

# Feline Forum

Cat Welfare Association Newsletter

February/March 2024

## Capital Campaign: Keep Your Support Coming!

Fundraising continues on our plans to expand the shelter, but we are moving forward! We are currently putting together a Request for Proposals for architectural and engineering services. Stay tuned for more information.

In the meantime, what can you do to help? Get creative and help us spread the word about our capital campaign! Donate via PayPal at [catwelfareassoc.org/capitalcampaign](https://catwelfareassoc.org/capitalcampaign), GoFundMe at [gofund.me/129ed767](https://gofund.me/129ed767) or by mailing a check to 741 Wetmore Road, Columbus, OH, 43214, and share our links on your social media feeds. Does your CWA kitty have its own Instagram account? Let everyone who follows them know who we are and what we're trying to do. We can reach our goal with your help!



## Adoption Fees Increasing

Due to the rising cost of vaccinations and veterinarian fees, our adoption fee for cats and kittens has increased to \$50. The adoption fee for senior & special needs cats is now \$35.

## Looking Back: Points of Pride for 2023

Hats off to our members, volunteers, donors, friends, amazing staff and Board of Directors. Your commitment, encouragement and inspiration in 2023 helped Cat Welfare rescue as many cats as possible and shaped the shelter's future.

### IN KEEPING WITH OUR MISSION AND PURPOSE

- **847** cats and kittens were admitted to the shelter, many with life-threatening injuries.
- **740** cats and kittens were adopted into loving homes.
- An average of **286** felines were cared for daily.
- **1,994** altering surgeries were subsidized through Cat Welfare's low-cost spay and neuter programs.
- **91** companion cats received emergency medical treatment, paid from Joey's Good Sam Fund.
- **92** cents of every dollar were spent on direct program expenses.
- **\$1.7 million** in pledges and donations came in for the Capital Campaign.
- We received rave reviews from an OSU study on Cat Welfare's intake and cleaning protocols.

## Many Thanks to The Magical Druid



We are so very grateful for our partnership with The Magical Druid, 2887 N. High St. in Clintonville. They have been generous donors to our mission and awareness ambassadors.

In October, they hosted a fun Black Cat Awareness event. They've also fostered two CWA kitties as shop cats, both of whom went on to be adopted. Visit their website at [magicaldruid.com](http://magicaldruid.com) to shop and learn more about their hours and services.

## 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.



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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 \$50 (\$35 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

RoseAnn Ballangee, Amy Blank,  
Jennifer Cordle, Jay Mathew,  
Amanda Powell and Lisa Strickland

# Clock Raffle Benefits Capital Campaign



This lovely vintage Ridgeway grandfather clock is up for grabs, and your raffle ticket purchase supports the capital campaign. The clock has a solid oak case with a molded bonnet top, half columns with wooden caps on the sides, glass in all three sides, a locking door, removable side access

panels, a moving moon dial and raised numerals. The eight-day chain-operated movement has a single Westminster chime with a silence option. The clock measures 77" x 21" x 12". Many thanks to the Grandfather Clock Company for the donation.

Tickets are \$5 each or \$10 for three and can be purchased by mail and online at [catwelfareassoc.org/raffle](http://catwelfareassoc.org/raffle). The drawing will be held at noon on April 1. The winner must arrange transport of the clock.

## Clock Raffle Ticket Order Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Tickets \_\_\_\_\_

Total Cost \_\_\_\_\_

(\$5 per ticket, \$10 for three)

Mail to: Cat Welfare, Attn: Clock Raffle  
741 Wetmore Road  
Columbus, OH 43214

## Honoring New Life Members of The Cat Welfare Association

All members of The Cat Welfare Association receive discounted tickets to events, a subscription to the *Feline Forum* and eligibility to vote at the annual Board Member elections. In addition to these core benefits, life membership affirms your long-term commitment to CWA and its mission. A life membership badge signifies your participation in this elite group of contributors. Supporters can become life members with a donation of \$250. A single payment is preferred; however, installment payments can be arranged by contacting the shelter. We would like to thank the following supporters for becoming life members in 2023: Max Brown, Mark & Angel Bruce, Eric & Cynthia Earhart, Darlene Emmitt, Alexander Fasules, William & Kim Henderson, Karen Kaiser, Art & Janet Lofton, Shannon Markiewicz, Stephen & Sally Van Duinen, Edwin & Ulla Wagers and Jan Wagner.





# FeLV+ Cats Need Love and a Happy Home

Imagine planning a getaway at a campground. The next thing you know, you're in love with a homeless cat, and the cat loves you, too. You're a responsible pet owner, so you take this seemingly healthy cat to your veterinarian only to find they are FeLV+. What do you do? We're here to tell you all is not lost.

