

Feline Forum

The Cat Welfare Association Newsletter

June/July 2022



Cat Caper 5K Set for Oct. 2

We did it again! We outgrew the venue for The Cat Welfare Association's largest annual fundraiser: the Cat Caper 5K! The Caper will now be held at 10 a.m. Sunday, October 2 at the Westerville Community Center, 350 N. Cleveland Ave. You will love this easy-to-find venue with a great course. This event is more than just a fun 5K run/walk. It's a celebration with a raffle of amazing prizes, local vendors, Cat Welfare's mascot and festive music!

Registration is now open at runsignup.com/Race/OH/Columbus/CatCaper5K. When you and four of your cat-loving friends sign up together, you receive a special discount. And don't forget you can register to be a "catnapper." Like our favorite felines, catnappers sleep in and stretch, or just show up for the post-race raffle. You get the nifty race T-shirt, but you don't break a sweat running or walking!

There are also many ways to help! Your business can sponsor the Caper at a variety of sponsorship levels. You can see your logo on our custom race T-shirts, receive complimentary entries into the race, and more. We also need volunteers to help on race day or with the preparation that goes into this great event.

For more information about any of these options, email volunteering@catwelfareassoc.org.

Later this summer we will also be requesting donations of raffle items and gift baskets, so get creative and help us have a fantastic post-race raffle. Thank you for supporting the Cat Caper 5K!

Thank You, Litter League Donors

Thank you so much to everyone who has joined Emmy's Litter League:

Anne Riley, Diane Card, Linda Hines, Ben Kitchen & Rebecca Stringer, Teresa & Steve Stahl, RoseAnn Ballangee, Phoebe Spinrad, Marjorie Obrist, Ann & Carl Connor, Patricia Liebchen, E. Gail Kalbus, Manley & Karen Hopkins, John & Vicky Lee Schmarr, Roberta Mitchell, Charles Rearick, Robert H. Niepert, Donna Jean Roush, Beth Klukoske, Marjorie Brown, Michael & Mary Ann Vehonsky, Lisa Buchanan, Brian Vogt, Carol Ann Bradley, James Blake, Anna Teichmoeller, Nancy & Paul Bohn, Jeanette Gladden, Rosemarie Leypoldt, Suzanne Larger, Elizabeth & John Allemong, Helen DeSantis, Stephen & Jane Moore, Linda Schellkopf and Bertha Ihnat.

Emmy would also like to thank those who have donated scoopable litter. While we cannot use it here at the shelter, it is greatly appreciated by folks who stop in for supplies when money is tight.

To find out more about the League, visit catwelfareassoc.org/donate.





Save the Date: Open House August 21

Destiny (left) invites you to the Cat Welfare Association Open House from noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, August 21. Enjoy music, food, cats & fun!

Calling Local Artists and Crafters

We are seeking artisans who are interested in selling their offerings during our August 21 Open House. There is no fee to participate, but a donation to the cats in our care would be appreciated.

Participants must register at CWAopenhouse@gmail.com as space is limited. All accepted participants are required to provide their own table(s), chair(s) and canopies.

Wanted: Central Ohio Catnip Seekers

An adventurous crew of catnip experts meets once a week to scour Central Ohio for the best in wild catnip. This harvested catnip is what makes our catnip toys so irresistible to cats. If you have Thursday mornings free and want to find out more about this elite catnip society, email volunteering@catwelfareassoc.org for more info.

Volunteer to Help Us Recycle

We need YOU to help us recycle! Every day we receive shipments of food, litter and supplies in cardboard boxes. Can you take these boxes to the nearest recycling collection point? Less than half a mile south of us on Indianola Avenue are four big recycling dumpsters. If you can transport a load of recycling, please email volunteering@catwelfareassoc.org or see Jenny for details.

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 3:30 p.m. Thursday
through Tuesday

11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday

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.



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Open Your Home and Heart to an FIV+ Cat

Kitties with FIV are often misunderstood, and some people falsely believe they can catch FIV from these sweet felines. People and other animals cannot get FIV. FIV can be passed to another cat through a deep bite wound, so FIV+ and FIV- cats that get along can easily live together. FIV cats have weakened immune systems, so they are more at risk of having side effects from common diseases, wounds or infections. This makes routine medical care essential for these cats. We hope that one day there will be no more stigma around this very manageable disease.

