

The Feline Forum



April/May 2009

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Upcoming Events

04/22/2009

- Spay/Neuter clinic at CWA (call 268-6096 ext. 103 for details)

05/02/2009

- Adoption Event - PetPeople Clintonville 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

- Spring Adopt-A-Thon PetSmart, Polaris 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

05/09/2009

- Adoption Event - PetPeople Grandview 11:30 am - 2:30 pm

05/16/2009

- Adoption Event - PetPeople Gahanna 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

05/17/2009

- Open House 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

For more upcoming events, view our events calendar online at: www.catwelfareohio.com.

Shelter Hours

Cat Welfare is open seven days a week from 11:00 am - 3:30 pm. Wednesdays we are open from 11:00 am - 7:00 pm. However, the first Wednesday of the month we are only open from 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm.

Save the Date

Warm weather is fast approaching and the cats at Cat Welfare are anxious to show off at the May Open House. Della, the 2009 Top Cat, has been busy working with her friends and the shelter staff to make sure that this year's Open House is one of the best!

The Cat Welfare Open House will be held May 17, 2009, from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm. There will be live music, cat related merchants, and the master grillers will return to serve a satisfying lunch. The quilt raffle drawing will be held at 2:30 pm.

See the form in this newsletter for more information on how to enter the Quilt Raffle.

Della has also informed us that she and some of the shelter favorites including Fannie, Tiger, and SciFi will be assisted by Mike and Nikki Schock to create more great works of paw print art. Some new residents have expressed to Della their desire to show their undiscovered "pawtistic" talent as well. Come early to pick up your favorite artist's new masterpiece!

We hope to see you there!



Mike and Alix are busy sprucing up the shelter. Make sure to check out their work during the Open House on May 17, 2009 from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm. Thank you to Kelsey and Nikki for also helping with the mural project.

Direct Connect

'Tis the Season?

By Jill Lee,
Executive Director CWA

You've heard of the dog days of summer; what about "kitten season"?

No, it's not a fifth season—it's the time of year when cats give birth, flooding animal shelters with homeless litters. "Kitten season" starts in spring, peaks in late spring or early summer, and ends in the fall.

Kitten season presents many challenges for shelter staff and the cats in their care. Resources already hard to come by—like food, money and space—are often stretched to their limit, as Cat Welfare Association is inundated with homeless cats.

Typically, the adult cats feel the most immediate effects, as they are often overlooked by potential adopters when kittens are in abundance. During kitten season it becomes more difficult to place adult cats. Even when people come in with the intent to adopt an adult, their heads are turned by the cute, active kittens, and the adult cats are passed by.

Our mission is to help as many felines possible, as well as those who care for them, with quality as a standard. By following protocol, this mission has been and will continue to be accomplished. If you find a friendly roaming cat that you have determined is a stray then please contact our office for an in-take date. A found litter of kittens with or without a Momma must be eight weeks old to enter the shelter and again, you must have an in-take appointment to bring in the kitties. Injured and



Kitten season is fast approaching. Please do your part to help.



Della takes a moment to pose with Poppa Mel Honeycutt and the CWA Mascot at the Valentine's celebration after she was crowned Top Cat for the third consecutive year.

pregnant cats are given admittance priority but do require an appointment.

What can you do to help the cats during this challenging season?

- * Talk to others about the importance of having their cat spayed/neutered.
- * Volunteer to help at the shelter or an off-site event.
- * Open your home to a cat in need — sign-up as a foster family.
- * Donate supplies to help care for the cats at the shelter and in foster homes.
- * Spread the word — talk to others about the cat crisis in our community and what they can do to help.

Spring is also the time for the "changing of the guards" at CWA. We thank Nancy Flanagan, Rita Burns, and Joan Derstine for all their years of service on our board of directors. We welcome Sue Godsey, Paul Calderone, Brenda Martin, Peg Wentz and Mary Jane Ryan as they join in the leadership of CWA.

One little gal who defies change is Miss Della. Congratulations to Della for being elected Cat Welfare's Top Cat for the third year in a row! Della graciously accepted her laurel of roses from Poppa Mel Honeycutt at our Valentine's celebration, For the Love of Our Cats. Della hosted a celebratory tuna luncheon for all of her shelter roomies the following Tuesday.

Joey's Fund

By Mary Liebert

Joey would have been 12 years old this coming August 9. He came into my life, as a kitten, 3 months after the loss of our first cat to a terrible illness. He was wonderful from the first day we brought him home; loving, cuddly, well-behaved, always with me. After his first year, he became an indoor-outdoor cat and loved every minute of his freedom to come and go. His first Christmas was exciting since he discovered that he could climb and explore the Christmas tree!

As he got older, he was just happy to sit under the tree and enjoy it. He loved being outside during the summer - just lying around on the patio furniture soaking up the sun. Winter would find him sleeping on my laptop to keep warm! Joey was a fixture on our laps during TV time - he became so much a part of us for so many years. You could tell time by Joey. He would always come and go at specific times and you would always know where to find him during any time of the day.

