

Feline Forum

Cat Welfare Association Newsletter

December 2012/January 2013



Saying Goodbye to Jumpy

by Trisha Neece

On October 30, our dear boy Jumpy took a turn for the worse and we had the vet come to our home to check him out. As I feared, we had to make the decision to put our sweet boy to rest. I laid with him curled up in front of me while I softly petted him and kissed the soft fur atop his head gently as he crossed over.

I am devastated by his passing but am so thankful for the time John and I had with him, even though it was way too short. He made our lives better just as much as we did his. I know he was a happy boy that felt love and returned it freely and without expectation.

Many of you who knew Jumpy at the shelter remember that he would never let you pick him up, and he always suffered from herpes and upper respiratory disease. As a part of our family, his health improved dramatically, almost completely. He was a relaxed boy that followed me throughout the house.

I already miss him so much, and it was hard to sleep last night without his head nestled on my shoulder or cuddled up between me and John. We have so many loving memories to cherish and are blessed to have been able to have

such a sweet and genuine soul grace our lives. He will forever be “with” us! Thank you all so much for caring about him and sending positive thoughts and prayers. Thank you to everyone who spent time with Jumpy at the shelter, giving him love and affection that he deserved so much. Thank you to everyone who continues to give that love and affection to the other cats that are still living at the shelter, and know that it does make a difference!

Santa (and Lucky!) are Coming to Town

Bring your kitties, bring your doggies, come with your family and friends for photos with Santa at Petco, 5030 N. High St., December 15 and 16 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Not only will Santa be on hand for this photo op but so will Lucky, the CWA mascot, in festive holiday attire. You can choose to pose with either or both. Photos this year will be available by email for \$5, or a print can be made for a \$10 contribution.

Come on out and have some fun! For more information, contact Gail Harbert at cwavolunteers@gmail.com or 614-268-6096, Ext. 103.



Fund Spotlight

Cat-A-Lack Chow Club Feeds Hundreds of Hungry Bellies

Volunteer Linda Schellkopf (pictured below) visits Cat Welfare six days a week and treats the cats with spoonfuls of Fancy Feast. In just one week the shelter residents gobble up every bit of the 156 cans of Fancy Feast Linda donates and prepares for them. In addition to giving our residents a tasty moist cat food treat, this extra bit of attention has helped Linda to earn the trust of two of the shelter's more timid kitties. Wild Child and Finn now both approach Linda not only for a snack but also to seek out some love from their special friend.

It takes a lot of food to feed the 300+ cats that live under our roof. Every 60 days Cat Welfare purchases 19,200 ounces (1,200 16-ounce cans) of moist cat food, 800 pounds of Cat Chow and 800 pounds of Kitten Chow. Your donation to the Cat-A-Lack Chow Club helps to defray these costs.



Joseph's Sweet Legacy of Love

On October 16, Joseph, the last member of the Guardian Angels Silver Social Club, passed away. The Silver Social Club became part of the Guardian Angels program in 2006 as a permanent foster home for older shelter residents that were not able to be adopted. For many years Judy & Doug Laber

have opened their home and hearts to these sweet cats and provided them a loving home in their final years. We are deeply saddened by Joseph's passing and the retirement of the Silver Social Club.

There are many older cats at the shelter that would love to have a home or a friend who comes to visit regularly. Some of these senior cats have been returned after living in a home for 10 years or more. This sudden change can result in confusion and even depression. Please consider making one of our senior citizens part of your family or sponsoring one of our Guardian Angels. More information can be found at www.catwelfareohio.com.

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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Cat Caper Roundup

Beautiful weather greeted the 430 runners, walkers, Cat Nappers and kids who turned out for this year's event. A total of \$10,800 was raised for the shelter. *Top and lower left photos by Char Riedinger of Charper Images*



Take Good Care of Your Outdoor Kitty Friends This Winter

Because Cat Welfare is a no-kill, limited-intake facility, unfortunately we are forced to turn away cats and kittens when our shelter has reached capacity. Staying true to our mission, we will always accept pregnant, injured or returned cats previously adopted from Cat Welfare.

On average, our front office staff can expect 20 messages when they arrive in the morning, and generally the phones are busy all day with calls from compassionate individuals trying to find homes for stray cats and kittens. These calls tend to increase in the winter months as caring people

are worried about the welfare of homeless felines. It's heartbreaking to turn away any homeless cat or kitten, but lack of space sometimes prohibits us from accepting them into the shelter. To help you care for those kitties that must live outdoors until we have available accommodations, there are some positive steps you can take to keep them safer, warmer and healthier. One of the best online resources is Alley Cat Allies' Colony Care Guide, www.alleycat.org/page.aspx?pid=890. And, of course, our staff is always here to answer your questions – we're just one phone call away!

CWA Happy Homes



George and Tiki are both doing very well. They are well behaved, and they love playing with string, fishing pole toys, and each other. Both adjusted very quickly to living in their new home.

Tiki is a sweet girl and loves cuddling. She also likes sitting behind me and putting her paw

on my shoulder as I watch TV. It's easy to tell when Tiki is happy because she purrs so loudly. George is my big buddy. He is a very social cat and loves hanging out with people. He also likes following me around the house and helping out on the computer. Both are good companions, and I was also happy to adopt two older cats. Tiki has so much energy that it's hard to believe she is 13!

