

Feline Forum

The Cat Welfare Association Newsletter

August/September 2018

Cat Caper Ready, Set, Going Sept. 23



Are you ready to run, race-walk or stroll at scenic Griggs Reservoir to benefit our mission? Our 13th annual Cat Caper 5K will be held Sunday, September 23, thanks in part to Race Day sponsor East Hilliard DVM.

Your favorite Caper features—vendors, The Catique Re-sale shop, CWA's catnip pillows and the post-race raffle—are all part of the fun. DJ for All Occasions will join us again this year to add to the festivities. And of course, there's no need for breakfast before you come because, for a donation, we'll serve you a pancake breakfast. Leashed, friendly dogs are permitted to come along, too.

Registration begins at 7 a.m., followed by the Kids Fun Run (ages 12 and under) at 8:30 a.m. The 5K itself starts at 9 a.m. The first 350 human participants in the 5K will receive

a T-shirt. Awards will be given for the top three male and female runners and walkers, as well as for age group winners.

Find more information and register at runsignup.com/Race/OH/Columbus/CatCaper5K.

Shelter Hours to Be Reduced for 6-Week Refurbish Project



We are excited to announce the launch of a project to refurbish the interior of the shelter. Overall, the planned repairs will make the shelter healthier for our cats as we address deferred maintenance issues. The project is expected to begin the third week in September and take approximately 6 weeks for completion. During this time the shelter

will be closed weekdays and evenings. We hope to be open on Saturdays and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Please check our website catwelfareassoc.org for updates.

Check out the 2019 Calendar Winners



Our 2019 calendar contest winners will be announced online at catwelfareassoc.org on August 15.

Cat Welfare's 2018 Cat Caper

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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.



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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.



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Go, Cat Care Team!

We are seeking volunteers to join our cat care teams. Your commitment is visiting your team of six cats on a weekly basis. The two-hour visit would include general grooming and play time/one-on-one socialization. To learn more about how to acquire a team, please contact Jenny at volunteers@catwelfareassoc.org.

Wanted: A New Home



My name is Jim, and I need a new home. Before I came here, my owner died, and I was left outside to fend for myself. A kind older gentleman was feeding me but couldn't keep me. When he saw a coyote near his house, he feared for my safety and brought me to Cat Welfare, where I've lived for two years now. I was found to have FIV, which means I have a slightly decreased immune system. The shelter staff can tell you all about that.

I am a very loyal cat and like to pick out one person to bond with and really latch on! Here, that person is Mary, one of our kind vet techs. I tolerate others, but she is my favorite. I am doing just fine here in our FIV room, where I am free to move about where I like. I enjoy the company of other cats there. I do like to have lots of hiding places to retreat to when I am feeling overwhelmed. If you come to visit me and I am hiding, I will come out if you sit on the floor and offer me treats! If you are looking for a loyal feline friend, I sure hope we can meet soon.

Your soon-to-be friend, Jim

Committee Members Needed

Are you interested in serving on a committee at Cat Welfare? We have opportunities available on the committees for Finance, Marketing, Membership, Outreach, Development and our 75th Anniversary Celebration. Requirements include a love for the kitties and a desire to make a difference.

If you have an interest in learning more about any of these committees, please contact Anne Riley at aeriley1@gmail.com.

The Catique

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CWA Happy Homes



We adopted **Veronica** the day my cat of seven years passed. I knew I couldn't live in a house without a cat, and I couldn't let a cat go without a loving home. V, as we nicknamed her, was in the shy cat room and had been there for about a year. She was timid, and she was a biter. However, with a lot of patience and love, she is blossoming into a very odd

little cat. She loves playing and is always trying to eat our food. We love her very much and are grateful that Cat Welfare kept her for so long until our paths would cross.

Lex and Breigh

We adopted **Frank** in May of 2016 after our dear cat Lily, who we also got from Cat Welfare, died. It was important to us to have a cat who was different from Lily. Frank didn't like other cats or dogs, and since he would be our only pet, we figured we would be his perfect family. After some challenges, Frank has settled in. He is happy, healthy and a great addition to our little family.



The Hayward Family



I got **Ellie** as a surprise birthday present this year. I've wanted a cat for years, and I teared up upon finding out she was actually mine. Ellie is adored by her new family and by so many friends! She is very social and has the loudest purr! She also loves lounging around the house and taking naps with her mama. She is the best cat a girl could ask for! Thank you, Cat Welfare!

Maria



We adopted **Diggie** (short for Dirk Diggler of the acclaimed film *Boogie Nights*) in July of 2016. He is the most loving and affectionate cat, always wanting pets and snuggles. His fur is very unique and soft, with a combination of stripes and spots on his belly.

