

# Feline Forum

Cat Welfare Association Newsletter

April/May 2019

## Saying Goodbye to Our Dear Lily



Lily came to Cat Welfare in 2008 when she was around 18 months old. She was adopted out several times and was always returned when she stopped using the litter box. In 2011, it was decided that Lily would become a permanent resident of Cat Welfare.

Lily truly felt at home at the shelter, and those close to her felt she was happiest at the shelter. She loved the hustle and bustle and constantly meeting new people, the routine of and attention from the staff, and the many people who always came in to visit with her. Everyone who met her fell in love with her. She was such a gorgeous kitty, so majestic, so silky soft, with such a sweet and gentle spirit.

Lily was a regular visitor to nursing homes, where she gave residents unconditional love. Lily had such grace, she would just sit and let someone pet and snuggle her, knowing that they needed to do that. Lily used her gifts to bless many. She even made special trips to some of the friends she made in the hospice program at one of the homes, going to them in their final days because they asked to see her one more time.

On January 31, our precious Lily had to be euthanized after succumbing to kidney failure. During her final days, she was surrounded by love and people who deeply cared for her and who let her know how thankful we all were to have her in our lives.

Lily was always kind. She was an inspiration and will never be forgotten. Even in her last minutes on earth, she was looking to comfort us and she nuzzled the hands of the two friends who were with her as if to let them know it was okay. She will be buried in the shelter's memory garden this Spring. Thank you to everyone who loved Lily.

## Support CWA with Kroger Rewards



CWA permanent resident Tigger wants to remind you that you can support the cats in our care each time you shop at Kroger by registering your Kroger Rewards Card for the Community Rewards program. To register:

1. Call 1-800-576-4377 and select option 3
2. Give the representative your Kroger Rewards Card number
3. The Cat Welfare Association ID is EP232.

Additionally, you can register online at [kroger.com/signin?redirectUrl=/account/communityrewards/enroll](http://kroger.com/signin?redirectUrl=/account/communityrewards/enroll).

## Kitten Season is Just Around the Corner



With many kittens headed our way as the weather warms up, we are in need of things like KMR in powder form, Purina Kitten Chow, Purina ProPlan moist kitten food and small litter pans. If you are not able to attend but would like to contribute to the kittens in our care, you can consider purchasing online from our Amazon Wish List: <http://a.co/ov5HSbm>.

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

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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

President: Steve Hebenstreit  
Vice President: Rose Ann Ballangee  
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Ex Officio Member: Peggy Kirk

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## Plan to Attend Purrs & Purses



Tuesday April 30th  
5pm-8pm



Join us on April 30 from 5 to 8 p.m. at Ideal Party House, 1039 Mediterranean Ave., for a special Spring sale hosted by The Catique. Upscale and designer handbags, shoes, boots and jewelry will be featured. Light refreshments will be served. There is no charge for admission, but a reservation is required at [goo.gl/3gDwND](http://goo.gl/3gDwND).

## 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 tapeworms, 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. 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.

## Mark Your Calendars

**Volunteer Appreciation Party**  
*April 14 - 5 to 7:00 p.m.*

**Kitten Shower**  
*May 4 - Noon to 3 p.m.*

**Catique 70% off Storewide Sale**  
*April 18-20*

**Catique 50% off Storewide Sale**  
*May 9-11*

**Catique 70% off Storewide Sale**  
*May 23-25*

## Looking to Give Your Time?

We are currently seeking volunteers who can help in the following areas:

- Grant Writing
- Spring Cleaning (to include yard work)
- The Catique Resale Shop
- Off-site Representatives
- Handyman Skills

If you would like to learn more about the positions or are ready to roll up your sleeves, please send an email to Jenny at [volunteers@catwelfareassoc.org](mailto:volunteers@catwelfareassoc.org).

## Donate Your Fancy Accessories

Our resale shop, The Catique, will be hosting Purrs & Purses, Jewelry & Shoes, Too! on Tuesday, April 30 from 5 to 8 p.m. (see details in the top left corner of this page). The Catique is currently seeking donations of upscale purses, jewelry, shoes and boots for this special event. Donations can be dropped off at The Catique, 1005 Mediterranean Ave., or at the Cat Welfare Association shelter.

# CWA Happy Homes



We adopted **Twister** in April 2017 and I couldn't imagine my life without her. She's such a sweetheart, and her personality is coming out more and more every day. She went from hiding under the bed and table all the time to now monopolizing our pillows at night. I wasn't given much information about her history but am glad that she has found her forever home with us. Thank you, Cat Welfare, for taking a chance on Twister so that we were given the chance to find her!

