

Feline Forum

Cat Welfare Association Newsletter

April/May 2015



Meridith Moves On, Melissa Moves Up

During her year as our Volunteer Coordinator, Meridith Kiyosue (left) grew our cat care team initiative to just under 100 volunteers who commit to come into the shelter 90 minutes a week to socialize with their assigned team of five cats, alerting staff of any behavior or health issues they observe. Meridith also developed a strong student volunteer program and created an opportunity for some younger kids to learn about Cat Welfare's mission through a parent/child

team volunteer option. In May, Meridith will be leaving Cat Welfare to take a teaching job in Gunma, Japan. The CWA family wishes Meridith all the best in her new position. We're going to miss her!

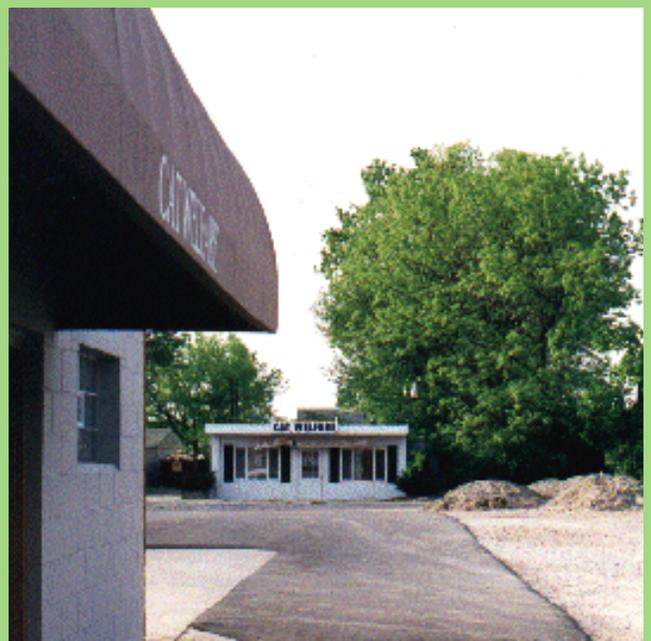
Melissa Meyer (right) has been a CWA Animal Care Technician and Office Assistant for nearly a year. We are happy to announce that she will transition into our Volunteer Coordinator position. Melissa brings to the table her knowledge of CWA programs and policies, a lifetime of volunteerism, and a passion to grow our volunteer program. Melissa is interested in expanding CWA outreach, with a focus on an educational component.

To learn more about volunteer opportunities at Cat Welfare, please visit our website, catwelfareassoc.org/volunteer.

Do You Know Your CWA History?

In 1953, Cat Welfare purchased land and a small building just a stone's throw to the north of our current facility. While foster homes were still heavily utilized, the small building became the first official location for our shelter. In 1963, the small building was torn down, and a bigger building was built. We moved to our current shelter in 1999 after an extensive renovation of the space.

We have a rich history. Do you have a special memory of a visit to our shelter that you'd like to share? Send your stories to marketing@catwelfareassoc.org or mail in a memory to 741 Wetmore Road, Columbus, OH 43214, Attn: CWA Memory.





Bunny Needs a Forever Foster Home

Do you have a diabetic cat in your home? Might they want a friend? Would you be willing to permanently foster a kitty with special needs? This sweet gal is Bunny. Bunny arrived at Cat Welfare in 2012. Not long after her arrival, Bunny was diagnosed with diabetes. It is difficult to regulate her condition in the shelter environment. For some cats, simply getting onto a strict diet and carefully monitoring blood sugar levels can resolve diabetes. We are hoping there is someone willing to care for this gentle gal. All of Bunny's medical expenses and special diet would continue to be covered by Cat Welfare. Let's find Bunny a new home!

Writer Rosen to Raise Funds for Cat Welfare

Columbus-area writer and artist Michael J. Rosen has set a goal to raise \$10,000 for two cat rescue organizations: Cat Welfare Association in Columbus and the national ASPCA. For \$25, plus at least a \$25 donation to one of the above organizations, Rosen will draw a portrait of your cat in a copy of his most recent book, *The Maine Coon's Haiku and Other Poems for Cat Lovers*. To participate:

1. Go to PayPal and send Rosen \$25 via his email address, fidosopher@yahoo.com. Use the "send money to a friend" option, and be sure to use your PayPal balance or bank account, not a credit card.
2. In the note section, tell him what you donated to what organization. Please be as generous as you can.
3. In the note section, specify the address where you'd like the book sent, as well as any inscription. Cat's name? Your name?
4. You'll see a button for attachments. Add one or more photos of your cat as references for him.
5. Accept his enormous thanks for being a generous part of helping those less fortunate companions in our care.

