

# Feline Forum

Cat Welfare Association Newsletter

August/September 2013

## Special Needs Cats to Have a Place Thanks to Shelter Remodeling Project



We are excited to announce that Cat Welfare has been awarded a financial grant from The Joanie Bernard Foundation. This grant, along with a bequest from the Marjorie Baker estate, will be used to fund remodeling of the Catique resale shop. This remodeled area will increase the space used for cat care and support services by approximately 25%.

Plans for the remodeled area include segregated housing with a special air handling system for cats that are FIV and feline leukemia positive (two groups of special needs cats that we are currently unable to accommodate); space dedicated to treatment and intake of new arrivals and feline residents; improved housing for kittens; space for potential adopters and cats to interact one-on-one away from the communal environment; a room for shy/timid cats to acclimate to shelter life; and upgraded space for staff support services.

The feline population at the shelter is expected to increase slightly with the intake and housing of FIV and feline leukemia positive

cats. Also, as a result of this project, we anticipate the stress of feline residents, especially during the peak cyclical influx of new arrivals, will be reduced; adoptions should increase; and shelter operations will be improved.

Construction is targeted to begin this fall when operation of the Catique will be temporarily suspended until an alternative location is determined.

Members are invited to review the architectural plan online at [www.catwelfareohio.com](http://www.catwelfareohio.com) and submit comments or questions about the plan or project to [cwa.renovation@gmail.com](mailto:cwa.renovation@gmail.com) through August 18, 2013. The Board meeting on August 20, 2013, will be dedicated to member review and comments about the plan.

# Mojo's Corner: Grooming Teams



Time sure flies when you're giving hugs. Did you know that CWA started a grooming program last year? I and many of my wonderful fellow residents have been receiving weekly visits from a special someone who has committed their time to give us some individual TLC. My person is Kenneth. He's awesome! We kitties appreciate all of the affection we receive from visitors, but come on, when you know someone is taking their time to come and see YOU, it feels good. I have heard the grooming team volunteers say that they feel good about their time in the shelter and they can feel they are enriching our lives. If you come by the shelter for a visit, you will most likely be greeted by a dilute calico called

Dandi. Last year Dandi was very afraid to interact with visitors. Being a member of a grooming team has built Dandi's trust. The next step for her will be a patient forever home. If you have the time and you want to make a difference, please contact my pal Gail at [cwavolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:cwavolunteers@gmail.com) or 614-268-6096, ext. 103, to discuss recruiting your own grooming team.

## 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.



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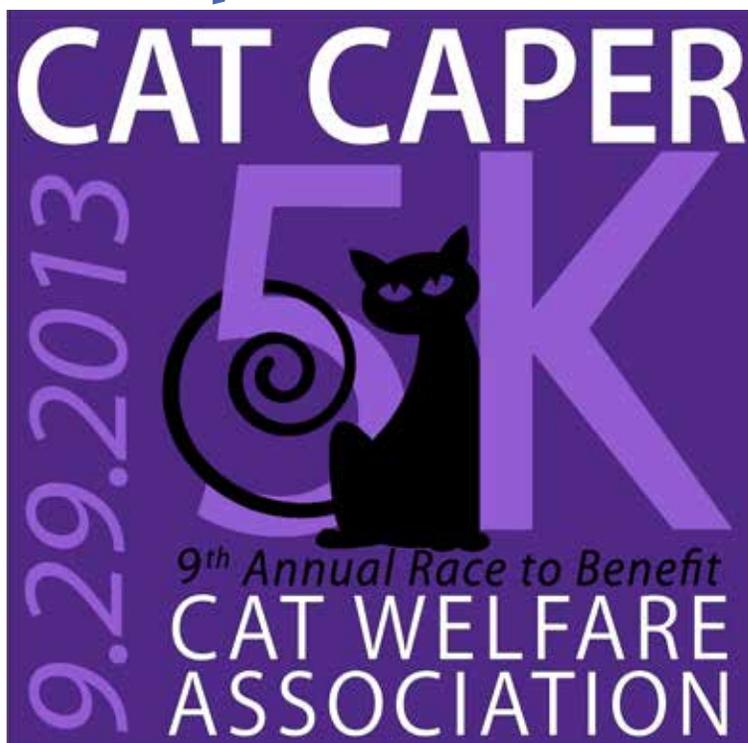
## Summer Love...



**Adopt any cat or kitten: \$40**  
**Add a buddy or littermate: \$20**

**Senior cats (8+ years): \$30**  
**Add a senior friend: \$15**

# Cat Caper 5K runs through Clintonville Sept. 29



The 2013 Cat Caper 5K, presented by Aire-Flo Heating, Cooling & Generators, is Sunday, September 29. Runners from all over Central Ohio will meet for the 9 a.m. race at the Ohio Center for Autism and Low Incidence, 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 a post-race pancake breakfast (donations go straight to the kitties) and a fabulous post-race raffle.

