

Feline Forum

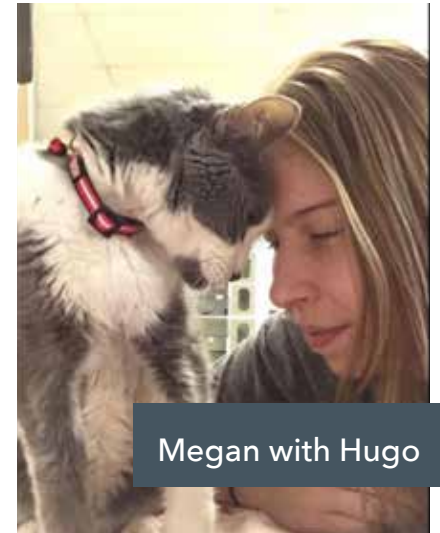
The Cat Welfare Association Newsletter

October/November 2022

Do You Have Room in Your Heart for a Senior Cat?

Cat Welfare staff member Megan is known for her love of senior cats. She adopted her first senior cat, Russell, in 2014. Not long after came Hugo, who brightened her life for 10 months. She currently has four senior kitties and encourages other people to consider adopting a senior cat of their own. Why? Senior cats are often overlooked in shelters, but they know common cat courtesy and don't need to be trained. They often have a laid-back nature that comes only with age, so you can learn a lot from them. Lastly, they express their gratitude with constant love and affection that makes every day better.

Stop by Cat Welfare to meet some of our sweet older residents, including the two below. Cats ages 11 and older are considered "senior" and can be adopted for just \$25. This fee includes vaccinations, deworming, testing for feline leukemia and FIV, spaying or neutering and microchipping.



Megan with Hugo



Mesut

Mesut is about 13 years old. He was in a loving home since 2014 and was recently returned to the shelter due to the arrival of a baby. The couple did everything they could to help Mesut adjust to their new family member, but they made the decision to give him an opportunity for a new family when he began to self mutilate by pulling out fur. Mesut has been a-okay here at the shelter and is not

pulling out his fur.

Ideally, he would be your one and only cat, but he does just fine with other gentle cats. He does feel strongly about not allowing another dominant cat to share his space.

If you are looking for a purrfect senior cat, please come in and meet Mesut! Scoop him up and give him a hug. We bet he'll steal your heart.



Lady Gray

Lady Gray is a sweet senior cat who has suffered the loss of not one but two owners. At 11 years old, this gentle-natured cat is seeking a quiet home where she can be someone's attentive companion. Lady Gray is defensive around other cats, and we want to place her in a home where she can be the only pet. Could you provide her with the home she is seeking?

2023 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 70 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 2023 calendars will be on sale this fall at the shelter, at The Catique and on the CWA website, 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.



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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

President: Katie Thomas
Vice President: Brenda Martin
Secretary: Amy Borrer
Sue Godsey • Jay Mathew • Lisa Strickland

Treasurer: Judi Lang

The 13 large photos for the 2023 Calendar are:

- Minnie and Mouse - *Heartful of Kittens*
- Sushi - *Sushi*
- Nigel - *Strike a Pose!*
- Weston & Bailey - *Hoomans, We are Not Mad, Just Disappointed*
- Minshew - *Minshew IV*
- Theodore - *Working from Home*
- Mischa - *Mommm!*
- Trooper - *My Boy Trooper*
- Samirah - *I AM the Kitten!*
- Ellie Marie - *Squatter's Rights*
- Bucky - *Bucky's Empire*
- Sheena - *I Love You*
- Ash and Bear - *Brotherly Love*

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

- Parsons - *A Ton of Spirit*
- Goblin - *King Kitty*
- Maggie - *Sweet Maggie*

Did You Order a Sweatshirt?



We ran a hoodie sale earlier this year, and the response was fantastic. All hoodies were paid for in advance, but we still have over a dozen that have yet to be claimed. If you believe you have an unclaimed hoodie, please send us an email at cwashelter@yahoo.com to discuss options.

