

Feline Forum

The Cat Welfare Association Newsletter

August/September 2022

Sign Up Now for 2022 Cat Caper 5K



The 2022 Cat Caper 5K is the event of the year! This year's Caper will be at 10 a.m. October 2 at the Westerville Community Center, 350 N. Cleveland Ave. You can enjoy a three-mile scenic run or walk, win amazing prizes at the post-race raffle and wear your snazzy Cat Caper 5K race T-shirt. Best of all, this year the Caper is generously presented by our friends at TAHO, The Animal Health Organization.

Participants can choose running, walking or "catnapping." Catnappers sleep in and yawn with a cat-like stretch, or they come to the event for the fun and the raffle! Join us and support the work of The Cat Welfare Association at catwelfareas-soc.org/cat-caper-5k.




Open House

Celebrate the cats & kittens in our care!

August 21, noon to 3 p.m.

Donatos Pizza • Live music by Bill Cohen 1 p.m.



Thank You for 36 Years, Mary!

After nearly 36 years of service, Mary Hope will retire from her role as CWA's lead registered veterinary technician on September 1.

Mary has been a gentle and kind presence at the shelter. A friend to all, when she is asked if she will miss the people or the cats most, she says her answer changes based on the day. She does look forward to a stress-free, schedule-free retirement. Her planned activities include more gardening and more travel.

Over three decades, Mary has seen positive advancements in the care and understanding of shelter cats. She shared some of the most notable advancements: the inclusion of pain management, a humane approach to the lives of FIV+ cats and the introduction of compassion care and enrichment.

Thinking about her favorite cats of all time, Mary was quick to name three: Bosworth, Vince and Black Betty. We will continue to take good care of Vince, but he sure will miss Mary. Vince follows Mary like a young child trots after a briskly walking parent. If she is busy medicating or vaccinating kitties, Vince will practically stand on his head and turn somersaults to get her full attention.

We are so grateful to have had Mary working to help our kitties over the years. If you'd like to send Mary a note of thanks, you can send cards to her via the shelter, 741 Wetmore Road, Columbus, OH 43214.

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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Columbus, OH 43214
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catwelfareassoc.org

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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 \$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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Special Cats Deserve Extra Special Care



In December 2020, Kendall graced the back cover of the *CWA Feline Forum*. She had recently arrived at the shelter after being rescued from a sewer drain, and she was quickly gaining weight while awaiting her forever home. Not long after, Mr. Sugar also arrived in the shelter, and it was determined that both kitties have eosinophilic granuloma, an inflammatory skin disorder. The pair was lucky enough to be adopted together, and under their new mama's diligent care, they're doing very well.

If you have room in your heart and home for a kitty who needs some special care, stop by and ask a staff member for some introductions. Both Brody and Piglet, featured below, will be ready to meet prospective adopters after August 17.



Above, Mr. Sugar and Kendall living the good life in their new forever home. At right, Kendall as she was shortly after arriving at CWA.



Brody arrived in early July and quickly became a favorite of those who oversaw his care. His feisty personality allowed them to believe this boy would come through surgery to remove his sightless eyes just fine—and he did! Brody is currently in a foster home where he is acclimating to life as a blind kitten.



Piglet has scoliosis, a wonky eye, a curly tail and a can-do attitude! This little pistol craves attention and just brings a smile to your face. She has gotten a clean bill of health from one of our partnering veterinarians, but they cannot predict how her curved spine might impact her mobility in the future.

CWA Happy Homes



I'm so glad you introduced me to **Otis**. We're the perfect match! He's still getting used to his environment, but he's relaxed around me and such a lover. I also love his squeaky meows!

Ginette B.



I adopted **Señor** four months ago. I remember reading the description that he loves attention, and he fits that pretty well! He is really good with all people, loves to be petted, and he also loves our dogs!

Dominic R.

Last Thanksgiving my Sophie died at age 17. I adopted her from Cat Welfare when she was 5. This April I was finally ready to find another fur baby. I contacted Gail at Cat Welfare, who helped me with two of my last cats. **Sid** was the first cat she showed me. There was something about his face. I just sensed that I needed to take him home with me. Sid acclimated extremely well at my home. He has settled in very quickly, and I believe loves his life. He loves watching the birds and squirrels feed right outside my kitchen window. He loves to run and play. He's not a lap cat, but likes to be close.



Gail M.



I adopted **Cerys** (like Paris but with an "s" sound) at the end of February. She was very shy in the shelter. I have since come to realize she is the most cuddly and clingy kitty ever! Cerys is also very playful and absolutely adores a little gray mouse toy that vibrates when you pull out the tail. She adores tummy and neck scratches, and when she feels

like it, will let you massage her toe beans. Although she started out extremely shy (and is still very anxious around strangers), she has become the best friend I could ask for, and I'm so glad I took the time (a week of hours-long shelter visits) to woo her.