There are actually two FIV cats' rooms in the shelter: one in the front placement area and one in the back. The back FIV cats' room even has an attached outdoor enclosure so those kitties can go outside safely when they want to get some fresh air. Come in and visit these special cats. One of them might just steal your heart.

Peanut is a timid young cat who raised four healthy, loving kittens and is now seeking an opportunity to blossom into someone's spoiled forever kitty. Peanut needs to feel safe to explore indoor life in a cozy home with a food bowl that is full, toys to play with and patient humans who will give her time to gain confidence.

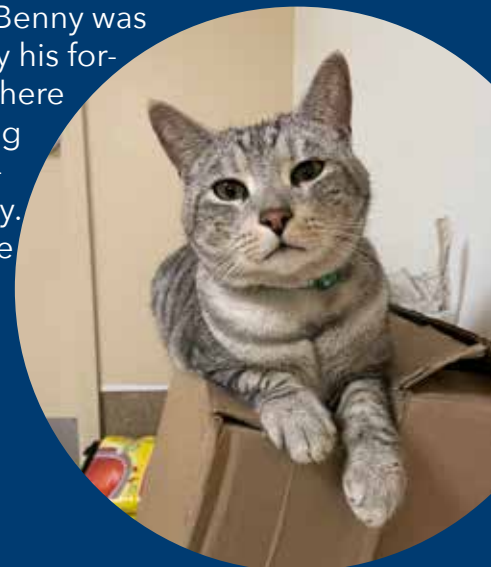
Are you willing to gift Peanut this chance? We believe your reward will be a treasure of a kitty.



Earl Grey is a sweet 3-year-old cat who came to the shelter as a stray from Croton, Ohio, having sustained a few injuries from his life on the streets. He has recovered now and, as you can see from his picture, he is thrilled to be in a place that provides him with a peaceful space and plentiful food on a regular basis. Earl Grey is grateful for everything that has been done for him and shows it by rolling over for scratches and purring when he receives attention. Earl Grey loves visitors; come in and see if he could be your new BFF!



Benny is an amazing 3-year-old cat! The ideal home for him would allow him to be your one and only feline. He is intelligent and needs a home with daily playtime, enrichment toys and perches for views of the outside world. Benny was leash-trained by his former adopter. There is just something magical and regal about Benny. Won't you come and meet him?



CWA Happy Homes



When my roommate moved out with his cat, my cat Minerva was upset, bored and very destructive. I knew that she needed a friend to keep her occupied during my long work days. I spent two months visiting Cat Welfare, knowing that I would feel it in my gut when the right cat presented itself. I

visited on **Yami's** first day on the adoption floor, and he was asleep in his cage. I played with lots of other cats waiting for him to wake up, and when he finally did, I had that feeling and knew he was the right cat! He and Minerva have become closer friends than she ever was with my roommate's cat, and I don't think I could have picked a better companion for her. My partner and I always joke that Yami is Minerva's cat more than mine, and it's so true! Minerva and I couldn't ask for a better, more playful companion to enrich our lives.

Sydney



I was looking for an older cat that was having a hard time getting adopted. I saw **Andy** online and had to see him in person. He immediately jumped on my lap and started purring. I told them that he was the one! When we got home, he was immediately so happy and showered me with head bumps and purrs. It turned out his gums were

inflamed and had a bad case of stomatitis. After having 14 teeth removed, he felt MUCH better. He has been the BEST cat I've ever had. He doesn't scratch furniture, he gives so much love and enjoys lap time, he has started playing with the toys I bought him and just follows me around everywhere. I'm so happy I took a chance on the cat that nobody wanted because he is so grateful. I can see it in his eyes every day now that he has his own home and his own human. Thank you all for helping me and allowing me the opportunity to have such a wonderful spirit in my home. You are all doing God's work. Blessings & light!

Steven



I'm **Baron**. I used to be a very anxious and territorial kitty. When I was at Cat Welfare, I wore a caution collar and was always hiding. I would swat people and the other cats. My new family is loving, patient and has given me space to feel safe and comfortable. I have mellowed out a lot! I LOVE cuddles, belly rubs, and playing with catnip toys. I am always purring! I have even adapted to living with a little orange fuzzy brother named Elbow. I love my people very much and am so happy to be a part of this forever home.

Darius, Lucas, Felix, Brynn & Morgan



I adopted this FIV+ boy, **Shiki**, in 2019, and he is the most affectionate cat I have ever met. He always wants to cuddle with me and be right by my side. I'm so happy I brought him home to love.

