Central Ohio is suffering from a cat overpopulation crisis, and our shelter staff experiences the repercussions from this dilemma daily. Our staff is focused on finding homes for the feline residents in our care and providing the cats with the best quality of care while they reside at Cat Welfare. While Cat Welfare is a limited-intake facility, we do not turn away any injured or pregnant stray cats, even when we have reached capacity. The unfortunate reality is that our staff has to turn away 30 cats and kittens from our shelter every day. The solution is twofold, and we need your help to increase adoptions and please spread the word about the importance of spaying and neutering.

In an effort to find more forever homes for more fur babies, our adoption fee has been temporarily reduced by 50%. Our kittens and adult cats are available for adoption at the fee of $40, while our Senior and Special Needs cats can be adopted for $30. The reduced adoption fee offer will end on September 2, 2012.

Affordable spay and neuter assistance has always been a Cat Welfare goal. Cat Welfare offers a low-cost altering fund that works in conjunction with vets around Columbus. Our prices include both distemper and rabies vaccinations: neuter, $45; spay, $55; and pregnant cat spay, $60. In addition to our low-cost altering fund, Cat Welfare offers spay and neuter assistance to those who provide care to feral cats. You can learn more about how Cat Welfare is trying to make a difference by visiting www.catwelfareohio.com/lowcostaltering.htm or you can call our office at 614-268-6096 and request an application for spay and neuter assistance.

An eight-week Volunteer Grooming Pilot Program was launched in mid-July. After completing a brief training session, the eight volunteers in this program each groom the same five cats every week. Grooming includes: examining gums, teeth, eyes, ears, skin and fur; trimming toenails; brushing and removing hair mats; and ensuring the cats are wearing their collars.

The work of these volunteers, coupled with the efforts of CWA staff, will mean that each shelter cat will receive personal attention every week!
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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We are open daily on Monday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday from 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Tuesday & Wednesday 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. (Closed the first Thursday of each month and all major holidays)

The adoption fee of $80 for adult cats and for kittens includes spay/neuter surgery, initial vaccinations, testing for feline leukemia and FIV, microchip identification, flea treatment & deworming. The shelter has established an Altering Fund to subsidize spay/neuter surgeries for cat owners with limited incomes. Contact 614-268-6096 for an application.

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$74K Raised from Community Shares

Community Shares of Mid Ohio allows employees of participating organizations throughout Central Ohio to donate to any of 60 nonprofit causes via a payroll deduction program.

Participating agencies include community-based, volunteer-led nonprofits that prevent family, school and neighborhood violence, homelessness and hunger, child abuse and neglect, and environmental devastation; protect civil and human rights; and increase adult and children’s literacy, healthful living, safety and social justice. Thanks to Community Shares, Cat Welfare received donations just over $74,000 last year!

If your employer participates in Community Shares, please remember our kittens when you are filling out your forms, and encourage your family and friends to do the same. If your workplace does not include Community Shares, ask your campaign coordinator how you can make a gift through donor option.

For more information, contact Community Shares at 614-262-1176, office@communityshares.net or online at www.communityshares.net.

Event to Honor Volunteers, Members

Cat Welfare Association is hosting a Volunteer Recognition and Membership Event. The purpose of this event is to recognize the contributions of CWA’s volunteers and to celebrate the loyal support of all our members.

Currently over 180 active volunteers give their time to Cat Welfare by volunteering in the shelter, assisting with spay and neuter events, serving on various committees, working in the Catique, attending off-site adoption events, planning fundraisers, updating Petfinder, sewing catnip pillows, gift-wrapping during the holidays and a myriad of other acts of kindness.

Of course, at the core of CWA is the unwavering support of our members. Membership donations provide a funding source to help feed and care for more than 250 cats and kittens each day and give our furry friends the second chance they deserve.

We cannot thank our members and volunteers enough for all that they do to help our kittens!

The Volunteer Recognition and Membership Event will be held at the air conditioned shelter house at Antrim Park, 5800 Olentangy River Road, from 6 to 8 p.m. on Sunday, August 19, 2012. Dinner will be followed by a short program and time to socialize with other members and volunteers.

