

Feline Forum

Cat Welfare Association Newsletter

April/May 2016



Jamie Reflects on Her First Year at CWA

It's been more than a year since Jamie Hicks joined the Cat Welfare Association staff as our operations manager in January 2015. As she marks that milestone, the *Feline Forum* asked her to reflect on what she's accomplished and what she hopes to bring to the shelter in the future.

"It was a great year for Cat Welfare," she says. "I am proud of our staff and their willingness to accept some changes in cleaning protocol. Through education they are quicker to recognize a medical issue, and they have a greater awareness of disease control and prevention."

Jamie cited cat enrichment as a 2015 goal that she wants to take into the future as we continue to improve the living conditions for our residents. In the last year she's added a tower of custom-built cubbies in the shy cat room and added treat cups to the front of the condos so guests can interact and bring the shyer cats out of hiding.

Another task Jamie began in 2015 and wants to carry forward is the educating and homing of FIV-positive cats. We placed four FIV-positive cats into homes in 2015; only one had to be returned. "My goal is to place eight FIV-positive cats this year, and I think it is obtainable. We've already placed three since the beginning of the year!"

Coming to our agency from Akron, Jamie was most surprised by the vast community support CWA gets.

"It is remarkable to see a community rally around a rescue organization. The generosity of our donors and the number of volunteers we have amazes me every day. I am so thankful for every single contribution that's made, whether it is monetary, volunteer time or just spreading the word about our organization."

Jamie's favorite CWA resident is Max Power. "Our love affair started on my very first day," she recalls. "I was just drawn to him. He is ornery, and I love it. I think he is actually a brilliant cat, and that causes him to be misunderstood!"

Jamie believes Max will need a very special home with a person who is very patient, as he has a hard time acclimating. Her observations of Max Power lead her to believe that a quiet house with someone who can devote a lot of attention to him would be best.

"He needs someone who understands that he gives affection on his terms only. This is one entertaining cat."



Vote for New Board Members on May 17

Your commitment to our mission as a member of our association matters. On May 17, 2016, our members will elect our Board of Directors (BOD). If you have been a member of CWA for 12 months as of May 2016, you are eligible to cast your vote. Candidate applications will be posted to our website on or about April 21.

Our BOD meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month and begin at 7 p.m. in the conference room at Villa Angela Care Center, 5700 Karl Road. Your attendance is welcome.

Go Green by Signing Up for Email Delivery

The Feline Forum brings all the best Cat Welfare news right to your door, but did you know you can receive our newsletter via email? Each new digital subscription saves the shelter \$0.62, which equals the cost of two 5.5 ounce cans of moist cat food. Six new digital newsletter subscriptions equal the cost of one 25-pound bag of cat litter—not to mention saving trees, ink and gasoline from printing and delivery. To sign up for our digital newsletter, send us an email with your name, email address and current mailing address to marketing@catwelfareassoc.org

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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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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Protect Your Felines from Fleas

Fleas multiply fast, and the only true flea preventative is one that breaks the life cycle. We are happy to announce that we can continue to sell you a high-quality, safe flea preventative at our cost. Left untreated, a flea infestation will not only cause a cat dermal discomfort but can result in tape worms, hair loss, anemia and mouth inflammation.

Activyl is a topical dose that should be applied every 30 days. The product is produced by Merck, which is a trusted name in companion animal care. A single dose is available for \$10. A \$15 rebate is available with the purchase of six doses. Activyl is safe for kittens at eight weeks. A dose is dispensed at < 9 lbs. and > 9 lbs. If you do not know your feline friend's weight, we are happy to weigh your cat for the sake of accurate flea preventative distribution.

Brunch to Benefit Cat Welfare



Come out and enjoy a tasty brunch that benefits Cat Welfare! Alana's Food & Wine, 2333 N. High St., will host a brunch fundraiser from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sunday, April 17. For \$30 guests can enjoy a choice of huevos rancheros, poached eggs with sides, classic quiche, a frittata du jour or biscuits and gravy, along with a selection of fruits, pastries, breads and petit fours and coffee, tea or punch. Alcoholic beverages will be available for purchase.

