

Feline Forum

Cat Welfare Association Newsletter

April/May 2013

Cat Welfare's Kittens Need Your Help

Greetings from Special Assignment Reporter, Mrs. Toni. I have been tasked with the co-hosting and promotion of our 2013 Kitten Shower. The afternoon party will be held on April 13 from noon to 2 p.m. We will treat you to a slice of cake and a cup of punch. In return, we ask that you bring along a donation.

In 2012, 316 kittens were accepted into our shelter. I live in the kitten room, and I knew there were many kittens brought in and placed last year, but WOW! 316! That is a lot of kitten milk replacement (KMR), moist cat food and Kitten Chow! The wee ones also enjoy meat-flavored human baby food (the kinds without onion or garlic, please), and we could use clean socks and white rice to make heating pads.

And one more thing: Foster families, we need you! A kitten has to weigh 2 pounds, which typically happens at 8 or 9 weeks, before we can safely consider a spay/neuter surgery and adopt the kitten from the shelter. Please contact Gail at 614-268-6096, Ext. 103, or cwavolunteers@gmail.com to discuss foster opportunities.

In return for my Kitten Shower promotion I have been given a classified ad, which you will find at the right.



Stunning LH blk/wht female feline seeking a forever home. I keep my coat clean, I am very gentle, and I appreciate attention. I promise to give you as much love as a kitten, maybe even more.

Thank you to Girl Scout Troop 756 for coming out to learn about Cat Welfare and feral cats and for making feral cat houses.



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Open House Set for Sunday, May 19

Please join us from noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, May 19 for our annual Community Open House. Once again, we're planning a tasty lunch, live music, a 50/50 raffle, special offerings from the Catique and, of course, the cats. There will also be activities to educate and entertain kids. At 1:30 p.m., Jay and Paula Mathew will offer a talk to discuss feral cats in our community. Participants will have an opportunity to build a feral cat shelter. New Cat Welfare T-shirts will also be for sale at \$15 a piece. Stop by and show your support for the shelter!

Current Need: Yesterday's News Cat Litter

New Members Elected to Board

At the February 19, 2013, Board Meeting, Joan Derstine and Julie Karovics were elected to one-year terms as new members to our current Board of Directors. Joan and Julie are active volunteers, and we appreciate their dedication. In addition, a motion that the current officers retain their positions for the next 12 months was passed unanimously at the March meeting.

The Board of Directors and shelter staff would like to thank Laura Modisette, Andrea Ward-Ross and Sheila Zirkle for their contributions and commitment to Cat Welfare as they depart from the Board. Members and friends of Cat Welfare are invited to attend our Board meetings at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month at the Villa Angela Care Center, 5700 Karl Road.

Renew Your Kroger Community Rewards

Are you one of our Kroger Community Rewards supporters? April 1 is the opening date to renew your fundraising pledge. If you want Cat Welfare to continue to benefit from your Kroger sales, you must renew your request. Since last April, this program has raised \$5,678 for our kitties!

To register or renew, visit www.krogercommunityrewards.com. The NPO# for Cat Welfare Association is 83895. If you do not have Internet access and would like to participate, you may pick up a barcode form at the shelter or contact Gail Harbert, Program Manager, at 614-268-6096, Ext. 103.

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 \$80 includes spay/neuter surgery, initial vaccinations, testing for feline leukemia and FIV, microchip identification, flea treatment & deworming.



Board of Directors

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Race for Top Cat is On

On the first Thursday in March, the shelter staff elected three candidates for the prestigious title of Top Cat. Our Top Cat will serve as a correspondent, investigative reporter and socialite for a term of 12 months beginning June 1, 2013. Votes are \$1 each, and the race ends at 2 p.m. May 19. Vote as many times as you wish, in person at the shelter or by sending in the form on Page 5. Like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/catwelfareohio to keep track of the race.



Mojo

I humbly accept this nomination to run for Top Cat. I LOVE my home at Cat Welfare. Rumor has it that I am the best hugger in the shelter, but please don't let my buddy Baxter hear this because he gives hugs too, and I don't want to hurt his feelings.

