Dirtball arrived at Cat Welfare in June, bloodied and injured from fighting. He's all cleaned up now, neutered and vaccinated, but he's having trouble adjusting to life in the shelter. The staff and volunteers who have come to love him believe that he is used to having a large territory to prowl, and he's never known the kind of love he's getting now, although he soaks up all the attention he gets from humans. The problem is that he doesn't yet understand that a challenge from another cat doesn't require a response with full force. He's learning, but he needs help from a human with a big heart.

To read a wonderful tribute to Dirtball and why we believe he deserves a home, visit http://www.petfinder.com/petdetail/20598462.

2012 Calendar

Announcing the winners of the CWA 2012 Calendar Photo Contest.

Just like in previous years, there were many wonderful photos to choose from. The 13 large photos were chosen by the CWA judges from a combination of the following criteria:

- Ten photos were selected from the top 20 photos with the most online votes.
- Three photos were selected from the remainder of the entries, regardless of the number of vote donations.

In addition to the 13 large photos, many of the photos entered will be featured on the monthly calendar pages or on the collage page. This fun contest and fundraiser helps support Cat Welfare while creating awareness of events scheduled throughout the coming year!

The top 13 photos for the 2012 CWA Calendar are:
- Della - Della Dozing In The Sun by Karen I.
- Foster Group - Did You Bring Food? by Susanne C.
- Leela and Fry - Leela Squishing Fry by Chris M.
- Precious - Precious by Nadine P.
- Jumpy - Little Charmer by Trisha N.
- Mr. Tuffit - Our Three Legged Gift by Sonja and David D.
- Mr. Velvet Muffins - Last Summer Days by Mindy M.
- Zorro - Zorro Taking It Easy by Heather Z.
- Chirpy - I Am Ready For My Close-up Mr. DeMille by Anne M.
- Willa - Keeping An Eye On You by Susan T.
- Orange Cat - Enjoying The Sunshine On My Porch by Char R.
- Bella Luna 2 - Those Eyes... by Kristi S.
- Knut - The Ham by Jessica S.

Calendars will be on sale by mid-November at www.catwelfareohio.com.

Special Adoption

Upcoming Events:
- 10/18 - Board Meeting
- 10/19 - Catober Fest
- 11/12-13 - Holiday Bazaar
- 11/15 - Board Meeting
A Letter from Our Director

A main mission of Cat Welfare is to provide loving and caring homes for our feline friends. We believe that every adoptable kitten and cat deserves a caring and loving home. I know many of you who receive our newsletter have made homes for our kittens and cats from our shelter. We thank you and you know the benefits of having a feline companion from Cat Welfare.

If you are considering sharing your home with a kitten or cat from Cat Welfare you might consider these reasons and benefits to adopt your feline friend. 1) By adopting at Cat Welfare, you enrich the life of two cats: the one you adopt and the one who can then come into the shelter because of the space your adopted cat left behind. 2) By adopting at Cat Welfare, you can be sure you are taking home a healthy feline friend. All of our adoptable cats are vaccinated, de-wormed, tested for feline leukemia and FIV, microchipped and spayed/neutered. We offer a 10-day health guarantee and return policy, and we will always take back our cats if for some reason the adoptive parent can no longer take care of them. 3) By adopting at Cat Welfare, you will save money. All of these services are included in our $80 adoption fee. On certain days we even have special adoption offers; watch our website for details. 4) By adopting at Cat Welfare, you will add a companion to your life who is good for your health. It has been proven that pets reduce stress, promote emotional well-being and create a happy and healthy environment. 5) By adopting from Cat Welfare, you will be supporting the many volunteers, members and staff who work hard to keep our cats healthy, cared for and loved, all in hopes that someone will share with them a loving home.

Thank you to those people who have provided homes for our feline friends. If you are looking for a feline friend, drop by Cat Welfare and meet some of our feline residents. Who knows? You may find a new friend.

Always interested hearing from our volunteers, members and friends about any concerns, ideas or questions about Cat Welfare. Please contact me at 614-268-6096, Ext. 101. 614-309-3295, or cwolfe@catwelfareohio.com.

Chuck

Come to our Holiday Bazaar

Saturday, Nov. 12, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
and
Sunday, Nov. 13, 1 - 4 p.m.

Quality new and gently used items that have been donated to the shelter are priced to move. We have collectibles, seasonal merchandise, treasures and more!

Delicious baked goods and the 2012 Cat Welfare Calendar will also be available. And don't forget to stop in and pet the kitties!

100% of the proceeds benefit our shelter.
News from the Board

Feline Wine & Dine

Mark your calendar for the second annual Feline Wine & Dine, now set for Saturday, May 5, 2012. This year we raised $18,000 for our feline friends, and the committee is already at work to make it bigger and better next year.