The program will include a brief presentation on Animal Reiki by Jennifer Ortman, Director, Animal Services at The Reiki Center. Reiki is a spiritual healing practice that restores the flow of energy through light touches. Animal Reiki can help pets who are experiencing stress or emotional or physical pain. Please visit www.thereikicenter.net for more information.

We sincerely hope you will be able to join us. If you are planning to attend, please provide an RSVP no later than August 12, 2012, to teamcatwelfare@gmail.com or 614-268-6096, Ext. 103.
2012 Cat Caper Set for September 30

The 2012 Cat Caper 5K, presented by Aire-Flo Heating, Cooling & Generators, is Sunday, September 30. Runners from all over Central Ohio will meet for the 9 a.m. race at the Ohio Center for Autism and Low Incidence at 470 Glenmont Ave. in Clintonville. Registration starts at 7 a.m. The Kids Fun Run, sponsored by Lextent, will feature two start lines this year, and each child who participates will receive a T-shirt and a young participant goodie bag. The Kids Fun Run, geared for children 12 and under, blasts off at 8:30 a.m.

Our 5K course loops through the scenic hilly Overbrook Ravine and is USTAF certified. Our race is an event! We have vendors, including the CD 102.5 ice cream truck, a post-race pancake breakfast (donations go straight to the kitties) and a fabulous post-race raffle. Cat Welfare is very excited to announce that radio personality and animal lover Anthony Rothman is returning to emcee the race.

Cat Nappers who prefer to stay in bed that morning can make a donation, which entitles them to a T-shirt and a bag of goodies, just like the ones the runners will receive.

More details, including online registration, can be found at www.catcaper.org. For general race questions and information regarding raffle donation opportunities, contact Laura Modisette, Cat Caper Chair, at cwacatcaper@gmail.com or Gail Harbert, Program Manager, at 614-268-6096, Ext. 103.

Cat Adoption: My Next Cat Will Be the Most Unadoptable Ever

This is an excerpt from an article by Dorian Wagner published on catster.com on July 11, 2012. Read the full text at www.catster.com/lifestyle/cat-adoption-most-unadoptable-cat.

Let's talk about cat adoption. My next cat will be the ugliest, oldest, least-adoptable cat in the shelter. You know that plain black cat in the corner with no unique markings? The one who's been waiting patiently, purring his best but getting passed over day after day, month after month? Or the poor kitty who needs to eat special food or visit the vet more often for an existing condition that is otherwise under control? Or that old lady feline who has been waiting patiently and living her life for years at the shelter, but has never known a couch or a bed?

Put all those together and you have my next cat.

[...] I see so many adorable kittens every day, and while I have nothing against adorable kittens, I wish everyone would be able to open their heart to older, "uglier," or special-needs cats. They have the same-sized heart inside and can love you just as much -- and maybe even more!

Are you moving?

Be sure to notify us of your new address so we can keep our records up to date!
All of our kitty competitors were determined and fought hard to bring home the gold. We are very proud to present our champions, receiving gold medals for their achievement in their own respective "cat"egories.

Badminton: Willow  
Boxing: Bond  
Diving: Mrs. Bigglesworth  
Fencing: Bishop  
Judo: Black Jack  
Track: Lonesome  
Pole Vault: Snuffy  
Long Jump: Cheryl  
Sailing: Ophelia  
Ping Pong: Sissy  
Weight Lifting: Dirtball

Stop by the shelter and give our gold medalists a congratulatory ear scratch.
Vincent Fund Cares for CWA's Injured Kitties

Rodney has been through the wringer in his short life. He was living outdoors, not by choice, but because he was dumped at a young age. When he was abandoned, he happened to find a colony of outdoor feral and semi-feral cats out in the country near Circleville. One night he was attacked by another animal. The wound was very serious and excruciatingly painful. Rodney hobbled around for quite some time before a very kind woman befriended him in the field where he lived. She gave him a ride to Columbus, where she knew the staff at Cat Welfare would care for him.

His leg was mangled, and the infection had turned into gangrene. The veterinarian believed that Rodney would not have survived one more day out in the field, and there was no option but to remove his leg. Rodney came through the surgery very well. There is no longer any infection, and he will be able to walk reasonably well on three legs.