Upcoming Catique Sales



*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:

October 13-15 - 50% off linens

October 20-22 - 50% off jewelry

October 27-29 - 70% storewide

November 3-5 - 50% off women's accessories

November 10-12 - 50% off storewide, 70% off for veterans

November 17-19 - 50% off clear glass

November 25-26 - 70% off storewide

December 1-3 - 50% off Fall decor

December 8-10 - 50% off Christmas decor

Cat Welfare 2023 Calendar

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

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

Card # _____

Exp. Date _____ 3-Digit Code _____

Name on Card _____

Signature _____

CWA Happy Homes



Aaron & Ali love to play, and they carry their toys all over the house. I got them a tunnel they love. They especially like playing with the "catch the lure" toy. They are definitely high energy when they get going. Aaron sometimes

tries to bully his little sister, but she is a scrappy girl and doesn't put up with it. They have brought life and joy back into our house that was so empty after our boy Spencer passed in June.

Mark & Jay



When I moved out on my own in April, I was excited but quickly found that it's kind of lonely. I wanted a pet to keep me company while I was home, but that would be fine while I was at work. I visited the shelter three times before making my final decision. **Bella** made a cat-shaped imprint on my heart.

She is always willing to snuggle, and from time to time she has the zoomies and is ready to play. When I have friends over she is always friendly with everyone. She is a wonderful little lady that I can't help but spoil with treats and toys.

Owen

Ellie has brought so much joy to our home. She spends countless hours per day outside on the Catio (screened-in porch) with her sister cat (also a Cat Welfare kitty). They were buddies within 24 hours of her arrival! It is by far the easiest cat introduction we have been a part of. She is sweet and a huge snuggler. Thank you for taking care of her until she could come live with us. She is the best!



Allison



We adopted **Ms. Daisy May** in June 2022, and she has truly blossomed since she's been with us. She is incredibly playful, loves her cuddles, and we have really been able to see her personality shine. She is quite the princess but deserves every second of love (and snacks). Her favorite spot is on top of her cat tower, where she can watch the birds all day! Thank you, Cat Welfare, for everything!

Emily



When I first met **Benny**, he was not available for adoption, but they allowed me to hold him and get to know him. It was an immediate connection. He was cuddling and purring up a storm. I went back several more times, and each time he was more and more happy to see me. Finally he got cleared for adoption, and I was able to bring him home. Now he's living it up with all the toys, treats and daily cuddles he could ask for.

Emily



We were so lucky with our first visit to The Cat Welfare Association. There are tremendous people working there and answering questions, helping facilitate visits and assisting in making sure people are the perfect fit for their new furry companions.

We had met a few lovely felines, but it was

Gabby who stole my heart. She made a super quick transition and became queen of the castle. That being said, a few months in we felt she was missing some companionship and stimulation during the day. We returned because of the great experience we had the first time and met the lovable goofball **Frankenstein**. We were well prepared to do a slow introduction for our two little fuzzballs. We had a wing of the house for Frankenstein and one for Gabby.

After a mild bit of hissing and side-eyed looks, both of our kids adjusted to each other and bonded. Franky's hyper kitty energy can be a bit much for his older sister at times, but when they're grooming or lying next to each other, we can tell we made the right decision. We love our family! Thank you for helping to make this a reality!

Chris & Tina

We were heartbroken when we lost our cat to kidney disease. We knew we wanted to adopt a bonded pair again at some point. We came to Cat Welfare to donate the leftover case of kidney care food. We fell in love with **Sabrina & Alfie** and brought them home that day. They are cuddle babies and such a joy. They are growing fast. This is our first experience with kittens.



Kris



I adopted mother, **Sage**, and her 7-month-old son, **Scooter**, several months ago. They walked out of their cages, and it was like they had lived here all their lives. They immediately went to the cat tree. Sage is very calm and a good mom. Scooter lives up to his name and runs around the house, like kittens do. They are bonded, and it's great to see them interacting together. Scooter even thinks my 5-year-old granddaughter is fun to play with and allows her to pick him up carefully. They interact with me and follow me around the house. They are the best cats I could have imagined (even though they knock everything off the tables).

Deborah

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

Enter to Win Vintage Grandfather Clock



This lovely vintage Ethan Allen grandfather clock is up for grabs, and your raffle ticket purchase supports the cats and kittens in our care. The clock has a solid cherry case, an open pediment with three turned finials and rosettes, four turned columns on the hood, a traditional narrow waist design, shell overlay on the pendulum door,

a brass moving moon dial with raised numerals and eight-day chain-operated Westminster chime movement with silence option. Many thanks to Grandfather Clock Company uptownwesterville.us/grandfatherclockcompany for the donation.