I don't want this to be revealed in any post-election scandal, so I am coming forward to confess that I do enjoy dashing through the forbidden doors to take a gander in The Catique. I may be a rule breaker, but if elected, I am the ONLY cat that will provide you with insider information on the Catique's new treasures and special eBay listings, along with behind-the-scenes shelter happenings.



Fannie

I may not be a princess or the best hugger, but I got the most staff votes. I have lived at Cat Welfare for nearly all of my 6 years. This is my forever home. I am part of the Guardian Angel Program, I wear a special sparkly collar, and I serve as a shift supervisor during the morning shelter cleaning. Donna and I care for the cats in the main adoption room and the recovery room every day.

If elected, I will keep you updated on what is happening all over the shelter, plus I have been told that I am whimsical. That's a good thing, right?



Lily

Call me a princess, everyone eventually does, but I was born to promote Cat Welfare, the place I have lived for 5 years.

I already visit schools, senior care facilities and anywhere else I am invited. I make friends easily, and I want folks to become aware of the services we provide for felines in Central Ohio.

I am young, so a blog doesn't scare me. If I'm elected, you'll definitely see me on Facebook, giving updates as I greet my adoring public.

CWA Happy Homes



I adopted **Vanna** in November 2010, keeping her name from the shelter, though sometimes I call her Vanna Calico to distinguish her from the popular game show hostess, Vanna White. That day at the shelter, she was resting in a basket under a chair. When I picked her up and she

started to purr, I knew she was the one! She is so adorable and a pleasure to have around the apartment. As the photo shows, she loves to be the “real” animal among all the teddy bears.

Thank you for taking care of Vanna and all the kitties at the shelter.

Cathy Axthelm



The day we went to Cat Welfare, we were looking for a young cat to be a playmate for Rascal, who was 1 1/2 years old. He is very playful, but our cats Sophie and Sadie are 12 years old and didn't want to play with him. **Samantha** is very lovable when she and Rascal aren't wrestling or chasing each other. They told us that she is not a lap cat, but she loves to be held and sleeps with us every night. When we took her

home, we opened the carrier door, she came out, she and Rascal hissed one time and then started to play. Now they act like they have been brother and sister all of their lives.

We are grateful for Cat Welfare and will be only too happy to help out, so maybe someone else will find a friend like we did when we adopted our baby Samantha.

Connie Sniff



My husband and I rescued a kitten from the side of the road in July 2010, but our family wasn't complete until we met **Edmond** at Cat Welfare the following June. He was a scraggly-looking 3-month-old kitten with a large patch of fur missing from his left side after recently having hernia surgery. For as ugly as he looked, he made up for it by being especially loving and affectionate. My husband couldn't put him down or he would climb up our legs to be held and petted again. We didn't pick him that day, he picked us.

Now 15 months old, Edmond still loves to cuddle and play with his adoptive brother. He has grown into his scruffy kitten hair, but he is still just as caring and affectionate. Thanks, Cat Welfare, for completing our family!

Bret & Brittany Burch

Got a Happy Homes story? Send it to catwelfarecats@yahoo.com or mail it to Cat Welfare, 741 Wetmore Road, Columbus, OH 43214.

Cat Welfare Top Cat Ballot

Vote as many times as you like. Each vote is \$1.

