

# Feline Forum

The Cat Welfare Association Newsletter

October/November 2019

## Bjorn Finds His Peace in Vinton County



According to our mission statement, "We strive to find each cat an appropriate, safe and loving home." In May 2018, we accomplished that for a special boy named Bjorn.

Bjorn came to us as a Clintonville stray in March 2016. He had been declawed but had undescended testicles. We had his right testicle removed, but because his left was not found during surgery, Bjorn had a tendency to spray - not a good attribute for an indoor pet.

The good Samaritan who brought Bjorn to us agreed to take him back once it was clear that the shelter atmosphere was stressful for the sweet boy, but that wasn't a long-term solution. Before long, he was back at the shelter, and just like before, other cats picked on him. We tried to get to the bottom of his spraying problem, but extensive testing at MedVet came back inconclusive. Bjorn was simply stuck in a difficult situation.

But he did befriend staff members and volunteers because of his sweet disposition, and he tried his best to keep to himself, away from other cats. Still, he occasionally found himself in a scuffle, which was exactly how he ended up with a large bite wound on his face in May 2018. That unfortunate event led a shelter staff member to make it her mission to find Bjorn a home, and a fateful conversation at a pub led to the identification of a farm in Vinton County where he might be accepted.

Janet and Roger had not been in the market for a cat, but after hearing about Bjorn's plight, they decided to offer him a home. Fifteen months into his new life it's clear from the pictures the couple has sent that our dear boy knows love, he knows security, he has territory and he is at peace.

## Show Your CWA Pride in One of Our Colorful Shirts

Our friendly new T-shirt design sold out fast, so we ordered some more in a couple new cheerful colors, coral and lime green. The shirts feature the silhouette of a cat made from cat-related words and the Cat Welfare tagline "We make friendships for life" in a script font. The back includes The Cat Welfare Association logo and website address.

The shirts are \$20 each and can be purchased at the shelter and The Catique during regular hours.



# 2020 Calendar Winners Announced

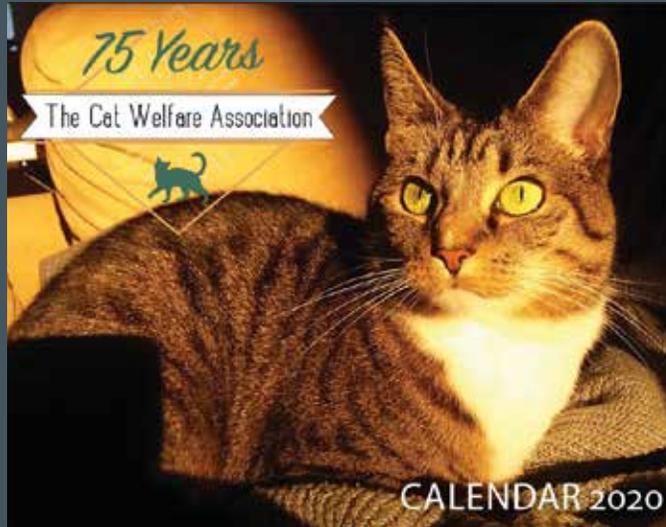
These photos are more than just another pretty picture because they were taken by ordinary people who show they care about the cats in their lives by making a positive difference in their community.

The entries and voting involved more than 85 people who wanted their favorite

kitty's photo to be one of the 13 large photos in next year's calendar. The voting proceeds and calendar sales benefit all of the programs at Cat Welfare!

In addition to the 13 large photos, nearly all of the photos are still winners because they will be featured on the monthly calendar pages. This fun contest and fundraiser helps support Cat Welfare, while creating awareness about events for cat lovers scheduled throughout the coming year!

Printed 2020 calendars will be on sale this fall at the shelter, at The Catique and on the CWA website, [catwelfareassoc.org](http://catwelfareassoc.org).