Make a reservation by calling 614-294-6783. Cash payment is preferred to keep processing costs down so more money goes to the shelter. However, credit cards will also be accepted.

Kitten Shower Set for May 7



In 2015 Cat Welfare accepted 546 kittens for adoption. The kittens we are able to accept are born to stray cats, and it is on a limited intake basis. Kittens need a lot of supplies and we hope you can help! Please join us on Saturday, May 7

from noon to 3 p.m. for our Kitten Shower. Items needed include Kitten Milk Replacement, top-load hard-shell cat carriers, dry and moist kitten food, human baby food in meat flavors and toys. You can find our Amazon Wish List at <http://goo.gl/QegMz3>.

CWA Staff Attend Vet Gathering

Did you know that Columbus is the host of the Midwest Veterinary Conference? For many years Cat Welfare has sent interested staff members to the conference to further their feline knowledge. This year Jamie Hicks, Mary Hope and Aaron Monzul went to hear lectures of interest, and our shelter veterinarian, Dr. Danya Linehan, also attended the conference.

This was Aaron's first conference, and he was appreciative to be able to learn the latest treatment innovations and findings in feline diabetes maintenance as he monitors the glucose levels for shelter resident Annie. Jamie and Dr. Linehan both said the highlight of the conference was the lecture delivered by Dr. Kate Hurley from UC Davis on the topic of The Million Cat Challenge.

Other staff lecture highlights were dentistry in shelter management, skin issues and pain management. We are fortunate to have staff members who are interested in continuing to further their education and ensure our residents receive the best care possible.

CWA Happy Homes



We adopted **Marble**, or Kitty, as we affectionately call her, in March 2014. She is such an amazing cat. She is a very vocal cat, too, especially when she's asking for her treats. Marble loves to cuddle, especially if there is a blanket involved.

Liz Waters



Jane was originally adopted by Deb W., but due to difficulties with Deb's cat family, the adoption didn't work out. Sadly, I had lost a member of my own cat family the month before, so Deb suggested that I try Jane at my house. Jane had a bad eye, but with the help of Cat Welfare it was removed, and all is well with her now.

Jane lives with two other Cat Welfare alumnae, Daisy and Carisa, foster cats Rascal and Smudge, and a dog named Baylee. She likes to talk when she's hungry for either food or attention, and bedtime seems to be a prime time for her conversation!

Cheryl Hyde



I adopted **Trina** (then Velma) in October 2014, and we have been best buddies since. She fell ill during the first month I had her but was able to make a miraculous recovery and is now a happy, healthy, little (well not so little anymore) feline! Cat-Trina's favorite activities include eating, chasing bugs/spiders, chasing the red dot, eating, finding new places to sleep, gazing out the window at the wildlife, eating, sleeping, and then eating again.

I could never replace my furry friend, and I'm so happy I came into Cat Welfare. She greets me at the door each day when I come home, and I look forward to many more years of seeing that little face after a long day of work. Thank you Cat Welfare for all you do!

Chris D.



Daphne and **Madeline** have been my kitties since November 2014. I had spent almost two hours at Cat Welfare and then I decided to look in the kitten room. These two calico sisters were mewling and pawing at me through the cage bars. I knew they had to come home with me. They love to chase the laser and are quite the snugglers. As I write this, Madeline is asleep next to me on the couch, and Daphne is snuggling in my lap. Truly my little princesses!

Kelly Blaine

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

Todd and Hope Get a New Chance at Life Thanks to Donations to the Vincent Fund

Fund Spotlight



Todd's Story

To the best of the Rettstatts' knowledge, Todd lived in the ravine behind their home. He had been coming to share their outdoor cats' food for about a year, and he would, on occasion, sleep in the garage they left open for their cats. Todd was wary of the family but did allow their 9-year-old daughter to socialize with him, and she gave him his name.