Tim Gordon



This is **Lola**. I got her in June 2011 for my graduation present. She has been the sweetest and most perfect kitten. She lives with one dog and another cat, and she adjusted well. She loves rubbing faces at night and scratching her face on my boyfriend's beard. She seems to find my home-work a comfortable pillow.

Her best friend is her brother Floyd, who lives with my boyfriend's sister. Although he is much bigger than his sister, she always wins when they play. I was so happy to be able to save siblings so that they always could be around each other. Lola was definitely the runt of her litter because she is still so tiny compared to Floyd. It has been a great time having Lola around, I think she is one of the best animals I have had join my family. I'm hoping to adopt another kitten soon!

Paige McFadyen



I adopted **Taco** in December 2010 after losing a cat to kidney failure. Taco melted my heart because she was afraid of the other cats and never wanted to come out of her cage. She was very shy and extremely chunky, so I had to have her!

Taco got the middle name Bella, and I called her Taco Bella until she eventually became just **Bella**. She is very happy and is doing well. Bella has taken to my other cat. The cat who was

afraid of all others now has a best friend! Bella loves to give Eskimo kisses and cuddle. She is thrilled to finally have a home out of her cage. Thank you Cat Welfare for giving me the opportunity to give this precious cat a home and a future! She is loved!

Barbi Kuвшinikov

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

FWD Celebrates the 1920s

Planning has begun for the 3rd Annual Feline Wine & Dine, April 20, 2013. This year's theme is "The Great Catsby," celebrating the Roaring 1920s! The venue will once again be at the beautiful Worthington Hills Country Club, and the evening will feature a delicious vegetarian dinner, unique silent auction items, the "Speakeasy Raffle," and a 40/40 raffle (only 40 tickets sold at \$40 each) for a week at Star Island Resort & Club in Orlando, Florida. Cocktails begin at 6:30 p.m., with dinner served at 8 p.m., followed by the announcement of all the raffle winners.

We appreciate the generosity of our Presenting Sponsor, Aire-Flo Heating, Cooling and Generators. We are seeking additional business sponsors at all levels, and stay tuned for more on the "Catsby Circle of Friends" individual sponsor opportunities, which will include recognition in the evening's program.

Purchase individual tickets or better yet, invite your friends and buy a table for 10! Simply use the order form on Page 6 of this edition of the *Feline Forum* or order online at the event website, www.felinewineanddine.org. Seating is limited and we have sold out both of the prior years' events, so take advantage of the Early Bird discount and get your tickets now!

Is there a special person or pet who lights up your life? Honor them with an ornament on our *You Light Up My Life Tree*! For \$5, your pet or friend's name will be written on an ornament and displayed on the tree in the shelter's entry way. You may pick up your ornament at the shelter December 26-30 for a keepsake.



Your Name

Your Pet or Friend's Name(s)

_____ x \$5.00 = _____
of ornaments Total

Send payment to Cat Welfare, 741 Wetmore Road, Columbus, OH 43214

Study Up, Come Out and Vote for Your 2013 Board of Directors

by Cat Welfare Board President Paul Calderone

I know many of you by name or face, and I am aware of your dedication to Cat Welfare and your support of our mission to care for homeless, abused, injured and abandoned felines. I see you volunteer your time and talents, donate goods to the Catique and food to the shelter, make cash donations, and spend countless hours socializing with the cats and kittens in our charge.

But there is another way you can help Cat Welfare. I encourage you to learn about the candidates and vote for members of the Board of Directors. This is a very important privilege that comes with being a member of Cat Welfare. By electing fellow members who represent your values, you can help chart our organization's future.

I encourage you to go to Cat Welfare's website and read our bylaws, which can be found by clicking on "About CWA" and scrolling down to the bottom of the page. The bios of those who are running for the Board will also be posted by January 1. If you know someone who might be interested in reading this information but does not have Internet access, please contact me and I will provide a hard copy.

Get to know the candidates and join us on Tuesday, February 19 to vote for those you feel will best carry out your vision for the continued success of Cat Welfare. The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. at Villa Angela, 5700 Karl Road.

Together we can give our cats the second chance they deserve!

3rd Annual *Feline Wine & Dine* April 20, 2013

Presented by AIRE-FLO Heating, Cooling, & Generators

Early Bird Discount:

For members: _____ tickets x \$65

For non-members: _____ tickets x \$75

Tickets will be available for pick up at the door. Please provide guest names here:

After April 1st:

For members: _____ tickets x \$75

For non-members: _____ tickets x \$85

For members: _____ tables of 10 x \$600

For non-members: _____ tables of 10 x \$700

For members: _____ tables of 10 x \$700

For non-members: _____ tables of 10 x \$800

For tables of 10, we will call you for guest names. Phone number: _____

Payment method: _____ **Check (Payable to Cat Welfare Association)** _____ **Credit Card**

