

# Feline Forum

The Cat Welfare Association Newsletter

October/November 2023

## Make Your Mark with a Gift to Our Mega Match



**COME TO  
THEIR RESCUE**



**MEGA  
MATCH**



CAT WELFARE ASSOCIATION  
CARING FOR HOMELESS CATS SINCE 1945

Great news! A friend and benefactor of Cat Welfare has committed to match new Capital Campaign donations up to \$90,000 total. We are asking you to help continue our journey by donating to the Campaign during this Mega Match. In celebration of our 78th anniversary, beginning October 8, the first 78 donors who give \$150 or more will receive a Come to Their Rescue T-shirt.

Campaign donations can be made through PayPal at [catwelfareassoc.org/capitalcampaign](https://catwelfareassoc.org/capitalcampaign), GoFundMe [gofund.me/129ed767](https://gofund.me/129ed767) or by mailing a check to 741 Wetmore Road, Columbus, OH, 43214. Every dollar counts. Please help us Come to Their Rescue.

**Progress:**

Nearly \$1.6 Million  
Pledged & Donated

## The Reason They Give: Craig & Loraine Treneff



Hattie Mae (left) and Azzie (right)

Craig and Loraine Treneff made their first contribution to our Capital Campaign in 2019. They have continued to generously support our dream annually. Craig adopted his first Cat Welfare Association cat in 1977, but he truly came to recognize our mission after he and his wife, Loraine, adopted 11-year shelter resident Hattie Mae and a second cat named Azzie in 2015. During that time, the Treneffs got to know the shelter's staff and saw their love of and knowledge about each cat. They came to appreciate how much the people who work at CWA truly hold the shelter's mission in high regard. Craig and Loraine are excited about a bigger, brighter CWA future.

# 2024 Calendar Winners Announced

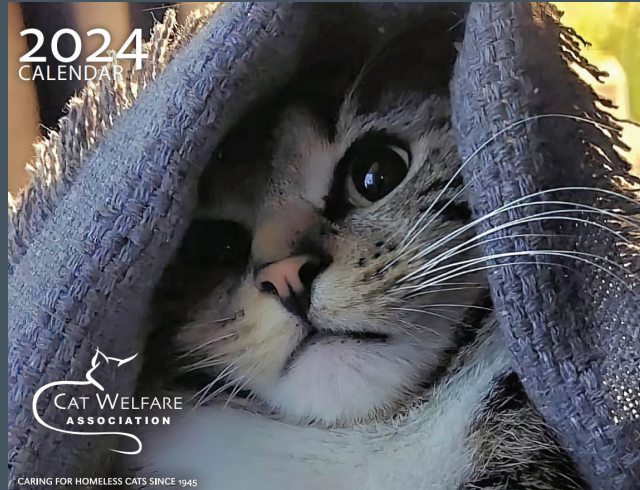
by Robert "Hutch" Hutchison, Calendar Contest Chair

These photos are more than "just another pretty picture" because they were taken by ordinary people who show they care about the cats in their lives by making a positive difference in their community.

The entries and voting involved about 45 people who wanted their favorite kitty's photo to be one of the 13 large photos in next year's calendar. The voting proceeds and calendar sales benefit all of the programs at Cat Welfare! This year, as in the past, there were many wonderful photos and great rescue stories for the judges to consider.

In addition to the 13 large photos, nearly all of the photos are still winners because they will be featured on the monthly calendar pages. This fun contest and fundraiser helps support Cat Welfare, while creating awareness about events for cat lovers scheduled throughout the coming year!

Printed 2024 calendars will be on sale this fall at the shelter, at The Catique and on the CWA website, [catwelfareassoc.org](http://catwelfareassoc.org).



