

Feline Forum

Cat Welfare Association Newsletter

December 2017/January 2018

FeLV+ Cats Have Lots of Love to Give



My name is **Munky**, and I came here from the Logan area after being found living near a campground where community cats and dogs live. I am a very sweet cat guy, and I just love attention. I need a special home, as I was found to have the feline leukemia virus. People and dogs can't catch it, only cats. This means that I need to be an only cat or in a home with only other FeLV+ cats. Our staff can give you more information about my condition.

I am healthy now, and I have very striking eyes! When you first meet me, I pretend to be shy, but I will melt into your hands when you pet me. I really enjoy spending time in our special outdoor enclosure, and I love to find a perch so I can take naps in high places. I get along well with the other cats here and can be very playful, especially with my friend Bubba, who also lives here. If you are looking to help a special cat, I would reward you tenfold with my love and kisses!

Facts about the Feline Leukemia Virus (FeLV)

- **FeLV is a viral infection that infects ONLY cats.** Humans and other animals cannot get this virus. It is easily killed with disinfectants.
- **FeLV is transmitted by sharing toys, food and water dishes and litter boxes** or by close physical contact, such as fighting, grooming and sleeping together. Therefore, FeLV+ cats should be only cats or should live only with other FeLV+ cats.
- **FeLV+ cats often have no symptoms and can lead healthy lives.** The virus can make them more susceptible to dental issues, and common diseases, wounds and infections can be more serious.
- **Because common health issues can be more serious for FeLV+ cats,** it's recommended that they live only indoors, eat a good, nutritious diet and get regular health checkups.

Hi! I'm **Bubba**, and I am also a FeLV+ cat looking for a good home. I am very friendly and don't know a stranger! I like other cats, too. I have a touch-activated purr and, as you can see from my picture, I am quite gorgeous! I live here in our special room for FeLV+ cats. We even have access to our own private outdoor patio. Life is good, but I would so love to have a home of my very own. If you can help me, I surely would like to meet you.



Visit Munky, Bubba and their friends in the FeLV room at the shelter.

Fund Spotlight

Vincent Fund Gives Stray, Injured Cats Needed Care

Hunter was found wandering the streets in Laurelville with a significant injury to his right front paw. A kind soul knew he needed immediate care and took him to Diley Hill Emergency Center. Hunter was evaluated and given pain meds. The paw could not be saved, and it was recommended that Hunter's leg be removed. Because they had not planned to adopt an animal, and the surgery's cost was prohibitive, the Disbennett family contacted Cat Welfare about surrendering the stray. We accepted Hunter into our care on September 25, and his limb was removed shortly after. Hunter has made a speedy recovery and he travels about with great ease. He enjoys calm interactions with quiet humans and seems to regard his fellow felines with mild interest and never any aggression.



Muriel has been a shelter resident for two whole years! She is rather particular about her selection of human friends, but she knows the right forever human will come through the door eventually. A graduate of the Shy Cat room, Muriel has blossomed into a sassy, healthy senior kitty. She looks 10 years younger than she did when she arrived in 2015. Muriel suffered from a condition called stomatitis, a painful oral condition that is typically remedied by extracting all of the cat's teeth. Since her full mouth extraction, Muriel has regained an interest in eating, now is a healthy weight for her frame and takes pride in grooming her ginger coat.

Your contributions to the Vincent Fund ensure we can help stray cats receive the medical attention they deserve while in our care.

Fill Your Feline Stockings with 'Nip



Our holiday motif catnip toys are now available. Shop early so you don't miss out. Last December 696 were purchased!

We thank the Cat Nippers for all of their efforts to make these beloved pillows.

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
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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 \$20 (\$10 for senior cats) includes spay/neuter surgery, initial vaccinations, testing for feline leukemia and FIV, microchip identification, flea treatment & deworming.



Board of Directors

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Support Our Funds

Since 1945 Cat Welfare's mission has been 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. Felines not placed in forever homes live their lives in the care and comfort of our shelter.

As a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, membership dues help to pay for the care and feeding of around 275 felines waiting for permanent homes. Learn more about and donate to the funds that help us do our critical work.

Altering Fund

The Altering Fund helps us fight the problem of pet overpopulation by providing vital low-cost spay & neuter services to cats in the community through local veterinarians and spay and neuter clinics.

Ishie Memorial Fund

Funds from The Ishie Memorial Fund are used to care for the permanent residents of Cat Welfare. Sometimes a cat enters our shelter and, for whatever reason, finds itself making Cat Welfare its permanent home. These cats are near and dear to our hearts, and the staff, volunteers, and visitors of the shelter become their family. Ishie was one of those special kitties that lived at Cat Welfare in the 1980s.

