

Feline Forum

Cat Welfare Association Newsletter

April/May 2014

Work Underway on Shelter Upgrades

The renovation of 2,700 square feet of our shelter is right on track for completion this spring. The project, managed by Elford Inc., has included the installation of new water and gas lines, a new HVAC system and new windows and doorways, along with the pouring of a new floor and the creation of several living spaces for kitties and some offices for staff.

An Open House to celebrate the renovation is slated for June 22 from noon to 3 p.m. Details about the festivities will be in the June/July edition of the *Feline Forum*.



New windows and doors will provide natural light for shelter residents (left). The new space will include three offices (below).



Green Thumb? Grow Some Catnip!

Cat Welfare's handmade catnip pillows are very popular with humans and their feline friends. Last year, the shelter sold 1,288 of them, raising \$3,220 at \$2.50 a piece. In December alone, 399 pillows were sold. It's a great fundraiser with one important ingredient: catnip! Please consider planting a patch of the green stuff, then bring it into the shelter to be made into plush toys. While you're there, be sure to pick up a pillow or two for your kitty companions. They're sure to love them!



Mojo's Corner



I'm hearing all sorts of good news about our recently reopened resale shop, The Catique. I've heard it is a great open space with plenty of room for racks of clothes, displays of household items, all sorts of art and even furniture! In case you missed the last *Feline Forum*, The Catique is now open three days each week: Thursdays & Fridays 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Saturdays 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. I've heard our staff telling all of our wonderful donors that there are now secure donation boxes right outside the shelter and one at The Catique off of the alley behind the shop. We thank you for supporting The Catique, and if you want to come by the shelter, I'll be here waiting for you with a hug.



The Catique
1005 Mediterranean Ave.
Columbus, OH 43229

Renew Your Kroger Community Rewards

Are you one of our Kroger Community Rewards supporters? April 1 is the opening date to renew your fundraising pledge. If you want Cat Welfare to continue to benefit from your Kroger sales, you must renew your request. Since last April, this program has raised more than \$7,000 for our kitties!

To register or renew, visit www.krogercommunityrewards.com. The NPO# for Cat Welfare Association is 83895. If you do not have Internet access and would like to participate, you may pick up a bar-code form at the shelter or contact Gail Harbert, Program Manager, at 614-268-6096, Ext. 103.

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.



741 Wetmore Road
Columbus, OH 43214
614-268-6096
www.catwelfareohio.com
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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.



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Elect the Next Top Cat

Our Top Cat will serve as a correspondent, investigative reporter and socialite for a term of 12 months beginning June 1, 2014. Votes are \$1 each, and the race ends at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 25. Vote as many times as you wish, in person at the shelter or by sending in the form on Page 5. Like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/catwelfareohio to keep track of the race.



Cali

Every place of employment, circle of friends and classroom has one. I am CWA's jokester. I live in the front office space and treatment room at the shelter. I've called this place home for the past four years. When I'm not filling the chair at the front desk so the staff member has to balance on the couple of inches of space I've left, you might find me in the treatment room flinging cotton swabs from an unattended box or unrolling paper towels so I can make myself a bed in the sink. I'm a nipper, too, but it's all in jest. If elected Top Cat I promise to continue to keep the staff, volunteers and visitors entertained with my antics. I am large, and it's time for this lady to be in charge.



Mojo

It has been a pleasure being your Top Cat. I have met so many new, wonderful friends during my term, both four legged and two. I ask again for your vote. The residents have been able to come to me for advice, conciliation and when they just need to know they have a friend. I truly am a gentle giant. I believe I should be elected to a second term because I have many more hugs to give and, frankly, I have found that black cats are born to lead.



Mrs. B

Oh boy, a contest to determine what I've known, the staff knows and all the cats living in the main adoption room have known for years: I am the Top Cat. I have lived at the shelter since 2003. I was placed in several homes prior to 2003, but truly the shelter is my home and it is where I am content. I am no stranger to service as I have been a CWA Guardian Angel representative since 2004. If I am elected Top Cat, I promise you I will report shelter happenings with a panache that my competition is incapable of attaining.

CWA Happy Homes



Kaylee loves to sit on her cat tree and watch the birds in the birdbath. I am so happy I adopted her in January 2013. She is very happy and loving, always on my lap and kissing me. She is so well behaved I couldn't ask for a better cat. I love her a lot. She is a great companion,

and she loves to play! Thanks.

Janice Fitzpatrick



I have meant to send you a few photos of Steve (renamed **Ratso**) and let you know how well he is doing, but my life is pretty busy due to my crazy job. We picked him up from you about July 6, 2012.

Anyway, he is **SUPER**, as you said he would be. He is very cool, healthy, happy and flexible. He travels well between our two homes (one's in Indiana, a five-hour drive away). And he **LOVES** his step-brother, Miles. They play together

all the time, which gives them great exercise.

Thanks for a wonderful year and we look forward to many, many more with him. My husband and I can't thank you enough for keeping him for us until we found you.