G. Naj



Coco & Nene chose us on 6/1/18. I had just put down my darling cat Roscoe, who had suffered long enough with a brain tumor. I couldn't live in a house without cats, so we visited the next day. These two wonderful babies have brightened our home with love and laughter ever since! Thank you for all the work you do!

Terri C.



We adopted **Obi** at the end of May 2022 after our previous kitty had passed. Obi has been the best cat! He immediately ran all over the house and started to play. And he loves to eat! I think he's already gained a little weight! We love him, and he loves us! I've always wanted

a ginger cat. Thank you, Cat Welfare, for taking care of Obi until we adopted him. We are all so happy!

Rob & Kathy Y.

We love **Savannah** so much! When we brought her home, she settled right in exploring, playing with her toys and watching birds from her window perch. She also learned how much fun it is to chase the red laser dot! Savannah loves hanging out on the screened porch and taking long naps in the sun. She is constantly "talking" to us with her sweet voice and purrs loudly to let us know she's happy. Thank you, Cat Welfare, for bringing us together!



Chris and Israel R.



We had gone to several shelters to find a new feline addition to our family and ended up at Cat Welfare. We fell in love with and adopted 14-year-old **Teddy**. He is a big boy and is about the same size as our dog, but they coexist pretty well and the process of introducing them went smoothly. Teddy loves to be petted, and he loves people, soft blankets and food. He is constantly purring and just wants love.

He's got his spot on the couch, and he's happy. We are very thankful to CWA for the guidance on how to help Teddy get adjusted to our new home. We would definitely go back there to adopt another cat because we had such a good experience all around. Thank you for giving us our big, old boy. We feel like he's been part of our family forever.

Holly D.

It was love at first sight when I saw **Ginger & Lucy** at CWA, and I took them home that very day.

Both cats spent most of the time



under the bed the first two weeks, but now they have the run of the whole house. While they aren't sisters, they always stay within sight of each other. They LOVE their head and back rubs! Ginger lets me know when she wants me to open the front door so they both can look out the storm door. Neither one has ever tried to get out; they are strictly indoor cats. I just love taking care of them, and they make me smile every day. I am so thankful that I was able to give them a home where they will be spoiled every day!

Jean D.



I got **Sinatra** several years ago from Cat Welfare, and he is the most loving and chill kitty! We all love him so much!

Ginny H.

Got a Happy Homes story?
Upload it at [catwelfareassoc.org/
submit-happy-homes](https://catwelfareassoc.org/submit-happy-homes) or mail it to
Cat Welfare, 741 Wetmore Road,
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Upcoming Catique Sales



*The
Catique*

Stop by The Catique, 1005 Mediterranean Ave., from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each Thursday through Sunday to snag some

good deals during these upcoming sales:

August 11-13 - 50% off furniture

August 18-20 - 50% off everything

August 25-27 - 50% jewelry

September 1-3 - 70% off everything

September 8-10 - 50% off "cat-related" items

September 15-17 - 50% off linens

September 22-24 - 50% off china sets

September 29-October 1 - 50% off artwork

Thank You, Peggy!

It is with much gratitude to Peggy Kirk that we announce her retirement as The Catique Resale Shop manager. Peggy was instrumental in securing our Mediterranean Avenue location and creating an upscale vibe in the shop that carries on today.



Get Creative and Donate Gift Baskets for Caper Raffle



Our annual fundraiser, the Cat Caper 5K, features a post-race raffle of fabulous gifts and prizes! This year's event on October 2 is going to be our best yet. We rely on businesses and individuals to donate the fantastic raffle prizes that make the raffle a success. YOU can assist us by making your own basket or soliciting a product or gift card from a business you love. Baskets or gift cards can be dropped off at the shelter September 9-23.

There are so many nifty gift themes to choose from if you make your own basket! How about a baker's basket: baking mixes for cakes or brownies, pie fillings, a rolling pin, pie pan, wax paper, cookie cutters, cute cupcake liners, and a baking cookbook? Or a car theme: air fresheners, tire pressure gauge, jumper cables, and a gift certificate to an oil change shop or a car wash! Or

a gardener's delight: garden gloves, seeds, watering can, fertilizer, a hand rake, and a gift card to a nursery! This is your chance to be super creative or contact your favorite store to see if they will donate something dreamy.

Contact Jennifer at JenniferCatWelfare@gmail.com if you would like to donate to the best raffle in town!



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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 or our Chewy Wish List at bit.ly/35PLR1s.



Hello, Maggie

Your support of our mission allows CWA to care for cats without any limits to the duration of their stay.

After living in our shelter as a Sanctuary Life Resident for nearly eight years, Maggie has chosen to make herself Available for Adoption.

Maggie began her transformation by dropping down from her top-of-the-cages home to a window sill, where she'd suggest treats be left. Chirps indicated she was more interested in human touch, and the head scratches began. Within a couple of weeks, Maggie was demanding snuggles from trusted staff. We couldn't be more excited about Maggie's new lease on life!

Maggie seeks an experienced cat adopter in a quiet home. Are you able to help us change Maggie's status once again? We'd love to have it say "Adopted."

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