

Feline Forum

Cat Welfare Association Newsletter

December 2013/January 2014

Older Kitties Still Have So Much Love to Give



Kittens might be cute, but senior cats bring a special calm but quirky presence to their owners' lives. Cynthia Williams adopted 10-year-old Emma Lou from Cat Welfare in June. Cynthia never thought twice about adopting a senior pet, feeling an immediate bond with Emma Lou that gave her no doubt that she had found her next kitty companion. Tracey LaRue adopted 10-year-old Mr. Squeaks in July and has no regrets about adopting a senior. "We've been learning fascinating things about Mr. Squeaks (formerly Coltrane) each day," she says. "The silliest is his affinity for fabric. He steals towels, blankets and clothing, and carries them all around the house to wherever we are. Then he stands there and howls at us with them in his mouth."

At Cat Welfare, any cat 8 years old or older is considered a senior citizen, and we adopt our senior

cats for a reduced rate. Through the month of December, senior cats can be adopted for a fee of \$30. Read more about some of our adoptable senior cats on pages 9 and 12. They're waiting for you to take them home!

Catique Prepares to Move, Seeks Volunteers for New Hours

We are very excited to announce that we are close to reopening our Catique resale shop. We anticipate the new shop will open in January. The location is within minutes of the shelter and is nearly double the space of our previous shop. At this time we are, once again, seeking donations of gently used items.

During the month of December, volunteers will accept donations on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the shelter. We are also looking for more Catique volunteers with the hopes that our shop can be open Thursday through Saturday and raise more funds for our kitties.

If you are interested in becoming a part of this fun team, please contact Gail Harbert at 614-268-6096, Ext. 103 or cwivolunteers@gmail.com. All updates regarding the reopening will be posted on the Cat Welfare website, catwelfareohio.com, and Facebook page, [facebook.com/catwelfareohio](https://www.facebook.com/catwelfareohio). We look forward to seeing you soon!



The
Catique

How's your Shopping List shaping up?



Take care of all your family, friends and even your pets with Cat Welfare Gift Memberships!

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Board Elections Set for Feb. 18

Cat Welfare will hold its annual Board of Directors election during its February meeting, slated for 7 p.m. February 18 at Villa Angela, 5700 Karl Road.

Cat Welfare Association members have voting privileges if they have been a member for the preceding 12 months and have paid dues within the preceding 12 months.

Information about each candidate will be posted on Cat Welfare's website by the first week in January. If you are not able to access the website, please contact our office at 614-268-6096 and the information will be mailed to you. There also will be an opportunity to hear from each of the candidates before the ballots are cast at the February meeting.

Your Pets Want to See Santa, Too!



Bring your kitties, bring your doggies, come with your family and friends for photos with Santa at Petco, 5030 N. High St., December 7 and 14 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. 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 cwivolunteers@gmail.com or 614-268-6096, Ext. 103.

Emma Lou (pictured) visited with Santa earlier in the year. She checked him out thoroughly and reports that "he is the real deal."

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

Steve Hebenstreit, Acting President
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Kathryn Hart, Corresponding Secretary
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RoseAnn Ballangee • Sue Godsey
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Renovation Scheduled to Begin Late December

We are poised to move forward with our south end renovations. We are securing bids from contractors and anticipate that construction may begin before January.

This is an exciting time for Cat Welfare as we make improvements that will enhance the lives of our feline residents. During construction, a fence will enclose the building and grounds around the south end of the shelter, temporarily eliminating access to the shelter from the south driveway. Please use the north driveway when visiting the shelter until construction is completed.

We will continue to provide updates on catwelfareohio.com and [facebook.com/catwelfareohio](https://www.facebook.com/catwelfareohio). Please direct any inquiries to cwa.renovation@gmail.com.



Mojo's Corner

I know the kitties here at the shelter will have sweet dreams tonight. I went around today with my pal Baxter, and we told everyone about the special month of December. We told every-

one how so many of our wonderful donors bring us cans of tuna, bags of cat treats and TOYS. You should have seen the little faces in the kitten room when we mentioned the toys and told them that we sometimes get enough of those furry little mice we all love to give to every single cat and kitten in the shelter!

You, the supporters of our shelter, make us feel loved and treat us with such generosity. Please come by the shelter when your schedule allows. I'd like to give you a hug.