## The 13 large photos for the 2020 Calendar are:

- **Leonardo DiCatrio** - *Leo* - by Kelli and Sean
- **Bob Katz (left) and Waldo Grogan (right)** - *Bob and Waldo* - by Mark H.
- **Roxy** - *Bird Watching* - by Angelica M.
- **Mr. Minx** - *The Infamous One Eared, Toothless, Minx* - by Zoe K.
- **Mush / Kitty / Sir Napsalot** - *Relaxing Saturday Afternoon* - by Mark M.
- **Kitty** - *Take the Time to Smell the Flowers* - by Susan D.
- **Leonidas** - *Leonidas the Brave & Very Lucky Cat* - by Melissa S.
- **Raz** - *How's This for a Close Up?* - by Jill F.
- **Penny** - *A Perfect Present Every Day* - by Jeff D., photo by Alan V.
- **Lauren and Alexis** - *Bird Watching Beauties* - by Heidi S.
- **Gracie** - *Who Me?* - by Kristin R.
- **Bella** - *Just Another Day in the Garden Center* - by Pat W.
- **Cover: Ester** - *Day Dreaming* - by Roger N.

## Also this year we will have a tribute to the best rescue story:

- **Lily** - *Our Guardian Angel* - by All of Cat Welfare's friends

## Our Mission

The 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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[catwelfareassoc.org](http://catwelfareassoc.org)

[facebook.com/catwelfareassoc](https://facebook.com/catwelfareassoc)

## 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

President: RoseAnn Ballangee

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# CWA Happy Homes



We adopted **Ghibli** and **Rukia** from CWA (about a year apart) and they are best friends now. They have made wonderful additions to the family.

**Kira**

**Hurricane** likes to watch the birds and pretend to chase bugs. He absolutely loves lying on his back now, which is great because you can see his vampire teeth sticking out (see photo). He is such a great, social cat who lets anybody and everybody pick him up and give him love. We are SO happy that we found him.

**Kaitlyn & Victor**



I adopted **Eleanor** on October 31, 2015. Fitting for a black cat, right? I didn't really expect to be leaving with a cat that day, but something about Eleanor drew me in. She was housed in a cage on the wall, and every time I would look at the kittens in the cage above her, she stretched ALL the way up on her hind legs and reached out, trying to get my attention instead! I eventually took her out and held her, and

I fell in love right away. Now, I can't imagine my life without her. She is such a sweet girl and a fantastic companion. She greets me at the door every day when I get home from work, loves sticking her paws in cups of water (which is both adorable and irritating) and chasing the laser light. I am so glad that we found each other!

**Melissa & John**

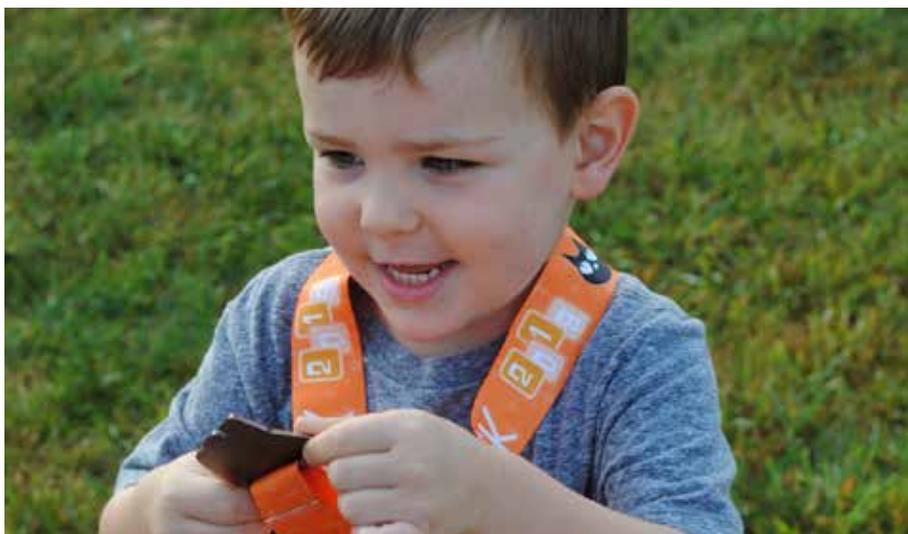
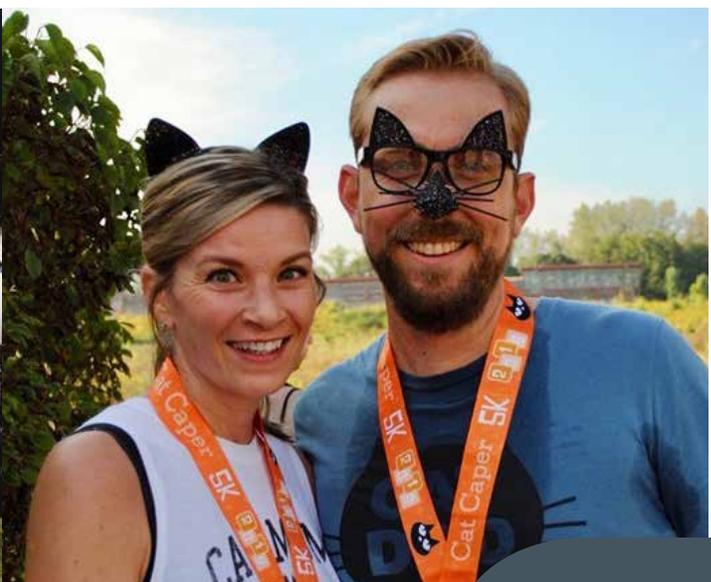


