

Feline Forum

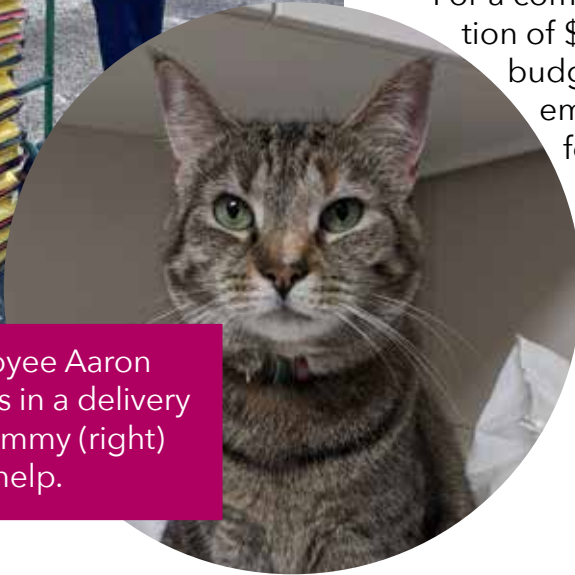
Cat Welfare Association Newsletter

February/March 2022

Emmy Invites You to Join Her Litter League



Shelter employee Aaron (above) brings in a delivery of litter, and Emmy (right) asks for your help.



You know we care for a lot of cats, but did you know that, on average, we use 600 pounds of litter daily? In November 2021, we were leveled with the news that Nestlé would no longer be producing Scamp brand litter. That meant we were facing an unexpected additional expense to the tune of \$9,000 for 2022. While a frazzled human took to the Internet to research our best litter options, Emmy took to the drawing board and created Emmy's Litter League.

For a commitment of \$25 each month or a one-time donation of \$250, you will help us offset our increased litter budget expense. Emmy has agreed to pen a monthly email to Litter League sponsors. To join, send in the form on page 3 along with your donation or visit catwelfareassoc.org/donate.

Emmy also encourages Litter League sponsors to come in and give her love and affection. While she may have founded our Litter League, Emmy is, ironically enough, a permanent resident due to her aversion to the litter box. Life's funny like that.

Volunteers Needed for CWA Foster Team

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.

Looking Back: Points of Pride for 2021

It was a transitional year for Cat Welfare as we adjusted to the challenges posed by the pandemic. We are excited about the positive outcomes that would not have been possible without the outpouring of love, encouragement and support from our members and friends. Kudos to the amazing staff, volunteers, and the Board of Directors for this extraordinary team effort.

IN KEEPING WITH OUR MISSION AND PURPOSE

- **876** cats and kittens were admitted to the shelter, many with life-threatening injuries.
- **270** felines were cared for daily (on average).
- **768** cats and kittens were adopted into loving homes.
- **3,108** altering surgeries were subsidized through Cat Welfare's low-cost spay and neuter programs.
- **41,000** telephone calls from community members received a response after they reached out for assistance.



The Catique

70% off
8th anniversary
sale

Thursday–Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
February 10, 11, 12
1005 Mediterranean Ave 43229

CAT WELFARE ASSOCIATION

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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 3:30 p.m. Thursday
through Tuesday

11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday

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

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Join Emmy's Litter League

Name

Address

City

State

ZIP

Email

I am choosing to send:

My first monthly installment of \$25

A one-time donation of \$250

Mail to: Cat Welfare

Attn: Emmy's Litter League

741 Wetmore Road

Columbus, OH 43214

Automatic payments can be set up at
catwelfareassoc.org/donate.



Cat Teeth Need Care, Too

February is National Pet Dental Health Month. On average, six of our shelter cats receive dental care each month. The range for dental care can be \$200-\$2,000. Your donations to our Vincent Fund will help us to continue providing the optimum care our cats deserve.

Providing a dental cleaning for your cat promotes their overall health. Many veterinary practices offer a discount during the month of February. Contact your vet for more information.

Honoring New Life Members of The Cat Welfare Association

All members of The Cat Welfare Association receive discounted tickets to events, a subscription to the *Feline Forum* and eligibility to vote at the annual Board Member elections. In addition to these core benefits, life membership affirms your long-term commitment to CWA and its mission. A life membership badge signifies your participation in this elite group of contributors. Supporters can become life members with a donation of \$250. A single payment is preferred; however, installment payments can be arranged by contacting the shelter. We would like to thank the following supporters for becoming life members in 2021:

Carmen Bagley, Vanessa Baker, Thomas Eugene Bateman, Marcia Brown, Patty & Robert Dale, Alysha Fligner, Jeanine & Greg Foster, Ren Gaubert, Greg Knopf, Marcus Merrick, Tom & Diane Miller, James Patterson, Karla Rinto & John Vlasko, Nancy Sheridan, Susan Snyder, Dennis Swartz, Calvin L. Taylor, Bernie Thurn & Jerome Substanley, David C. & Sharman Tisdale, Christine Watchorn, Joan White, Susan Willis, Karen & Julie Yassenoff, Doreen Lutz, Debra Lipkowitz, Dorthea Smith and Andy Baker.