Tickets are \$10 each or \$25 for three and can be purchased by mail and online at catwelfareassoc.org/raffle. The drawing will be held at noon on December 15. The winner must arrange transport of the clock.

Clock Raffle Ticket Order Form

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

ZIP _____

Phone _____

Number of Tickets _____

Total Cost _____

(\$10 per ticket, \$25 for three)

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

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 20, 2023. Prospective Board members must be at least 18 years old and Supporting Members or Life Members of Cat Welfare on or before January 2022, with evidence of active involvement in the organization.

Please download an application at catwelfareassoc.org or contact the shelter to have an application mailed to you. A completed application should be emailed to 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 5, 2022.

We Love Our Donors

Ishie Memorial Fund

for long-term care of shelter residents

Judy Hicks "In memory of Luci D.," Clintonville Animal Hospital "In memory of Linda Pendleton," Nora Huber "In honor of April Volpe," Anita Knoechel "In memory of Hans Knoechel and Wilbert," Richard & Lynne McWherter "Dedicated to Sugar McWherter," Beth Puleo & Julie Goebel, Corinth Consulting Group "In honor of Jane Tarrier Sedgwick, on behalf Corinth Consulting Group and her son Randall L. Tarrier. Her love of animals, especially cats, played a huge role in her life. May Jane rest in peace," Anna Teichmoeller "For all the cats that have shared their lives with me," Knapp Veterinary Hospital "In Honor of Mary Hope," Richard Austin and Carol Daniels

Altering Fund

to subsidize community low-cost spay/neuter surgeries

Anna Teichmoeller, Amy Banta, Jennifer Howell "In memory of Rusty, Snots, Buddy, Snacks & Alfalfa," Karen Kaiser "In honor of Mary Hope," Annie Lach, Valerie Pike, Penny Popper and Hayden Shea

Joey's Good Sam Fund

for medical care of owned cats

Cynthia Earhart, Randall W. Hertzner "In memory of Doug Buhner and Jasmine Boots," Mike & Debra Hoelzle, Preston Howard, Jennifer Howell "In loving memory of Rusty," Deborah Hunter, Janet Lewis, SusanMcKinley and Anna Teichmoeller

Willard's Village Babies Fund

for care of feral cat colonies

Deborah Hunter, Annie Lach, Lisa Leaper and Juanita Woods

Vincent Fund

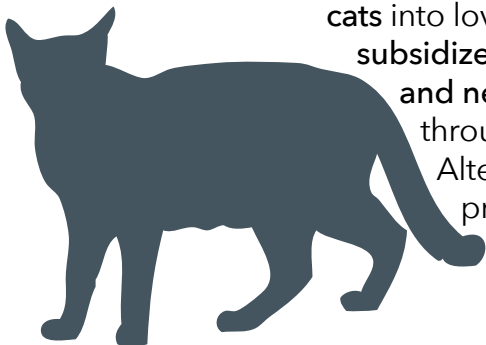
for emergency care for shelter cats

Lynne Bonenberger, Mary & John Carleton, Leon & Patricia Cohan Jr., Natalie P. Herrmann "In memory of Scor Bellknap," Marjorie Obrist, Linda Schellkopf "In memory of Snacks" and Anna Teichmoeller

Cat-A-Lack Chow Club

for food for the shelter residents

Claire Smith



From January through July 2022, we **adopted 503 cats** into loving homes and **subsidized 2,027 spay and neuter surgeries** through our various Altering Fund programs.

Make Our Wishes Come True

We update our Wish Lists on a monthly basis. You can find CWA's Amazon Wish List at goo.gl/eLNYhd and Chewy Wish List at bit.ly/35PLR1s.

You can also benefit the shelter cats through the AmazonSmile program, which allows you to shop as usual while Amazon gives 0.5% of your purchase to Cat Welfare! To qualify your purchase, go to smile.amazon.com and search for The Cat Welfare Association. Click the "Select" button to select it from the list, then shop as usual. It's that easy! Your personal Wish Lists, baby and wedding registries, and other accounts stay the same. Thank you! Every little bit helps!



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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.



Hello, Wrigley

Wrigley is a gentle young cat—a gentle giant! He is apprehensive, and that's okay. If you take some time with him, you can feel him begin to relax and become more receptive to your touch. He LOVES playing with a catnip toy and is always at the front of his condo observing activities. We don't know what his life was like before he arrived in August, but we sure know this boy deserves to find his loving forever home.

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!