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 health-



ier. One of the best online resources is Alley Cat Allies, alleycat.org. And, of course, our staff is always here to answer your questions – we're just one phone call away!

CWA Happy Homes



I just wanted to give you an update on **Wilson**. We adopted him on September 28, 2012, after losing our beloved Skyy. We saw his picture on your website and just fell in love with him. After two trips over in one day, I brought him home without waiting for my husband to come see him.

He was a little shy at first, but he turned out to be very affectionate. He always wants to be wherever you are. Thank you so much for him.

Sandie Rodney Howard



I adopted **Endora** (formerly Josie) at the end of July 2012. I only came to drop off donation blankets, but of course we all know where that leads! I had been walking around the shelter for about 30 minutes when this tiny black cat came to me craving attention, even though I could tell she was shy. She then followed me

around for another 15 minutes, and she had me hooked.

The first few months were rough with my other cat, Tabitha, but I do catch Tabitha licking Endy on occasion. I think Tabby just has an issue with Endora following her around all the time! Endora is so cute. She stands on her hind legs as long as possible to get us to pet her. It is adorable! She also loves kneading the air with her little paws, which my boyfriend loves.

Thank you for taking her in and caring for her for so long!

Bridget Daugherty



I thought you'd like an update on Dawson, whom I adopted in October 2012. I renamed him **Sebastian**, and he's also known as "Little Brother" because he likes to pester my older cat, Sabrina. They enjoy grooming each other, wrestling, playing with toys and chasing each other around the house.

When I first brought Sebastian home, he was extremely curious about his new surroundings – even coming into the shower stall when the water was on! He also likes to sleep on the kitchen ledge – jumping from the counter to fridge to get up there. Sebastian is a good kitty and likes to "make dough" on me and the couch with Sabrina close by. He has a funny little squeak for a meow and is quite the character. I'm glad to have him as an addition to my family. Thanks for everything you do at Cat Welfare!

Wendy Worth

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



My husband and I decided that our family was going to adopt a cat for Christmas last year. My two sons, ages 10 and 7, stopped by Cat Welfare a few days after Christmas looking for a male black cat. While we were in the back room, one of the workers suggested **Boon**. He was so patient with my boys as we mooned over him, and we decided to adopt him. It was the best decision EVER!

The first night Boon was sitting on our laps and letting us pet him. He follows us around, helps us wake up the boys for school, and if he feels like he needs some lap time he will climb up on my lap and bonk my head to let me know. He is so patient with our boys, letting our 7-year-old pick him up and carry him around. Once in a while Boon will let our boys know that he's had enough by meowing at them, but otherwise he is extremely tolerant.

Many of the staff and volunteers told us that Boon held a special place in their hearts because he had been there for so long. I wanted to let you know that we could not be happier having him in our lives. Thank you!

Angie Hankinson



We adopted our beloved **Alice** when she was just seven weeks old, a feisty little tiger cat. She turned 11 this year (time definitely flies!) and is still as sweet and lively as ever.

She is such an amazing cat and wouldn't be where she is today without Cat Welfare's help more than a decade ago.

Thanks for the great work you do, helping Central Ohio cats find loving, permanent homes!

Cynthia Greenleaf & James Weaver

Brady was adopted from Cat Welfare in the fall of 2012. He is one of the most loving and affectionate cats I have ever met. I couldn't have asked for a better pet. I am truly grateful for the opportunity to have him in my life.

Dana Wrubleski



We adopted **Cinder** in 1998, and we now live in Florida. He has been a blessing to us. In the winter of 2011, he was diagnosed with a brain tumor. He had surgery and required 15 days of radiation treatments but is now doing great. He is a ball of energy and runs and plays like he's a kitten.

In 2003, we adopted **Jake**. Cinder needed a playmate and Jake was a perfect match. They love each other and spend many days running and lying in the Florida sunshine.

Steve & Jane Moore

CWA Happy Homes



My husband and I adopted **Bradley** on October 27, 2012, and he had only been at Cat Welfare for a week. His former owner had to bring him back due to financial issues and we thought he seemed like a good fit, since we wanted a male cat that was over a year old.

He had a tough adjustment period and didn't want much do with us for the first

week, but he slowly started to come around to me and my husband, Andrew. He has been such a joy for us and we love him! He gets along great with our 8-year-old Basset Hound, Bessie, though I can never get them to pose together for a picture.