CWA Happy Homes



These two very timid, scared kitties, **Aster & Cheno**, have blossomed into snuggle bugs! They love their family and each other and have grown to be inseparable. We love them very, very much.

Kendyl & Andy

Floyd came to us after being in the isolation room at Cat Welfare. He was suffering from bad teeth, couldn't eat and therefore was only nine pounds. Well, he is doing wonderfully now. Cat Welfare helped us find the East Hilliard Vet, "Doctor Tom," who healed his dental issues. Floyd loves to eat now and is a svelte 16 pounds! He purrs all the time and thinks he is a lap cat. He enjoys fires at night, caviar, Cheez-It crackers and watching bathtubs fill up. Thanks, Cat Welfare!



Lynn & Mike



Petunia fits in just perfectly! The other kitty in our home, Walter, is also a Cat Welfare kitty. Tuna has turned out to be a bit of a special needs baby – she's mostly deaf, missing half her teeth and is of a rather small stature. She's somewhere around 3 now and just the cutest little

squeaker. She loves to get kisses from Walt and play with our small dog. She sleeps in my bed and begs for attention like no kitty I've ever seen. You'd think she never gets any love, but it's non-stop! She's also a very ornery kitty – taught herself how to get into the fridge within a week and keeps sneaking into the butter! Couldn't be happier with this wee baby!

Bailey & Ben



Hi, I was adopted in 2018. I love my new Mom and my new home. I should tell you first that I go now by the name of **Minuit**. My Mom, being French, gave me this name because I'm a black cat. Minuit means "midnight" in French, so it was an easy choice to make. You might know my famous ancestor who posed for the poster "Le Chat Noir." My Mom is also trying to paint me. Maybe one day I will be famous also. I want to thank everybody at CWA who took such good care of me and specifically Aaron, who recommended me to Christiane. We're a good match.

P.S. I should tell you that I picked my Mom. When she called my name, I knew we were made for each other. You see, way back, I might be part French because when she speaks French to me, I understand her. Merci le chat noir. Bisous to all.

Christiane



Callie has adjusted well to her new home. She is eating well, which is good because she needed to gain weight. Her favorite toy is her cheese block. Her other favorite pastimes include cuddling and chasing her older sister Roxie, whom we adopted in 2018.

Carrie

I went in and saw this cutie in 2017. She was smaller then, and when I noticed her eye I instantly knew she was the kitty I needed! I myself am visually impaired, so she fits in just fine! **Rumbellestiltskin** loves to play and especially loves her toy mouse! Rumbelle is always happy and loves her cat tree! She is a big snuggler and wants to spread love to everyone!



Maggie



We had previously adopted two cats from you in 2015. My husband decided we needed to add a third furry family member, so we came back to find the third musketeer in 2017. In a cage, he found the cutest little white and buff kitten who just wanted belly rubs, and that's all it took. **Kylo** joined his furry older brothers, Sam and Panther! They all became the best of friends, and even though Kylo was the baby, he soon grew into the biggest, though not the baddest, cat in the house! He now loves watching hockey on TV and snuggling under blankets with his mom! Thanks again for helping us expand our family and providing new lives for so many kitties in Columbus.

Cyra & Tanner



It's been almost five years since we adopted our shy cat room kitties, and they are doing great! **Gomez** is one of the snuggliest cats I've ever known (he even head butts and snuggles our two dogs), and **Annie** is a daddy's girl who enjoys belly rubs and wet food.

They aren't shy anymore and make sure to greet all our guests to ensure they are the center of attention!

Caroline & Trevor

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

Stay Warm in a Cat Welfare Hoodie



Show your CWA pride and stay warm and cozy in a new Cat Welfare Association hoodie! Two options are available: a heather gray zip-up or an Irish green pullover. Both have the CWA logo printed in black in small scale on the front left breast and larger on the back, along with the words "Caring for Homeless Cats Since 1945." Cost is \$29 for sizes S-XL and \$32 for XXL, including tax.

Orders are due by February 26 and must be paid in advance. Checks and cash can be sent in with the order form below, or you can order directly from Lucky Dog Tee Shirts at bit.ly/cwacols. Orders will be available by pickup at the shelter for no additional cost, and those who have placed an order will be notified by email when their order is ready. Shipping can be requested for an additional \$9 through the web link above.

