowls and toys with soap and water.

The consensus of most experts in the vet community is to use good hygiene, both for yourself and your pets, and to use common sense. If your animal is demonstrating suspicious symptoms, don't take chances

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-- take your pet to the vet. And to better a pet's chances for avoiding H3N2 in the first place, be proactive -- ask about getting your pet vaccinated, especially if they are very young or getting up there in dog years. 🐾

*Editor's Note: This article represents a compendium of recent research done on H3N2 and is not intended to serve as a substitute for consultation with your veterinarian. Individual cases may vary, as will opinions on the value of vaccinations for canine influenza for individual pets. In all cases, consult your veterinarian before determining next steps.*

## FAYE-FAYE: Finding her forever home: continued from page 1

herself and pregnant with a litter. It wasn't long before she was adopted, along with another League dog, and matured into a loving, happy and well-adjusted family member. For health reasons, her first adopter eventually had to return Faye to the League, and from that point she was adopted and returned three more times. "She just kept getting into unfortunate situations," Donna says. "But what makes her story so unusual is that she is such an amazing dog—precious, fun, sparkly, bubbly. Even though she always ended up coming back to the shelter, she would always greet us with her personality, wagging and dancing with a smile on her face!" Because of her sunny personality, Faye became Donna's "go-to girl" whenever the League took dogs to community events, to meet kids and adults, and serve as a four-legged ambassador for the League and its mission. Says Donna: "She is perfect with kids and strangers, loves them!"



Faye held up her left paw to shake," Joe says. "I got down on my hands and knees and started playing with her." It wasn't long before Joe was as smitten as Cathy, and he, too, knew that Faye had finally found her forever home. Every employee who was working—and even some who were off that day—came in to say farewell to Faye, Joe recalls. "Now I understand why they came in and cried," he says. "She's a wonderful girl."

### Long Walks, Lazy Days

With her new nickname "Faye-Faye," she spends her days cuddled on the love seat, playing with toys and taking naps. ("She snores like an old man," Joe laughs.) Faye enjoys two morning walks—first with Cathy, who takes her out early before heading to work, and later with Joe, who is retired and can take her out for a leisurely stroll. At 11, Faye is a senior, but her health is good and her age was no deterrent, Joe says. As part of the League's None Left Behind program, any special veterinary care Faye needs related to her advanced age will be covered by the League, which means Joe and Cathy are free just to focus on loving the newest member of their family. Says Joe, "I don't know what her life span will be, but she'll be with us for the rest of her life. We've made a commitment. 🐾"

### 'Pleasure to Meet You'

There were several people in the League's lobby when Joe and Cathy arrived that day, and Cathy was worried they all were there to adopt Faye. But Cathy had called WXIX-TV to express interest in Faye, and the station had notified Donna before they even arrived back at the League that Faye had a potential adoptive family. So Donna and Faye were prepared for introductions. "They took us back to the adoption room, and



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# Donor Profile:

## Q&A with Bob Lewis

**M** eet Bob Lewis who donates not only his time and talent but also his treasure to the League. As a dedicated volunteer and donor, he makes a difference in the lives of the homeless animals in our shelter.

### What role have pets played in your life?

My affection for animals seems to have grown with time. I presently have 4 cats, all orphans, two of which just showed up at my front door and very quickly became members of the family. Over the years I have lost animals and suffered the grief that only a pet owner would understand. I would have dogs too, but at the tender age of 81, walks are a challenge.



Bob Lewis with "grandcat" Beanie, a League alum

In addition to the facility, the attitudes of the staff and the no-kill philosophy was very important to me. As I got to know other volunteers and my experience as bartender and chatting with board members and other supporters of the League, I was hooked!

### How did you first hear about the League?

About 8 years ago during a visit to my vet, the League's name came up. I was familiar with most of the shelters in the area but had not heard of the League. Living in the vicinity, I had often passed by the League on Taylor but didn't know what it was. I made a visit and quickly became a volunteer.

### Why did you choose to support the League?

I was fairly familiar with other shelters and adoption facilities in the area, so I had somewhat of a frame of reference. When I toured the League I was blown away! In



Bob Lewis serving wine at the League's Legacy Society reception

### How do you feel when you make a gift to the League?

I contribute to a number of philanthropic causes...not all animal causes, but I put the League at the top of the list. I am glad to contribute to the League. After witnessing a few adoption proceedings at the League, I know that my contributions are well placed. I love the expression that I first heard at the League, that when an animal is adopted it "went home" which says it all. I also made a 5-year pledge to the capital campaign and will do my best to accelerate the annual installments added to the initial contribution.

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### If your pets could talk, what do you think they would tell you?

Even though I want to believe that my cats love me and think of me even when they can't see me, I accept that I basically represent a food source to my feline treasures. I think if my cats could think and reason, they would probably ask me "Papa, do you think we could have our evening meal served before 5 pm? That would allow us to take a little nap before we settle in for the night." The next question might be from the 3 females in my group regarding "Harold" the sole male. That question would be "Papa, is there any way that we could get rid of Harold?!" 🐾

## VOLUNTEER CORNER: Volunteers: The Heart of It All

**V**olunteers are the life's blood of any nonprofit, but at the League for Animal Welfare, volunteers are so much more than that. They are the heart and soul of the organization. They are the reason the League exists.

