

Feline Forum

Cat Welfare Association Newsletter

April/May 2023

Come To Their Rescue Update



Our current shelter expansion quest is the largest fundraising venture in Cat Welfare's 75+ year history! We're happy with the progress we've made and plan to make substantial headway in the next 12-18 months to reach our \$3 million goal. You can help us by spreading the word with friends about this opportunity, and, of course, by giving a monetary donation. Learn more at catwelfareassoc.org/capitalcampaign.



Mark Your Calendar for the Cat Caper 5K

The Cat Caper 5K to benefit Cat Welfare will be held Sunday, October 1, at the Westerville Sports Complex. If you or your company would like to sponsor or help plan this event, please contact Jenny at jennifercatwelfare@gmail.com.



A Note From Remy

This is over and out from your pal Remy. I found this purrfect Mom and Dad and decided it was time to bounce. We're living quite the life, and I could not be happier. My dream has come true. Please support the Capital Campaign to help the dream for many come true.

Emmylou Says: Members' Meeting Set for May 16

Greetings, fellow fans of CWA! I'm Emmylou, and I will be assuming the role of spokes-kitty after Remy's long-awaited adoption. I have been a resident of this fine establishment since 2021, so I know a thing or two. I am especially grateful to Aaron, as he has been a real gem with the management of my diabetes.

It has been brought to my attention that our Members' Meeting is May 16 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Mozart's Cafe, 4784 N. High St. A previous engagement will keep me from attending, but I do encourage all of you members to attend. There will be a presentation about our Come To Their Rescue Capital Campaign for a shelter expansion. If you plan to attend, please RSVP at tinyurl.com/2s4f946m.



Wanted: Growers and Sewers



Is the warmer weather inspiring you to plan your garden? Would you consider planting catnip to benefit the cats and kittens in our care? The plant is a hardy perennial, and seeds are inexpensive! Just grow them until the flower buds appear, then cut them and bring them to the shelter in paper bags. It's an easy way to help with this ongoing fundraiser. In 2022, our volunteer-created catnip toys raised just over \$5,625 for our mission.

We'd also like to add a couple of seamstresses with sewing machines to our amazing cat toy team. Jenny can share the details with you. Please send an email to volunteering@catwelfareassoc.org.

Our Mission

The Cat Welfare Association is dedicated to the care of and education about cats and kittens. Our pledge is to cherish, nurture and provide veterinary care for homeless, abused, injured and abandoned felines. We strive to find each cat an appropriate, safe and loving home, allowing those not placed to live their lives in the care and comfort of our shelter.



741 Wetmore Road
Columbus, OH 43214
614-268-6096

catwelfareassoc.org

facebook.com/catwelfareassoc

Helen DeSantis, Executive Director

Hours

11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesdays
11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. all other days

Closed the first Thursday of each month and all major holidays.

The adoption fee of \$40 (\$25 for senior and special needs cats) includes spay/neuter surgery, initial vaccinations, testing for feline leukemia and FIV, microchip identification, flea treatment & deworming.



Board of Directors

Katie Thomas, President
Jay Mathew, Vice President
Lisa Strickland, Recording Secretary

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Enter the 2024 Calendar Photo Contest by June 30

Cat Welfare's annual online cat photo contest starts this month. All you have to do is enter your cat's photo, then ask your friends and family to vote for your cat's photo and you could win a spot in the CWA 2024 calendar! Contest proceeds help fund CWA's programs to provide needed spay and neuter surgeries in the Central Ohio area and support for homeless cats in our shelter.



More Details

- Entry forms must be postmarked or online entries uploaded before June 30, 2023. See form and complete rules on page 6.
- Online voting ends at midnight EDT on July 31, 2023.
- Winners will be announced at catwelfareassoc.org on August 15.
- Visit my.360photocontest.com/CatWelfare to upload your photo.

Shop Sales at The Catique



Stop by The Catique, 1005 Mediterranean Ave., from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each Thursday through Saturday to snag some good deals during these upcoming sales:

April 13-15 - 50% off Furniture

April 20-22 - Purse Sale!

April 27-29 - 50% off Sale

May 4-6 - 50% off Kitchen

May 11-13 - 50% off Storewide

May 18-20 - 50% off Lamps

May 25-27 - 70% off Sale

June 1-3 - 50% off Books

June 8-10 - 50% off Artwork

June 15-17 - 50% off Storewide

Thank You, Volunteers!

A heart felt thanks to all of our kind and supportive volunteers. All of our success would not be possible without your commitment to our mission.



CWA Happy Homes



Little Sir was a perfect addition to our little family! He has the best personality. He is the most curious and loving little kitty. From the day we brought him home, he has fit right in! He has no fears. He hasn't met a power drill or vacuum yet that frightens him. He is so friendly and loves to meet new people, and he's such a little gentleman that everyone loves him. We couldn't be happier

with our furry little man from Cat Welfare.

