

Feline Forum

Cat Welfare Association Newsletter

February-March 2013



New Cat Walk Gives Shelter Residents a New Outlook

It is not uncommon to meet a stranger who shares your compassionate support of Cat Welfare Association. That was the case for CWA donors Doug and Penny Ellis when they hired J.S. Brown & Company for a remodeling project in their home. One thing led to another, and the result was J.S. Brown & Company providing our shelter with an awesome catwalk! J.S. Brown & Company donated the design, materials and installation to Cat Welfare. We currently do not have the ability to increase the square footage of floor space for the kitties, so it's onward and upward! This new addition is located in both the main adoption room and the recovery room, and it will enhance the lives of our shelter kitties by giving them a new place to explore and more space to spread out. Thank you,

J.S. Brown & Company, www.jsbrowncompany.com, for the gift you have given to our residents.

CWA Celebrates Increased Adoptions with Policy Changes

The adoption of cats and kittens into loving, forever homes has always been at the heart of Cat Welfare's mission as a premiere shelter in Central Ohio. Thanks to our dedicated staff, volunteers and social media supporters, Cat Welfare showed a nearly 17% increase in the number of cats and kittens we placed in 2012 over the previous year! What does that mean for 2013? It means we want to surpass the number of 2012 adoptions and place even more deserving cats and kittens into forever homes. We hope a couple of changes to our adoption policies will encourage a greater number of forever commitments.

First, any cat or kitten adopted from CWA now has a 30-day health guarantee rather than only 10 days. To take advantage of the health guarantee, the adopter must contact the shelter for approval prior to scheduling an appointment with a veterinarian.

Second, we understand that not every adoption is a good fit, and we want what is best for the adoptive family and for the feline. Therefore, we are also extending the introductory period from 10 days to 30 days. Even after this 30-day period, Cat Welfare understands that circumstances may force you to surrender your cat, so consequently, we continue honor the unconditional return policy, without refund of the adoption fee, to any cat adopted from CWA.

Let's make 2013 even better than 2012 for our homeless feline friends!

Fund Spotlight

Altering Fund Helps with Area Homeless Cat Crisis

Thank You! In 2012, your contributions to the Altering Fund and the Willard's Village Babies Fund allowed Cat Welfare to subsidize the altering of 2,351 cats and kittens! Spaying and neutering is key in helping to address the feline overpopulation crisis in Central Ohio.

Please help us continue giving our support to those who are unable to pay the entire cost for spaying or neutering a cat they cherish as a companion or a feral cat they look after.

An unspayed female cat, her mate and all of their offspring, producing 2 litters per year, with 2.8 surviving kittens per litter can total:

1 year: 12

2 years: 67

3 years: 378

4 years: 2,107

5 years: 11,801

6 years: 66,088

7 years: 370,002

'The Great Catsby' Ready to Roar

The third annual Feline Wine & Dine is shaping up to be a one-night trip back to the Roaring '20s. The event, themed "The Great Catsby," will be held at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, April 20, 2013, at the beautiful Worthington Hills Country Club. Guests can enjoy cocktails and hors d'oeuvres in the Charleston Lounge (no bootlegging necessary!) before a delicious vegetarian buffet, followed by coffee and homemade desserts. Throughout the evening, while enjoying lively jazz music, guests can browse and bid on fabulous silent auction items, take a chance at the Speakeasy Raffle, and enter the 40/40 raffle for a seven-night stay at Star Island Resort & Club near Orlando, Florida (November 2-9, 2013). Only 40 tickets at \$40 each will be sold during the evening.

Period attire is optional, but encouraged, to add to the ambiance. Prizes will be given for the best male and female costumes, so dust off that Eliot Ness suit and little black dress by Chanel.

To purchase tickets, use the order form on Page 6 or visit www.felinewineanddine.org. The early bird discount ends April 1.

The Presenting Sponsor for "The Great Catsby" is AIRE-FLO Heating, Cooling & Generators, your local Lennox dealer. AIRE-FLO is a generous supporter of Cat Welfare, and we thank them for their continued support. Reach us at felinewineanddine@gmail.com if you have questions, would like to be a sponsor of the event, or would like to donate an item for the silent auction or Speakeasy Raffle.

