

Feline Forum

The Cat Welfare Association Newsletter

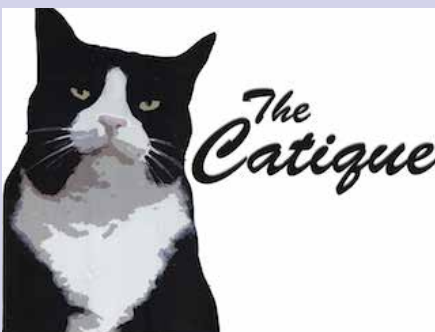
August/September 2023

Registration Open for 2023 Cat Caper 5K



The 2023 Cat Caper 5K is the event of the year! This year's Caper will be at 10 a.m. October 1 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.

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 runsignup.com/Race/OH/Columbus/CatCaper5K.



Investigate Our Catique Mystery Sale

Join us at The Catique, 1005 Mediterranean Ave., from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. September 7-9 for a fun savings event. Will prices be so low that you cannot afford to miss this sale? Perhaps! That's just a part of the mystery! Support the cats and kittens in our care.

Shop Kroger, Support Cat Welfare

You can support the cats in our care each time you shop at Kroger by registering your Kroger Rewards Card for the Community Rewards program. Last year the rewards earned \$9,200 for the shelter! Thank you to all who contributed. To get involved in this easy fundraiser:

1. Call 800-576-4377 and select option 3
2. Give the representative your Kroger Rewards Card number
3. The Cat Welfare Association ID is EP232.
4. Or you can register online at kroger.com/account/enrollCommunityRewardsNow.



Give Through Community Shares

Since 1992, Community Shares has grown to more than 60 member charities that use funds from workplace giving campaigns to solve a wide range of issues in the community. We greatly appreciate all of the donor support. Your generous contributions have been vital to our mission.

If you work at any of the following places, you can use these codes to direct your giving to CWA:

City of Columbus and Franklin County: CCC 60258

State of Ohio and Buckeyes for Charity: CCC 19009

Federal Campaign: CFC 71256

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 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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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 1 is going to be our best yet. We rely on businesses and individuals to donate the fantastic 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 10-24.

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!



Grant Writers Wanted



Do you have grant writing experience? Do you support our mission? Will you use your skills to help the cats and kittens in our care?

Cat Welfare is seeking a volunteer grant writer or, better yet, a small team to assist us with securing grants. If you are interested in learning more, please reach out to Jenny at JenniferCatWelfare@gmail.com.

Aug. 15: Photo Winners



The 2024 large calendar photo winners will be announced on August 15 on our website and Facebook page. We thank all who submitted a photo and those who took the time and made a contribution to vote.

CWA Happy Homes



Cooper is our sweet little love bug. He will gladly cuddle you anytime but also enjoys his personal time. After having to unexpectedly say goodbye to my childhood cat of 15 years, I knew I wanted another old guy. Cooper has been such a great cat, and I wouldn't trade him for anything. He has the best personality.

Ginette B.

Thank you so much for providing us with such a wonderful adoption experience! **Magnolia**, the black and white cat on the left, is doing great. She and our other cat, Mordecai, have become fast friends and like to chase each other around the house. They haven't quite cuddled yet, but they sleep near each other and sometimes help each other with bathing! Maggie has quickly become Head Cat, and she's a bossy little thing, but we love her. She has really taken to Mordecai's toys that make cricket noises. Thanks again!



Mark & Rachel



We adopted Mohawk and Parsons (whom we renamed **Bill** and **Ted** after the truly excellent suggestion made by one of your volunteers), and we already can't imagine life without them. They are the sweetest boys! Ted is a total lap cat and also loves playing with toys. Bill is more shy but

is becoming less skittish around us. He really loves napping in the basket we set up for him on my husband's desk. They've both been enjoying exploring their new home, finding new places to nap, and getting lots of attention from us. It is such a joy having them in our lives. Thank you so much!

Jaye



We adopted our first cat, Rocky, in September 2018. In February, he crossed the rainbow bridge. As our home felt empty, we wanted to adopt again. Our daughters fell in love with **Zelda** online from the pictures, so we went in to meet her. They fell in love all over again. She is the most spoiled cat. She gets carried around like a baby. She made our home whole again.