## The 13 large photos for the 2024 Calendar are:

- Baby - *Surprise!* by Misti F.
- Logan - *Contemplation* by Lisa
- Zuko & Rizzo - *Inseparable* by Andy
- Marshmallow - *Lazy Sunday* by Maddox C., photo by Somer H.
- Oliver - *Oliver Twist* by Paula
- Gypsy Marie - *I Can Climb High!* by Bonnie S.
- Floof - *Touch My Belly, I Dare You!* by Amanda
- Jax - *Sir Jaxon* by Rebecca
- Doris - *Doris as Puss in Boots* by Gary
- Winny & Olly - *What Was That?!* by Anne & Wilma, photo by Anne R.
- Danny B. - *Not Another Brother...* by Angel & Mark B.
- Pepperoni - *Pepperoni!* by AJ P.
- Willow - *Gotcha!* by Amy F.

## Also, the best rescue stories on the inside cover will be about:

- Fidget - *Fidget* by Kris K.
- Mr. B - *Blind is Better!* by Jodi F.

## 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://www.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

Sue Godsey • Brenda Martin •  
Amanda Powell

# The Cat Welfare Board Needs Your Expertise

Do you have extensive knowledge of the shelter or skills in organizational management, finance, fundraising, marketing, computer technology, cat care, construction or other areas that might be beneficial to Cat Welfare? If you have any of these attributes and want to make a difference, please submit an application to serve on Cat Welfare's Board of Directors. Board members are responsible for ensuring the organization stays true to its mission and is effective in pursuing strategic goals. These ambassadors participate in scheduled meetings, work on committees and engage in fundraising.

The election to fill vacant positions on the Board of Directors will be held on January 19, 2024. Prospective Board members must be at least 18 years old and Supporting Members or Life Members of Cat Welfare on or before January 2023, with evidence of active involvement in the organization.

Please download an application at [catwelfareassoc.org](http://catwelfareassoc.org) or contact the shelter to have an application mailed to you. A completed application should be emailed to [boardresumes@catwelfareassoc.org](mailto:boardresumes@catwelfareassoc.org) or mailed to Cat Welfare, Attn: Helen DeSantis, 741 Wetmore Road, Columbus, OH 43214. Applications must be submitted via email or postmarked no later than November 4, 2023.



## Mad Cat Beard Care, Cat Welfare Tag Teaming to Support Stray Cats

If you or someone you love has a beard, this fundraiser is for you! Mad Cat Beard will donate a portion of their sales from September through November to Cat Welfare. Find out more about their products at [MadCatBeardCare.com](http://MadCatBeardCare.com).

## Cat Welfare 2024 Calendar

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Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City State ZIP

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Phone

Number of calendars \_\_\_\_\_ at \$17.95 each

\_\_\_\_\_ Total cost

Cost includes tax and shipping

Make checks payable to The Cat Welfare Association



Visa  Mastercard

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# CWA Happy Homes



**Nox** has been in our family for eight months. She is loved by all of us and very protective of our small children. She even guards outside their bedroom while they nap. Her favorite activities are playing and looking out the window.

She has a special place we like to call the Nox Box where she waits while I'm cooking. We appreciate Cat Welfare so much for their wonderful care of Nox and for bringing her into our family.

*Anne*



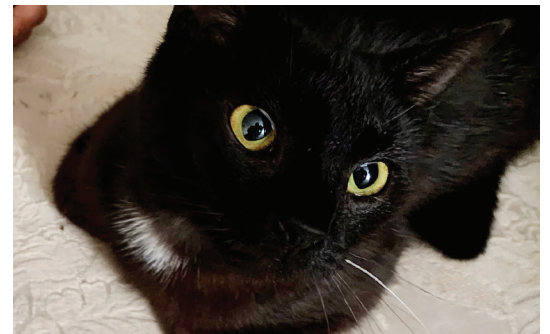
At first he wasn't sure if he would love it here or not, but after a few weeks working with him, **Teddy** has learned to love his brother Diesel (my 5-year-old English Setter) and enjoys all the cuddle time he can get from me or my fiancé. Getting Teddy was one of the best decisions I have made.

*Ashely*



**Wallace** is so wonderful! He is a very happy kitty. He loves to play and snuggle. He is very friendly and curious. He makes hilarious noises. He purrs all the time. We all love him so much.