Unfortunately, Rodney was left with some emotional scars from his ordeal. He became very depressed, ate very little and shied away from trying to walk. After spending several weeks in foster care with Doug and Penny Ellis, they have decided to adopt him. "We intended to work with Rodney to get him to eat and walk and be social enough to return to the shelter and to be adopted," Penny said. "However in the time that we spent with him, he captured our hearts."

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Hello there, my name is Holly (formerly Amanda at the CWA). Thanks for taking care of me while I waited to find a forever home. I was very sad because someone brought me back, but now I have two great owners. They fell victim to my patented head rub and purrs. I knew they would bring me home even though I was their first cat. They even adopted another cat for me to play with. We get along great! Also, the humans were very grateful for Cat Welfare because I came spayed, microchipped and vaccinated!

Again, thank you very much for taking care of me. Meow!

Adopted by: Ben and Lucie

Send your “Happy Homes” photo(s) and short story (200 words or less, if possible) to “Happy Homes,” c/o Cat Welfare, 741 Wetmore Road, Columbus, OH 43214, or online at catwelfarecats@yahoo.com. View these and many more “Happy Homes” stories on our website: www.catwelfareohio.com.

Hello! Finn and Chief White Cloud here. Just wanted to give you a little update on our new lives in our forever home. I, Finn, on the left, was adopted in April 2010. I was a little nervous at first, but my new "parents" made me feel welcome and now I run the place. Chief White Cloud, on the right, was adopted in March 2011. He had a harder time adjusting to our new home, but again, our new "parents" have worked with him to make him feel welcome. It worked, and he is now a big part of our family! CWC and I are best buds and you can usually find us hanging out together, playing or sleeping. We love to do all three. We are very happy to have found our forever home!

Adopted by: Dan & Nancy Hankle

I just wanted to write and let you know how well the "Wright Brothers" are doing. We adopted Wilbur and Orville on July 28, 2011. They had been rescued from a house fire and had to be bottle fed. So, first, I would like to thank the volunteers who did such a wonderful job! These two boys are the most cuddly kittens I have ever had. They still love lying on their backs in your arms and having their bellies rubbed!

Wilbur is quite the ornery one. He tears through the house jumping on anything and everything. Especially my back! But as soon as you pick him up he just purrs. He also is the one who keeps trying to escape the house. He wants out so bad, he can taste it! We have found that none of us are quicker than he is.

Orville is the sweet, quiet one. He has taken one of my daughter's blankets for his own. He drags it through the house, wherever he needs to cuddle. Occasionally, we find that he has also stolen socks from the laundry.

Thank you, for all that you do!

Adopted by: Patty McIntyre & family
Casey certainly did not expect that the knocking on her apartment door on a bright morning in May would result in a new kitten. A neighbor who needed to get to work on time reached out to Casey for assistance with rescuing a tiny kitten that had just run up under the hood of her car.

Upon retrieval, Casey knew the kitten needed medical attention, so she took the wee one to Chittenend Animal Hospital. On her own dime, Casey had the kitten examined, treated for fleas and took home medication to treat the kitten for an upper respiratory infection. After the infection had cleared up, a recheck lead Dr. Weisel to believe that the male kitten, now named Darunia, was suffering from a diaphragmatic hernia. Dr. Weisel contacted Cat Welfare because Casey, a recent college graduate, was short on funds but long on her commitment to Darunia.

An X-ray, paid for by Joey’s Good Samaritan Fund, confirmed Dr. Weisel’s diagnosis. Your generous donations to the Joey’s Good Samaritan Fund made it possible for Darunia to have a life-saving surgery performed by Dr. Jay at Obetz Animal Hospital. Darunia responded so well to the surgery that he was released the very same day! Casey could not believe that the once sick kitten she had been caring for was zooming around her apartment just one day after surgery.

The cats and kittens we assist with Joey’s Good Samaritan funding suffer from a wide variety of debilitating injuries and illnesses – some are companion cats and some are injured strays that a compassionate individual or family is willing to home. Regardless of the circumstances, your donation to the Good Sam Fund is a gift of life to the felines and support to caring owners who are very thankful for the financial assistance.

Has your vet gone above and beyond for your beloved pets? Honor that special care by adding him or her to Cat Welfare’s Veterinary Circle of Support. For $25, a 20-word dedication will be posted on the Cat Caper 5K website, www.catcaperc.org, and included on a poster to be displayed on race day, September 30. The names will also be listed in the December 2012/January 2013 issue of The Feline Forum. Send your donation and dedication to Cat Welfare, Attn: Circle of Support, 741 Wetmore Road, Columbus, OH 43214.