Volunteers were the first to give meaning to the true mission of the League -- to ensure that homeless animals are saved from the life they were dealt, and given the life they deserve.

Volunteers founded the League nearly 70 years ago. Volunteers took it upon themselves to bring shelter, food and care to homeless dogs and cats in our growing communities. And they were the first to introduce the no-kill movement to the Greater Cincinnati region.

*The League has an urgent need for more volunteers in the cat area to pet, hold and play with furry felines. You'll be serenaded in purrs and rewarded with portable cat hair. It's literally the best interactive purr-formance around!*

Over seven decades, volunteers selflessly donated food, towels, bleach, litter, leashes, beds, blankets, toys and their time. They knocked on doors to raise the funds needed to build and open the current shelter -- free of debt -- in 1999. And for many years, volunteers pitched in to run the shelter almost entirely on their own. Most importantly, along with everything else, these early volunteers managed to find loving homes for hundreds upon hundreds of animals.

Today, the League stands as the longest-established

no-kill animal shelter in the region, and a leader in the effort to promote spay and neuter to reduce the number of unplanned litters and unwanted pets. Our Mobile Veterinary Clinic cares for the medical needs of the League's own animals, as well as underserved areas of need in the outlying community. Professional management and an experienced staff now are responsible for League operations, and a professional training specialist works with animals requiring special attention.

Yet still at the heart of it all, there are volunteers. Animals at the League are socialized by volunteers who walk dogs and play with cats, who transport at-risk animals to the shelter, who bottle-feed infant kittens and puppies, who foster animals in their homes, who serve on the board of directors and on operating committees, who help at events and share their many talents in ways too numerous to list.

Volunteer opportunities exist for anyone interested in getting involved. Whether it's a few hours a month or a few days a year, it doesn't matter. The animals are always here. The needs never disappear. 🐾

### Interested in Volunteering?

Visit [LFAW.org/volunteer](http://LFAW.org/volunteer) or call Carrie Leary at 513-735-2299 x205 to learn more about becoming a League volunteer. 🐾



Volunteers Patsy Kelly and Ed Walton give our cats weekly nail trims

## VOLUNTEER PROFILE: Emily & Mya Crawford

**Y**ou might call Emily and Mya Crawford serial cat adopters. You can also call them devoted League volunteers. And you'd be right on both counts. Emily moved to Cincinnati 12 years ago and, soon after losing her first cat in 2014, came to the League and found Kristoff -- along with her passion for volunteering. "It's such an incredible place, I just wanted to get involved," Emily said. She is most drawn to cats that need extra attention, working to help socialize the ones are shy around people so they can more easily get adopted. It's a passion shared with 10-year-old Mya, who enjoys accompanying her mom to the League to cuddle and play with the feline residents. And when it comes to cat cuddling, Mya is pretty much an expert, now having four League cats of her own at home. It's a cast that includes -- Kristoff, along with

Maddie, adopted in 2016, and a pair of kittens named

Nicky and Alex, adopted in December. "I couldn't let them not be adopted together," explained Emily. "They were both really shy and wouldn't play with the other cats at the shelter, but now they chase each other around the house, they play with Kristoff and Maddie, and they're eating like crazy." A home filled with four furry felines may not be what Emily envisioned a few years ago, but neither she nor Mya could picture life any other way today. 🐾



## WAYS TO SUPPORT: The League needs you!

**E**very homeless animal who finds refuge in our shelter receives top-notch medical attention, nutritious food and a clean, safe environment. Last year, the League spent over \$127,000 on kennel supplies and medical care – nearly \$11,000 per month. And there are other costs associated with running our shelter, like heat, water, maintenance, staffing, insurance and more. Our affordable adoption fees cover just a portion of these expenses. As a non-profit organization, donations from generous individuals and organizations who believe in our mission are critical.

Monetary donations give us the resources to provide compassionate care 365 days a year. You can make a difference in the life of a homeless animal by making a donation. Your gift to the League saves these animals from the life they were dealt by providing the life they deserve. Many companies offer matching gift programs for their employers, so be sure to see if your gift can be doubled and help even more animals! 🐾



### If you're looking for other ways to help, consider these:

	<i>Adopt, don't shop</i>	When adding a furry family member to your home, visit our shelter or website to find the perfect animal. Encourage others to consider adopting a shelter animal as well.
	<i>Clean out your linen closet</i>	Adjusting to life in an animal shelter can be stressful. Donating your unwanted towels, blankets and bedspreads ensures a warm and comfortable place for the cats and dogs to rest, making the transition a little easier.
	<i>Take to social media</i>	Liking and sharing our Facebook posts helps animals find their forever home. And don't forget to share photos of your adopted pets to encourage others to do the same.
	<i>Shop our wish list</i>	We are always in need of supplies like kitty litter, Kongs, laundry detergent, leashes, and more. By donating items on our wish list, cash donations can offset other costs like medical exams, spay and neuter surgeries and medications.
	<i>Lend a paw</i>	Volunteering an hour a week or even an hour a month prepares adoptable cats and dogs for a successful transition to homes of their own. Call 513-735-2299 to sign up for volunteer orientation.
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