After having Lenny for a year, it was pretty clear we needed to find a buddy for him. That's when we decided to go to Cat Welfare. We described him and what we were looking for. Immediately, we were brought to his new little sister, **Poppy**. Within only a couple of days, they were happily sniffing each other and sharing toys! Little Poppy definitely puts him in his place, even though he's twice her size. They love licking one another, looking outside, chasing one another, watching each other play and, of course, napping together. She's getting along just fine with her big brother Lenny.

**Isabella & Jack**

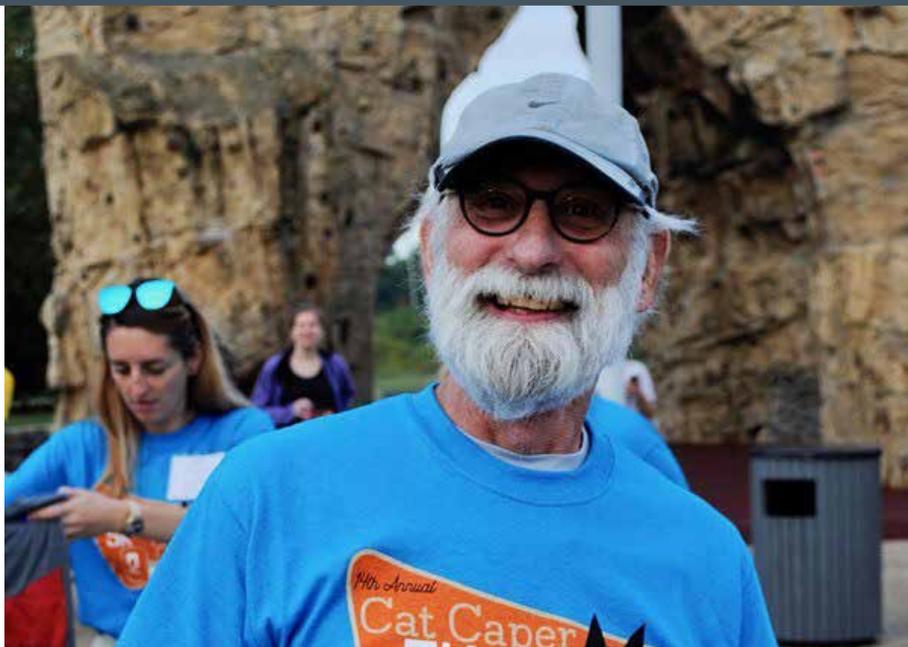
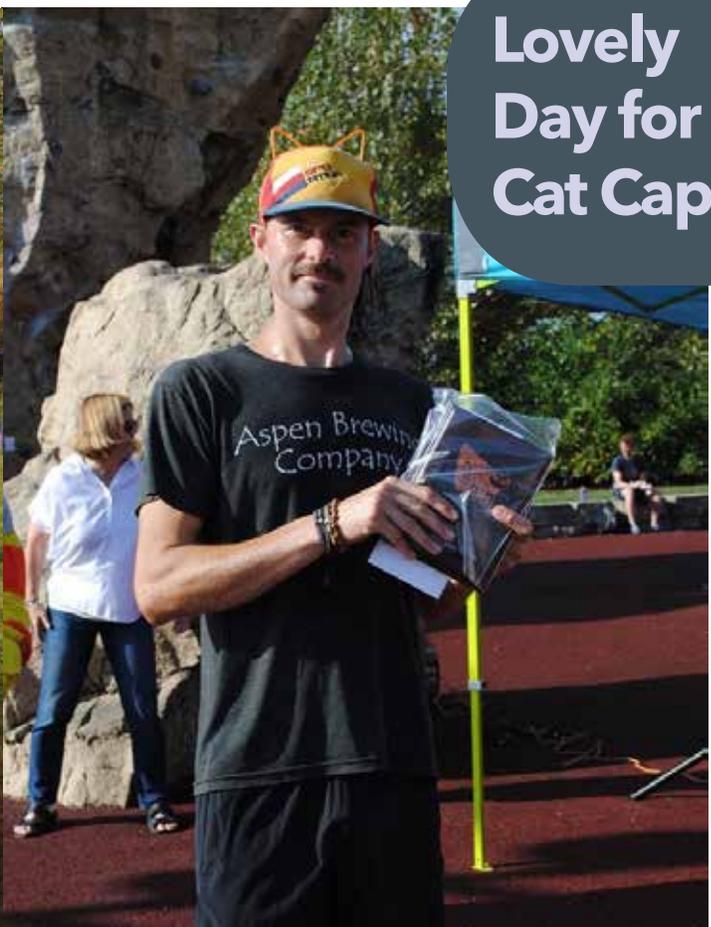
Got a Happy Homes story? Upload it at [catwelfareassoc.org](http://catwelfareassoc.org) or mail it to Cat Welfare, 741 Wetmore Road, Columbus, OH 43214.