Angel



We met **Chessie & Bowie** when a friend was fostering their litter. We have a 7-year-old cat, also from Cat Welfare, and I was concerned about the transition. Adopting two kittens at the same time, especially litter-mates, made the transition smooth. The kittens play together, eat together and sleep together, giving our other cat space and time to adjust.

Melanie



The boys have pretty much owned our household since day one. They're VERY talkative and so affectionate. **Ridley** (left) is a hyperactive little gremlin who is very busy but very cuddly when he's finally tired himself out. **Casper** (right) is a floppy sweetheart who looks

innocent but causes the most mischief. Their current favorite toy is a purple shoelace that one will pick up and run with while the other chases him. Thank you for granting us these precious babies. They bring us so much joy.

Scot

Hello! I adopted my beautiful **Sol & Luna** on January 7, 2023. I was really looking for one cat, but I adopted two sister cats that day, and it has been the best decision. They have brought me love, company and a lot of happiness. They have very different personalities but incredible charisma. They love to play, eat, run and receive love from me. They love to sleep in their own bed, but in the early hours of the morning they like to come and kiss me. I love having their company. I am very grateful that you have given me the opportunity to adopt these two amazing kitties.



Karen



Binx is a beautiful long-haired fluffy black kitten with patches of gray underneath her arms and tail. We were not expecting to adopt another cat after the loss of our beloved Blackie. However, Binx has brought us the care and love that we were so desperately

missing. She loves chasing a laser light, zooming through the house and fetching her glitter balls. A very special thank you to Cat Welfare and Knapp Veterinary Hospital for all their assistance with Binx's initial health concerns. Thankfully she is healthy and feeling so much better.

Victoria & Carol



We adopted **Sage & Saffron** as a bonded pair in January of '23. They quickly acclimated to their new home. Sage is our cuddle bug and quickly took charge of the place. She is becoming a Blue Jackets fan and regularly watches games with me. She also enjoys long naps in our front window. Saffron, ever the explorer, took slightly longer to settle in. We quickly realized she loves the excitement of exploring from up high. She now has a commanding view from her new perch and cat scratcher. Both enjoy popping in on my video calls while I work. While they will never replace our previous cat of 16 years, Luna, who was also adopted from Cat Welfare, these two well-mannered ladies have stolen our hearts.

Boe

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,
Columbus, OH 43214.

Diabetic Cats are Sweet, If You Do Your Homework

By Wajiha Ather



I adopted **Ellie** back in January 2022, knowing she had diabetes and was a senior cat. Caring for a cat with diabetes was challenging at first, but it gradually became easier. My biggest concern was that Ellie would resent me for constantly poking her and taking her to the vet. However, she is such a sweetheart that while she may be a little grumpy at first, her forgiving nature always shines through. To enhance my knowledge and support, I joined a Facebook group called "Feline Diabetes Support Group." Without this group, I wouldn't have gained all the knowledge I have now.

Initially, Ellie required two insulin shots per day. I later switched her to Fancy Feast pâté, which is lower in carbs. Recently, I had the vet apply a Libre monitor, which helps track her blood sugar levels. Slowly but surely, she might be going into remission, and I couldn't be happier for her. Ellie is the sweetest cat, snuggling up to me at

every opportunity. She sleeps in the crook of my arm every night and climbs on my lap when I'm watching TV. I love her dearly and hope she has many more healthy years ahead.

Caring for a cat with diabetes can be challenging but also rewarding. My advice is to conduct thorough research, perform regular at-home testing with a meter and keep track of their glucose levels. While not every cat goes into remission, it is possible.

Additionally, I wanted to mention that taking care of a diabetic cat is not as expensive as you might think. I found coupons that allowed me to purchase five insulin pens of Lantus for \$35. The Libre monitor cost me around \$40 with a coupon. There are also resources like GoodRx and other discounts available, so it doesn't have to strain your budget.