Vincent Fund

The Vincent Fund was established to help pay for unexpected vital medical care for our shelter cats. The fund is named after Victoria Bonner's cat Vincent. He was adopted from Cat Welfare in 1985 and sadly died of a terminal illness at the age of 18.

Joey's Good Samaritan Fund

Joey's Good Samaritan Fund, formerly known as The Good Sam Fund, provides assistance to owned cats who are in need of medical care beyond the financial ability of their families.

Willard's Village Babies Fund

The Willard's Village Babies Fund helps feral cats and their advocates through low-cost spaying and neutering, education and by providing food/shelters for colonies. This fund was established to honor and remember Willard, a colony cat who was cared for by Cat Welfare, while providing support to those special individuals who devote time and resources to altering feral cats to help minimize the cat overpopulation problem, as well as working to keep those cats healthy and living in a good environment.

Cat-A-Lack Chow Club

Donations to The Cat-A-Lack Chow Club help offset the cost of feeding the nearly 275 wonderful felines at Cat Welfare. Cat Welfare goes through 40 pounds of dry food and 40 cans of canned food every day, 365 days a year.

Guardian Angels

Because of their various medical or behavioral problems, the Guardian Angel cats featured on our website are permanent residents of Cat Welfare. They will always have a home at Cat Welfare and, with your help, they can also benefit from extra care and attention. Your generous donation, which is tax deductible, will ensure these cats, and the other cats in our care, are provided with veterinary care, vaccinations, medicine, food, litter, toys, love and a home at our shelter. Join the Guardian Angels Program today, and you can follow the life of a Cat Welfare cat, become involved in his life, and offer him some extra love and attention.

CWA Happy Homes



We came to Cat Welfare Association as first-time cat owners, searching for therapy cats to help battle the depression and anxiety that comes along in life. We knew we wanted two babies to call our own. My husband saw **Leo**, and it was an instant bond. After snuggling his cheeks, I knew he was coming home with us. He loves being home, he sleeps on our bed—even with all the toys and jungle gyms a cat could want—and loves to snuggle and purr loudly. He is a huge fan of belly rubs, too. My search continued for a couple more days until I found Prince at another local shelter. He lay on my chest and purred, so he came home to meet his brother, and Leo instantly sniffed him and nuzzled his face. They have been inseparable since. Life has been nothing but sunshine, loud purrs and belly rubs since we adopted our children. Thank you for being patient and helping us with our decision. Such a great shelter!

Nikki & Zac



I came to Cat Welfare looking for a companion for my other cat, and everyone I asked had one answer: **Dizzy!** This little cutie had been there over a year, despite how cute and playful she is with other cats, because she is standoffish about cuddling. When I brought her home, she initially found such a good hiding spot, I almost thought I'd lost her! But within two days, she and Mr. Kitty were getting along, so I knew she was the right choice. I bought some treats and a laser pointer, and slowly but surely, she stopped hiding and started letting me pet her. I adore this goofy cat, and I am so glad I brought her home with me.

Sarah

Mustachio has adapted very well to his new home. He has especially made a big impact on my mother. We recently lost our family dog, and he has brought my mother out of her sadness. He loves running up and down the stairs (despite the absence of a limb), loves exploring and tries to get the birds outside his window. Thank you for giving not only me, but Mustachio, as well, the opportunity to find a new family!



Olivia Hicks



We came to Cat Welfare after our cat Oscar, also from Cat Welfare, passed away. We were introduced to the FIV+ cats and instantly fell in love with this big chunk, **Hugo**. He is extremely cuddly and loves belly rubs and treats. We were happy to give an FIV+ cat a loving home.

Jacob & Sarah

Got a Happy Homes story? Upload it at catwelfareassoc.org or mail it to Cat Welfare, 741 Wetmore Road, Columbus, OH 43214.



The Catique Resale Shop

1005 Mediterranean Ave.
in the Busch Boulevard Centre

Open
Thursday - Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Shop Amazon, Benefit 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. A Wish List of things the shelter needs is available at goo.gl/qi5g8z.

Happy shopping!

Big Hearts for the Big Give



THE COLUMBUS FOUNDATION

Thanks to your generosity during the Big Give in October, Cat Welfare received 179 donations totaling \$29,211!

Give a Friend a Guardian Angel



Do you have an ailurophile on your holiday shopping list? Consider giving a Guardian Angel sponsorship. The Guardian Angel cats are permanent residents of Cat Welfare due to their various medical or behavioral problems. They will always have a home at Cat Welfare. With your help, they can also benefit from extra care and attention. Your generous tax deductible donation will ensure these cats are provided with veterinary care, vaccinations, medicine, food, litter, toys, love, and a home at our shelter.

For more information, visit www.catwelfareassoc.org/guardian-angels.