He loved his down comforter on the couch and his heated bed and condo in the garage. He continued to love his 24/7 freedom until the day he left us. I would like to think that we gave him a loving home and a wonderful life. We miss him terribly and think about him every day. In spirit he will always be with us - best friend and constant companion.

After the death of their beloved Joey, the Liebert's generously donated \$1000.00 to CWA to create Joey's Fund.

Joey's Fund, formerly known as The Good Sam Fund, provides assistance to owned cats who are in need of medical care beyond the financial ability of their family. Joey's Fund will help keep beloved felines in their forever homes.



Joey, beloved cat of the Liebert family, poses for a picture.

CWA Volunteer News

Cat Welfare volunteers took part in the Columbus Home and Garden Show, which was held February 28 through March 8, 2009.

Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped run the show's coat check to raise donations and awareness for the shelter. Cat Welfare was able to raise \$1,150.00 in donations and sold 80 cat nip pillows.

A special thanks to Don and Peg Wentz for making this event possible.



Volunteers Emily, Zoe, and Amy take a moment during their shift at the Columbus Home and Garden show.

Volunteer Information

Are you interested in volunteering at Cat Welfare? Please contact Gail at cwavolunteers@gmail.com for more information on volunteer opportunities.

CWA Email Group

Do you want up-to-date CWA news? Then sign up for the CWA Email Group by sending an email to: teamcatwelfare@gmail.com

Happy Homes

Mali

Story and photo provided by Kim Lawrence

I adopted Mali (pronounced Molly) from Cat Welfare Association on 4/23/08. She is formerly known as Gwen Stefani, but I'm not that big of a fan. I am a huge fan of my Mali!



I adopted her the day after I lost my cat of 9 years, Prissy, to kidney failure. I needed to do something to take my mind off my pain, and the addition of Mali to my household has been a blessing!

I call her my Mali Monster because she has already beheaded 3 of her toy mousies. She spends hours entertaining herself by running up and down the stairs, but as frisky as she is, she can always be counted on to purr when held. My vet stated he could barely hear Mali's heartbeat over her purring! My cat Sassy, Prissy's littermate, has taken a little bit longer to join Mali's fan club. Yet every now and then I'll catch them napping or sitting on the window ledge together. I'll always miss Prissy, but I am very thankful to Cat Welfare for rescuing Mali and the joy she has brought to my life.

Sidekick

Story and photo provided by Keith Grubbs

I just received the photo you took when I adopted my cat from your shelter.

His name is Sidekick. He loves our 4 kids and watches over them when they sleep. He monitors the halls at night, almost like a protector. He doesn't come downstairs usually until they go to school. When the kids get home Sidekick likes to go outside for some fresh air and to watch the birds and squirrels. But more than anything Sidekick is truly a side-kick. He sits next to me when I am at my desk on the computer and he has a favorite spot to look out the windows. He loves to watch our two hamsters (Petey & Pablo) run on the wheel or in the globe, but he promised not to eat them.

We got Sidekick because our previous cat got sick with Leukemia. His name was Lucky and he looked very similar to Sidekick. They seem to be the same breed of cat, Norwegian Forest Cat. Lucky was brown and

white, and Sidekick has the same spots but a yellow and white coat, more like a tan or blonde-silver coat.



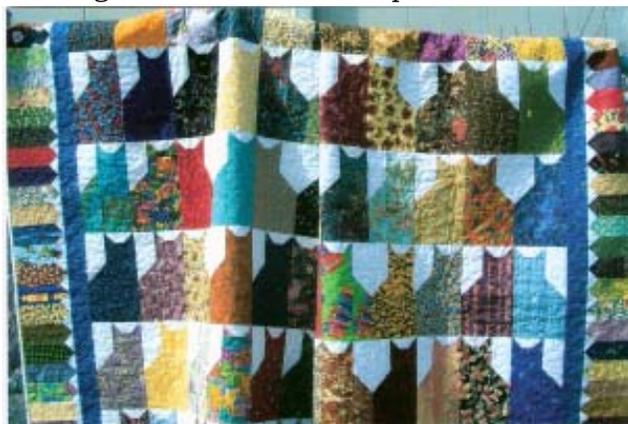
Cat Welfare Quilt Raffle

Spring is finally here!! As the temperatures start to rise the furthest thing from your mind may be the cold of winter months. Before those thoughts slip away take the time to enter the Cat Welfare Quilt Raffle.

The drawing will be held at 2:30 pm on May 17, 2009 at the CWA Open House. Tickets are available for \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00.

Stop by the shelter to purchase your tickets. If you are unable to make it to the shelter please fill out the form below and send it along with payment so that your ticket request can be filled. Good luck to everybody who enters.

Thank you, Elizabeth Bowling and Sharon Warrington for the time spent in designing and creating this beautiful masterpiece for Cat Welfare.