Linda Olson



My name is **Ricky**. When I lived at Cat Welfare my name was Ricardo. I want to thank you for taking good care of me until the Kremers came and adopted me! I was a little nervous at first, but we are all very happy now! I had a rough life before I was rescued from a place with too many cats. Now I have lots of space and big windows to look out at the birds and ducks, and even folks jogging and walking their dogs! I have plenty of toys to play with, there's even a laser that I chase and sometimes catch!

The best part of living here is Mary and Dan, my new "mama" and "daddy." I can tell they really love me—and I love them, too! Some may think I'm a little spoiled, but the Kremers believe it's just my turn to be pampered. Thanks again for being there, taking good care of me, and keeping me safe until my new family came.

Ricky, via Mary Kremsler

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

Cat Welfare Top Cat Ballot

Vote as many times as you like. Each vote is \$1.

Mojo

_____ # of votes

Cali

_____ # of votes

Mrs. B

_____ # of votes

Total \$ _____

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10th Annual Race to Benefit
CAT WELFARE
ASSOCIATION



Woodworker Jack Schmidt has built and donated a solid wood cabinet that cleverly hides a litter box. Cats enter through a hole cut into the side, while you have easy cleaning access behind the double doors. The cabinet is on display at The Catique.

Raffle tickets are available for \$5 each or \$20 for 5. Mail in the form at right or purchase your tickets in person at the shelter or at The Catique. The drawing will be held at 3 p.m. June 22.

Litter Box Raffle Ticket Order Form

Name

Address

City

State

ZIP

Phone

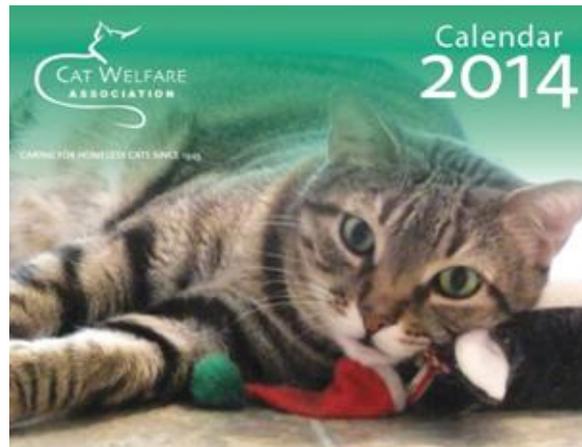
Number of Tickets _____

Total Cost _____
(\$5 per ticket, \$20 for 5)

Mail to: Cat Welfare, Attn: Litter Box Raffle
741 Wetmore Road
Columbus, OH 43214

CWA 2015 CAT CALENDAR PHOTO CONTEST

Would your kitty like to be famous? Well, actually would YOU like your kitty to be famous? Cat Welfare invites you to submit your best photo(s) of your favorite kitties. If your photo is chosen, it will be published in the CWA 2015 Calendar, which will be on sale next fall!



CONTEST RULES:

- Be sure your photo is focused and of good quality. If your picture is blurry, then it is not likely to be selected for the calendar. The larger the JPG file size, the better the quality.
- The contest is open to everyone. You can submit as many entries as you want, provided you pay the \$10 entry fee for each photo. Photos may be taken from any place or time, but the subject must be a cat. Other animals may be in the photo. Sorry, no humans allowed in the photo.
- You must own the rights to the photo. Photos that have appeared in CWA's *Feline Forum* Newsletter or in previous calendars are eligible, provided they have not been published elsewhere.
- Voting will be performed on-line at: <http://catwelfareohio.org/calendar.htm> beginning in March. You, your friends, and family may vote as many times for each photo you want. You purchase one vote credit for every \$1 donated to support CWA. You must purchase a minimum of 5 vote credits for a \$5 donation. Forward your pet's CWA photo page to your friends and family and then ask them to donate to vote for your pet!
- A panel of judges selected by the Cat Welfare Association will determine the winning photos from the top 20 **as well as 3 photos chosen from all entries**. The CWA judge's decisions are final. Winners will be notified via the CWA Fall *Feline Forum* Newsletter.
- To enter the contest, starting in March, follow the steps at <http://catwelfareohio.org/calendar.htm> by uploading your JPG format photo and vote for your favorite entries. You may also enter by sending in this form. **Entry form(s) must be postmarked and electronic entries must be submitted before June 1, 2014. Voting for the contest ends at midnight EST on Sunday, June 22, 2014.** Be sure to include a 100 word story or description along with each photo.

Your Name: _____ Cat's Name: _____

Street: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Photo Title: _____ Photographer's Name: _____

100 word story (include on separate piece of paper) _____

Number of photos enclosed: _____ Entry Fee enclosed: _____ (\$10 for each photo)

By signing, I accept the below disclaimer

MAIL TO: Cat Welfare, Attn: Calendar Contest
741 Wetmore Road
Columbus, OH 43214

Signature: _____

Disclaimer: By submitting this photo(s), you agree to transfer to Cat Welfare Association (CWA) all rights to the photo(s) without license, limitation, or compensation. All submitted photos are property of CWA, who may do with the photo(s) what they please. If you want the photo returned, you must enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope with your photo. CWA is not responsible for any errors, loss or damage regarding the photo entry/entries. All contestants agree to release and hold harmless CWA, all sponsors, and representatives from all claims or actions, they, their heirs, executors or assigns may have arising directly or indirectly from the contest. Winners consent to the use of their name, for advertising and publicity purposes without compensation.