Alexa & Ken



Liturgy has been a part of my home since September. She still acts like the kitten that she is, but she is growing so fast. She loves to carry her toys around the house in her mouth and plays constantly. If she is not following me around the house, she is sitting in the window checking what is going on

outside. She is very affectionate and loves getting attention from me and my husband.

Shari



Regis took a little time to get used to our other cats, and vice-versa, but now it is as if he has been here for years. He is a very friendly cat, and he plays a lot with our energetic cats. We are very glad we adopted Regis.

Greg & Jeanine



Horus acted like he owned the place the moment he came home. He always makes his presence known and is the biggest love bug. He's been an excellent big brother to **Hadley**, who is slowly but surely adjusting to home life! Despite the plethora of toys at her disposal, Hadley's favorite thing in the world is her human's hair ties. These two can always be found cuddling, playing or snoozing together.

Lissy

FeLV+ kitties Horus and Hadley were adopted in January, and they are thriving! We place our FeLV+ cats as fosters; you provide a loving home and we cover the medical decisions and expenses.

Got a Happy Homes story?
Upload it at [catwelfareassoc.org/
submit-happy-homes](http://catwelfareassoc.org/submit-happy-homes) or mail it to
Cat Welfare, 741 Wetmore Road,
Columbus, OH 43214.

Gear Up for Spring with a CWA T-Shirt



Show your CWA pride in a new Cat Welfare Association T-shirt! Three color options are available: Aquatic Blue, Kiwi Green and Athletic Heather Gray. All three have the CWA logo printed in black in small scale on the front left breast and larger on the back, along with the words "Caring for Homeless Cats Since 1945." Cost is \$16, including tax.

Orders are due by April 22 and must be paid in advance. Checks and cash can be sent in with the order form below, or you can order directly from Lucky Dog Tee Shirts at bit.ly/cwacols. Orders will be available for pickup at the shelter for no additional cost May 15-20. Shipping can be requested for an additional \$7 through the web link above.

CWA T-Shirt Order Form

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

ZIP _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Shirt Color: Aquatic Blue Kiwi Green Athletic Heather Gray

Size (S-XXL): _____

Total Cost (\$16 each): _____

Mail to: Cat Welfare, Attn: T-Shirts
741 Wetmore Road
Columbus, OH 43214

Orders due by April 22

Cat Welfare: 2024 CALENDAR PHOTO CONTEST

Would your kitty like to be famous? Well, actually would YOU like your kitty to be famous? Cat Welfare invites you to submit your best photo(s) of your favorite kitties. If your photo is chosen, it will be published in the CWA 2024 Calendar, which will be on sale this fall before November 10.



CONTEST RULES:

- Be sure your photo is focused and of good quality. If your picture is blurry, then it is not likely to be selected for the calendar. The larger the JPG file size, the better the quality.
- The contest is open to everyone. You can submit as many entries as you want, provided you pay the \$10 entry fee for each photo. Photos may be taken from any place or time, but the subject must be a cat. Other animals may be in the photo. Sorry, no humans allowed in the photo.
- You must own the rights to the photo. Photos that have appeared in CWA's *Feline Forum* Newsletter or in previous calendars are eligible, provided they have not been published elsewhere.
- Voting will be performed online at <http://www.catwelfareassoc.org/> beginning in April. You, your friends, and family may vote as many times as you like for each photo. You must purchase a minimum of 5 votes for a \$5 donation to support CWA. Forward your pet's CWA photo page to your friends and family and then ask them to donate to vote for your pet!
- A panel of judges selected by the Cat Welfare Association will determine 10 winning photos from the top 20 photos with the most votes, as well as 3 photos chosen from all entries. The CWA judges' decisions are final. Winners will be announced online at catwelfareassoc.org on August 15.
- To enter the contest, starting in March, follow the steps at <http://www.catwelfareassoc.org/> by uploading your JPG format photo and vote for your favorite entries. You may also enter by mailing in this form. **Entry form(s) must be postmarked and electronic entries must be submitted before June 30, 2023. Voting for the contest ends at midnight EDT on July 31, 2023. Be sure to include a 150-word story or description all about your cat's rescue, adoption or favorite things to do, along with each photo.**

Your Name: _____ Cat's Name: _____

Street: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Photo Title: _____ Photographer's Name: _____

150-word story (include on separate piece of paper) _____

Number of photos enclosed: _____ Entry Fee enclosed: _____ (\$10 for each photo)

By signing, I accept the below disclaimer

MAIL TO: Cat Welfare, Attn: Calendar Contest
741 Wetmore Road
Columbus, OH 43214

Signature: _____

Disclaimer: By submitting this photo(s), you agree to transfer to Cat Welfare Association (CWA) all rights to the photo(s) without license, limitation, or compensation. All submitted photos are property of CWA, who may do with the photo(s) what they please. If you want the photo returned, you must enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope with your photo. CWA is not responsible for any errors, loss or damage regarding the photo entry/entries. All contestants agree to release and hold harmless CWA, all sponsors, and representatives from all claims or actions, they, their heirs, executors or assigns may have arising directly or indirectly from the contest. Winners consent to the use of their name, for advertising and publicity purposes without compensation.