Veterinarians who wish to join the Circle can also send a donation to the above address. For a $25 donation, his or her practice will be saluted as a supporter of our shelter’s mission and the work we do.
Cat Welfare's Long-Term Residents Waiting for Their Forever Homes

Most cats stay at Cat Welfare only briefly before they're adopted into loving forever homes, but some kitties find themselves still under our roof after many months. The cats on these pages have been at the shelter for more than a year. You can read more about each of them on our Petfinder listings at www.catwelfareohio.com

My name is Finn, and I came to the shelter in June 2010 as a small kitten with my brother Will. Will got adopted shortly thereafter, but I am still here, probably because I was shy and a little hesitant at first. But lately I have been making great strides, seeking out people to pet me. A lot! I will even let some people pick me up! I am quite playful and have lots of energy. I am especially good at chasing feather toys. I am a shorthaired guy with a pretty orange and white coat. You can usually find me in the main adoption room but, then again, I have taken to spending lots of time basking in the sun in our outdoor enclosure here. I get along great with other cats and will walk away if some of the tough guys around here try to take advantage of my good nature and pick on me. I would love to find just the right home with someone who would appreciate me and what a special pussycat I am.

Coltrane is a sweet, quiet male cat who was found out on the streets in The Ohio State University District. We believe Coltrane is approximately 9 years old. Coltrane won't be hard for you to find if you come to visit our shelter, as he spends most of his time in our main office. We think Coltrane wants to be the first cat to be named office manager at the shelter. He is often found lounging on the desk, usually covering all the important papers the staff needs to work on. Coltrane was adopted at the end of 2010 and returned May 2011 because he did not get along with the family dog. Although he has readjusted to life at the shelter, he would be more than happy to find a new home without dogs.
Interested in adopting one of these sweet faces? Come into the shelter and ask the staff to introduce you! Remember, adoption fees are reduced until September 2!

They call me **Smokey** here at Cat Welfare. It’s because I am a beautiful grey cat. I am a 9-year-old spayed female who is already microchipped and up to date with shots. I am also declawed.

I have been living at this wonderful shelter since June 2010. I was brought in as a stray cat. I haven’t been adopted because I don’t go out of my way to introduce myself to visitors. I am not shy, but I have found my own place at Cat Welfare, and that is in the front isolation room. I live mostly on top of the cages or on a shelf by the sink. I rarely leave the room, but alas, I will defend my room with tooth and claw against other invading felines. I like to have my space!

When I first arrived, I often started fights and spent much of my time worrying over my little territory, but things have changed and gotten better with time. I have become much more tolerant of the other cats around me. I do love people, and I show a great deal of affection when I am fussled over. I wish I had more access to people. It would be nice to be in a home where I could feel like I belong. I do think I would probably do best in a home without other cats, though. Please come and visit me in the front isolation room soon!

Hello. Pleased to meet you. I am **Wayne** and here is my story: I am a 7-year-old neutered male cat living at Cat Welfare, and I am anxiously seeking new horizons. I was a stray cat who was brought here in July 2011. This is a wonderful place to live, but I would like to move on to a real home sometime soon. I am very friendly, outgoing and calm. I have short, black and white fur and wonderful long, white whiskers. If you review all of my photos on Petfinder, you will no doubt judge me one of the most handsome cats in America. I am a very stately and elegant guy with a carefree casual charm. You would never go wrong with me. Thank you for reading my story. Hope to see you soon!
Help Us Make the *Feline Forum* Even Better

In the coming months, we are planning to launch a re-designed *Feline Forum*! Before we start the project, however, we want to hear from you. Please answer the questions below and mail this form to Cat Welfare, Attn: Reader Survey, 741 Wetmore Road, Columbus, OH 43214. You can also email your comments to teamcatwelfare@gmail.com. Thank you in advance for this critical feedback!

What are your favorite parts of the *Feline Forum*?

What are your least favorite parts?

What kinds of regular columns would you like to see? Examples: cat care tips, volunteer spotlights.

What could we do better?

What other suggestions do you have? Please feel free to attach additional pages, as needed.

