

# Feline Forum

The Cat Welfare Association Newsletter

December 2022/January 2023

## Three Cats Join CWA Guardian Angels Program

Most cats who come through our doors stay just a little while before being adopted into loving homes. However, a select few become part of our permanent family due to their behavior flaws or health concerns. Other groups, like our FIV+ cats, may require some extra care before they can be adopted. The Guardian Angels Program allows you to select one of these special Cat Welfare cats or groups, become involved with their care and even offer them some extra love and attention. Three new cats have been added to the program: Thomas, Tigger and Veronica.

Being a Guardian Angel lasts for an entire year, with two sponsorship level options. At Silver Level, sponsors receive a note from their cat, color photos, a magnetic photo frame and a letter confirming their sponsorship. Gold Level sponsors receive all of the Silver Level items, plus a Guardian Angels car magnet and a mid-year update, including a note from the cat and recent photos.

To become a Guardian Angel, visit our website at [catwelfareassoc.org/guardian-angels](https://catwelfareassoc.org/guardian-angels).



Thomas



Tigger



Veronica



## COME TO THEIR RESCUE

Oh, hi there! I'm Remy. I'm taking a break from playing with my toys to let you know I've been hearing whispurrs about some exciting news coming in the next *Feline Forum*. Hint: It's an opportunity to help more cats like me! Meoweeee!



## Shop Holiday Sales at The Catique

Stop by The Catique, 1005 Mediterranean Ave., from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each Thursday through Saturday to snag some good deals during these upcoming sales:

December 1-3 - 50% off Fall Decor

December 8-10 - 50% off Christmas Decor

December 15-17 - 50% off Jewelry

December 22-24 - 70% off Storewide

December 29-31 - 70% off Storewide

## Buy Catnip Toys for Your Kitty Friends

Our holiday motif catnip toys are now available for \$3 each. Last December we sold 707 of them! You can pick them up in the shelter entryway between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. daily or call 614-268-6096 to have them shipped for an additional \$1 per pillow.

## Wish Lists Make Our Spirits Bright



As you do your holiday shopping, consider purchasing a few things from CWA's Amazon Wish List at [goo.gl/eLNYhd](http://goo.gl/eLNYhd) or Chewy Wish List at [bit.ly/35PLR1s](http://bit.ly/35PLR1s).

You can also benefit the shelter cats through the AmazonSmile program, which allows you to shop as usual, and Amazon will give 0.5% of your purchase to Cat Welfare! To qualify your purchase, go to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and search for The Cat Welfare Association. Click the "Select" button to select it from the list, then shop as usual. It's that easy! Your personal Wish Lists, baby and wedding registries, and other accounts stay the same. Happy shopping!

## 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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[catwelfareassoc.org](http://catwelfareassoc.org)

[facebook.com/catwelfareassoc](https://www.facebook.com/catwelfareassoc)

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.



## Board of Directors

President: Katie Thomas  
Vice President: Brenda Martin  
Secretary: Amy Borrer  
Sue Godsey • Jay Mathew • Lisa Strickland

Treasurer: Judi Lang

# Enter to Win a Shiatsu Massage Chair



Your self-care dreams for 2023 could come true with this Shiatsu Massage Chair, which is up for raffle to support the cats and kittens in our care.

Complete details about the chair can be found on Amazon: <https://a.co/d/dwWprKZ>. Many thanks to Mark and Angel Bruce for the generous donation.

Tickets are \$10 each or \$25 for three and can be purchased by mail and online at [catwelfareassoc.org/merch](https://catwelfareassoc.org/merch). The drawing will be held at noon on January 31 and broadcast live on the CWA Facebook page. The winner must arrange transport of the chair.

## Massage Chair Ticket Order Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Tickets \_\_\_\_\_

Total Cost \_\_\_\_\_

(\$10 per ticket, \$25 for three)

Mail to: Cat Welfare, Attn: Chair Raffle  
741 Wetmore Road  
Columbus, OH 43214

## Cat Welfare 2023 Calendar

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Number of calendars \_\_\_\_\_ at \$17.95 each

\_\_\_\_\_ Total cost

Cost includes tax and shipping

Make checks payable to The Cat Welfare Association



Visa  Mastercard

Card # \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_ 3-Digit Code \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

# CWA Happy Homes



We adopted **Church** in August 2022, and he's been great, bonding well with our adult male cat. He's FIV positive, the same as our adult male. He's very lovable and loves his new cat tree, toys and time in the window. He was renamed for the cat in the movie Pet Sematary for their resemblance. We love scary movies!