We are excited to announce that the 2012 Feline Wine & Dine will be held at Worthington Hills Country Club. Located just north of Interstate 270 in the community of Worthington Hills, it’s a bright, open space with elevator access, plenty of parking and great food! Once again, we’ll have a silent auction featuring plenty of one-of-a-kind items.

Watch for more details here in the Feline Forum. If you’re interested in joining the event’s planning committee, contact Carol Smith at casmith1@ameritech.net or 614-206-2793.

Catober Fest

Looking for a new kitty friend and ready to celebrate the arrival of Fall? Stop by Cat Welfare between 4 and 7 p.m. Wednesday, October 19 for Catober Fest, our October adoption event. Julie Karovics will provide accordion music and bratwurst sliders will be served up for all. Adoption specials will be available. For more information, contact Gail Harbert at cwavolunteers@gmail.com or 614-268-6096, Ext. 103.

Board Elections

Do you have skills in organizational management, finance, law, computer programming or other areas? Consider being a Board member of Cat Welfare. Board members are required to attend scheduled meetings, work on committees, fundraise and be ambassadors for Cat Welfare.

Prospective Board members must be CWA members for a full year prior to the election. The Board of Directors will be voted upon at our meeting in February 2012. Please download an application form at www.catwelfareohio.com or contact our office to have one mailed to you. Completed applications should be sent to Sheila Zirkle at zirkle.1@osu.edu or mailed to the shelter, Attn: Sheila Zirkle, 741 Wetmore Road, Columbus, Ohio 43214. The deadline for applications is November 30.

Have you seen our incredible new cat tree yet? This fantastic donation from an anonymous donor is currently gracing the Main Adoption Room. The kitties love it!

Critical Donation Need: moist cat food
Mary Cherry

I adopted Mary Cherry (formerly Gina) in September of 2010. It was basically love at first sight, but then she came up to me and I realized her rear right leg was amputated, and that made me want her more. She was still so sweet even after that trauma, but I couldn't adopt her until I moved.

Since adopting her, she has become much more independent and gets around just as well as a four-legged cat. She sleeps with me at night, follows me around, and acts as my alarm clock. She is playful, vocal and starts purring as soon as someone pets her.

She has a box that she plays in and a whole mess of toys to enjoy anytime she chooses. It makes me so happy that even through her trauma she is still the friendliest cat I know.

*Adopted by: Brad Belohlavek*

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Angelica

Angelica has been my kitty friend for about five years now. She came along when I wasn't even looking for a pet. I am glad that I accepted Angelica into my home. She has been an excellent house cat. She is very vocal when it's time for her dinner. She reminds me if I take too long to give her food. A few years ago we introduced her to a Yorkie. At first she did not appreciate having a dog in the house, but now she has come to terms with him. Occasionally I will find the dog and cat sharing the sunshine coming in the window.

*Adopted by: Stacey Copley*

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Mitty

I adopted Mitty from Cat Welfare in March 1994. She was a beautiful blue gray tortoiseshell with green eyes, 2-3 years old. I named her Missy Kitty, which later was shortened to Mitty. She had an eventful life as a military kitty in Ohio, California (3 times), North Dakota, Montana and Colorado. She was not the most affectionate cat, but she was loved more than anything. She was the only kitty I would allow to sleep on my pillow. The sound of her purring was very soothing. We lost her the week of Thanksgiving 2008 to congestive heart failure. I still think about her all the time, and I am so thankful to Cat Welfare.

*Adopted by: Lori Ressler*

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Brooklyn (nee Brett) & Garth

We came to your shelter thanks to a recommendation. Colleen Beer is my hairstylist, and she heard the sad story of my cat who got hit by a car in Summer 2009. She told us about Cat Welfare. We looked on the website and my son liked Garth because he looked so much like our former family cat. We went to visit him that same week (it was the week of the 4th of July). It happened to be 2-for-1 week ... so we went home with two cats: Brett and Garth. Everyone there treated us and, more importantly, our cats so well. I remember there was a volunteer who told me all about Brett, how she was the only cat brought in by the police.

*Adopted by: The Villareal Family*
Kids love Cat Welfare, too! This Summer, several kids gathered donations for our kitties. When Victoria (top) turned 12, she asked her friends to bring a donation of cat food, toys and cleaning supplies for the shelter. Clintonville Girl Scout Troop 50441 (middle) created cozy stackable cubes for the kitties to use in the sun porch so they can see out the windows. And when Rosalie (bottom) turned six, she asked her friends to bring presents for the kitties instead of for her.