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**Become a Cat Welfare Member!**

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- Life Member - $250 one-time donation
- Patron - $100 annually
- Family - $50 annually
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**Shelter Wish List:**
- Purina Cat Chow, Kitten Chow, moist cat food (non-fish flavors), brown paper grocery bags, Windex, clean newspapers, clean towels, clay litter, dryer sheets, bleach, liquid dishwashing soap, Clorox wipes, Mr. Clean Magic Eraser pads, laundry detergent, stainless steel Chore Boy scrubbies, and Mr. Clean with Febreze.

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Molly Lex, “Hook Lex”
Anne Riley & Wilma Wabnitz, “In memory of Jennifer Parker’s very special girls, Momma Lillie and Grizabella”
Bertha Ihnat, “In memory of Elizabeth Emery”
Andrew & Rick Oldenquist, “In memory of our beloved cats: Gorby & Ali”
Julie Karovics, “In memory of Julian – gentle shelter cat”
Yassenoff Family, “Happy Birthday Nancy Edwards”
Rebecca & George Zaebst, “In memory of Momma Lillie – cat of Jennifer Parker”
Sue Wilcox, “Very special Moxie”
Alice Freschman, “In memory of Shamu aka Calendar Cat”
Anna Teichmoeller, “In memory of BB, a snuggle, cuddle big boy”
Ann McDowell, “In memory of Hazel Wachtel”
Harry Baucom, “In everlasting memory of Maggie May & Abbey, two wonderful friends that recently crossed the Rainbow Bridge. They were deeply cherished and will be greatly missed by the loving family and friends of Patty Harris.”
Craig & Constance Walley, “In memory of sweet Faux, best lap sitter ever!”
Rosemary & Roger Schirtzinger, “Pettie”
Anne Riley, “In memory of special CWA kitty Mollie”
John & Nancy Sue Irwin, Betty Fox, Michelle Fregonas, Karen Carroll, Tanya Bender, Richard Austin, Leo Dworkin, Nancy Shollenberger and Dale & Marty Keener

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Travis Fund

For spaying/neutering kittens

Rose Ann Ballangee

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Ishie Memorial Fund

For care of long-term shelter residents

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Cat Welfare would like to thank:

Thank you to Jenn of www.facebook.com/JennsCupcakesConfections and her son Cal for thinking of the kitties. For every cookies and cream cupcake they sell at the Jefferson Township Farmers Market, our kittens will receive a donation.

Thank you to Tim and Carol Bradford www.timsorganicpantry.com for donating 5% of the proceeds for the entire month of August to Cat Welfare!

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Vincent Fund

For emergency care for shelter cats

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Capital Veterinary Referral & Emergency, Judy Hardy, Lori Garland, Dorothy Cobbs, Judy Popowski, Mark Pearson, Linda Schellkopf, Nicole Trimner, Catherine Ridenbaugh, Richard Austin, Joy & Ed Weiler, Emma Jean Haycook, Dick & Linda Hamilton, Denise Goodman and Marie Smidl

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Altering Fund

To subsidize low-cost spay/neuter surgeries for cats of low-income families

Ruey Landis Rodman, Judy Hardy, Ann Browning-Shaw, Lynn Stroley, Rebecca & George Zaebst, Judith Johnson and Craig Lewis

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Willard’s Village Babies Fund

For spay/neuter of feral cats & to assist feral cat caretakers


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Cat-A-Lack Chow Club

For food for the shelter kittens

Vanessa Schoeck, Marilyn Zilio, Mary Cull, Kathy Davis & coworkers at OSU Medical Center, Jeannette Jones and Marie Smidl

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Psst, down here. Are you looking for a large, sweet kitty who desperately wants a forever home? I just may be your girl! I’m Aurora, the 5-year-old kitty that spends a great deal of the day sitting in the back of the communal cage here in the main adoption room. I was dumped at Cat Welfare in late November of last year. I do come out of the communal cage to seek attention from the staff and a couple of volunteers who have befriended me, but I have trouble standing up for myself against some of the bully cats. I have heard some of the staff worrying that I have become depressed and wishing I would resume my grooming routine. They wish I could find a quiet forever home where the family gives me time to adjust to my new surroundings and helps me feel safe and loved. Can you give me that chance?

*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!*