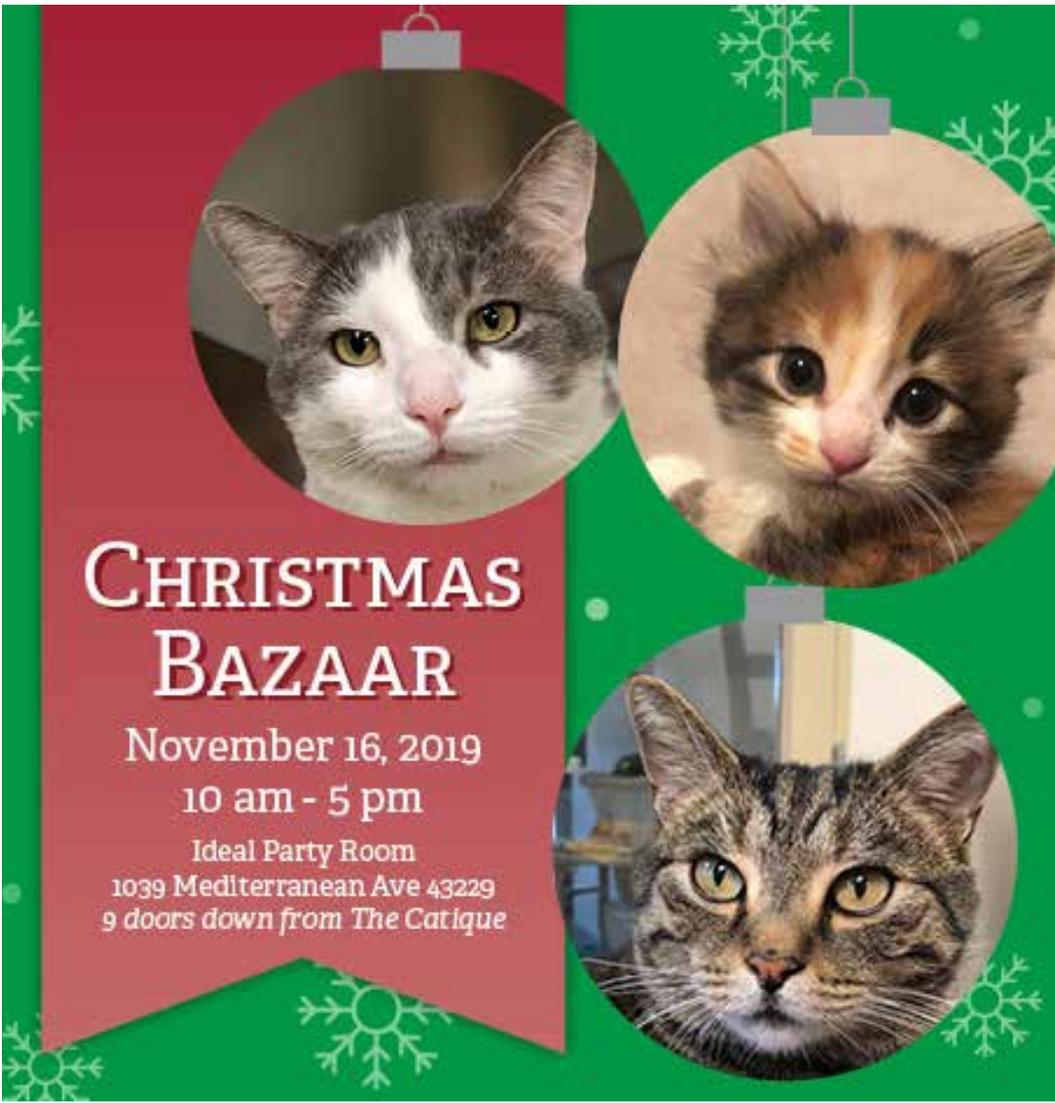




## Lovely Day for a Cat Caper

Many thanks to all who came out to support our 14th annual Cat Caper at the Grange Audubon Center, and congratulations to first-place runners, Charlie Navillus and Niki Hotchkiss! More photos by our talented photographer Anne Knapke of Anne K Photography can be found on our Facebook page.





# Clean Out Your Closet for CWA

Are you cleaning out your closets before the holidays roll around? Please consider donating gently used holiday decorations, cat-themed items and pet-related items for our Holiday Bazaar. Gently used winter apparel is also appreciated. Donation drop boxes are located at the shelter and The Catique, 1005 Mediterranean Ave., Columbus, OH, 43229.

# Catnip Pillows Increase to \$3

Our beloved handmade, home-grown catnip pillows are seeing a price increase to \$3 starting October 1. They make great stocking stuffers for your favorite felines!