We adore him and hope to someday be able to adopt more kitties!

Amanda Postle



I adopted **Frannie** on September 29, 2012. She was one of the kitties I was drawn to on the website, and when I met her in person I knew she would be coming home with me.

Her eyes are cloudy with scarring from a respiratory infection she had when she arrived at Cat Welfare, but she doesn't miss anything!

She caught a spider her first day home, and she loves to watch the birds outside. She is not shy and greets guests readily, visiting with them and giving kisses. She likes to snuggle on my chest when I'm sleeping and gives lots of kisses to wake me up in the morning. She seems happy to have room to run and toss her favorite toys around. Thank you so much for taking such good care of her until we found each other and for all you do for Central Ohio cats.

Julie Evans



I recently came to Cat Welfare and left with **Bella**, and I wanted to let you know that she is doing very well with her new family. My girls, ages 21 and 17, love her dearly, and she gets lots of attention from them as well as my husband and me. We have a 10-year-old black Labrador Retriever that she is not highly fond of, but she tolerates him as long as he keeps his distance. Since he has been around cats throughout his life, he pretty much ignores her.

We decided to keep her name, since the girls and I are all *Twilight* fans, and she seems to know it and answer to it. Thank you so much for helping us find such a loving and sweet addition to our family. She is definitely a keeper! I have included a photo of her napping in my bed, where she is quite content to spend her time.

Sherry Turner

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Dapper Roscoe Wins Halloween Contest



Roscoe was voted the winner by CWA staff and visitors in our Facebook Halloween contest. There were so many wonderful costumed kitty entries, and we thank everyone for participating. To make sure you don't miss out on any of the latest Cat Welfare news please like us on Facebook at facebook.com/catwelfareohio.

Roscoe's proud Momma is Rosalie Gengras.

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 entryway. 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.

Cat Welfare Says Goodbye to Guardian Angel Blue



We are sorry to announce that Blue, one of our Guardian Angel cats, died on October 31. Blue lived approximately 13 years, a long life for a feral cat. After other members of her colony were killed by unknown assailants four years ago, we felt we had to bring her inside for her own safety, so she lived in our office.

Earlier this year, she developed some eye issues that the vet advised could not be corrected by surgery. As her eye got worse and other age-related issues began to set in, she appeared to be in pain. After careful observation and speaking with her vet, we decided it was time to let our girl go. We made sure all her favorite beds were out in those final days, and we fed her the special canned food and treats she liked best and told her how much we would always love her.

She is now at the Rainbow Bridge with the other Willard's Village Babies Fund cats: Willard, Georgia, Goldie and Amber. Thank you to Blue's Guardian Angels and to everyone who cared about her or supported the Willard's Village Babies Fund. This special girl survived so much in the outside world and will be forever missed by all who knew her. We will never forget you, Blue.

Shop Amazon, Give to CWA

Will you be doing a lot of online shopping for the holidays? With the AmazonSmile program, you can shop as usual and Amazon will give 0.5% of your purchase to Cat Welfare! To qualify your purchase, go to smile.amazon.com and search for Cat Welfare Association. Click the "Select" button to select it from the list, then shop as usual. It's that easy!

Eligible items are labeled "Eligible for AmazonSmile donation" in the box where the "Add to Cart" button is located on each product page. Your Wish List, baby and wedding registries, and other accounts are the same.

Happy shopping!

Soy Candles Make Great Gifts!

Cat Welfare has partnered with The Candle Lab for a fun winter fundraiser. Cat Welfare is selling soy candles, hand poured at the Candle Lab, now through the month of December. The 60-hour burn candles are available for \$15 plus tax in the following fragrances: Bayberry, Blackberry, Campfire, Hazelnut, Peppermint Bark, Pine Needles, Pumpkin Spice and Vanilla Bean. Candles may be purchased in the shelter office.



Vote every day to help your favorite shelter win!



Help Cat Welfare claim the title of top shelter in the state. We know it's true, so let's make sure the entire state knows! Voting takes just a matter of seconds at shelterchallenge.com.

Cat Welfare 2014 Calendar

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City _____

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Phone _____

Number of calendars _____ at \$16.82 each

_____ Total cost

Cost includes tax and shipping

Make checks payable to Cat Welfare Association



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Open Your Heart to a Senior Cat



Loverboy

Loverboy arrived at Cat Welfare in April 2013 with a large wound on his side. Along with treatment, Loverboy also sought out attention from the staff and

thanked them for their kindness with a gentle but audible purr and plenty of head bumps.