Not-so-fine print: One cat drawing per book, although he will consider bribes. He'll draw/mail on a continuing basis, but please allow a few weeks. The better the photo, the better chance he has of making an accurate likeness.

For more about Rosen, visit his website, fidosopher.com.

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.catwelfareassoc.org
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 \$40 (\$30 for seniors) includes spay/neuter surgery, initial vaccinations, testing for feline leukemia and FIV, microchip identification, flea treatment & deworming.



Board of Directors

RoseAnn Ballangee, President
Brenda Martin, Vice President
Steve Hebenstreit, Recording Secretary
Cathi Eisley, Treasurer
Sue Godsey • Peggy Kirk

Get Cozy with a Colorful Cat Quilt



This spectacular quilt was made by Elizabeth Bowling and Sharon Warrington to help raise funds for the kitties! It measures 72" x 84". To purchase tickets, mail in the form, stop by the shelter or visit cwaquiltraffle.myevent.com. We will draw the name of the lucky winner on July 1 at 6 p.m. You need not be present to win.

Board Elections Set for May 19

Cat Welfare will hold its annual Board of Directors election during its May meeting, slated for 7 p.m. May 19 at Villa Angela, 5700 Karl Road. Cat Welfare Association members have voting privileges if they have been a member for the preceding 12 months and have paid dues within the preceding 12 months. Information about each candidate will be posted on Cat Welfare's website in April. If you are not able to access the website, please contact our office at 614-268-6096, and the information will be mailed to you. There also will be an opportunity to hear from each of the candidates before the ballots are cast at the May meeting.

CWA Selling Flea Treatment

Cat Welfare is excited to be able to offer our friends an effective flea preventative at an affordable price. A single dose can be purchased at Cat Welfare for just \$8. Purchase six doses and Activyl® offers a \$15 rebate. Activyl® is also approved for use on kittens that have reached two pounds, which typically happens at nine weeks.

Quilt 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: Quilt Raffle
741 Wetmore Road
Columbus, OH 43214



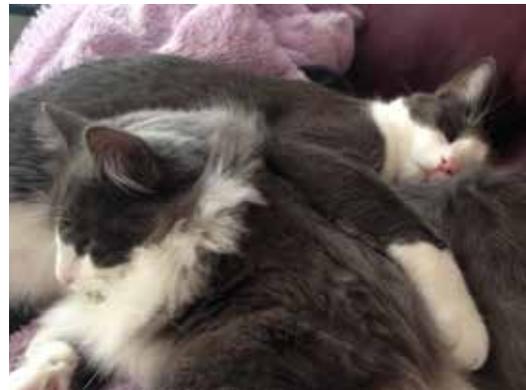
CWA Happy Homes



I wanted to take this time to tell you about my wonderful new cat **Ringo**. I'm sure most people can't forget the three-legged guy. I fell in love with him after picking him up and came back for him the next day. He's adjusting beautifully. He loves sleeping on the bed and receiving attention. While

still skittish at times, he's learning he's in a safe environment. Very personable with guests, he's just an overall beautiful cat. He's very friendly with my other cat, even though he's yet to come around completely to having a roommate, but I'm sure time will handle that. If I choose to adopt another cat, it will definitely be from you.

Danielle Smith



I adopted **Gracie and Goosey** as kittens a year ago after the passing of my beloved 17-year-old cat, Elvis. I had also adopted Elvis and her sister Aaron (who passed a couple years earlier) as kittens.

After losing Elvis, I quickly realized my house was incomplete without a feline presence. As fate would have it, thanks to my friend Jill and her coworker (Cat Welfare Board member Peggy), I learned of a litter of kittens ready for adoption.

Since the moment they arrived at my house, Gracie and Goosey have brought joy, activity and destruction (they chew everything), but mostly love. I am forever grateful to Cat Welfare for bringing them into my life.

Kim Rhoads



This is a Happy Homes update from our **Schroeder** (formerly Ramone).

Schroeder has a new canine sister, Keena. The only transition we had was in the first few days. Schroeder would sit in the path Keena wanted to take as a gentle reminder of who was here first, but since then they've figured out that they actually like each other. Schroeder also shares his home with three other cats, including Susie (a 16-year-old girl we also adopted from you last year) and she's doing wonderfully! Thanks for all you do and for bringing happy families together!

Bill Serena



We adopted Lewis and Clark from Cat Welfare in 2004. They were best buddies, filling our home and hearts with love and laughter. When we lost Lewis suddenly in March 2013 to kidney stones and cancer, we were heartbroken.

In June 2013 we adopted **Valya and Amelia** (previously Sugar and Ginger), hoping Clark wouldn't be threatened by two tiny kittens. Slowly and very happily, we have become a complete family again. All three cats playfully chase each other around the house, making us laugh with their antics. Clark and Valya even cuddle up next to each other regularly.