# Cat Welfare 2020 Calendar

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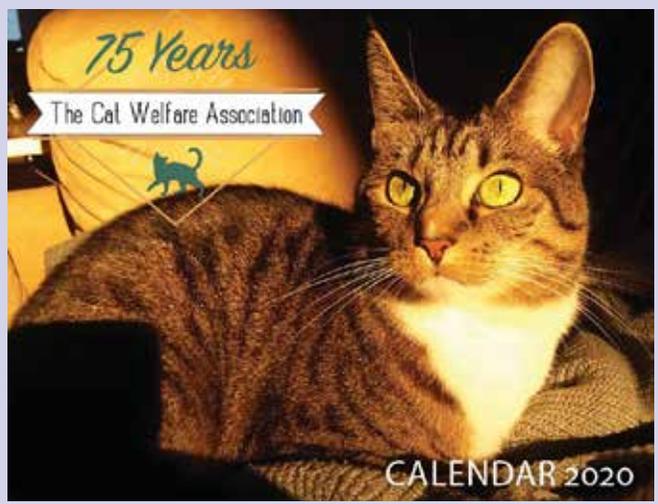
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Number of calendars \_\_\_\_\_ at \$16.92 each

\_\_\_\_\_ Total cost

Cost includes tax and shipping

Make checks payable to Cat Welfare Association



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# We Love Our Donors

## Ishie Memorial Fund

for long-term care of shelter residents

Michelle Davis

Karina Magaziner-Rubin "In honor of Margene Whittenburg and her love and care of her cats"

John & Judi Delong "In memory of Edith Delong & her kitty Emmie"

Janice & Jerry Noltemeyer

William Noel "In honor of Marty Montgomery who was dedicated to helping people and cats"