Hattie

Hattie arrived at Cat Welfare in February 2004 and has only been placed in a home once and only for a short period of time because she hid. At the shelter, Hattie seeks out the lap of a visitor and seems to hang on your every word when you tell her just how wonderful she truly is.



Emma

Emma was returned to Cat

Welfare in May 2013 after being in a home for nine years. Her owner simply stated that Emma was not getting along with the other pets in the home. Here in the shelter Emma has several quieter places where she can feel safe. When you walk by, Emma will draw you near with her pleading eyes. She needs a quiet home where she can blossom.



Serena

Serena has lived at Cat Welfare since March of 2010. This kitty does not have one bad habit and has yet to be adopted. Serena loves people and has no problem getting along with the other cats. She can be found in the main adoption room, typically near the entryway. Serena is waiting patiently for the right person to come in and offer her a forever home.



Around the Shelter



We Love Our Donors

Ishie Memorial Fund

for long-term care of shelter residents

- Bonnie Sharp
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Altering Fund

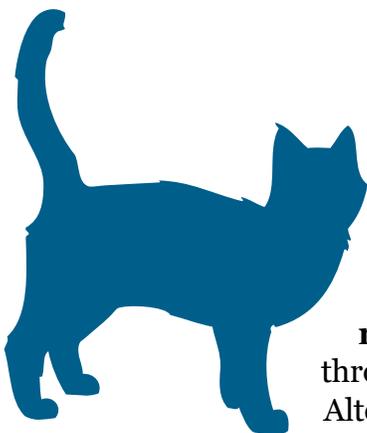
to subsidize community low-cost spay/neuter surgeries

Daneen Axelrod, Dick & Linda Hamilton, Patricia Eiben, Craig Lewis, Ginger Pekarek, Betty Wright, and Annette Lorenz

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for emergency care for shelter cats

Julianne Hunter, Judy Hardy, Judy Popowski, Anna Teichmoeller, Lisa McDonald, Rebecca McBride "In memory of Carolyn Balthaser," Dick & Linda Hamil-



From January through October 2013, we **adopted 832 cats** into loving homes and **subsidized 1,855 spay and neuter surgeries** through our various Altering Fund programs.

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Joey's Good Sam Fund

for medical care of owned cats

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Willard's Village Babies Fund

for care of feral cat colonies

Juanita Woods "In memory of Willard," Richard Austin, Anne Riley & Wilma Wabnitz "In memory of Blue, last of the Village Babies, who left us for the Rainbow Bridge on 10/31/13," Edwin & Ulla Wagers, Dianne Curry and Penny Popper

Cat-A-Lack Chow Club

for food for the shelter residents

Janet Montgomery, J.G. Kassel, Hilda Bumb, Nolie & Joan DePuy "In memory of Keith Fisher from Uncle Pete, Aunt Joan, Peg, Jerry, Tom, Laura, and Randy," and Susan Siska

Cat Welfare would like to thank:

All of the amazing people who have made 2013 a spectacular year for Cat Welfare! To our donors, volunteers and those who have adopted a kitty from our shelter, your support and efforts are what makes us a wonderful haven for cats.

Robert Hutchison and Jessica Small for their time and talents that have brought us another outstanding Cat Welfare calendar.

Alana for hosting a lovely November evening at Alana's Food and Wine.



Hello, Meow Meow

I am Meow Meow. How are you? I am a special needs kitty living at Cat Welfare, but my special need is an easy one: I am 13 years old. I found myself homeless, and I was so fortunate to have been brought here. It's a very good place to wait for another chance. I am in excellent shape for a so-called old gal. Though I am a large cat, I'm not overweight, and I am spayed. When I arrived here, I was a little bit frightened, and I didn't much care for living in a cage. Then they let me become a floor cat, which is much better, since now I can roam. At first I was cautious, but now I see that things are good here. I get along with the other cats, and I enjoy walking around to meet people wherever I can. I am friendly, and I will climb into a lap if one is available. I am hopeful that someone out there

will see my story and give me a chance in a new home. Just because I am old doesn't mean I can't be your true friend. Help a senior citizen in need. You'll never regret it!

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!

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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