Front of the quilt made for the CWA Quilt Raffle



Back of the quilt made for the CWA Quilt Raffle

2009 Cat Welfare Quilt Raffle Ticket Request Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00. The drawing will be held at 2:30 pm on May 17, 2009 during the CWA Open House. All requests must be received prior to this date.

of tickets requested: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

Mail your ticket request and payment to:

Cat Welfare Association

Attn: Quilt Raffle

741 Wetmore Road

Columbus, OH 43214

CWA 2010 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 2010 Calendar which will be on sale this fall!

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://catwelfareohio.com/calendar.htm> beginning in mid-April. You, your friends, and family can purchase one vote credit for every \$1 donated to support CWA. Voters must purchase a minimum of 5 vote credits for a \$5 donation. 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 the winning photos from the top 20 and their decision is final. Winners will be notified via the CWA Fall *Feline Forum* Newsletter.
- To enter the contest, follow the steps at <http://catwelfareohio.com/calendar.htm> where you can upload your JPG format photo and vote for your favorite entries. Alternatively, you may enter by completing this form and signing the below release statement granting Cat Welfare Association the rights to use your photo(s). **Entry form(s) must be postmarked before June 30, 2009 and electronic entries must be submitted by 5:00 pm EST on Tuesday, June 30, 2009. Voting for the contest ends at 11:59:59 pm EST on Friday, July 10, 2009.** Please, be sure to attach a detailed written description along with each photo.



Your Name: _____ Kitty's Name: _____

Street: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Photo Title: _____ Photographer's Name: _____

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.

Donations

Cat Welfare would like to thank all our donors. There are many donation options available including: the Ishie Memorial Fund for care of long term shelter residents, the Cat-A-Lack Chow Club to provide food for shelter residents, Altering Fund to subsidize low-cost spay/neuter surgeries for cats of low-income families, the Vincent Fund for emergency care of shelter cats, and Joey's Fund to help families in need get medical care for their cats. Memberships, wish list items, and Adopt-A-Cage and Guardian Angel sponsorships are other ways to donate. For more information on how to donate, visit our website at www.catwelfareohio.com or call (614) 268-6096.

Adoption Information

An adoption fee of \$60.00 applies to all adult cats and a \$70.00 adoption fee applies to kittens.

Our adoption fee includes the spay/neuter surgery, initial vaccinations including rabies, testing for feline leukemia and FIV (adults), flea treatment, deworming, and microchip identification.



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Cat Welfare 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.

Shelter Wish List

- **KMR (kitten milk-replacement)**
- **brown paper bags**
- **clay litter · bleach**
- **Mr. Clean Eraser pads**
- **laundry detergent**
- **Mr. Clean with Febreze**



A Special Thanks

Ishie Fund

Robert and Bernetta McMillen-
For Douglas Loysen

Albert and Kathleen Johnson -
In memory of Picabo, beloved pet
of Ann Bauman

Constance Caruso

Christopher Morris

Janet Orr - In memory of
Mildred Morris

Lois Schultz & Sarah - In honor
of our friend Patches

Pamela Holladay - In memory of
Shasta Faye

Barbie Bates

Kimberly Lawrence - In memory of
Prissy (passed 4/22/08)

Joan Lehr

Julie Ankrom - In memory of
Milo

Kim Shuman - In memory of
Martha Bell, a friend to many a
feline

Louise Reno, Raymond & Oliver
Pierce - A memorial to Cecil
Wallace (Nick) Nicholson

Janet Orr - In memory of
Mildred Morris

Vincent Fund

Barbara Christel, Irina and
Boris Pittel, Portia Flewellen,
Dorothy Myers, Constance
Caruso, Lois Schultz, Deborah
and Adam Speicher, Mike
Weingard, Stephanie Vecozols,
Dorothy Cobbs, Jane Velzy, and
Shirley Jones

Altering Fund

Nancy Betz, Joan Lehr, Portia
Flewellen, Pamela Huggins,
Andrea Johan, Frederick and
Giselle Thayer, Juanita Woods,
Linda Rahe, Lois Schultz,
Rosemary Bringardner, Celia
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Cat-A-Lack Chow Club

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Annabelle, The One Who Reaches Out

Who is the kitty that stretches out her paw, pleading for attention? Who is this character that meows so plaintively, asking for petting and conversation?

It is Annabelle, who has been waiting patiently for an adoptive home. Annabelle can be seen traveling from the recovery room to the main adoption room, greeting visitors and employees, as she stops for rest, a snack, or a pat.

Since she is short haired with touches of white, and not a youngster, Annabelle could easily be lost in the crowd, but this kitty works hard, looking every day for that person who will appreciate and love her.

Visit other Special Adoptions cats online at www.catwelfareohio.com



If you like cats with personality, Annabelle is waiting for you at Cat Welfare. Annabelle (#26806) is six to eight years old. She came to Cat Welfare in July 2005.



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