

Feline Forum

Cat Welfare Association Newsletter

April/May 2018



Walter Gets Lucky

It's not everyday you see a kitten on I-270, but that's where 16-week-old Walter found himself on a cold day in January. A kind woman rescued him from his dire situation and got him to Cat Welfare, where he miraculously had no broken bones, but he did have some healing to do. The staff sent him to foster care to be socialized and treated for some lung problems. As the weeks passed, he got stronger and bigger, and he came to love his foster home.

But then, just as it seemed he was ready to be released for adoption, he had yet another lung infection — this time so bad that he had to be rushed to the vet's office. After several things were ruled out, Knapp Veterinary Hospital diagnosed him with lung worms. Now he's back with his foster mom, who is diligently taking him for follow-up appointments and administering the antibiotics he'll need for his 45-day treatment regimen.

Your donations to the Vincent Fund help CWA provide emergency medical care for shelter cats like Walter.

Get Your New Cat Welfare T-Shirts

Ready to show your Cat Welfare pride? CWA has two new T-shirts available for purchase by our fans, just in time for the warm spring and summer months. Both options were designed by Conspire and are printed on cozy District Made tri-blend shirts. Cost is \$19.35, including tax. To snag one, stop by the shelter or visit catwelfareassoc.org/merchandise.

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Meeting of the Members Slated for May 15

Your commitment to our mission and participation as a member of Cat Welfare Association matters. At the annual membership meeting on May 15, CWA members will elect our Board of Directors to fill vacant positions. Candidates' applications will be posted to our website on or about April 15, and there will be an opportunity to hear from the candidates at the meeting.

If you are at least 18 years of age and an Active or Life Member of CWA for 12 months as of May 2018, you are eligible to cast your vote. The membership meeting will begin at 7 p.m. in the conference room at Villa Angela, 5700 Karl Rd. We hope to see you there!

William Makes a Handsome Shop Cat at Accent on Nature in Grandview Heights



Since 2006, Accent on Nature at 1435 Grandview Avenue has been committed to helping the stray cat population by housing one or two shop cats. Today their shop is "managed" by feline pals Roxie and William. William was adopted from Cat Welfare in 2016 after two more traditional home settings did not work for this sweet boy.

William and Roxie spend their day greeting customers, entertaining the staff and brightening up the display areas. The staff reports that some folks passing by stop in because they see the cats in the window, while others come in because a friend told them about the wonderful shop cats. They even have a toy box and a stash of treats, all of which have been gifts from their many admirers. Once these kitties have you reeled in, they no doubt will win your heart. Be sure to stop by and visit them sometime when you're in the neighborhood.



Our Mission

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.



741 Wetmore Road
Columbus, OH 43214
614-268-6096
catwelfareassoc.org

facebook.com/catwelfareassoc

Hours

11 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Monday, Thursday, Friday,
Saturday & Sunday

11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Tuesday & Wednesday

(Closed the first Thursday of each month and all major holidays)

The adoption fee of \$20 (\$10 for senior cats) includes spay/neuter surgery, initial vaccinations, testing for feline leukemia and FIV, microchip identification, flea treatment & deworming.



Board of Directors

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Support Kroger Rewards



Lily would like to remind you that you need to register your Kroger Rewards Card each year during the month of May to have your purchases benefit our shelter. To register:

1. Call 1-800-576-4377 and select option 3
2. Give the representative your Kroger Rewards Card number
3. The Cat Welfare Association ID is 83895.

Additionally, you can register or reregister online at [kroger.com/signin?redirectUrl=/account/communityrewards/enroll](https://www.kroger.com/signin?redirectUrl=/account/communityrewards/enroll).

Protect Your Felines from Fleas

Fleas multiply fast, and the only true flea preventative is one that breaks the life cycle. We are happy to announce that we can continue to sell you a high-quality, safe flea preventative at our cost beginning in May. Left untreated, a flea infestation will not only cause a cat dermal discomfort but can result in tapeworms, hair loss, anemia and mouth inflammation.

Activyl is a topical dose that should be applied every 30 days. The product is produced by Merck, which is a trusted name in companion animal care. A single dose is available for \$10. Activyl is safe for kittens at eight weeks. A dose is dispensed at < 9 lbs. and > 9 lbs. If you do not know your feline friend's weight, we are happy to weigh your cat for the sake of accurate flea preventative distribution.



YOU'RE INVITED

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
7 to 9 p.m. April 29
Clintonville Woman's Club

RSVP at <https://goo.gl/vDboeD>

Grab A Beer, Support the Kitties



Gather your friends and head down to Platform Beer at 408 N. 6th St. in downtown Columbus for a tasty pint to benefit the cats in our care. For every house beer poured on Tuesday, May 22, Platform will donate \$1 to Cat Welfare. You'll find their doors open that day from 3 p.m. to midnight.

CWA Happy Homes



I came to Cat Welfare and fell in love with a handsome, outgoing boy named **Tucker**. Then I was told that he had a sister, and their previous owner had passed away. I knew there was no way I could separate them, so I agreed to meet her, too. That's how I ended up going home with two kitties. Their personalities were very different, with Tucker being a kitty Don Juan and **Annabelle** being mostly shy and reserved with a rare playful streak.

They moved with me to the West Coast two years ago, but sadly Tucker died shortly after. Now it's just me and Annabelle hanging out in our little bungalow by the beach. I'm so glad that I got to know and love Tucker and was able to give him a very warm, loving and spoiled last five years of his life. Annabelle seems to be pretty content spending most of her day lounging in bed. I know it was fate as I would never have found her if it weren't for her outgoing brother and for Cat Welfare caring for older kitties who still have so much potential for life and love.