**Bryn Eiden**



I adopted **Cashew and Callie** in August 2013. My cat of 20 years had just passed away a few months earlier, and I needed the sweet sound of kitties back in my house. They are great friends (most of the time), and Cashew is such a big doofus. Thank you, Cat Welfare, for all you do.

**Ann P.**



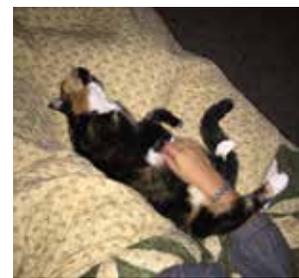
When our beloved family cat passed away at the end of 2011, I told the kids we weren't going to get another cat, and donated all her toys and food to a shelter. It was only two weeks later I found myself parking our car outside of Cat Welfare for Catoberfest. The kids had talked a lot about the legacy of our kitty who passed—she was a stray who found us and spent 15 years showing us that a cat others may turn away from deserves a home. We walked through the doors and announced that we had come to adopt a cat that no one wanted! They showed us **Fiona**, missing a leg and part of her tail. She rules the house she shares with us, two other cats and a Mastiff. She's been a true joy for over five years!

**The Miller Family**



When I first saw **Roux**, I leaned in to pet her and she sniffed me. I met her approval as she thrust her head into my hand for petting. We still do this today! It took her a while to get comfortable, but now she chirps at me and is always asking for pets and attention. Sometimes when she's feeling sociable but not in the mood to play, she'll sit in the middle of the room or on my warm game system to observe us, blinking occasionally at me and anyone else in the room.

**Aujah**



**Ruthie** found me when my roommate was looking for a cat back in 2004. She just found her way into my arms, and we spent who knows how long wandering around waiting for Mel to find her cat. But it was I who got Ruthie, who was left at CWA with a litter of kittens and spent a year there waiting for me, apparently. Thirteen years later, Ruthie Cat is my best friend.

**Misty**

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.

## Early Bird Registration Now Open

Early registration is now open for our 2019 Cat Caper on September 22. The registration price for our 5K remains at \$25. If you sign up as a team of five, each member can register for just \$20! Race participants receive a T-shirt, goodie bag and one post-race raffle ticket. Like our Facebook Caper page at [facebook.com/CatCaper5K](https://facebook.com/CatCaper5K) to keep up on all the latest Caper news. Ready to race? Register online at [runsignup.com/Race/OH/Columbus/CatCaper5K](https://runsignup.com/Race/OH/Columbus/CatCaper5K) or by printing off the form found on our website under Recent News.



## Members Meeting May 21



James says, "Hey! Are you coming to our meeting?" Your commitment to our mission and participation as a member of Cat Welfare Association matters. At the annual membership meeting on May 21, CWA members will

elect new Board members to fill vacant positions. Candidates' applications will be posted to our website on or about April 15, and there will be an opportunity to hear from the candidates at the meeting. If you are at least 18 years of age and an Active or Life Member of CWA for 12 months as of May 2019, you are eligible to cast your vote. The membership meeting will begin at 7 p.m. in the conference room at The Laurels of Walden Park, 5700 Karl Rd. We hope to see you there!

## Cat Condo Project Fully Funded Thanks to Our Dedicated Donors

Thanks to our wonderful donors, Cat Welfare was able to complete the cat condo project featured on the front page of the February/March 2019 *Feline Forum*. The new bank of cages can be configured in multiple ways to house single cats, bonded pairs or litters of kittens. Plus they are easier to clean than our old cages, so we can keep everyone healthy.

Our heartfelt thanks go out to: Audrey Bennett, Mark Blood, Marjorie Brown, Nancy G. Chamberlain, Ann & Carl Connor, James & Mary Criswell, Daniel & Donna Donovan, Robert & Patricia Ferrey Jr, Jill & Thomas Firestone, Christel Goodson, David B. & Mindy Gross, Gary Horn, Lee & Wendy Jordan, E. Gail Kalbus, Sue & Bill Kasson, Connie Kellar, Priscilla Knapp, Anita Knoechel, Ronna Maciejewski, Sharon McKibben, Marty Montgomery, Marjorie Obrist, Muriel Parish, John M. Porco, Joyce Purcell, Charles Rearick, Rebecca I. Smith, Carolyn Sommerich, Eugene & Janice Sonnenberg, Virginia Strausbaugh, William Studer, Brent, Megan & Dylan Stypczynski, Anna Teichmoeller, Rodney Tettenhorst, Sylvia Wilson, Sandra Wolf and Karen & Julie Yassenhoff.