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](http://www.catcaper.org). For general race questions, information about setting up as a vendor or regarding raffle donation opportunities, contact Laura Modisette, Cat Caper Chair, at [cwacatcaper@gmail.com](mailto:cwacatcaper@gmail.com) or Gail Harbert, Program Manager, at 268-6096, ext. 103.

## Summertime is Flea Time, Get Your Treatment at CWA

Fleas are the most common external parasite to plague companion animals. They are wingless insects that feed on blood, can jump up to two feet high and make a very comfortable home in your pet's fur. They can live for as few as 13 days or as long as 12 months—and during that time, can produce millions of offspring.

If you see your cat scratching often and persistently, it's time for a spot check. Invest in a fine-tooth comb and run it through your cat's fur, especially around the neck and at the base of the tail. If you see small, fast-moving brown shapes about the size of a pinhead in her fur, your cat has fleas. Also check for black spots between the teeth of the comb. The black spots are called "flea dirt"—dried blood excreted by fleas. And if you see tiny white grains, these may be flea eggs.

If left untreated, a flea infestation can kill a kitten or cat. Cat Welfare is excited to be able to offer our friends an effective flea preventative at an affordable price. Unlike some flea treatments, Activyl® doesn't just kill adult fleas, it also stops flea eggs and larvae from developing. Breaking the flea life cycle is important, so your pet is not re-infested by new fleas developing from existing flea eggs and larvae in your home environment. A single dose can be purchased at Cat Welfare for just \$8. Activyl® is also approved for use on kittens that have reached two pounds, which typically happens at nine weeks.

# CWA Happy Homes



Just wanted to give you an update on Cinderella, now **Cinder**. We adopted her in May of 2009. She was found by firefighters in the basement of an abandoned home involved in an arson fire. She was pregnant at the time. She was brought to you with many ailments suffered from the fire, but after three months of your loving care, brought back to health, at which time we were the lucky family to adopt her. We love her more than anything and are so glad that we are able to give her the love and care that she so deserves. Thank you!

**Jim Maley**



**Maddie** is getting along mostly okay with the new dog in her life. Momo the Shiba Inu is working on her kitty manners; she's got great dog manners but doesn't realize a cat can't understand what a play-bow is, or that cats don't always like to play chase. But she's getting better, and Maddie has my room as her sanctuary. Her new human friend has never lived with a cat before, but he adores her and thinks she's basi-

cally perfect. (She is.)

She's very playful, loves the laser pointer and the mouse fishing pole and Cat Dancer. She loves her people, loves attention and loves sleeping with me at night. I'm so grateful to everyone at Cat Welfare for giving me the opportunity to live with Maddie. Thank you all for everything.

**Jack Durand**



I adopted **Sergio** in February 2012 when I was finally able to have a cat in my apartment. When I first came to Cat Welfare, I loved all the cats I met, but I hadn't found "the one" yet. As I was starting to leave, I reached down to pet a great big tuxedo cat sleeping in a cat tree. He looked up at me, stood, stretched and climbed into my arms, where he stayed for a long time, purring and rubbing on my face. It was then that I knew who would be coming home with me.

As soon as I let him out of the carrier and into my room, I knew that I had made the perfect choice. I have never seen a cat knead so hard or heard one purr so loud. Since then, Sergio and I have been inseparable. He is the friendliest, most lovable, patient cat, and he adores getting attention from anyone and everyone who stops by the apartment.

Keep up the awesome work, Cat Welfare!

**Jessica Littrell**

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

# Cat Welfare's Good Samaritan Fund Steps in When Owners and Their Kitties Need Help

**Fund  
Spotlight**

This is Muta. He was dumped in the parking lot of a hotel. Every day, he sat outside the lobby doors, waiting, to beg guests for food and attention. Some had pity on him and gave but many others did not. He was malnourished and too small and sweet to leave in such a bad situation. His owners rescued him from that life and tried to fatten him up and give him friendship. Later they found out that Muta needed an operation they could not afford. His vet told them he was in pain and it would only get worse, his leg was barely hanging in his hip socket. They were told that if they could not afford the surgery, then Muta should be euthanized. If not for the Good Samaritans of the Cat Welfare Association, Muta would not be recovering, happily, with his new forever family. His owners say, "We are so grateful that he has this second chance and we are thrilled to be the ones that he loves. And we love him right back!"



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*Joey's Good Samaritan Fund provides assistance to owned cats who are in need of medical care beyond the financial ability of their family. Joey's Good Samaritan Fund will help keep beloved felines in their forever homes. Cat Welfare would like to thank the All Life Foundation for their generous support of this fund.*

## Become a Cat Welfare Member!

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Name

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Address

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Phone

- Life Member - \$250 one-time donation
- Patron - \$100 annually
- Family - \$50 annually
- Individual - \$25 annually
- Senior Citizen - \$10 annually
- Pet - \$5 annually

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## Raffle Raises Nearly \$2K



Congratulations to Rosalie, our 2013 quilt raffle winner! This wonderful fundraiser generated \$1,990 for our shelter. We would like to once again thank quilters Elizabeth Bowling and Sharon Warrington for their time and talent.