Thank you for giving the kitties such a good place until they find their forever homes.

Amy and Dan Pearse

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

Cat Welfare Says Goodbye to Charlie Cha Cha and Gina



Our beloved Charlie Cha Cha went to the Rainbow Bridge on December 16. Charlie was one of our most beloved cats, and he had many sponsors in the Guardian Angels program. Staff member Donna recalls, “I remember when Cha Cha, a.k.a. Charlie, a.k.a. Charles, came to the shelter in 2007! He sure was a spitfire. You

couldn’t even pick him up without him lashing out. But for some reason, I loved him immediately. One of our awesome volunteers had also taken a shine to Charlie, and I was just stunned the day I saw her holding him. It was like he suddenly trusted us, and I, too, could hold him! From that day on, Cha Cha would crawl up under your neck and snuggle as close as he possibly could with you. Our work-in-progress kitty turned into one of the sweetest cats ever.”

The last few years Charlie had a special feline friend, Gina. The two of them would hang out with one another and were like an old married couple. Gina wasn’t the same after Charlie died, and, sadly, we lost her on January 15. Charlie and Gina will be buried next to one another in the shelter’s memory garden. Rest in peace, Charlie & Gina, until we meet again at the Rainbow Bridge.

Open Your Heart, Home to Foster Cats Who Need Care

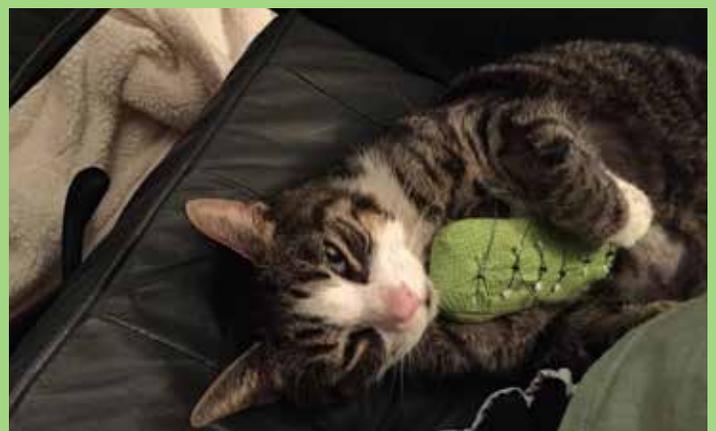
Being a foster care parent or family for Cat Welfare can be a rewarding experience. You have a chance to provide a shelter cat or kittens with the necessary TLC they need until they are ready to live in the shelter and be considered for adoption. Kittens go into foster care if they are not old enough to be spayed or neutered when they arrive. Some litters have a mama, who accompanies them in foster care, while others arrive motherless. An adult cat may be placed in foster care if he or she needs time to recover from an injury and would fare better outside of the shelter.

In 2014, 276 Cat Welfare cats and kittens were placed in foster care. Kelly Cutshall says, “Fostering is so entertaining that I don’t need cable. It is like watching an endless stream of adorable YouTube videos! Also, nothing compares to the good feeling I receive when watching newborns grow, sick/injured kittens heal, or shy kittens come out of their shell, knowing I was a crucial part of that.”

Foster care commitments can range from one week to a couple of months. We do ask that you have a room in your home where the foster(s) can

live without interacting with any of your pets.

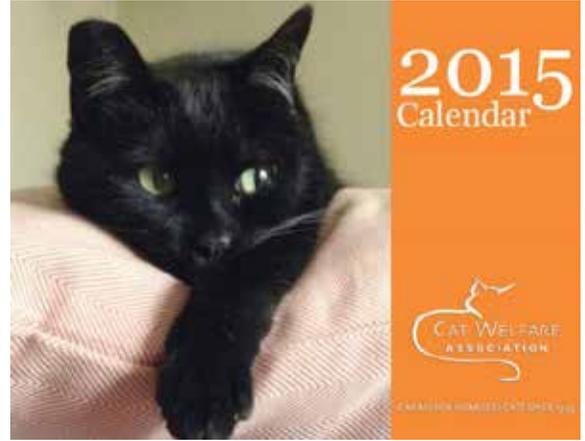
Cat Welfare will provide you with food, litter, a litter box and any required medications. Our foster care commitment and application to foster can be found online at catwelfareassoc.org or you can request the forms by calling our office at 614-268-6096.



Yadia was in foster care for three weeks while she recovered from injuries caused by a dog attack. The sweet senior cat is now at the shelter and looking for a safe forever home.