*Amanda*



Well, **Lillith** is doing great. She plays with our dog, Vladimir, and loves to sleep on my chest. She really loves belly rubs. Her purring is strong.

*Misty*

We love **Noodle**! Noodle was quick to explore her new home and showed her approval right away with her purring. She loves playing fetch with little soft pom-pom balls, zooming around the house chasing after them. Her favorite napping position is nestled between Mom's blanket-covered legs, stretched out as far as she can get. She certainly is growing quickly! Adopting Noodle has brought so much joy and light into our home, and we are so happy we found each other!

*Hannah*



**Chester** has blended into our family seamlessly. He is affectionate, playful and vocal. It's as if he's always been with us. We are grateful for him and Cat Welfare!

*Christy*



I was looking for another cat as I lost my sweet Josie Louise a year earlier, and I needed the hole in my heart filled. I found that in this sweet **Sadie Bug**. When I held her at The Cat Welfare Association, she curled up in a ball, hid her head and trembled. This little girl stole my heart, and I knew I had to have her.

I took her home and I have another cat, who is a large 4-year-old male. I was a bit concerned about how they would bond. The first night I put Sadie in a room by herself and would go in every couple of hours. I had to try to find her because she was hiding, but when I did I would hold her, and each time it got easier. After a day and a half she was out of that room and had full run of the house like she had lived here forever!

It took a couple of extra days for her and my other cat, Jasper, to bond but they did and now they are buddies. Jasper loves to play, and Sadie will let him know when she has had enough. She loves to cuddle and sleeps by my feet all night and gives me kisses when I wake up. She loves to wrap up in a blanket and cuddle as well. What a sweet girl, and she has helped my heart heal and given Jasper a new pal.

*Taci*

**Finnegan** (handsome orange dude, adopted from CWA in April 2023) is now a cuddle buddy of **Trim** (handsome gray dude, adopted from CWA in March 2014). Occasional outbreaks of Cat WrestleMania occur (usually in the pre-dawn hours), followed by a return to mutual snoozing. They are both excellent lap cats, with Finnegan in particular having an industrial-strength purr.



*Barbara*



**Soup** arrived in my life at just the right time! After my prior cat ran away, I was experiencing such an intense heartbreak. I hoped to find another cat that had just as much personality and cuddles. I also wanted to provide a home to a cat that might not be as adoptable as others. Soup had an eye condition that messed with his sinuses, a heart murmur and FIV. Cat Welfare allowed me to foster him until after his eye surgery, and then I officially adopted him. Their support during this was a major reason why I was able to adopt him. I felt so lucky that Soup trusted me to care for him through his recovery. Even though he was stinky and his incisions were a little scary, I was so happy that I somehow found him in my life! He is fully recovered now! He loves lying on paper bags, cuddling and yelling really early in the morning. I'm beyond happy that he is part of our family.

*Katie*

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

# Order CWA Shirts for Holiday Gifts



Show your CWA pride with a new Cat Welfare Association T-shirt, sweatshirt or hoodie! T-shirts will be available in Oxford Gray and Cardinal for \$16, sweatshirts in Black for \$24 and zipper hoodies in Forest Green for \$28. All will be available in sizes small through XXL and have the CWA logo printed in white in small scale on the front left breast and larger on the back, along with the words "Caring for Homeless Cats Since 1945."

Orders are due by October 28 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](http://bit.ly/cwacols). Orders will be available for pickup at the shelter for no additional cost November 10-12. Shipping can be requested for an additional \$7 through the web link above.