The feline leukemia virus (FeLV) is an infection that infects ONLY cats. Humans and other animals cannot contract this virus, and it is not airborne. Cats under one year of age are much more susceptible, but because it is transmitted by sharing toys, water dishes and litter boxes or through close physical contact, like fighting, grooming and sleeping together, FeLV+ cats should live only with other FeLV+ cats, or as only cats.

FeLV+ cats can live healthy lives with no symptoms if they're given the right support. They need the same things most cats need from a good guardian: indoor-only living; good and consistent nutrition; regular preventative healthcare, including a complete physical exam once or twice a year; routine vaccinations; flea and other parasite protection; and a low-stress existence.

Cat Welfare places our FeLV+ cats as fosters. You provide an appropriate home and love for the cat, and we oversee all medical decisions and take care of all of the medical needs. Would you be able to give a FeLV+ kitty a place to call home? For more information, please give us a call or send us an email at [adoptions@catwelfareassoc.org](mailto:adoptions@catwelfareassoc.org).



Oyster is peeking in and says he'd love a forever home, too.

**Fig**

Fig is a fun kitty! If you enjoy snuggles, Fig delivers. If you enjoy a playful cat, Fig delivers! If it makes your heart sing to be greeted when you arrive home, Fig delivers. Fig has so much love to give. Fig gets along just fine with other friendly FeLV+ cats.

Holly is a friendly, "go with the flow" kitty. She acclimated well to life as a shelter cat and, while she seeks attention, it's okay if you say hello to other cats before greeting her. She just patiently wants to make sure you do say hello. Comfortable with being held, we imagine Holly will be an affectionate kitty in her forever home.



**Holly**

Hi, I'm Mike! I love to chat and receive lots of head pats. My favorite time is lunchtime, because that's when I get the most attention! I would love to live somewhere that will give me as much affection as possible. I will weave between your legs and make conversation with you when I want some love, so stay on your toes! I can't wait to meet my forever family. I promise I will be the best kitty you've ever had! Oh, and if you'd like to adopt a pair of FeLV+ kitties I am a-okay with that! I get along just fine with all of my roommates.

**Mike**



Cat Welfare  
Valentine's Day Party

Show your support  
Sunday, Feb. 11  
from 1-3 p.m.!



Eat some treats, buy some raffle tickets, and play our very own cat bingo! Special Cat Welfare Valentine's Day T-shirts will be for sale! Come celebrate with us. Who knows, you might even meet the cat of your dreams!

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## Remembering Thor



In February 2023 we introduced you to FeLV+ Thor. Our article captured Pat's heart, and she knew instantly she wanted to give him a forever home. Because staff knew Pat as a kind donor, they knew Thor had hit the kitty lottery.

Pat spared no expense. Thor had toys galore, a deluxe cat perch and Pat's heart. Pat laughed when she said she wasn't sure who talked more. They had great conversations and lots of snuggles.

Thor passed in January. Tears were shed. We are so grateful to all of the compassionate adopters who share their homes and hearts with FeLV + kitties.

## CWA Foster Kittens are Waiting for Your TLC



Our adoption success could not happen without the dedication of our spectacular foster team! Won't you please consider becoming a member?

Kittens, once approved for shelter intake, go into foster care if they are not old enough to be spayed or neutered when they arrive. Some litters have a mom, who accompanies them in foster care, while others arrive motherless.

Foster care commitments can range from one week to a couple of months. We do ask that you have a room in your home where the foster(s) can live without interacting with any of your pets until they are fully vaccinated and have been approved for interaction by our shelter veterinarian. This important requirement is not only for the sake of the foster but for your fur babies, too. We will provide you with food, litter, a litter box and any required

medications for the fosters. Our foster care commitment and application form can be found online at [catwelfareassoc.org/volunteer](http://catwelfareassoc.org/volunteer).



# CWA Happy Homes



**Leo** is very happy in his new home. He has met and plays with his two older brothers and one sister. He is the life of the party. Life is joyous for him.

*Karen*

Both kittens are doing wonderfully, sleeping together in the cat tree and playing all day! **Missy** is spunky and full of vinegar. She keeps us very entertained. **Loki** has a very kind heart and is a wonderful cuddlebug. SO glad he is here. Love him so much. The kittens have settled in wonderfully with my crew and receive baths from my older kitties on a daily basis. Thank you so much!



*Cathy*



I had lost my beloved Lily after 13 years. I saw **Girly Girl** online at the shelter and had to see her. She was black and white like my Lily and such a love. I took her home. She is such a loving companion. She absolutely wants to be outside chasing bugs and birds. She has been great therapy.