Madysen



I lost my kitty and “pandemic partner” Henry to a brain tumor last September. He was adopted as a kitten from CWA 10 years ago. When November hit, I knew I couldn’t go into the winter without a kitty. **Frankie** was in a cage, and his bright eyes just pulled me in. I have never seen a kitty adapt

so quickly, although I do have to be careful when opening a door, as he was on his own outdoors I believe. He has the sweetest disposition, loves to play and be held, and he is a MALE tortie! The vet office was all abuzz! Thank you again CWA for saving the world one kitty at a time!

Deb



We adopted **Bella** in June of 2019.

She has been the best cat I have ever had. She loves attacking my feet and plays all day with her favorite toy ball, carrying it around in her mouth and meowing at me to throw it for her.

She’s cuddly and actually likes to sit on my shoulder. She is most definitely the queen of the castle.

Kristin



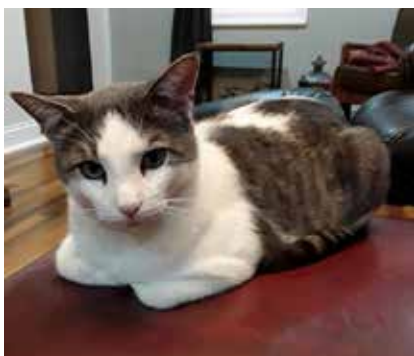
Monte came home November 21 after spending a year at Cat Welfare! It was love at first sight, and I’m happy to report that he seems to feel the same way. He’s playful and sweet and makes the cutest trilling noises when he wants scratches. He loves his wand toy and laser and lounging on his window perch.

Wendy



I got **Moody** in 2019. She was scrawny and scared with a scarred eye. She is THE most affectionate cat, and I’m so happy she lives with me! Nowadays, she gets into every nook and cranny she can find and is currently annihilating a crinkly toy and yelling. 10/10, most excellent cat in the world. I always can’t wait to get home and see her.

Alli



We adopted 2.5-year-old **Jack-Jack** in December, and on the ride home it was already clear he was content and ready to be with us. He quickly became our playful buddy who loves affection, sleeping with us and being a part of whatever is happening.

Karen & Chris

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

Cat Welfare: 2023 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 2023 Calendar, which will be on sale next fall before November 1st.

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 on-line at: <http://www.catwelfareassoc.org/> beginning in March. 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, 2022. Voting for the contest ends at midnight EST on July 31, 2022. 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.

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Ishie Memorial Fund

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to subsidize community low-cost spay/neuter surgeries

Annie Lach, Megan McClung, William Hout "In
memory of Doug Buhner," Craig Lewis and Patri-
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for emergency care for shelter cats

Linda Schellkopf "In memory of Annette Cox's
cat, Petunia," Stephen Moore "In memory of
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for medical care of owned cats

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Willard's Village Babies Fund

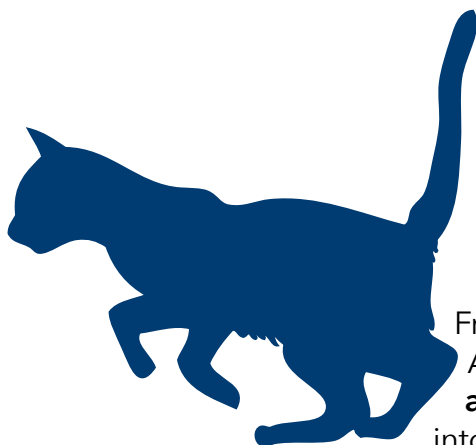
for care of feral cat colonies

Juanita & Rita Woods "In memory and love of
Willard," Annie Lach, Lisa Leaper, and Susan &
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Tank)"

Cat-A-Lack Chow Club

for food for the shelter residents

Allison Haedt, Leslie Bothast, Claire Smith,
Stephen Moore "In memory of Bamm-Bamm,"
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ry of Sally Welch"



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April 2022, we
adopted 268 cats
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Order directly from our Amazon Wish List at goo.gl/eLNYhd or our Chewy Wish List at bit.ly/35PLR1s.



Hello, Lucas

Hey there friends! My name is Lucas, and I would love to be your best buddy! I'm young, a quiet observer and, overall, quite curious. I'm good with other gentle cats. If I join your home and I have feline siblings, I would be grateful for the opportunity to make it work, but please do give me a separate space to call my own. I will need time to acclimate. I am playful, I snuggle well with humans and I have an endearing chirp. I think I'm worth the effort, don't you?

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