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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Columbus, OH 43214
614-268-6096
www.catwelfareohio.com
facebook.com/catwelfareohio

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

Paul Calderone, President
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Cat Welfare Association Life Members

All members of Cat Welfare receive discounted tickets to events, a subscription to the Feline Forum and eligibility to vote at the annual Board Member elections. In addition to these core benefits, life membership affirms your long-term commitment to CWA and its mission. A life membership badge signifies your participation in this elite group of contributors. Supporters can become a life member with a donation of \$250. A single payment is preferred; however, installment payments can be arranged by contacting the shelter.

We would like to thank the following supporters for becoming life members in 2012:

Nicole Thomas, Diane Haley Archer, Mary Waggoner, Leo & Beverly Johnson, Sara Moser, Nancy Hile, Amy Melsoner, Darrell McGrath, Irina & Boris Pittel, Daniel Poole, Barbara & R. Gordan Snyder, Art & Janet Lofton, Karen Williams, Poppy Thornton, Trisha Neece, Aileen Heiser, Mary Wildermuth, John & Vicky Lee Schmarr, Mark & Diana Donati, Gwen Schneider DVM, Nancy Joy Bush, Cassandra Clancy, Helen Fish, Chase Alexander, Ron & Ann Bentley, Tim Rook, Sarah Short, Jill Auxer, Cindy Joshi, Stephanie & Aivests Vecozols, Sherry Mullett, Erik Diekmeyer, Rosemary Crum, David Duvall, Ramona Sietsma, Autumn Martinez, Elizabeth Koenig, Susanne Canale, Jack Burgess, James & Margo Seibert and Judith Johnson

Della Checks in from Her New Perch in Her Forever Home

Hey! Remember me? I guess that's a silly question, of course you remember me. I just wanted to take a moment from my new life AS A BELOVED PET to reach out to my fans and friends with an update. After many years of service at Cat Welfare (newsletter articles, Top Cat duties and off-site appearances), poor health landed me in a foster home. It was glorious, and I was happy to receive top-notch care from Tracy and Josh, but I learned that a foster home is, sadly, just a temporary situation and so I came back to CWA much healthier. It was great to see all of my friends, but I could not shake that longing for the status of an adopted pet. RoseAnn Ballangee and Nancy Flanagan have been my pals for as long as I can remember and try as I might to get back into the CWA routine, they sensed my sadness. So, one day in the merry month of May, they adopted me and I am now known as Della May!

I can't beat this gig, I am the luckiest cat ever! I zoom around the house, and I get moist cat food with cheese bits because that's what I like. I have a perch so I can watch out a window, some young kitties to play with and of course, RoseAnn and Nancy. We had company over the holidays and



there was talk of a kidnapping. My aunt from West Virginia spoiled me rotten and declared me to be the best kitty ever and worth taking home, which I completely deserve, but if there is one thing I have learned in my new home it's that we are all nuts and that nut is a Buckeye. OH-IO.

Warm Regards,
Della

CWA Happy Homes



Hello friends at Cat Welfare! It's been a long time since I left to go to my new home. You knew me as Ruth. It was a rough year last year as I hurt my rear leg and lost the use of it. My owner tried all kinds of medications to save it, but last January we had to remove it. Good

news! Now I am pain free. I am learning to balance on three legs. By the way, my new name is **Chassey Ruth**. I'm looking forward to spring and sunshine. To all the kitties that remember me, take care. To all the new cats, you are in a very good home. Be good to all your helpers.

Jean & Jeff Jay



I adopted **Roscoe** from Cat Welfare on January 10, 1998. Or rather, he adopted me. When I held him, he lifted his nose and rubbed it against my chin, and after I put him back in his cage, he pushed open his cage door. I took it as a sign.

Roscoe has lived in four different states and seen me through a dissertation, two new jobs, four different abodes, the addition of three feline sisters, and visits, over time, to at least eight different

vets. Through it all he has been pretty much unflappable. In his old age Roscoe loves to take sunbaths, and he still regularly "kills" his bunny toy (the second toy I ever bought for him, back in 1998) and brings it to me, trilling with pride in his gift.

I just wanted to say thank you for my Roscoe Kitty. I can't imagine the past 15 years without my buddy!

Sandee McGlaun



I adopted **Yogi** in October 2011. I had recently moved into my own apartment and wanted a furry friend to keep me company. Yogi stole my heart the moment I saw him. He walked right into my lap and just stood there, saying, "Pet me, please." The shelter staff said he was about five years old, and I took him home that day.

Yogi was never scared! Once I opened the carrier and set him in his litter box, he jumped out and started exploring the apartment. He never hid. He is always at the door when I get home. Every night I can count on having a guest sleep on my bed (and maybe attack my feet).