## Community Shares Giving

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 promote social justice. Thanks to Community Shares, Cat Welfare received donations just over \$72,000 last year!

If your employer participates in Community Shares, please remember our kitties when you are filling out your forms, and encourage your family and friends to do the same. If not, 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](mailto:office@communityshares.net) or online at [www.communityshares.net](http://www.communityshares.net).

## I'M A FOREVER CAT

I'm a *forever* cat, not an *until* cat.

I'm not an *until you get bored with me* cat.

I'm not an *until you find a girlfriend* cat.

I'm not an *until you have a baby* cat.

I'm not an *until you have to move* cat.

I'm not an *until you have no time* cat.

I'm not an *until I get old* cat.

I'm a *forever* cat.

If you can't give me *forever*, then I'm not your cat.

## IT'S REALLY THAT SIMPLE.

# We Love Our Donors

## Ishie Memorial Fund

for long-term care of shelter residents

Richard Austin, "For Martin and his Max"  
Maureen McCormick, "In memory of Maple & Ivy"  
Anne Riley, "In memory of Jennifer Parker's cat Madeline"

John & Nancy Sue Irwin  
Paula Orban, "In memory of John Orban"  
Erik Diekmeyer  
Kenneth Oates  
Dick & Linda Hamilton  
Catherine Zitko, "In memory of Sweet Pea"  
Dale & Marty Keener  
Linda Schellkopf  
Janet Moffat  
Robyn Driscoll

## Altering Fund

to subsidize community low-cost spay/neuter surgeries

Ramona Sietsma, Patti Barnitz, Judith Johnson, and Dick & Linda Hamilton

## Vincent Fund

for emergency care for shelter cats

Camilla Ripley, Juanita Woods "In memory of our feral boy Zane," Linda Schellkopf, Mark Pearson, Robert & Patricia Ferrey Jr., Anna Teichmoeller, Stephen Scott & Micaela Stratton, and Carl & Joyce Rybak

## Joey's Good Sam Fund

for medical care of owned cats

Candy Moore, Shawn Kiser "In honor of Fannie, the best shelter cat at Cat Welfare," Julie McGhee & Kathryn Hess "In the name of Simon Sez," and Patti Barnitz

## Willard's Village Babies Fund

for care of feral cat colonies

Richard Austin, Juanita Woods, Darcey Hile "In memory of Maynard 'Sonny' Bliss," Trisha Neece, and Julie Christopher "In memory of Shima"

## Cat-A-Lack Chow Club

for food for the shelter residents

Natalie Tyler

## Travis' Altering Fund

for spaying/neutering kittens

Timothy Thompson

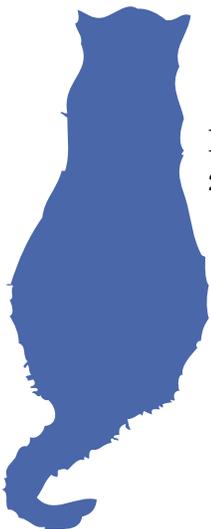
## Cat Welfare would like to thank:

Sandra Paul and John Moore for their recent generosity.

Alina Smith, Rosalie Gengras and Victoria Zubovich for having their guests bring gifts for our kitties to their birthday parties.

All those who donated during our June food and supply drive. Many, many wonderful items were dropped off including 575 cans of moist food and 1,200 lbs. of dry cat food.

Girl Scout Troop 1269 for making fun gift bags that were presented to adopters.



From January through June 2013, we **adopted 416 cats** into loving homes and **subsidized 998 spay and neuter surgeries** through our various Altering Fund programs.



# Hello, Stan Lee

My name is Stan Lee, and I am a special needs cat looking for a permanent home. I was found in very poor condition in the south end of Columbus, and I was lucky enough to be taken in by Cat Welfare. This happened to me in January 2013. Since then, I have received excellent care and much love from all the people here at the shelter. For a while I was living in a foster home because I have a rather unusual physical condition. My feet were bleeding and raw when I arrived here, and it turned out that I have a food allergy. The food I can eat is commercially available and contains mostly duck and peas. Since being on the diet and living with a foster family away from the food the other cats eat, my feet have healed completely. I am hoping that someone reading this will find it in their heart to give me a chance at a forever home. I loved my foster family, and I know they loved me, too, but we all agree a home with my own forever people would be just the

thing for me. Thank you for reading my story.

*Cat Welfare has nearly 300 cats available for adoption. Find your new feline friend by visiting [www.catwelfareohio.com](http://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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