

# Feline Forum

The Cat Welfare Association Newsletter

June/July 2023



## Run/Walk in This Year's Cat Caper



We're excited to return to the wonderful Westerville Sports Complex for our fun, family-friendly fundraiser. The Cat Caper 5K to benefit Cat Welfare will be held Sunday, October 1. Register at [runsignup.com/Race/OH/Columbus/CatCaper5K](https://runsignup.com/Race/OH/Columbus/CatCaper5K) before July 1 to be a walker, runner or catnapper and save \$5 with coupon code: CATS.

Ready to pitch in? If you or your company would like to sponsor or help plan this event, please contact Jenny at [jennifercatwelfare@gmail.com](mailto:jennifercatwelfare@gmail.com).



## Share Our Capital Campaign GoFundMe Page

Your generous support of our Come to Their Rescue Capital Campaign has been impactful. To date, pledges and donations have reached just over \$1.4 million!

To facilitate the donation process, we have created a GoFundMe page at [gofund.me/129ed767](https://gofund.me/129ed767). No donation is too small. Has your life been forever changed by a cat you adopted from CWA? Do you support our mission and want to help us create space to help more cats on a daily basis? Please consider sharing our link via your social media or in an email to your cat-loving friends and family.



# Hungry Kittens Need Your Help

This kitten arrived in a fragile condition. Thanks to the efforts of our staff and our kind fosters, she is thriving!



It's kitten season, and we need your help! Please consider donating Purina Kitten Chow and Purina Pro Plan Moist Kitten Food to support our smallest shelter residents and fosters. You can find everything we need on our Wish Lists: Amazon at [goo.gl/eLNYhd](http://goo.gl/eLNYhd) and Chewy at [bit.ly/35PLR1s](http://bit.ly/35PLR1s).



## See Us at Pride!

Look for us in this year's Pride Parade! Please cheer, snap a photo and share it on your social media. Would you like to join us? Please contact Jenny at [jennifercatwelfare@gmail.com](mailto:jennifercatwelfare@gmail.com).

## Have Some Time to Volunteer?



The Cat Welfare Association needs YOU to become a volunteer! We have many shifts available for cage and shelter cleaning in the mornings, and we need friendly faces to serve as greeters at our entrance. Do you have two to three hours a week to volunteer? The best part is that your coworkers are CATS! Email [jennifercatwelfare@gmail.com](mailto:jennifercatwelfare@gmail.com) for more information.

## 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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[catwelfareassoc.org](http://catwelfareassoc.org)

[facebook.com/catwelfareassoc](https://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

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## Wanted: Newspapers



We never thought we'd say it, but we are looking for your donation of newspapers—bonus points for NY Times or other large page papers. We cannot use glossy print. Please drop off your donations in the collection bin located at the south end of the shelter.

## Get Comfortable



When cats want to lounge, our dedicated staff members let them lounge.

## Diva Lucy Needs a Home



Lucy is a healthy young adult cat who wants to be your one and only! Lucy enjoys human interaction and play time. She is a chatty cat and is best suited for an experienced cat owner. Have you previously owned a diva? Or might we say, been owned by a diva? Given a chance, we believe Lucy is going to blossom into a cat that makes your heart sing.



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# CWA Happy Homes



**Beef** was extremely shy in the shelter, but one look at his eyes and I knew he had a huge heart and wasn't cut out for life outside. After only about a month of having him in my home, Beef had fully come out of his shell to show what a gentle, sweet, loving boy he is! He couldn't be happier to be off the streets and spending his life chasing toys, enjoying delicious food, staring out the window and getting all the love in the world. Thank you so much to The Cat Welfare Association for taking care of the little man until he found his way into my life.

*Dalton*



Ms. Lady Biscuits was posted on Cat Welfare's website, and my wife saw her and fell in love. She wanted to adopt her. I picked her up from the awesome folks at Cat Welfare. Her history was sad. Her previous owners could not take her with them, so they abandoned her outside. She was brought into Cat Welfare with matted fur and skin problems. Cat Welfare

cleaned her up, gave her proper medical care and got her into great condition.

Once she got home, I gave her the name **Cassiopeia** because of my love for astronomy and the night sky. She was pretty scared but slowly warmed up to us. She has now adopted me as her person. She is always sitting next to me in "her" chair. She is sweet and somewhat of a diva, but that is OK. We love her so much.

Thank you, Cat Welfare, for what you do for our community. We love Cassie!

*Amy & Jason*



**Kyo** came to us with a slight cat cold but has since recovered fully. He is a huge ball of energy and keeps us on our toes every day. He is such a smart and mischievous little guy. He loves his raw diet and all other types of meats and treats. He is also learning not to annoy our bigger cat, Tigh. We're so grateful to the staff at Cat Welfare, who made the process easy and who spend their time helping these souls in need. Kyo is the cat on the left.

*Deniece*



**Ian** has made a wonderful transition to his furrever home. Ian is nothing short of purrfection.

*Michael*



I went into Cat Welfare to start looking for a new best friend. I was initially attracted to **Linus** because my previous cat's name was Pigpen, like the character from Peanuts! He was a shy boy in the shelter, but I came back to visit him a few times. It was a match! When I brought him home, he continued to be a shy guy. It took a couple weeks for him to get over it and become

comfortable in his new forever home. But now he's the crazy man! His personality has really come out. He's so sweet and just wants to love. Couldn't be happier!