## CWA Shirt Order Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Shirt Selection:

Oxford Gray T-Shirt (\$16) - Size (S-XXL) \_\_\_\_\_

Cardinal T-Shirt (\$16) - Size (S-XXL) \_\_\_\_\_

Black Sweatshirt (\$24) - Size (S-XXL) \_\_\_\_\_

Forest Green Zipper Hoodie (\$28) - Size (S-XXL) \_\_\_\_\_

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

Total \_\_\_\_\_

**Orders due by October 28**

# We Love Our Donors

## Ishie Memorial Fund

for long-term care of shelter residents

Richard Austin, Janice & Dan Bailey, Amy Blank "Dr. Jeremy Kiene, In Memory of Marlowe," Diane Brant "In memory of Inky," Annette Cox "In memory of Jo Carpenter," Dan Hering "In memory of Midget & Ms. Kimbell," Mary & Jim Hope "In memory of Duncan," David & Kim Welty "In memory of Becca Bouldin" and Joan White

## Altering Fund

to subsidize community low-cost spay/neuter surgeries

William Hout "In memory of Sherbert and Dundee," Moussa Doukoure and Calerie Pike

## Joey's Good Sam Fund

for medical care of owned cats

Christine Creagh "Donation made by Felix, from his cupcake sale," Geneva Henderson, Randall W. Hertzler "In memory of Doug Buhrer & Jasmine Boots," Darin & Teresa Plummer and Joan White

## Willard's Village Babies Fund

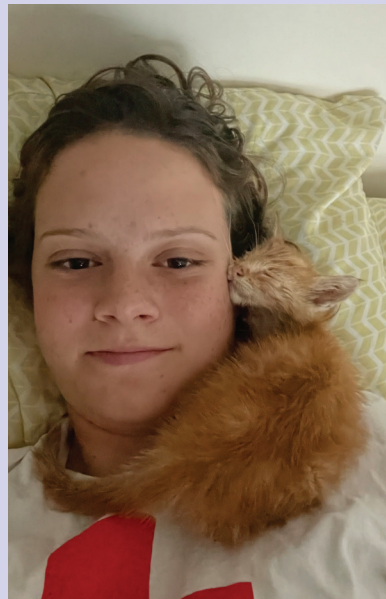
for care of feral cat colonies

Richard Austin

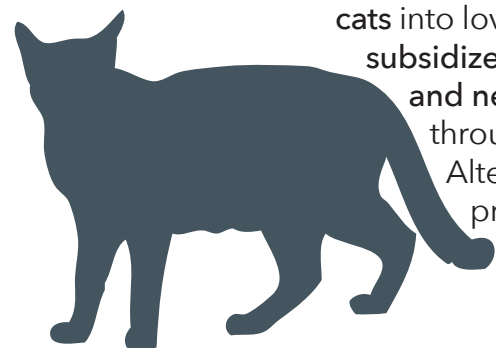
## Vincent Fund

for emergency care for shelter cats

Janice & Dan Bailey, E. Annette McClure, Marjorie Obrist and Linda Schellkopf "In honor of Brenda Martin"



From January through July 2023, we adopted 408 cats into loving homes and subsidized 1,090 spay and neuter surgeries through our various Altering Fund programs.



## Thank You for Your Help!

A very special thank you to all of the kiddos and teens who help to raise foster kittens. Your time and kindness truly make a difference. Katherine (above left) and her family joined our foster team over the summer, while Felix (above right) and his family have fostered just over 75 cats and kittens for our shelter!



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## Shelter Wish List:

Purina Cat Chow, Purina Kitten Chow, paper towels, brown paper grocery bags, laundry detergent, moist cat food, Temptation cat treats. Find more on CWA's Amazon Wish List: [goo.gl/eLNYhd](https://goo.gl/eLNYhd).



## Hello, Mayhem

Are you an experienced cat owner with a quiet lifestyle? Why not spice things up and bring a li'l Mayhem into your life? Mayhem will do best in a home where her forever family can read cat cues and give her time to acclimate. She has no problems around other cats, and we've enjoyed watching her relax and find her peace of mind as a floor cat.

Mayhem enjoys entertaining herself with toys, enrichment puzzles, and the occasional insect that enters the shelter. Mayhem is more entertaining than a litter of kittens and more photogenic than any show cat you will ever see! Come on in, and see if a li'l Mayhem isn't just what you need.

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