

# Feline Forum

Cat Welfare Association Newsletter

April/May 2021



## Commodore Perry Gets Help, Heads to His Forever Home

Hello! Commodore Perry here. I was named after the great American Naval Commander Commodore Matthew Perry when my caregiver witnessed the amount of reverence the other cats had for me. I was a strong but fair leader with my fellow colony cats.

One day, some male cats from a neighboring colony came into MY colony looking for a fight. We fought hard against them, and in the end, it cost me my eye. The fine people at Knapp Veterinary Hospital removed it, and The Cat Welfare Association helped me heal up. I am grateful for all who came together to save me and get me ready for my forever home. My new family saw me on social media and drove all the way from Dayton just to adopt me. I couldn't be happier!

*Your thoughtful donations to our Vincent Fund allow us to accept cats like Commodore Perry and provide them with the medical attention they need.*

## Cat Caper 5K to Return October 9

On October 9, 2021, the Cat Caper 5K returns to the Scioto Audubon Metro Park. Are you ready to jump in to help? The post-race raffle is a much-loved feature of this event. Are you able to assist with collecting donations for our raffle? Would you like to contribute an item? Please contact Jenny at [jennifercatwelfare@gmail.com](mailto:jennifercatwelfare@gmail.com) or 614-268-6096, ext. 6 to join our raffle team or to discuss your donation.





## Shelter to Reopen for Visitors Soon

As we experience life returning to a new "normal," our shelter will be modifying our policies for adoption and visitors. Please check our website [catwelfareassoc.org](http://catwelfareassoc.org) and connect with us on Facebook at [facebook.com/catwelfareassoc](https://facebook.com/catwelfareassoc) for updates.

## Thank You to Our Wish List Donors

Many thanks to all of our wonderful donors for their recent and very generous KMR and Kitten Chow donations. We will be able to care for many kittens and find them wonderful forever homes. We update our Wish Lists on a monthly basis. You can find CWA's Amazon Wish List at [goo.gl/eLNYhd](http://goo.gl/eLNYhd) and Chewy Wish List at [bit.ly/35PLR1s](http://bit.ly/35PLR1s).

You can also benefit the shelter cats through the AmazonSmile program, which allows you to shop as usual while Amazon gives 0.5% of your purchase to Cat Welfare! To qualify your purchase, go to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and search for The Cat Welfare Association. Click the "Select" button to select it from the list, then shop as usual. It's that easy! Your personal Wish Lists, baby and wedding registries, and other accounts stay the same. Thank you! Every little bit helps!



## 75th Anniversary Shirts Still Available

Oh, 2020, what a year! Let's show our pride for 75 years of a worthy mission as we begin to gather again. These special edition shirts are available in sizes XS-XL for \$15, size XXL for \$18, plus \$5 for shipping. Get them by stopping by the shelter or online at [catwelfareassoc.org/merchandise](http://catwelfareassoc.org/merchandise).

## 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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Helen DeSantis, Executive Director

## Hours

The Cat Welfare Association is currently open by appointment only. Masks are required for entry, without exception.

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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## Wanted: Catnip Gardeners

Is the warmer weather inspiring you to plan your garden? Would you consider planting catnip to benefit the cats and kittens in our care? The plant is a hardy perennial, and seeds are inexpensive! Just grow them until the flower buds appear, then cut them and bring them to the shelter in paper bags. It's an easy way to help with this ongoing fundraiser. In 2020, our volunteer-created catnip toys raised nearly \$4,800 for our mission.

## The Catique



**sale!**

**April 1, 2, 3 - 70% off**

**May 6, 7, 8 - 50% off**

**May 20, 21, 22 - 70% off**

**Thursday–Saturday 10:00a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

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## Shop Kroger, Support Us

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. Last year the rewards earned just over \$8,500 for the shelter! Thank you to all who contributed. To get involved in this easy fundraiser:

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.

Or you can register online at [kroger.com/account/enrollCommunityRewardsNow](https://www.kroger.com/account/enrollCommunityRewardsNow).

## Rusty Bucket Benefit Set

Dine in or carry out your meal at the Rusty Bucket in Clintonville on May 6, 2021, and 15% of your bill will be donated to The Cat Welfare Association! For dine-in or traditional carry out, you must show the event flyer on paper or your mobile device. Download the flyer at [catwelfareassoc.org/rustybucket](http://catwelfareassoc.org/rustybucket). For curbside carry-out orders at [order.myrustybucket.com](https://order.myrustybucket.com), use the code TCWA6.

This offer is valid for food or beverages only and cannot be applied to gift cards or delivery services. Payment with a gift card cannot be accepted for the donation.

# CWA Happy Homes



We didn't choose **Bernie**, he chose us. My husband and I adopted Bernie so our other guy, Hugo, could have a brother. Hugo has FIV, so we knew we wanted to adopt another FIV+ cat. The two of them get along great. Hugo shows Bernie the ropes, and Bernie keeps Hugo on his toes. You

can find Bernie on his perch looking out the window, chasing Hugo through the house, or playing with his fish. We are so thankful for Cat Welfare. FIV+ cats make amazing pets, and we were glad to give Bernie the home he deserves.