**Russ**



**Gracie** is an absolute sweetheart! She made herself at home immediately and wrapped us all around her paw. She likes to sleep next to me when I'm working and lets me know when she is in need of cuddles. Gracie also has a lot of energy and gets the zoomies fairly often. She is so much fun to watch, and we are blessed she chose us.

**Jeanie**



**Millie** has been such a blessing! She has the sweetest demeanor and LOVES to cuddle. She started off shy and sweet, but now she runs the house. She is the best thing to come home to as you hear her run down the stairs when the front door opens! She is such a welcome addition in my life. We are big time fans of The Cat Welfare Association!

**Maddie**



It took a day for **Maggie** to adjust to living with another cat, but they are now the best of friends. We hear them playing with each other all day. Maggie especially loves to grab our other cat's tail. We love her, are grateful she is in our lives and thank you, Cat Welfare, for bringing her into our lives.

**Rachel**



**Goggles & Vibe Check** are settling in just fine.

**Michael**

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.

## 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](http://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

Dick Austin, Jean Gabel "In memory of Jeanne Masoni," Bruce & Cindy Goetz "In memory of Jeanne Masoni," Cherry Hafey, Kristi Lekies "Duncan," Richard & Lynne McWherter "In memory of Martita Dougherty," Gina Sutphin "In Memory of Nick" and Judith Vertikoff "In Memory of Judi Lang"

## Altering Fund

to subsidize community low-cost spay/neuter surgeries

Chelsie Hart, William Hout, Wade Schneider, Rick Stone, Jennifer Howell "In memory of Boris," Jennifer Howell "In memory of Judi Lang," Allison McMillin, Donald & Kathy Muenz, Valerie Pike and Geraldine Winfield

## Vincent Fund

for emergency care for shelter cats

Emily Dubin, Elizabeth Mihailovich "Judy Isaac," Marjorie Obrist, Penny Popper and Linda Schellkopf

## Joey's Good Sam Fund

for medical care of owned cats

Randall W. Hertzler "In memory of Doug Buhner and Jasmine Boots" and Jennifer Howell "In memory of Jeanne Masoni"

## Willard's Village Babies Fund

for care of feral cat colonies

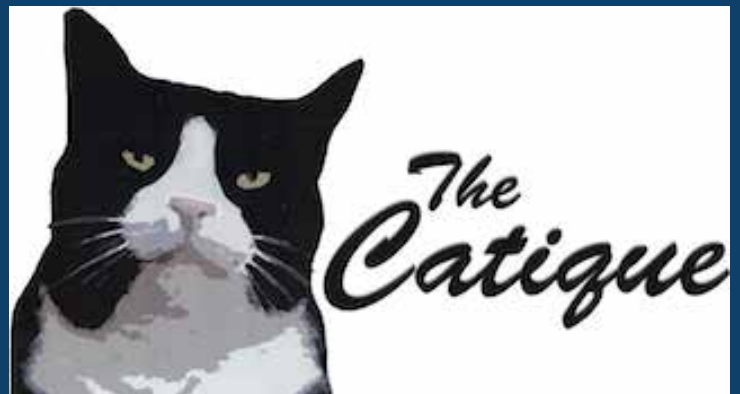
Deborah Hunter, Anne Riley "In memory of the Village Babies on the 14th anniversary of their passing. Willard, Goldie, Georgia, Blue and Amber - you are forever loved and missed by Anne & Wilma"

## Cat-A-Lack Chow Club

for food for the shelter residents

Julie Nessler

## 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:

June 15-17 - 50% off Storewide

June 22-24 - 50% off Linens

June 29-July 1 - 70% off Storewide

July 6-8 - 50% off Crafts

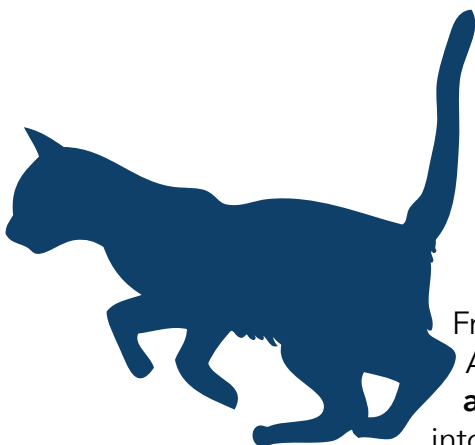
July 13-15 - 50% off Storewide

July 20-22 - 50% off Furniture

July 27-29 - 50% off CDs and DVDs

August 3-5 - 50% off China Sets

August 10-12 - 50% off Storewide



From January through April 2023, we **adopted 246 cats** into loving homes.



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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, stainless steel scrub pads.

Order directly from our Amazon Wish List at [goo.gl/eLNYhd](http://goo.gl/eLNYhd) or our Chewy Wish List at [bit.ly/35PLR1s](http://bit.ly/35PLR1s).



## Hello, Mike

*Look deep into my eyes, human, and take me home! Did it work? Were you hypnotized? Will you take me home?*

Mike is an amazing cat! He loves human interaction and is a real snuggler. Mike has feline leukemia (FeLV+). He must be your only cat or live only with other FeLV+ kitties. We place our FeLV+ cats as fosters. You provide a loving home, and we remain in charge of the cat's medical care, including covering all medical expenses. Read more from the Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine at [bit.ly/4269kWh](http://bit.ly/4269kWh).

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