Sarah Spencer



We adopted **Pip** in September 2015 during the CWA 70th anniversary event. I was told that she had been at the shelter for quite a while and that she recently had to have all of her teeth removed. We decided that it was definitely worth a shot, and I am so happy we did! Pip has been a wonderful addition to our family and always keeps us laughing. She was very timid for the first few weeks, but

she came out of her shell in no time! She quickly became best buds with our other cats, Winnie and Oliver, and she has no problem walking right up to our dogs. Pip has become extremely affectionate, and she is always the first one to snag a spot in the bed at night. She has so much personality, and we love her to pieces! Thank you so much to everyone at Cat Welfare!

Hayley & Kevin



I knew I wanted a senior cat and all I had to do was get my fiancée Nicole on board. We came to the shelter, and the staff was so helpful and friendly. Nicole wanted to take home a kitten, and I reminded her that although they are so cute, they are not trained. That's when we saw **Artemis** and his big bright green eyes. I scooped him up, and he started purring right away. He enjoys hanging out in the fenced-in backyard with the dogs and ducks. He demands a cat massage every night before we go to bed, and he sleeps between us. He likes to hang out between the shower curtains and lick the faucet for water. He also likes to open every door and cabinet in the house. Artemis is a character and we love him for it. I love how he gets along with every pet in the house, even the fish! Thank you guys so much for a perfect fluff of happiness!

Savannah & Nicole

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

Early Bird Registration Now Open

Early registration is now open for our 2018 Cat Caper on September 23. The registration price for our 5K remains at \$25. If you sign up as a team of five, each member can register for just \$20!

Race participants receive a T-shirt, goodie bag and one post-race raffle ticket.

Like our Facebook Caper page at facebook.com/CatCaper5K to keep up on all the latest Caper news. Ready to race? Register online at runsignup.com/Race/OH/Columbus/CatCaper5K or by printing off the form found on our website under Recent News.



Facebook Makes It Easy to Donate for Your Birthday



Do you have a birthday coming up? Does your cat have a birthday coming up? Perhaps you'd like to ask friends and family to honor your special day by donating to our mission. It has never been easier to set up a fundraiser on Facebook! The steps can be found at facebook.com/help/990087377765844, and it truly takes just five minutes of your time.

Cat Welfare would like to thank the 13 supporters who created a Facebook fundraiser to benefit the cats in our care for the first quarter of 2018. Their efforts raised just over \$1,500!

Spay/Neuter Clinics Scheduled Monthly May through October



Cat Welfare will hold six spay/neuter clinics at the shelter in 2018. The monthly clinics will be held the first Thursday of each month, May through October. Check-in for the clinics begins at 8:15 a.m. Owners are notified at check-in when they can expect to pick up their cat(s).

To qualify for a spot at the clinic, an application must be completed and turned in with the appropriate funds. See more information on our website at catwelfareassoc.org/altering. Please indicate on the application which clinic you hope to attend.

If you have any questions please call 614-268-6096, ext. 103.

CWA 2019 CAT 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 2019 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/calcontest.htm> beginning in March. You, your friends, and family may vote as many times for each photo you want. 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 as well as 3 photos chosen from all entries. The CWA judge's decisions are final. Winners will be notified via the CWA August 2018 *Feline Forum* Newsletter.
- To enter the contest, starting in March, follow the steps at <http://www.catwelfareassoc.org/calcontest.htm> 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, 2018. Voting for the contest ends at midnight EST on Tuesday, July 31, 2018. Be sure to include a 150 word story or description 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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for long-term care of shelter residents

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Altering Fund

to subsidize community low-cost spay/neuter surgeries

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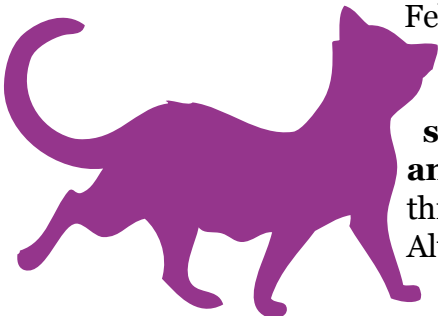
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for food for the shelter residents

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liette Oberle “In memory of Greta Seals”

From January through
February 2018, we
adopted 183 cats
into loving homes and
**subsidized 204 spay
and neuter surgeries**
through our various
Altering Fund programs.



Cat Welfare Gives Thanks

Thank you to all the donors who have thoughtfully
purchased from our Amazon Wish List.

Cat Welfare supporters and many proud cat par-
ents have enjoyed our printed calendars for the
past 10 years. We extend our most sincere grati-
tude to Robert “Hutch” Hutchison for making the
calendar a reality from its inception. Our 2018
calendar brought in more than \$5,000 for the cats
and kittens in our care.



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Shelter Wish List:

Purina Cat Chow, Kitten Chow, brown paper grocery bags, Windex, clean newspapers, clean towels, clay litter, dryer sheets, bleach, Clorox wipes, Mr. Clean Magic Eraser pads, laundry detergent, stainless steel Chore Boy scrubbies, and Mr. Clean.



Hello, Robin

Robin arrived at Cat Welfare in November 2015, and we believe she is about 7 years old. Robin currently serves as one of the greeters in the shy cat room. Robin enjoys head scratchings from humans and interacts well with other cats. She does get startled easily, so a nice, quiet home would be best! Robin tends to be more of an observer, but sometimes the urge is too great and she comes out to join in the playtime shenanigans. If you are looking for a loyal friend, please look Robin's way! As she is a tuxedo, Robin is all dressed up and would love somewhere to go!

Cat Welfare has nearly 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!