Meet These Diabetic Cats at the Shelter



My name is Maisie, and I am the most glamorous diva in the shelter. I do demand the spotlight, and I want to be your one and only feline superstar!

Now I must inform you that I happen to be a diabetic cat. I have some extra needs to keep this fabulous body of mine in tip-top shape. But fret not, there are wonderful folks at Cat

Welfare who can show you the ropes. I'm very well behaved when it's time for my insulin.

Mylar crinkle balls are my weakness. I'll chase them with the elegance of a prima ballerina. Prepare to be mesmerized by my grace and charm! But here's the scoop: what I truly crave is a forever home with humans who will promise to keep me healthy and love me for ALL the years to come. With your love and care, I will thrive, illuminating your life with this little light of mine.



Mr. Magoo is a gentle-natured senior cat who spent years of comfort in his owner's home. Sadly, his owner could no longer care for him or his companion cat, Molly, so they were returned to our shelter. Mr. Magoo is a diabetic kitty, and he is currently doing well with twice daily

insulin injections. Daily injections are not difficult to give and especially simple on a cat like Magoo.

Mr. Magoo is so very appreciative of attention, but as a gentle, quiet cat, he can get overlooked. Can we teach you how to care for this special senior? Do you already possess the knowledge needed to care for a diabetic cat? Maybe YOU would be willing to come visit with Magoo and advocate for his adoption.

We Love Our Donors

Ishie Memorial Fund

for long-term care of shelter residents

Richard Austin, Shirley M. Carpenter "In memory of Rebecca Bouldin," Jean Gabel "In memory of Jeanne Masoni," Bruce & Cindy Goetz "In memory of Jeanne Masoni," Cherry Hafey "In memory of Barb Hanks Zweiback," Kristi Lekies "For Duncan," Patricia Liebchen "In memory of Teddy," Richard & Lynne McWherter "In memory of Martita Dougherty," Gina Sutphin "In Memory of Nick," Judith Vertikoff "In Memory of Judi Lang"

Altering Fund

to subsidize community low-cost spay/neuter surgeries

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for care of feral cat colonies

Richard Austin, Deborah Hunter, Peggy Kirk "In memory of Jeanne Masoni," 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"

Vincent Fund

for emergency care for shelter cats

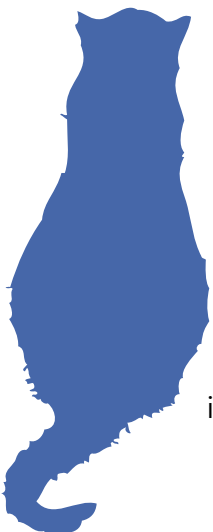
Emily Dubin, Elizabeth Mihailovich "For Judy Isaac," Penny Popper, Linda Schellkopf "In honor of Brenda Martin"

Wanted: Foster Teammates

Our adoption success would not happen without the dedication of our spectacular foster team! Won't you please consider becoming a member?

Kittens, once approved for shelter intake, go into foster care if they are not old enough to be spayed or neutered when they arrive. Some litters have a mom, who accompanies them in foster care, while others arrive motherless.

Foster care commitments can range from one week to a couple of months. We do ask that you have a room in your home where the foster(s) can live without interacting with any of your pets until they are fully vaccinated and have been approved for interaction by our shelter veterinarian. This important requirement is not only for the sake of the foster but for your fur babies, too. We will provide you with food, litter, a litter box and any required medications for the fosters. Our foster care commitment and application form can be found online at catwelfareassoc.org/volunteer.



From January through June 2023, we adopted **354 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 or our Chewy Wish List at bit.ly/35PLR1s.



Hello, Pumba

Single, striped, male cat seeks forever family, and we're talking a family with kiddos! Pumba loves interacting with our guests, especially if there are children, and he's much loved by the staff. He cannot get enough lap time and head rubs. Playtime is important, too!

Pumba does not like to share his space, time or humans with other cats. With his BIG personality, we're certain Pumba will be all the cat your heart will desire. Can you imagine Pumba hanging out with your son while he plays video games or investigating the fort your daughter has set up in her room with a friend? Pumba can! Let's work together and make this former street stray's wishes come true.

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!