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. Place your order by December 18 and pick up your ornament at the shelter

January 8-19.

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.



Let Us Wrap Up Your Gifts

Once again this year, Cat Welfare volunteers will be wrapping gifts purchased from Barnes and Noble at their Lennox Town Center and Kingsdale locations. The complimentary gift wrapping begins the day after Thanksgiving through Christmas Eve. This outreach is an excellent way to educate the community about Cat Welfare and our various programs. Also, it's a great fundraising opportunity. Last year Cat Welfare received over \$3,300 in donations from Barnes and Noble shoppers. Many volunteers are needed to make this project a success. Volunteer sign-up information will be posted to Cat Welfare's website after Thanksgiving.

Cat Welfare 2018 Calendar

Name

Address

City State ZIP

Phone

Number of calendars _____ at \$16.92 each

_____ Total cost

Cost includes tax and shipping

Make checks payable to Cat Welfare Association



Visa Mastercard

Card # _____

Exp. Date 3-Digit Code

Name on Card

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We Love Our Donors

Ishie Memorial Fund

for long-term care of shelter residents

Craig & Constance Walley “In memory of Twiggy and her courage and character”

Laura Hartman “In memory of Laura M. Herring”

Alice Duncanson “In memory of Pony Boy”

Judy Hicks “In memory of Emma 2/11/2010 – 9/21/2017”

Richard Austin, Steven Puckett, Jan Ellison and Penny Popper

Altering Fund

to subsidize community low-cost spay/neuter surgeries

Craig Lewis “In memory of Autumn Joy” and Diane Curry

Vincent Fund

for emergency care for shelter cats

Linda Schellkopf “In memory of kitten Hal,” Julianne Hunter, James & Nancy Chodorow, Leon & Patricia Cohan Jr., Dick & Linda Hamilton, Adrianna Kenworthy, Jane Carolyn Reeves, Marjorie Obrist, Sue Lape and Craig Lewis “In memory of Autumn Joy”

Joey’s Good Samaritan Fund

for medical care of owned cats

Randall Hertzler “In memory of Doug Buhner,” William Hout, Jane Carolyn Reeves, Judy Hardy, Jill Davis, Rebekah Caminiti, Dorothy Kell, Erik Diekmeyer, Ron & Ann Bentley, and Susan Decelle

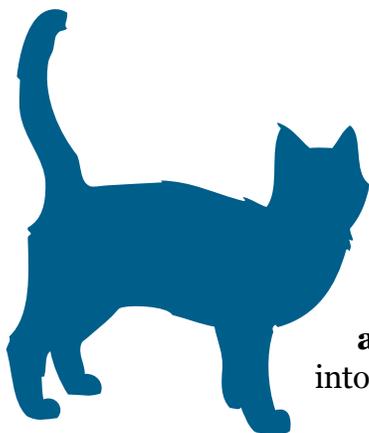
Willard’s Village Babies Fund

for care of feral cat colonies

Juanita Woods “In memory of sweet Willard,” Rebecca Fleming, and Anne Riley “In memory of Pony Boy”



We cannot express enough gratitude to our foster families. Your dedication is priceless.



From January through October 2017, we **adopted 1,128 cats** into loving homes.

News and Thank Yous:

Christy Mott-Haynes, we thank you for donating your amazing graphic design skills that help us share our message.

We greatly appreciate all of the assistance our volunteers have provided with cage cleaning while we have transitioned with our awesome new staff members.



Hello, Roberta

I came here to the shelter after being rescued by a fireman in Westerville, so you could say I was a lady in distress. When I came here, it was discovered that I am FIV positive, which means I have a decreased immune system. I can live a normal life and do not need special food or medicine. I can also live with other cats. Our staff here can provide you with more information about FIV. Let me tell you a little about myself. I am what some people call the “whole package”! I am a very smart girl, and I understand quite a bit of English. I also enjoy the company of other nice cats. I’ve even been known to flirt a little with some of the handsome boys here! I like so many things that it might be hard to list them all! I like being brushed,

sitting on laps or sitting pushed up right next to you. I like to play and I certainly like attention! I’m just a happy-go-lucky kind of girl. Please stop by and get to know me! I really want to be your special girl!

Cat Welfare has nearly 300 cats available for adoption. Find your new feline friend by visiting catwelfareassoc.org or stopping by our shelter. The kitties would be happy to see you!

Purina Cat Chow, Kitten Chow, moist cat food
in tuna flavors, brown paper grocery bags, Win-
dex, clean newspapers, clean towels, clay litter,
dryer sheets, bleach, Clorox wipes, Mr. Clean
Magic Eraser pads, laundry detergent, stainless
steel Chore Boy scrubbies, and Mr. Clean.

Shelter Wish List:

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