Diggie loves to play and is a talkative little ball of energy. He follows us around our apartment making lots of little "chirps" and "meows," which is his form of communication with us. His favorite pastime is chasing a rolled-up paper ball. Diggie is an avid cuddler and likes to sleep in bed with us at night, although waking us up at 5 a.m. to play has become his favorite thing.

Adopting Diggie was one of the best things we've ever done and has been an important milestone in our relationship, as this is the first cat we have shared together. We love Diggie very much and are so excited for the future of our little family!

Hilary and Nick



I had been searching for the perfect kitty for our new home. When I told the staff at the shelter that I was looking for an older cat, with a good, lovey disposition, they took the time to introduce me to a few guys that fit the bill. I think it was **Lemme's** size, 16.5 lbs, and his big lover personality that won me over. This picture is from his second day with us. His brother,

the dog, has never been around cats, so we were nervous, but Lemme's giant lovey personality won him over in no time. It's almost like he's been with us forever! Thank you so much, Cat Welfare team. You took time to match us up and gave me tons of advice, all of which has been very useful!

Deedee and Kevin

When we walked into your facility, we fell in love with **Henry**. As soon as we opened the cage door, he came out, and we knew right away he was the one. Now he is a spoiled baby and very happy in his new home. He knows he rules the house. We love him so much, and we are very happy that we found him—more like he found us! Thank you for everything.



Michelle Moskonas and Eric Leppert



I came to Cat Welfare a few times and just could not seem to make up my mind about which cat to bring home to the family. Then one day I met Mr. Hank. I immediately knew he was the one. He has such a loving personality. He is our **Louie!** His first day home, he only hid for about four hours and then he decided to come out and explore his new home. He and our dog Kobe hit it off, and

Louie seems to love his new forever home! I just adore Louie and am so glad I got the chance to be his mommy!

Rachael Collins



I adopted **River** earlier this year. I was looking for a playmate for my cat and had heard good things about Cat Welfare, so I stopped by on a whim. When I visited the shelter, she was hiding out on top of a shelf. One of the ladies working introduced me to her and said she was one of her favorite cats. River started purring as soon as I petted her, and every time I started to walk away her eyes would follow me. I brought her home the next day. It didn't take long for her to come out of her shell, and she and my other cat love to play together. I was super impressed with the shelter, and I'm so happy that I found my purrrrfect kitty.

Jessie

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



Protect Your Cat 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. 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.

Our lovely Lily brings joy to some dear residents of The Laurels of Norworth. If you would like to join our care facility visit team, please send an email to Jenny at volunteers@catwelfareassoc.org.

Help Us Find Ada a Home Congratulations, Crime Cats!



Hello, I'm Ada! I may act a bit timid when we first meet, but I do want to be your friend. I've been at Cat Welfare for three years. I love moist cat food, and offering me that treat is a good way to start our friendship. Once I am comfortable with you, I will rub on your legs and demand your attention. I enjoy sitting with my cat pals in a window with the sunlight shining on my fur. The staff believes I would do best in a home with other friendly cats and understanding humans who will give me time to adjust to my new surroundings.



The Ohio Educational Library Media Association (OELMA) has announced that Cat Welfare's Crime Cats Mystery Club has won its 2018 Literary Leader Award. The award recognizes community organizations for exemplary support of literacy that reinforces student learning. The award will be presented at a ceremony during the OELMA conference on October 25 in Worthington.

To find out more about the Crime Cats Mystery Club, email cwacimecatsmysteryclub@gmail.com.

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Cat Welfare Gives Thanks

We greatly appreciate all of the donors who are gifting our shelter through our Amazon Wish List. The packing slip does not always include the kind giver's name, but please know that your donations bring smiles to the faces of our staff and joy to our kitties.



Thank you to photographer Sarah Harrington, [facebook.com/Sarahharrington216](https://www.facebook.com/Sarahharrington216), for lending her talents to our marketing efforts.



From January through June 2018, we **adopted 525 cats** into loving homes and **subsidized 1,080 spay and neuter surgeries** through our various Altering Fund programs.



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Hello, Karl

My name is Karl, and I came to the shelter as a stray cat in 2016. There are so many strays in Columbus, and I know I am lucky someone brought me here, but I am ready for a new forever home with a loving human or two. I am friendly and easygoing. I just love quiet attention and am delighted if somebody gives me a nice treat! I get along fine with other cats and don't cause problems, but do not expect me to be another pet's snuggle buddy. I am a healthy cat and I keep myself groomed. If you think we'd be a good match, please come in and meet me soon.

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!