*Lizz & Dan*

For two days **Finnegan** hid behind my dresser, coming out only to eat and use the litter box. On day three, he came out to be petted and play. It will be a week tomorrow since he chose me to be his new mom. We are bonded so closely. He jumps to my lap to nap and get love. He has taken ownership of the condo, though he never jumps on the table or counters. He is getting used to his cat tree and likes to look out the window at the birds. He stays close no matter what room I'm in. He has brought joy into my heart.



*Carol Ann*



**Kyrie** is a very cuddly and loving cat. She is also very mischievous and playful. We love all of her kitten antics! She keeps us entertained and on our toes. Climbing is a favorite activity, as is grabbing anything that dangles and moves! She is going to be an excellent hunter as she grows. She already is getting along with the other pets of the household. It took her just a day or two, but she wasn't shy at all. We all LOVE her!

*Teresa*



I brag daily that adopting **Domino** was the best \$10 I will ever spend for the rest of my life. My sweet old lady was 12 years old when I met her at Cat Welfare, and she has become ever sweeter with age. The first night I brought her home, she slept on the bed with me. Now she's a regular bed hog and will nag us for cuddles throughout the day. She loves watching

birds and people as well as chasing her sister around the house.

*Meredith*

Got a Happy Homes story? Upload it at [catwelfareassoc.org](http://catwelfareassoc.org) or mail it to Cat Welfare, 741 Wetmore Road, Columbus, OH 43214.



# Thanks, Caper Sponsors & Friends!

THANK YOU to everyone who made the 2022 Cat Caper 5K run/walk to benefit The Cat Welfare Association such a success! Congratulations to this year's race winner, Kevin O'Leary. Overall, we had 494 participants, up from 471 last year, and collected 742 donated cans of cat food for the shelter. Overall, the event brought in more than \$27,000.

## PRESENTING Sponsor:



## RACE DAY Sponsors:

Cats Only Veterinary Clinic    IDEXX  
Civista Bank

## GOLD Sponsors:

G & J Pepsi Bottlers                      ValuVet Wellness  
MedVet    Worthington Woods Animal  
O'Shaughnessy CPA                      Care Center

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## BRONZE Sponsors:

AWOL Bar, Cavan Irish Pub, Veterinary Dentistry & Oral Surgery, JavaMomo Breakfast Cakery, Hair Raizers Salon, Psee Solutions, April's Flowers & Gifts, Worthington Psychological Associates, Wesbanco

## Race Day Tables:

Beechwold Veterinary Hospital, Home & Happy Pet Sitting

We also want to thank the businesses and individuals who donated over 60 raffle prizes for the post-race raffle!

## Members: Vote on Three Open Board Seats by Jan. 20

The Cat Welfare Association's Board election will be held on January 20, 2023, with voting by mail. If you are at least 18 years of age and have been a paid member of The Cat Welfare Association for at least the 12 months preceding January 2023, you are eligible to vote. To vote, cut out this ballot or print it from our website. Send the completed ballot to CWA Board Election, 741 Wetmore Road, Columbus, OH 43214. Please write your name and address on the envelope so that your voting privilege can be verified before the ballots are opened and counted. Processes are in place to ensure the confidentiality of your vote. Only one vote per membership, please. Votes must be received no later than January 20.

Please select up to THREE:

- Jay Mathew
- Amanda Powell
- Lisa Strickland

Need help deciding? Candidate statements can be found below, and the candidates' full Board applications can be found at [catwelfareassoc.org/board](https://catwelfareassoc.org/board).

## Read the Board Candidate Statements

### *Jay Mathew*

During the last year, serving as a member of the Cat Welfare Board of Directors, I gained valuable insight into the business of the shelter. This up-close involvement has given me the opportunity to witness the depth of care and concern that Cat Welfare provides for the cats in our community.

I look forward to continuing to assist Cat Welfare moving forward. Being a valued ambassador for Cat Welfare is an honor and privilege that I hope to continue by being re-elected to the Board.

### *Amanda Powell*

My wife and I have two adorable, cat-loving pit bulls, but everyone knows our cats are my favorites.

I have volunteered for CWA for many years, and thanks to our work-from-home schedules, we hosted foster kittens throughout the pandemic. But I want to do more to support CWA, its staff and mission. I was an appellate attorney for children for nearly 15 years, working for an agency overseen by a commission. For the last six years, I have worked as a consultant and trainer for a national nonprofit.

I understand the value and strength that a Board can provide to an organization and would love to have an opportunity to serve in that role for Cat Welfare.