Vanessa Philman "For Marty Montgomery"

Craig Lewis "In memory of Simon"

Catherine Zitko "In memory of Sweetpea"

Sue Lape "Gordon Wilson"

Glenna Major, Jessica Stankus, & Heidi Kugler "In memory of John McCullough"

James Kloss "In memory of Holly Elizabeth Reed"

Alice Mitchell "In memory of Valerie Dorskey"

William Hout "In memory of Doug Buhner"

## Altering Fund

to subsidize community low-cost spay/neuter surgeries

Annie Lach, Steven Puckett, Sheila Zirkle, Alice Ferschman and Edwin & Ulla Wagers

## Joey's Good Sam Fund

for medical care of owned cats

Randall Hertzler "In memory of Doug Buhner and Jasmine Boots," Carol Ann Bradley, Patricia Eiben, Joseph Kubasek and Penny Popper

## Willard's Village Babies Fund

for care of feral cat colonies

Juanita Woods "In memory of beautiful Rae," Annie Lach, Jennifer Schleppe "In memory of beautiful De Soto Ebner who crossed the Rainbow Bridge. This is in support of the dear family he left behind," Susan Tomlinson "In memory of Patricia Polito," The Hofmann Family "In honor of Wilma Wabnitz," Juanita Woods "In memory of sweet Willard - you will always be remembered and loved," Nancy Mayle, Gale Markus "In memory of Marty Montgomery," Peggy Kirk "In memory of Marty Montgomery from all of your friends at The Catique," Darin & Teresa Plummer "In loving memory of Mary B. Tyler," and Richard Austin

## Vincent Fund

for emergency care for shelter cats

Linda Schellkopf, Erinn Hade Craigmile "Happy Birthday, Kiley!," Kathleen Seeger, Leon & Patricia Cohan Jr., John & Maryann Gall, Marjorie Obrist, Anna Teichmoeller and Ilisa Nodelman

## Cat-A-Lack Chow Club

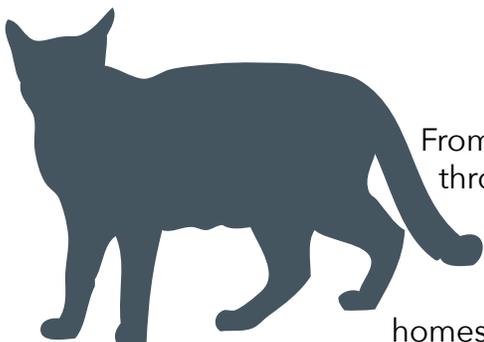
for food for the shelter residents

Leslie Bothast

## Cat Welfare Gives Thanks

Thank you, Jenny Howell, for orchestrating the 2019 Cat Caper 5K, our biggest and brightest Caper to date with 693 registrants! Additional thanks to all of our sponsors and to our race day volunteers.

Thank you, foster families! It has been a busy kitten season and all of your efforts have been greatly appreciated.



From January through August 2019, we **adopted 735 cats** into loving homes.



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## Shelter Wish List:

Purina Cat Chow, Purina Kitten Chow, paper towels, brown paper grocery bags, laundry detergent, moist cat food, Temptation cat treats. Find more on CWA's Amazon Wish List: [goo.gl/eLNYhd](http://goo.gl/eLNYhd).



## Hello, Missy

Boy, here I thought I had it made! I was in the shelter for approximately two weeks back in 2017 when someone came in and offered me what I thought would be a forever home. Unfortunately, that was not the case. I was returned to Cat Welfare in February because I was no longer wanted.

I must say the adjustment period has been difficult. I am not used to being around so many cats. When I get on a perch of my own and a slow-moving, gentle human approaches, I greet him with a head butt and encourage him to pet me.

I've really bonded with a couple of the staff members, and they're confident I would do the same with a patient forever family. It sure would be wonderful to be back in a home. Might I be the striking kitty girl you've been wanting in your life?

*Cat Welfare has about 270 cats available for adoption. Find your new feline friend by visiting [catwelfareassoc.org](http://catwelfareassoc.org) or stopping by our shelter. The kitties would be happy to see you!*