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## Cat Welfare 2020 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 2020 Calendar, which will be on sale next fall before November 1<sup>st</sup>.



### 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: <https://my.360photocontest.com/2020cwacontest> beginning in March. You, your friends, and family may vote as many times for each photo you want. You must purchase a minimum of 5 votes for a \$5 donation to support CWA. 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 10 winning photos from the top 20 photos with the most votes, as well as 3 photos chosen from all entries. The CWA judge's decisions are final. Winners will be announced online at [catwelfareassoc.org](http://catwelfareassoc.org) on August 15.
- To enter the contest, starting in March, follow the steps at <https://my.360photocontest.com/2020cwacontest> by uploading your JPG format photo and vote for your favorite entries. You may also enter by mailing in this form. **Entry form(s) must be postmarked and electronic entries must be submitted before June 30, 2019. Voting for the contest ends at midnight EST on Wednesday, July 31, 2019. 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

Cristine Graham "In honor of Tina who lived with Nancy Hile"

Jennifer Parker "In memory of Brandi, a wonderful dog who liked cats"

Michelle Davis

Richard Burkhardt "In memory of Lily"

Anne Riley "In loving memory of sweet Lily. We will never forget you."

Craig Lewis "In loving memory of my mom, Marjorie Lewis"

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Penny Popper "Michael Popper"

## Altering Fund

to subsidize community low-cost spay/neuter surgeries

Carol Daniels, Chizuko Coury, Ruth Raven, Annie Lach and Anne Needleman "In memory of Kitty"

## Vincent Fund

for emergency care for shelter cats

Linda Schellkopf "In memory of Lily & Brody," Rita Dallavalle "In memory of Horace R. Collins," Joann & John Sadler, Norman Booth & Gail Zink, Carol Kurtzman, Susan McKinley, Betty Maynard, Ilisa Nodelman, Leon & Patricia Cohan Jr., William Hout and Irina & Boris Pittel

## Joey's Good Sam Fund

for medical care of owned cats

Karen Gee, Ebony Smith "In honor of Foofers, Jenn Dougherty's beloved feline friend," Steve & Terri Carter "In memory of all our 'Carter Kids' over the years," Kathryn Hess "In memory of beloved Phoebe," Nancy Hile's co-workers at Big Lots "In memory of Tina," Randall Hertzler "In memory of Doug Buhner and Jasmine Boots," Craig Lewis, Grace Shillinger, Elaine Farrington-Johnson "In memory of Robert L. Johnson," and Geneva Henderson

## Willard's Village Babies Fund

for care of feral cat colonies

Sue Austin, Vanessa Anderson, Juanita Woods "In memory of precious Willard," Annie Lach and Richard Austin

## Cat-A-Lack Chow Club

for food for the shelter residents

Leslie Bothast

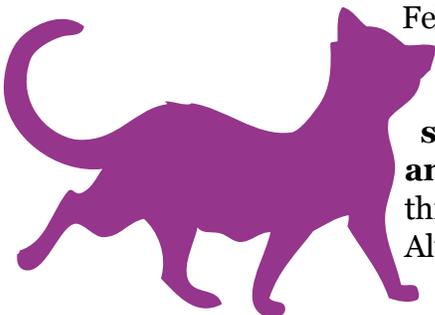
## Feline Friendly Fundraiser at Seventh Son Brewing

1101 N. Fourth St., Columbus

Noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 25

Join us for a fun afternoon! One dollar from every beer sold from 12-3 p.m. will go to support Cat Welfare's mission. To celebrate Beer Week, the brewery will also be selling buckets of Assistant Manager Beer (named after their brewery cat) in cans.

From January through February 2019, we **adopted 170 cats** into loving homes and **subsidized 329 spay and neuter surgeries** through our various Altering Fund programs.





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## 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.



## Hello, Maxwell

I'm an unassuming fella that has been flying under the radar here at the shelter for several months now. I don't seek out attention, but I sure do enjoy being petted and talked to. A new friend tried a brush on me, and I liked it! The kind person who brought me to CWA in April of 2018 mentioned that I had shown up in his feral cat colony, and he could tell I wasn't used to life on the streets. I'm not one to speak of the past; I prefer to focus on my future. Might I have one with you?

*Cat Welfare has nearly 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!*