*Tony*



**Henry** has settled in well at home! He loves the laser pointer, toy mice and cuddling on the couch while we watch TV. I couldn't have hoped for a better cat. Thank you, Cat Welfare Association!

*Erin*



I moved into a new apartment and was finally ready to adopt a furry friend. I had been contemplating for a while whether I wanted a bonded pair, and as soon as I was introduced to **Derby & Chowder**, I knew they were the ones for me. It has been an experience watching them open up and become comfortable in our home. Chowder has turned into quite the smarty pants. He knows how to get into just about everything, so I have to babyproof the cabinets! Derby is just a sweet, sweet boy. He always wants to be in proximity to me when I am home and will follow me into every room wanting pets. They have become a wonderful part of my life, and I am thankful to Cat Welfare for coming across them!

*Tricia*

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.

# We Love Our Donors

## Ishie Memorial Fund

for long-term care of shelter residents

Stephanie Burley "In memory of Stephen Albright," Rita Burns, Barbara Demas "In memory of Earl Riley," Cathy Dennis "In memory of Ellen Black," Nichole Frederick "In memory of Dexter," Shelley Gabriel, Susan Graham, Julie Gurney "In honor of Silverado," Bertha Ihnat, Anita Knoechel, Sue Lape "Gordon Wilson," Janice & Jerry Noltemeyer "In honor of Lizzy & Luna and in memory of Chloe," Beth Puleo & Julie Goebel, Kim Rhoads "In memory of Eden," Benjamin Rogers, Heidi Sherer "In memory of Sita with love and purrs from Heidi, Lexi and Lauren Sherer"

## Vincent Fund

for emergency care for shelter cats

Solly & Karen Yassenoff, Lisa Buchanan, Cindi Hill, Duessa Hoban, Julianne Hunter, Bertha Ihnat, Anita Knoechel, Linda Lane, Jane McEvoy "In memory of Earl Riley," Katherine Mooneyham, Attila Nagy, Marjorie Obrist, Penny Popper, Catherine Ray, Linda Schellkopf, Heidi Sherer, Jacob R. Sherman, Lana Smith, Karen Taylor "In loving memory of Brucia Simpson"

## Cat-A-Lack Chow Club

for food for the shelter residents

Shelley Gabriel, Lisa Leaper, Mary Nye, Heidi Sherer and Devin Michelle Volpe

## Joey's Good Samaritan Fund

for medical care of owned cats

Solly & Karen Yassenoff, Nancy Betz, Mary & John Carleton, Kathy Ebersbach, Randall W. Hertzner "In memory of Doug Buhner and Jasmine Boots," Betty Powell "In memory of Grace Shillinger," Lauren Schnieders, Heidi Sherer and Patricia Sweeney

## Willard's Village Babies Fund

for care of feral cat colonies

Richard Austin, Lisa Buchanan, Upper Arlington Lane Road Branch Book Club "In honor of Bonnie DeWitt," Anita Knoechel, William Noel, Jennifer Parker "In memory of Earl Riley" and Heidi Sherer

## Altering Fund

to subsidize community low-cost spay/neuter surgeries

Kathy Campbell "In memory of Ronald Borton. From Rosalie Borton-Bailey, Vicky Borton-Gore, Kathy Borton-Campbell and Gayle Borton-Fines," Upper Arlington Lane Road Branch Book Club "In honor of Bonnie DeWitt," Carol Ellis "In memory of Joe Pollina," William Hout "In memory of Linda Moody," Betty Nyrop & Erin Huggler "In loving memory of William R. 'Bill' Patrick," A-Plus-Music, Elizabeth Buschur "In memory of Earl Riley," Sean Haider, Lisa Leaper, Jason Medlock, Brad Sevenich, Robin Smith & William Ballam, Susan Snyder, Lynn Straley "In memory of Dona's Savannah," Michelle Strauser, Kelly Thiel, Nicole Trimner and Geraldine Winfield

We would like to thank Sue Godsey, Brenda Martin and Katie Thomas for their service on our Board of Directors.





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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](https://www.amazon.com/wishlist/ref=wl_cr_text) or our Chewy Wish List at [bit.ly/35PLR1s](https://bit.ly/35PLR1s).



## Hello, Bud

Bud had lived a good portion of his life as a street kitty. He got by okay, but life on the streets comes with bumps in the road, bumps on your body and fights with other unneutered males. Bud was ready for change!

After being fully vetted and having access to good food and fresh water, Bud is ready for a family and his forever home! Bud is a friendly boy and will brighten anyone's day. Come in to meet Bud and see if his little smug smile doesn't steal your heart.

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