CWA 2016 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 2016 Calendar, which will be on sale in the 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 online at: <http://www.catwelfareassoc.org/calcontest.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 August 2015 *Feline Forum* Newsletter.
- To enter the contest, starting in April, follow the steps at <http://www.catwelfareassoc.org/calcontest.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, 2015. Voting for the contest ends at midnight EST on Friday, June 12, 2015. 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

Andy & Krissy Arend, "In Memory Of Kathryn (Kitty) Helber"

Anne Riley & Wilma Wabnitz, "In memory of Buddy, sweetest of sweethearts and CWA Mr. October 2014"

Susan Resch, "In memory of Voodoo"

Craig Lewis, "Loved ones"

Poppy Thornton, "Thank you to the staff and volunteers for the wonderful work you do every day"

Barbara Moseley, "In memory of Tiggy Moseley"

Sharon McKibben, "In memory of Henry Fishing Cat"

Richard Austin, Elsie & Paul Blei, Amy & Dan Pearse,

Betty Fox, Ron & Maureen Reese and Art Exline

Altering Fund

to subsidize community low-cost spay/neuter surgeries

Lucy Gettman, Theresa Lehr, Elsie & Paul Blei, Edwin & Ulla Wagers and Kathryn Kim

Vincent Fund

for emergency care for shelter cats

Linda Schellkopf, Richard Austin, Elsie & Paul Blei, Shannon Rowley-Suver, John & Maryann Gall, Stephen Scott & Micaela Stratton, Craig Lewis, Jane Velzy, Leon & Patricia Cohan Jr., Dorothy Cobbs, Marjorie Obrist and Diana Fisher

Joey's Good Sam Fund

for medical care of owned cats

Debbie Sturgess, Ray & Marsha Crooks "In memory of Joey Fernandes," Joyce Barker, Joy & Ed Weiler, Norbert Rattay, the Huntoons, Kim Rigney, Heidi Sherer "In memory of Fred & Alice from Heidi,

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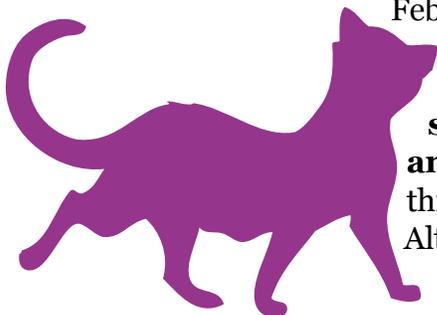
adopted 119 cats

into loving homes and

subsidized 252 spay and neuter surgeries

through our various

Altering Fund programs.



Salie, & Ray Angels," Carol Ann Bradley, Jill & Lyle Schumacher and William Hout

Willard's Village Babies Fund

for care of feral cat colonies

Juanita Woods "In memory of Willard," Richard Austin, Baby Gift Shop, Anne Riley "In memory of Darla, Charlie Cha Cha & Gina," and Margaret Duffy & Carolyn Royer "In memory of Annie, a long-haired calico, who passed away in her sleep after 21 years"

Cat-A-Lack Chow Club

for food for the shelter residents

Ellis Yelton, Hilda Bumb, Annette Owili, Milinda Chan "In honor of the 75th birthday of Mary Jane Metcalf, a passionate supporter and defender of all animals," Ann Huntoon "In honor of Ben & Kathy Huntoon," Joy & Ed Weiler, Nancy Vincent, Karen Baird, Katherine Phillipd "In honor of Anna & Matt," Jan Southern, Diana Longwell, Judy Malenick, Colleen Nye "For Lisa Buchanan," Marty Amick, Florence Baquet "In honor of my grandcats Paulie & Chuckie, adopted by Fana Beyene. Love, Grandmama Flo," Christina Riley, Jill & Lyle Schumacher, Lynn Straley, Poppy Thornton "Thank you so much to all the wonderful staff and volunteers for taking such good care of the cats!", Elsie & Paul Blei, Heather Cline, Diane Bishop, Wendy Stewart and Quinn Stocker

Travis' Altering Fund

for spaying/neutering kittens

Brian Robb, Heidi Sherer "In loving memory of Idgie & Ruthie from Heidi, Salie, & Ray Angels," Jill & Lyle Schumacher and Alexis Barbour

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Hello, Jingle

Jingle is a 6-year-old female calico cat who was returned to Cat Welfare when her owner had to move into a care facility. Returning to the shelter environment was traumatic for Jingle. Jingle has been living in the south end office space at Cat Welfare and has made a couple of dear friends. Her favorite person is our soft-spoken bookkeeper Verna. Jingle spends most of her days lying across Verna's desk, seeking her admiration and kindness. To visit with Jingle, please speak with a member of our staff.

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, tuna, brown paper grocery bags, Windex, clean newspaper, 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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