We Love Our Donors

Ishie Memorial Fund

for long-term care of shelter residents

Dave & Betty Maynard, "In loving memory of Sarah, our sweet kitty"

Eileen & John Laffey, "In memory of Sunshine, Toni, Tiffany & Clancy"

Judy Malenick, "In memory of Alex & Max"

April's Flowers & Gifts, "In honor of Carol Saunders"

Susan Roy, "In loving memory of Maggie"

Lauretta Fisher, "In memory of my husband of 40 years, Keith Fisher, and our 5 rescued cats who have crossed the Rainbow Bridge"

Vivian Opelt, "In loving memory – Rudy & Phoebe"

RoseAnn Ballangee, "In memory of Arlene Beale"

Patricia Herczeg, "In memory of Rita Richterkessing"

Craig Lewis, "Scotch, Ginger & Tommy"

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Altering Fund

to subsidize community low-cost spay/neuter surgeries

Kathryn Kim, Elsie & Paul Blei, Sherry Mullett, Joan Borger, Sarah Wurdlow, Patricia Eiben, Shirley Marie Barker, Jill & Lyle Schumacher, Sue Lape, Beth Klukoske, Stephen Scott, Micaela Stratton, Ruey Landis Rodman and Georgeann McCall

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for emergency care for shelter cats

Linda Schellkopf, Elsie & Paul Blei, Sarah Wurdlow, Patricia Eiben, Anna Teichmoeller, Matthew & Eliz-

abeth Swain, Sandra Myers, Jill & Lyle Schumacher, Judy Malenick, Diana Fisher, John & Maryann Gall, Dorothy Cobbs, Alison Brewer "In memory of Dave Rosener's daughter, Marina," Craig Lewis, Georgeann McCall and Judy Hardy

Joey's Good Sam Fund

for medical care of owned cats

Barbara Browning, Sandra Myers, Jill & Lyle Schumacher and M. Welther

Willard's Village Babies Fund

for care of feral cat colonies

Richard Austin, Steve & Terri Carter, Jill & Lyle Schumacher, Judy Malenick, Juanita Woods "In memory of a beautiful lady – Blue," and Margaret Munch

Cat-A-Lack Chow Club

for food for the shelter residents

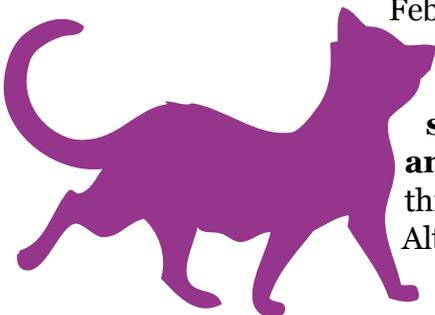
Joy & Ed Weiler, Courtney Demkowicz, Nancy Swisher, Dan & Mary Gray, William Moore, Peter Corbett, Andrea Waymire, Joellen Wood "For Dorothy Martin," Kris Laselo "For Renee Weldy," Colleen Nye, Florence Baquet "In honor of Chuck & Paulie two wonderful grand cats," Jill & Lyle Schumacher, Judy Malenick, Ardine Nelson "Thank you for taking care of Captain," and Jody Clemens "In honor of Kathy Hobson's birthday and remembering Miss Kitty & Charlie"

Travis' Altering Fund

for spaying/neutering kittens

Jill & Lyle Schumacher and Judy Malenick

From January through February 2014, we **adopted 142 cats** into loving homes and **subsidized 184 spay and neuter surgeries** through our various Altering Fund programs.



Welcome, Meridith!

Cat Welfare welcomes Meridith Kiyosue as our new volunteer coordinator. Meridith joins us with experience in volunteer management for the Columbus Metropolitan Library. She lives in Clintonville with her husband, their 4-year-old daughter and cats Hark, who they adopted from CWA in November, and Hazel. To learn more about current volunteer opportunities, please contact Meridith at cwameridith@gmail.com or 614-268-6096, Ext. 106.



Hello, Jingle

They gave me the name Jingle because I was left outside in a carrier by the bushes overnight in late December 2010. It was so cold! I cried a lot because of the cold, and I was so afraid that no one would find me. Lucky for me, someone rescued me and brought me inside. Oh, how good it felt to be warm! I am a lovely silver cream tabby boy who is neutered and up to date with all of my shots. I am nearly 5 years old and a very handsome specimen. I like to play with toys and watch all the activity going on around the shelter. I was adopted once and lived with a family who cared for me. Things changed and they could no longer keep me, so I am looking for a new home. I am a good boy and I did nothing bad to make them bring me back. Can you help me find a new home? Maybe it will be forever this time.

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, 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 scrubbies, and Mr. Clean.

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