Thank you Cat Welfare for doing what you do. Yogi had only been at your shelter a month when I adopted him, but without you, I probably would have never met my purrfect kitty.

Corey Stevens

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

Clintonville's Savor Market Site for Beer Tasting Event

Looking for the purrfect brew for your St. Patrick's Day celebration? Come out to Savor Market, 4440 Indianola Ave., from 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday, March 9, as we sample beers from all over the world and enjoy tasty appetizers. Proceeds will benefit our shelter. In addition to this form, tickets can be purchased at the door or you can call the shelter with your credit card number.

Name

Phone Number

_____ x \$20 (members) = _____
of tickets

_____ x \$25 (non-members) = _____
of tickets

Total _____

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

Happy Birthday to YOU.

Come in and adopt a cat or kitten during your birthday month and we will take \$20 off the already incredibly reasonable adoption fee of \$80. A valid ID must be shown to take advantage of this offer.

Board of Directors Election Set for Tuesday, February 19

Help chart the future of Cat Welfare and make sure your voice is heard! Elections for our 2013 Board of Directors will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, February 19 at Villa Angela, 5700 Karl Road. Individuals who have been Cat Welfare members for a year or longer are eligible to vote. Check out the candidates and read the organization's bylaws at www.catwelfareohio.com.

Help Cat Welfare Go Green!

Help Cat Welfare save money by going green. By asking to receive our newsletter by e-mail, you are helping the shelter to decrease our printing and postage expenses. To make the request, just send a note to teamcatwelfare@gmail.com. Be sure to include your first and last name, your street address and the e-mail address where you would like to receive the *Feline Forum*.

Interested in supporting our mission by volunteering? We have a wide variety of volunteer opportunities. To learn more, please contact Gail Harbert at cwvolunteers@gmail.com or 614-268-6096, Ext 103.

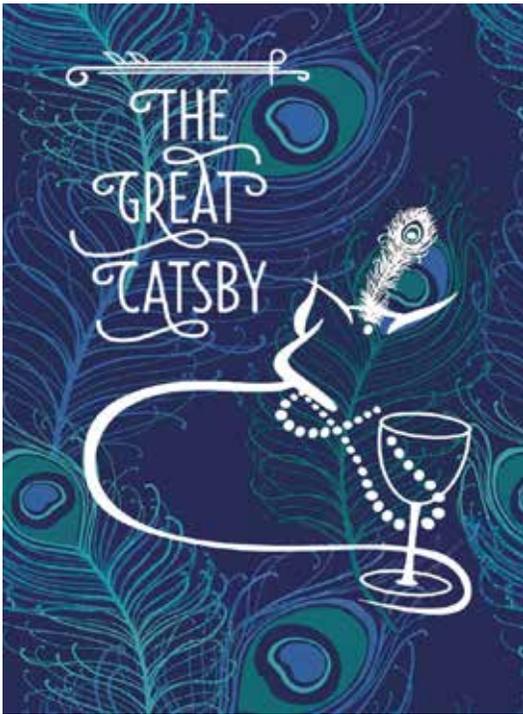
Save the Date!

Kitten Shower

noon-2 p.m.

Saturday, April 13

See you there!



Please join us for the 3rd Annual
Feline Wine & Dine

Saturday, April 20, 2013

6:30 PM to 10:00 PM

Worthington Hills Country Club

920 Clubview Blvd. South, Columbus, OH 43235

Proceeds benefit shelter care, spay/neuter,
 kitten fostering, and other programs of

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*Visit www.felinewineanddine.org for event details,
 to view the auction and raffle items, and to buy tickets online.*

LIMITED TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE!

Buy your tickets by April 1st to get the *Early Bird Discount!*

Early Bird Discount:

For members: ____ tickets x \$65
 For non-members: ____ tickets x \$75

After April 1st:

For members: ____ tickets x \$75
 For non-members: ____ tickets x \$85

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

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: _____

**Can't attend? Join the *Catsby Circle of Friends* with a donation of \$ _____ to support
 Cat Welfare. The *Catsby Circle of Friends* will be recognized in the event program.**

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: _____

Billing address of cardholder: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Signature: _____