Throughout the year, Todd would appear with various injuries but would miraculously heal without intervention. When Todd arrived in early March with a severe wound, the family and Todd knew he needed intervention this time. Todd arrived at CWA on March 4 and was immediately transferred to Knapp Veterinary Hospital. Todd's horrific facial wound was expertly clipped, cleaned and stitched by Dr. Evans, along with the ever important neuter.

Todd is recovering in a loving foster home and enjoying the life of a spoiled indoor kitty. His wounds are healing, and he now seeks human affection.

Hope's Story

Hope was pregnant and had been laboring for four days when she arrived at Cat Welfare—a condition called dystocia. Shelter staff sensed that the situation was dire, and she was immediately rushed to MedVet to be evaluated. Unfortunately, the kittens had not survived, and their bodies were causing an infection to spread through Hope's abdomen after her uterus ruptured. Then she developed sepsis. She was rushed to emergency surgery, which she miraculously survived.

After two blood transfusions, IV and oral antibiotics, and fluid support in MedVet's intensive care unit, she was able to be released. She is currently being fostered by shelter operations manager Jamie Hicks, who is working hard to build her strength and get her weight up. She isn't out of the woods yet, but she's getting better every day. Her ordeal could have been avoided had she been spayed.



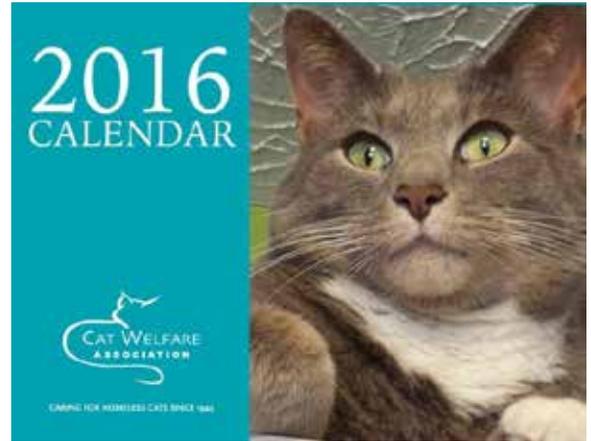
Please consider donating to our Vincent Fund. The Vincent Fund was established to help pay for unexpected vital medical care for our shelter cats. The fund is named after Victoria Bonner's cat, Vincent. He was adopted from Cat Welfare in 1985. Vincent died very peacefully at home on April 24, 2001. He was 18. "I hope the funds raised by The Vincent Fund can help other cats so future owners can experience the kind of joy that I did with my beloved Vincent."

CWA 2017 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 2017 Calendar, which will be on sale this 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 April. 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 2016 *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, 2016. Voting for the contest ends at midnight EST on Friday, June 10, 2016. Be sure to include a 150 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: _____

150 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

Elsie & Paul Blei, "In memory of Arrakis & Io & Three Cat"

Paul & Sharon Koscik, "In honor of our beloved Figaro"

Joy Pratt, "In memory of Jacob Pratt"

Beth Cunningham, "Izzie"

Michelle Porter Spencer, "Loved cats of the Hennon, Porter & Matliff family"

Diane Haley Archer, "In memory of Sassy, adopted from Cat Welfare 11/2000"

Deb Boich Veigel, "In memory of Robert S. Miller"

Kevin & Chris Kessler, "In memory of Robert S. Miller"

David Duvall, "For Eli"

Todd Linzell, "In memory of Lisa Tilder"

Joan Shkolnik, "In memory of dear Holly"

Richard & Lynne McWherter, "Martita Dougherty"

Ellen Maley, "In memory of Rita Joan Shade"

Ruth Ann Branoff, "In memory of my beloved felines, Dr. Shanghai, Tayo, & Pookie"

Jeannette Jones, "In memory of Georgekat"