CWA Hoodie Order Form

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

ZIP _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Hoodie Color: Heather Gray Zip-Up Irish Green Pullover

Size (S-XXL): _____

Total Cost (S-XL \$29, XXL \$32): _____

Mail to: Cat Welfare, Attn: Hoodies
741 Wetmore Road
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We Love Our Donors

Ishie Memorial Fund

for long-term care of shelter residents

- Judith Tomblin "In memory of Tara"
- Cherry Hafey "Roxie, I will always miss you."
- Margaret Bailey "Bailey"
- Beth Puleo & Julie Goebel
- Anne Riley & Wilma Wabnitz "In honor of Carol Smith and in memory of Zoe"
- Thomas & Linda Kreger "Weebo"
- Nancy Vincent "Sweetie & Midnight"
- Grace Schillinger "In memory of Paul Nicholas Schillinger & his cat"
- Marc & Stephanie Baumgarten "In loving memory of Furman, Purrcy and Furgirl"
- Heidi, Lauren, & Alexis Sherer "In memory of Trevor"

Michael Bartfay, Janice & Dan Bailey, Wendy Williamson, Richard Austin, April Matthews, Carol Savolaine, Sheila Bagley, Erin McConnell, Terrinda Porter and William Noel

Vincent Fund

for emergency care for shelter cats

Linda Schellkopf, Susan McKinley, Cassandra Clancy, Janice & Dan Bailey, Nancy & Paul Bohn "In memory of Bubby, beloved cat of Amanda, John, Cole & Ivy Miller," Melanie Mees, Edwin & Ulla Wagers, Mark Pearson, Marjorie Obrist, Nancy Aleman, Melissa Stiles, Anne Riley & Wilma Wabnitz "In honor of Nancy Hile & Paisley," Kathleen Feliciano, Paul Drerup, Judith Rotonda, Erin McConnell, Terrinda Porter, Heidi, Lauren, & Alexis Sherer "In memory of Ringo," Ann Woods, Julianne Hunter, Bee & Don Friedlander "In honor of Ellen & Dick Graham" and Suzanne Larger

Cat-A-Lack Chow Club

for food for the shelter residents

Cornelius McCoy, Allison Haedt, Leslie Bothast, Deborah Hunter, Claire Smith, Donna Heap, Colleen Nye "In honor of Lisa Buchanan & John Blair," James & Nancy Chodorow, Joseph Pramik "In the name of Mike & Wendy Pramik," Nancy Vincent "Sweetie & Midnight," Sheila Bagley, Terrinda Porter, and Heidi, Lauren & Alexis Sherer "In memory of Olive"

Joey's Good Samaritan Fund

for medical care of owned cats

Randall Hertzner "In memory of Doug Buhner and Jasmine Boots," William Hout, Jennifer Cooper, Janice & Dan Bailey, Carol Ann Bradley, Janet Lewis, Frances Blachman "In memory of Dee Farley, mother of Lynn & Beth," Deborah Hunter, Patricia Sweeney, Kelly Geither, Melissa Bressler, Connie Kellar, Steve Carter, Susan McKinley, Deborah Hardey, Geneva Henderson, Sarita Gara, Heidi, Lauren, & Alexis Sherer "In memory of Remy," Julianne Hunter and Jane McEvoy "In honor of my granddaughter Jordan Rainville"

Willard's Village Babies Fund

for care of feral cat colonies

Juanita & Rita Woods "In memory and love of Willard," Annie Lach, Lisa Leaper, Anne Riley & Wilma Wabnitz "In honor of Dr. Lori Schiefer's retirement. We, and our animals, will miss you & the wonderful care you always gave our feline and canine children," Deborah Hunter, Richard Austin, Judith Rotonda, Heidi, Lauren & Alexis Sherer "In memory of Belle" and William Noel

Altering Fund

to subsidize community low-cost spay/neuter surgeries

Annie Lach, Betty Powell, Penny Popper, Edwin & Ulla Wagers, Tyler Brown, Donna Clark "In memory of Scooter Clark," Karen Augenstein "In honor of my friend Jackie Rudolph," Beth Puleo & Julie Goebel, Susan Lewis, William Hout, Caryn Fairbrother, Andrea Johan "In memory of Necco & Magnet," Paul Skeen Jones, Sheila Bagley, Terrinda Porter, Heidi, Lauren, & Alexis Sherer "In memory of Nickels," Lee Kramer, Shirley Tobias, and Dayna Chessin "In memory of my first kitty baby, Milo. May his memory be a blessing."

Many thanks to all those who donated to honor Betty White.



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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, laundry detergent, stainless steel scrub pads.

Order directly from our Amazon Wish List at [goo.gl/eLNYhd](https://www.amazon.com/wishlist/gp/eLNYhd) or our Chewy Wish List at bit.ly/35PLR1s.



Hello, Sara

Sara is an amazing cat! She doesn't know a stranger and is gentle with other cats. She enjoys snuggles and playtime. If you're in the market to give a laid-back kitty her forever home, please come meet Sara.

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!