### *Lisa Strickland*

I have been a big fan and supporter of Cat Welfare since I adopted Aladdin, the best cat in the world, from the shelter in 1991. I have been a volunteer since 2014, and I just completed my first year as a CWA Board member. I have fostered hundreds of cats and kittens. I'm honored to be trusted with the care and nurturing of these little lives, to ensure they are healthy, socialized and ready to charm their way into the hearts of prospective adopters. I was a part of the team that launched the Crime Cats Reading Club. After the successful pilot, I have stayed with the club to organize membership and plan activities for participants.

I am a proud "cat-lady" and want to help as many cats as possible. I want to continue on the Board to support Cat Welfare's mission by promoting the shelter, assisting with fundraising and helping with any operational improvements needed..

# We Love Our Donors

## Ishie Memorial Fund

for long-term care of shelter residents

Jim Barney & Debrah Varner "In memory of Ruthann England," Ruth Ann Branoff "In honor of Mary Hope, for all her dedication to the Cat Welfare cats," Agnes Patrick Jennings "In loving memory of Sid VI and Midnight Starr," Richard & Lynne McWherter "Martita Dougherty," Ronald Botts "Remembering Antonia Carroll, Gracie and Desi 'Reunited in Heaven,'" Emma & Charlotte Porter, Jack & Caroline Ellingwood "In memory of 'Sammy,' beloved pet of Kristin and Alec Carpenter," Steven Puckett and Judy Hicks "In memory of Callie Marie"

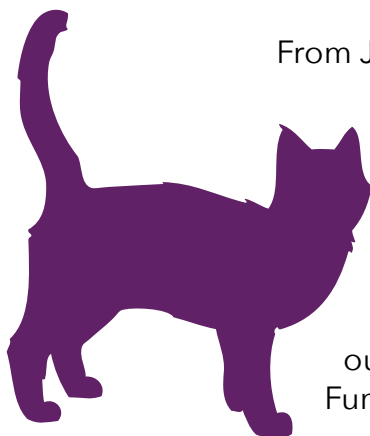
## Altering Fund

to subsidize community low-cost spay/neuter surgeries

Edwin & Ulla Wagers, Jennifer Parker "In loving memory of Karen Gardner and PJ," Ruth Ann Branoff "In honor of Mary Hope, for all her dedication to the Cat Welfare cats," Kathryn Kirn, Kristen Maciejewski and Annie Lach



Emma and Charlotte Porter raised \$1,100 for the cats and kittens in our care and presented a check to CWA staff member, Crystal.



From January through October 2022, we **adopted 628 cats** into loving homes and **subsidized 2,504 spay and neuter surgeries** through our various Altering Fund programs.

## Vincent Fund

for emergency care for shelter cats

Linda Schellkopf, Leon & Patricia Cohan Jr., Cassandra Clancy, Marjorie Obrist, Emma & Charlotte Porter, Sharon McKibben, Kathryn Kirn, Penny Popper and Richard Austin "In memory of Maurice"

## Joey's Good Samaritan Fund

for medical care of owned cats

Susan McKinley, Edwin & Ulla Wagers, Emma & Charlotte Porter, Randall W. Hertzner "In memory of Doug Buhner and Jasmine Boots," Kathryn Kirn and Geneva Henderson

## Willard's Village Babies Fund

for care of feral cat colonies

Richard Austin, Emily Dubin, Emma and Charlotte Porter and Annie Lach

## Cat-A-Lack Chow Club

for food for the shelter residents

Emma & Charlotte Porter and Claire Smith

## Rest in Peace, Dear Maurice



It was a blessing so many of his friends were able to come and share their love with him during his final week with us. Two of Maurice's loved ones were present when he passed. Maurice dined on a Lil' Soup and some nibbles from a Hershey Kiss before he journeyed across the Rainbow Bridge.

Maurice lived the final seven years of his life as a resident of our shelter. Gratitude to all who selected him as their Guardian Angel over the years.



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## Shelter Wish List:

Purina Cat Chow, Purina Kitten Chow, moist cat food, Temptation 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](http://goo.gl/eLNYhd).



## Hello, Autumn

Autumn is a stunning cat who we believe is around 3 years old. She adores human interaction and does well with other gentle cats.

Autumn is feline leukemia (FeLV) positive. She is healthy now and could thrive for a number of years as an indoor-only cat who is your solo kitty or with other FeLV+ kitties.

Cat Welfare places our FeLV+ cats as permanent fosters. You provide the love, and we provide the medical care.

Learn more about FeLV at [bit.ly/3HvQChG](http://bit.ly/3HvQChG).