Dr. Nancy Betz, Judith Johnson, Art Exline, Jim Maley, Jane Velzy, Richard Austin and Joy & Ed Weiler

Altering Fund

to subsidize community low-cost spay/neuter surgeries

Juli Six, Elsie & Paul Blei, Edwin & Ulla Wagers, Janice & Dan Bailey, Ruth Ann Branoff and J.G. Kassel

Vincent Fund

for emergency care for shelter cats

Linda Schellkopf "In memory of Truman," Charles Riggle, Kate Fortkamp, Elsie & Paul Blei, Paul & Sharon Koscik, the ACCAD Community at The Ohio State University "In memory of Lisa Tilder," Lise Seavers "In memory of Christine McMahan," Leon & Patricia

Cohan, Jr., Camille Brubaker, Dorothy Cobbs, Sue Lape, Marjorie Obrist, Janice & Dan Bailey, Patricia Eiben, Catherine Ridenbaugh, and Joy & Ed Weiler

Joey's Good Sam Fund

for medical care of owned cats

Rebecca Crothers, Elsie & Paul Blei, Patricia Eiben, Ellie Inglesi & Jim Tennyson "In remembrance of Nathan Browning," Catherine Zitko, and Joy & Ed Weiler

Willard's Village Babies Fund

for care of feral cat colonies

Juanita Woods "In memory of precious Willard," Richard Austin, Steve & Terri Carter, Ruth Ann Branoff, Ed & Susan Tomlinson "In memory of David Adams," and Joy & Ed Weiler

Cat-A-Lack Chow Club

for food for the shelter residents

Morgan King "In Memory of Rita Joan Shade", Julie Christopher, John Offenbacher, Sabrina Simpson, Sallie Wellden "In memory of Robert S. Miller", and Robert Miller "In heartfelt memory of Nathan Browning"

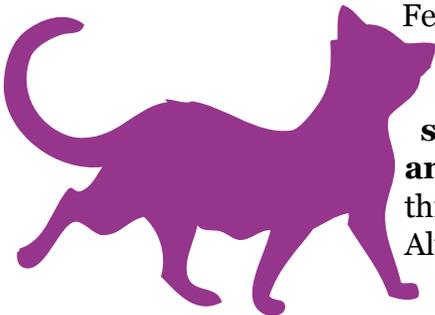
Travis' Altering Fund

for spaying/neutering kittens

Lawrence Kirby "dedicated to the unknown 1950 Kitten," Sean Zook "Great friends are lost with great sorrow. Donation in the name of Lisa Tilder, in loving memory of her encouragement and friendship", Colleen Nye, Lisa Buchanan, David Rowswell "On behalf of Lisa Tilder, a Clintonville resident who died too young in November 2015. She took care of the cats living outside and made sure they had food, water, and shelter," Heidi Sherer "In memory of Clyde," Jody Alders and Brian Robb

From January through February 2016, we

adopted 235 cats into loving homes and **subsidized 116 spay and neuter surgeries** through our various Altering Fund programs.



Cat Welfare would like to thank:

Janet Ferritto from Merck Animal Health for speaking about Compassion Fatigue at our February staff meeting. It is always a pleasure to have Janet come for a visit.

Heidi Garinger for her large haul of moist cat food for the residents.



Hello, MacAroni

My name is MacAroni, and I would like to tell you a little about myself. I am a big orange guy with a friendly and sweet disposition. I happen to have FIV, but don't let that scare you as I can still live a normal life. Cats usually contract this virus from deep bites inflicted by other cats while fighting. That is one of the reasons why it is so important to neuter your pets; male cats that have not been fixed often become territorial and the fighting raises the risk for contracting FIV. Only cats can get FIV; humans and other animals cannot catch it. Cat Welfare is willing to help with my medical bills if I find a nice home. So if a sociable large cat sounds like a good fit for your home, please hurry in soon. I'll be waiting!

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!

Shelter Wish List:

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.

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