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

We Love Our Donors

Ishie Memorial Fund

for long-term care of shelter residents

- Joyce Rybak, "In memory of Carl Rybak"
- John & Nancy Sue Irwin, "For Kitty Boy and Kitty Girl, we miss you"
- Randall Hertzner & Doug Buhner, "In memory of Sassafras"
- MaryAnn Everhart-McDonald, "In memory of Richard & Mary Beth Everhart"
- Annette Oren, "In memory of Oscar, a wonderful cat who died too soon"
- Dorothy Cobbs, "In memory of Wolfie"
- Tina Thonnings, "To honor & celebrate Kenneth Oates' love & dedication to cats and in celebration of him"
- Martha Montgomery, "In loving memory of Patches, Mysty Storm, Pepper & Peanut. You are missed so much."
- Sue Parsons, "In memory of P.J., Tina & Jim"
- Cindy Joshi, "In memory of Mary Knowles from Cindy Joshi"
- Richard Austin, "In loving memory of Debbie's Tabasco Cat"
- Eve-Anne Wilkes, "In memory of Eva Boggs"
- Mary Liff, "In memory of Peachie"
- Samuel & Diana van Schoyck, "In memory of Tom, Ali, Ruleg, & Amanda"
- Ruth Ann Branoff, "In memory of my beloved felines, DJ, Tayo, Shanghai, & Pooky"
- Marie Hindman, "In memory of Cleo Hindman"
- Judy Malenick, "In memory of Max & Alex"
- James & Joyce Smith, "In memory of Jim Smith"
- Barbara Moseley, "In memory of those kitties that recently passed away"



From January through December 2012, we **adopted 879 cats** into loving homes and **subsidized 2,351 spay and neuter surgeries** through our various Altering Fund programs.

- Heidi Sherer, "For the kitties with love from Heidi, Ray, & Sallie Angel"
 - Susan Edris Welsh, "In memory of Piggy"
 - Helena Brus, "Bella, see you in Heaven"
- Robyn Driscoll, Karen Palmer, Dale & Marty Keener, Joy & Ed Weiler, Yini Hu, Mary Alice & Leslie Susi, James & Mary Criswell, Craig & Lorraine Treneff, James Arkin, Sarah Wurdlow and Strategic Research Group

Altering Fund

to subsidize community low-cost spay/neuter surgeries

Jane Mayzlik, Annette Donahue, David & Bette Vansyoc, Ruth Ann Branoff, Sarah Wurdlow, Kathryn Kim, Judy Pfaltzgraf and Suzanne Bartoloni

Vincent Fund

for emergency care for shelter cats

Judy Popowski, Robert Miller, David & Sharman Tisdale, Dorothy Cobbs, Joy & Ed Weiler, Martha Montgomery, Ann Heineman, Anna Teichmoeller, Beth Carnate, Dick & Linda Hamilton, James & Mary Criswell, Bart Earles, Andrew Sheppard, Sandra Myers, Judy Malenick, James & Mary Criswell, Katie Binzel, Strategic Research Group, Igne Holway, Julianne Hunter, Candy Moore, Denise Norder, Linda Schellkopf, Kalie Sivick, Arlene Eis and Paul Hinson

Cat Welfare would like to thank:

Karen Komatsu and The Daughters of Erin for giving Cat Welfare a \$500 award.

All of the wonderful CWA supporters who gave edible treats to the staff during the holiday season.

Lorahlye Reeb for generously collecting supplies for the shelter residents on her seventh birthday!

The Crafty Cotillion for holding a fundraiser and donating nearly \$200 of their proceeds to CWA.

Ms. Sarah Heink and her fifth-grade class at Indianola K-8 for supporting our mission.



Hello, Pig Pen

Hi! My name is Fabio, formerly Pig Pen, and I am a healthy three-year-old cat boy who up and decided to reinvent myself. I came to the shelter on April 25, 2012. I was a mess when I arrived. My long brown-and-white tabby fur was terribly matted and dirty, and one of my eyes was infected so badly that it had to be removed, so you can see why they named me Pig Pen. Despite this rocky start, I am now quite presentable, thanks to the TLC I have received from the kind staff and volunteers. I recently decided to get serious about this adoption concept and started referring to myself as Fabio. It's catching on slowly. I have the run of this place, and my dominant nature has led to some confrontations with my fellow felines. I

like to be the king of the castle and probably would do best in a home without other cats. I do love people, though, especially when they pet me and tell me how wonderful I am. If you think you might have a place for me in YOUR castle, I would be grateful. Call me Fabio, Pig Pen or Piggy, just call me your special boy forever.

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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