Visa / MasterCard (circle one) Card #: _____

Exp. date: _____ 3-Digit Security Code: _____

Name as it appears on the card: _____

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Phone: _____

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Signature: _____

Send payment with order form to: The Cat Welfare Association, ATTENTION Feline Wine & Dine, 741 Wetmore Rd., Columbus, OH 43214



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Cat Welfare 2013 Calendar

Send your completed form and payment to:

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Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail _____ Phone _____

Number of Calendars _____ at \$16.82 each
 \$ _____ Total cost

Method of Payment Cash Check Credit Card

Visa **Mastercard**

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Price includes sales tax and shipping

Please make check payable to: **Cat Welfare Association**

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Ishie Memorial Fund

for long-term care of shelter residents

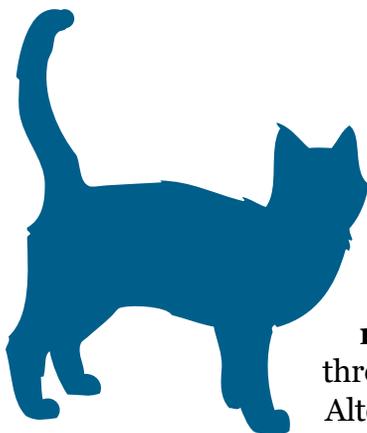
- Patty Harris, “In memory of our sweet Whip-pet who resided with my friends, Harry and Pat. She will be missed by her family and friends at the Kit Kat Club. ‘Whip it good!’”
- Anne Riley, “In memory of Gerald Nelson, Holly, Dust, Sawdust, Bub and Caly”
- Irina & Boris Pittel, “In memory of our beloved cat Foxy”
- J.G. Kassel, “In memory of Button & Ralphie”
- Astrid Olfenbuttel, “In memory of Niki Murray. Niki was a cat who had marshmallow paws, a love of laps, an old lady smoker’s cry, and insatiable desire to be brushed.”
- Tim Rook, “In memory of Janet Fenstermaker”
- Jill Davis, “In memory of Marty Davis from the employees of PTC in Bryan, Ohio, and Jill Murray-Chicago”
- Mike Weingard, “In memory of Barbie”
- Helen Chamberlin, “In loving memory of Claudius”

John & Nancy Sue Irwin, Wesley Wedell, Richard Austin, Alice Kimbell, Renee Paquin, Kenneth Oates, Terence Odlin, Eileen Richardson and Dick & Linda Hamilton

Altering Fund

to subsidize community low-cost spay/neuter surgeries

J.G. Kassel, Lynn Straley “In memory of Paulet’s James,” Patricia Eiben, Bonnie Smithson, Connie Cline, and Mary Jane Ryan



From January through October 2012, we **adopted 716 cats** into loving homes and **subsidized 1,842 spay and neuter surgeries** through our various Altering Fund programs.

Vincent Fund

for emergency care for shelter cats

Linda Schellkopf, Robert Miller, Milinda & Bill Chan, Ilisa Nodelman, Ramona Sietsma, Judy Hardy, Dorothy Cobbs, Terence Odlin and Patricia Eiben

Joey’s Good Sam Fund

for medical care of owned cats

Kathryn Hart, Ann Bates “For Nancy Lynn Moore Mayer from AXS-One” and Anne Collinson

Willard’s Village Babies Fund

for care of feral cat colonies

Richard Austin, Victoria McGrath, Sheila Zirkle “For Wilma’s Birthday,” Anna Teichmoeller, Anne Riley & Wilma Wabnitz “In memory of Jumpy,” Sharon McKibben and Katherine Bibich

Cat-A-Lack Chow Club

for food for the shelter residents

Natalie Tyler, Dorothy Howard Flynn, Erma Moore Evans, Jeannette Jones and Emma Jean Haycook

Travis’ Altering Fund

for spaying/neutering kittens

Barbara Ruppel

Cat Welfare would like to thank:

The All Life Foundation for a very generous grant of \$30,000 for our Joey’s Good Samaritan Fund.

BIG LOTS and BIG LOTS associates for bringing in numerous cat condos and cat beds for our kitties’ enrichment.

Laura Modisette for chairing the Cat Caper.

Everyone who responded to our plea for cat toys.

Robert Hutchison and Jessica Small for their dedication to yet another gorgeous Cat Welfare calendar.



Hello, Hattie Mae

If I do say so myself, I am one stunning tiger kitty! Can you believe that I have lived at Cat Welfare for just over eight years? I remember when we didn't have a kitten room, I was here when the new flooring was installed, and believe you me, I have seen many a cat and kitten leave the shelter with a new forever family. I will admit that for many years I exhibited a behavior that made me less than desirable. I, Hattie Mae, used to be a biter.

I know some of the cats here at the shelter have Guardian Angel status. I have a volunteer friend, Matthew, who I call my Guardian Angel. Matthew has allowed me to sit in his lap for years during his weekly visits. I grew to love those visits so much

that I began to seek out other laps, and I kicked the biting habit to ensure the visit is mutually enjoyable. As we head in to a new year, I have a resolution. I am ready to stop being a shelter resident and become someone's cherished pet. Resolutions are hard to keep. Won't you please help me keep mine?

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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