Fannie

_____ # of votes

Mojo

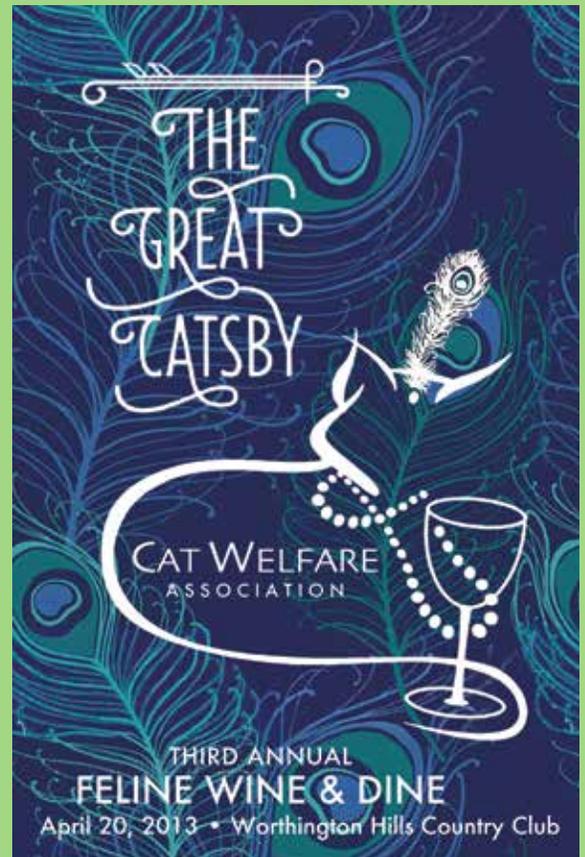
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Lily

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CWA 2014 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 2014 Calendar, which will be on sale next 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 March. You, your friends, and family may vote as many times for each photo you want. You purchase one vote credit for every \$1 donated to support CWA. You 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 **as well as 3 photos chosen from all entries.** The CWA judge's decisions are final. Winners will be notified via the CWA Fall *Feline Forum* Newsletter.
- To enter the contest, starting in March, follow the steps at <http://catwelfareohio.com/calendar.htm> by uploading your JPG format photo and vote for your favorite entries. You may also enter by sending in this form. **Entry form(s) must be postmarked and electronic entries must be submitted before June 1, 2013. Voting for the contest ends at midnight EST on Friday, June 14, 2013.** Be sure to include a 100 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: _____

100 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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to subsidize community low-cost spay/neuter surgeries

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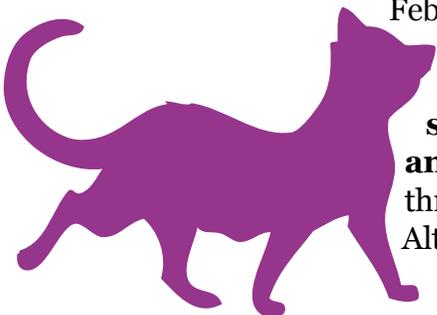
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Travis' Altering Fund

for spaying/neutering kittens

Jill & Lyle Schumacher

From January through February 2013, we **adopted 147 cats** into loving homes and **subsidized 299 spay and neuter surgeries** through our various Altering Fund programs.



Cat Welfare would like to thank:

Brian and Molly Watts, who became Life Members in 2012 and were left off the list in the last edition of the *Feline Forum*. Brian and Molly, we appreciate your support and apologize for the oversight.

All of the volunteers who worked the Home and Garden Show preview party and coat check. Your efforts raised just over \$1,300 for our shelter and the kitties!



Hello, Bobby

Hi, it's Bobby here. I am a 5-year-old neutered male cat that is mostly white with some interesting patches of brown, tan and tabby. I have been diagnosed with kidney disease. I can assure you that, as of this writing, the disease is only at its early stages, and I am generally in good form and spirit. I was adopted once from Cat Welfare, and I lived with a nice family. They loved me very much, but they couldn't handle the care end of my condition, and they had no choice but to bring me back here.

Here's the pitch: I could live at Cat Welfare for the rest of my life, but I would have to stay in a cage all the time so I would not be tempted to eat regular food OR I could go home to a family who would be willing to help me manage my disease. I would prefer the latter. The main thing is to keep me on a special diet. I could live a long time with good care. Perhaps there is someone out there who has a cat like

me and wouldn't mind another mouth to feed. I am a good boy and a super nice fellow. Please think about adopting me. Love, Bobby

Cat Welfare has nearly 300 cats available for adoption. Find your new feline friend by visiting www.catwelfareohio.com or stopping by our shelter. The kitties would be happy to see you!

Shelter Wish List:
Purina Cat Chow, Kitten Chow, moist cat food, 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 scrubbers, and Mr. Clean.

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