Thank you all for your generous hearts!
## Cat Welfare 2012 Calendar

Send your completed form and payment to:

**Cat Welfare - 741 Wetmore Road - Columbus, OH 43214**

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Price includes sales tax and shipping Please make check payable to: **Cat Welfare Association**
Kathie Hinkle, Suzanne Childs and Juanita Woods, “In memory of Luigi, cat of April Volpe”
Office of the Ohio Public Defenders, “In honor of Ruth Tkacz”
Donna Boiman, “In loving memory of beautiful Valentina”
Judith Tomblin, “In memory of Socrates & Lexie”
Eileen Koler, “For Jane Briggs Bunting”
Joan Borger, “In honor of Barb Bates’ birthday and in memory of kitties Emmy & Eddy”
Mary Diane Abel, “In memory of Sally Minnich Bard”
Julie Karovics, “In memory of Henry Hudson, Guardian of the North”
Anne Riley & Mrs. B, “In memory of Laurie’s dad and Mrs. B’s friend, Pete Beveridge”
Paul Hinson, “Happy 4th of July to the house cats”
Janet Brookbank, “In loving memory of Maggie. We had 16 wonderful years with you, and that was truly a gift.”
Betty Powell, “In memory of Jessie King”
From Deb, Lisa, Krista & Jer, “In memory of Liz Fink and in honor of J.C., who misses her dearly”
Dick Austin, “In memory of Puppy – Veera’s buddy for over 15 years”
Mark Levy, Terri Silverstone, and Martin Bloom, “In memory of Starter”
Anna Teichmoeller, “In memory of Scooter”
John & Nancy Sue Irwin, Betty Fox, Lenore & Max Brown, Joy & Ed Weiler, Arlene Ei, Janice & Jerry Noltemeyer, Aire-Flo Corporation, Leslie Dellovade, Charles Minshall and Craig Lewis

Ishie Memorial Fund

for care of long-term shelter residents

Carol Ann Bradley, Joy & Ed Weiler, miniature Schnauzer and Mr. Charlie

Joey’s Good Samaritan Fund

financial assistance for owned cats in need of medical care


Willard’s Village Babies Fund

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

Tim Thompson, Joy & Ed Weiler, Richard Austin, Anne Riley & Blue, Karen Ouellette, Margaret Munch and James Laspisa

Vincent Fund

for emergency care for shelter cats

Mary Popowski, Dick & Linda Hamilton, Joy & Ed Weiler, Janice & Jerry Noltemeyer, Mary Alice Susi, Paul Hinson, Leslie Dellovade, Kathleen Pursley, Dianne Curry, Marjorie Obrist, Ramona Sietz, Diana Fisher, Rosanna Braida, Emma Jean Haycook, Michael Gleason, Mary Popowski, Linda Schellkop, Stephen Scott & Micaela Stratton, Dorothy Cobbs, Judy Hardy and James Maki

Travis Fund

for spaying/neutering kittens

Tim Thompson and Marjorie, Bob & Nancy Beverage

Cat-A-Lack Chow Club

for food for the shelter kittens

Roger McPeek, Arlene Ei, Shirley Ann Hiles, Dorothy Howard Flynn, William & Gloria Adams, Steven Schreibman, Cassandra Clancy and Jack Johnson

Important Shelter Information

From January through August 2011, we adopted 449 cats into loving homes and subsidized 1,641 spay and neuter surgeries through our various Altering Fund programs.

Interested in volunteering for Cat Welfare? Call or mail your name and contact information to the shelter, or send a message to Gail Harbert, Program Manager, at cwavolunteers@gmail.com or call her at 614-268-6096, Ext. 103.

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.
We make friendships for life!

My name is Henry, and I am looking for a new home. Actually, I am longing for a new home because there are too many cats here, and I'd like to be in a place with not so many of my own kind. I am a one-year-old brown tabby neutered male. My tail is stubby and short, which is kind of cute, or at least that's what the gals who work here tell me. Naturally, I believe them. I am getting along with other cats much better than I was a few months ago and have even found a couple pals to play with. One of the reasons I am having trouble finding a home is because I am a biter. I like people very much, and I like to get in laps, but without warning, I can't help myself and I will bite or scratch. They tell me that this is not good behavior. Anyway, I'd like to find a home with someone who is patient and willing to try to help me get over this bad habit. I think I can do it, or at least I can be a better citizen if someone would be willing to study my habits so we can find a mutual peace together. On the plus side, I am very, very playful! I love to chase string toys and feathers. Lasers are OK, too, but they get a little boring after awhile. I am athletic and acrobatic when I play. I leap high in the air and turn somersaults just because it's fun. I don't bite when I'm playing. I would just like to have a home.

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!