We Love Our Donors

Ishie Memorial Fund

for long-term care of shelter residents

Nancy Aleman, Julie Christopher "In memory of Gertrude Holland," Susan Graham "Jack," Dale & Marty Keener, Sue Lape "In memory of Barbara Pletz," Donald & Kathy Muenz "In memory of Dolly," Darin & Teresa Plummer "In memory of Ellie Martin," Susanne Riepenhoff, Melissa Stiles "In memory of Cathe Zitko" and Sherry Weese-Dickerson "In honor of Adikin Weese-Nixon"

Joey's Good Sam Fund

for medical care of owned cats

Amy Blank "In memory of Megan's pets, Ellie & Louie," Lisa Brownell, Randall W. Hertzler "In memory of Doug Buhner and Jasmine Boots," Jennifer Howell "In memory of Dundee & Taz," Amy Jacobs, Amanda Sweeney "In honor of Gracie Bressler, her mother Melissa, her brothers Leo and Frankie and her CPS family. Baby girl, you are loved and will be missed!"

Vincent Fund

for emergency care for shelter cats

Margaret Bailey, Stephen & Melissa Clines, Dorothy Cobbs, Leon & Patricia Cohan Jr., Grace Denunzio, Randall W. Hertzler, Julianne Hunter, Karen Kaiser, Marjorie Obrist, Denise Peterson, Darin & Teresa Plummer "In memory of Michael and Maggie," Linda Schellkopf, Amy Schneller and Gina Sutphin

Willard's Village Babies Fund

for care of feral cat colonies

Richard Austin "In memory of beloved Michael"

Altering Fund

to subsidize community low-cost spay/neuter surgeries

William Hout "In honor of Mary Hope," Julianne Hunter, Holly Mosier, Jennifer Parker "In loving memory of Beckie Evans-Zaebst, a Life Member, and of Michael" and Elizabeth Yaple McGuffey

Cat-A-Lack Chow Club

for food for the shelter residents

John C. Falk "In memory of Ronald Falk"

Give Via Community Shares

Since 1992, Community Shares has grown to more than 60 member charities that use funds from workplace giving campaigns to solve a wide range of issues in the community. We greatly appreciate all of the donor support. Your generous contributions have been vital to our mission.

If you work at any of the following places, you can use these codes to direct your giving to CWA:

- City of Columbus & Franklin County: CCC 60258
- State of Ohio & Buckeyes for Charity: CCC 19009
- Federal Campaign: CFC 71256

Vote on Changes to Bylaws

Modifications to The Cat Welfare Association's Bylaws were approved by the Board of Directors at its meeting on November 15, 2022. The proposed changes authorize a mail-in or electronic ballot for the election of Board members. Also, a few procedural changes are addressed. The current Bylaws, a summary of the proposed changes and the proposed Bylaws are posted on our website and can be accessed on the "Get Involved" tab under the "Board" category. Paper copies are also available at the shelter.

Written comments will be accepted through Tuesday, April 18, 2023, via email to bylaws@catwelfareassoc.org or by mail to The Cat Welfare Association, Attn: Helen DeSantis, 741 Wetmore Road, Columbus, OH 43214.

The Bylaw changes will be voted on at a member meeting from 6:30 to 8 p.m. May 16, 2023, at Mozart's Cafe, 4784 N. High St.



From January through February 2023, we **adopted 134 cats** into loving homes and **subsidized 267 spay and neuter surgeries** through our various Altering Fund programs.



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Shelter Wish List

Purina Cat Chow, Purina Kitten Chow, moist cat food, Temptations treats, brown paper grocery bags, clay litter (non-clumping), bleach, Clorox wipes, Mr. Clean Magic Eraser pads, laundry detergent, stainless steel scrub pads.

Order directly from our Amazon Wish List at goo.gl/eLNYhd or our Chewy Wish List at bit.ly/35PLR1s.



Hello, Thor

Thor, God of Lightning & Thunder! I laugh every time I hear my name. I've tried to be a tough guy, but that's not me. I LOVE attention and prefer lap time over playtime. If I do say so myself, I'm just a pleasant guy.

I do have a condition called Feline Leukemia (FeLV). I am healthy now, but FeLV compromises my immune system. I need to be an indoor-only cat, live in a relatively stress-free environment and I cannot live with nonpositive kitty friends. CWA does place FeLV+ cats as fosters. They remain responsible for the cat's medical care while you provide a loving home for us FeLV+ cats to thrive. To learn more about FeLV, please speak with a shelter representative or check out bit.ly/3MdEcj8.

Cat Welfare has nearly 270 cats available for adoption. Find your new feline friend by visiting catwelfareassoc.org or stopping by our shelter. The kitties would be happy to see you!