**Sarah Smith-Kelley & Jacob Kelley**



**Sinatra** is a loving cuddly kitty that fits so perfectly in our home.

**Virginia Wilson**



I first came to the shelter just before Christmas 2017 and fell in love with **Joy**. She purred when I picked her up and followed me around while I was visiting with the other cats. Fast forward to January 2018, and I found myself at the shelter again looking for a friend for her. **Cassie** was a new arrival, and once again it was love at first sight. The introduction period was a bit tricky,

but with the help of Cat Welfare, my girls are now best friends. They play, sleep and hang with each other all day long. Coming home to find my girls waiting for me by the door and the unconditional love they provide is truly priceless.

**Josh LaRue**



**Benny** was known as Mr. Peaches when we first met him at Cat Welfare. He was a sweet little cream-colored fellow that loved attention, but seemed to always be suffering from upper respiratory issues. He clearly had a rough life prior to being saved by Cat Welfare. We just knew he deserved a better life than what he had been dealt so far, and we had hope we could give it to him. After many months of care and attention, Benny's health improved greatly! He is highly intelligent, very dignified, loves to curl up on laps and loves car rides! His favorite toys are balls of all kinds as well as the small toy mice we place in a box for him to "hunt." Of all his favorites, his most favorite thing to do is to go on rides outside in his own personal cat stroller. When he realizes we are taking him on a walk, he happily goes into his stroller and sits inside it, relaxed and watching whatever we might come upon. Benny has enriched our lives, and we hope we have enriched his life, too.

**Jason Defenbaugh**



Our family was hoping to eventually find a couple of sweet, playful kitties. We stopped by Cat Welfare for some therapy cuddles and were told about a bonded mother and her kitten. This solved any worries that I had about territory fights or problems from two unfamiliar cats

put together. My young son immediately loved their playfulness and friendly welcome. **Crystal & Bella** came home with us and were comfortable, curious and affectionate to our family and guests right away. It was the perfect timing and the perfect match!

**Travis, Alea, Donna & Kurt**



We adopted **Mittens** on April 23, 2018. We gave her the name Mittens because she has "thumbs" on her front paws. Within a few hours, she came out from her hiding spot under the bed and began exploring her new home! She is a very curious and loving cat, and we are so happy to have her. She loves playing with her mice, sitting on the windowsill and

spilling water from her water bowl. Thank you, Cat Welfare, for bringing us together!

**Tim Horton & Bertilla Sieban**



We adopted **Roxie** on February 11, 2018. She loves playing with her fish toys and laser pointer, looking out the window and cuddling in bed.

**Abby Teynor**



I met **Mia** during a volunteer training class at Cat Welfare. Already having two cats, I had no intention of adopting another cat. I was there to help socialize the kitties. But Mia caught my eye, and she distracted me during the whole class! She was so sweet and so shy, I instantly fell for her charms. We adopted her later that week. It was slow going at first, but she has really come out of her shell and fits in nicely with our other two cats.

**Susan & Will**



**Dusty** is a sweetie. She adapted quickly to her new home and purrs up a storm.

**Fran**

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

## Cat Welfare: 2022 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 2022 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: <http://www.catwelfareassoc.org/> beginning in March. You, your friends, and family may vote as many times for each photo you like. 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 <http://www.catwelfareassoc.org/> 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, 2021. Voting for the contest ends at midnight EST on July 31, 2021. Be sure to include a 150 word story or description all about your cat's rescue, adoption or favorite things to do, 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

Kathleen Fisher  
Kathy Taylor "In memory of Marie Janda Smidl"  
The staff & physicians of COPC Sports, Spine & Joint "In memory of Sheri McCoy"  
Gavin Larrimer "In memory of Jason Blue"  
Sue Lape "Gordon Wilson"  
Virginia Strausbaugh  
Catherine Zitko "In memory of Sweet Pea"  
Anna Teichmoeller "In honor of Willie in Coos Bay, Oregon"  
Steven Puckett  
Richard & Lynne McWherter "In memory of Sugar"  
Richard Austin  
Barb & Joe Mathews "In memory of Shane Hurley"  
Jutta & Heiko Westermann "In memory of Joyce Stewart"

## Altering Fund

to subsidize community low-cost spay/neuter surgeries

Annie Lach, William Hout "In memory of Doug Buhner," Susan McKinley, Catably and Edwin & Ulla Wagers

## Vincent Fund

for emergency care for shelter cats

Linda Schellkopf, William Bates, Molly Watts, Ellie Inglesi, Irina & Boris Pittel, Marjorie Obrist, Ilisa Nodelman, William Hout, Anita Knoechel, Cindi Hill, Brenda Porter, Daisy Face Naturals LLC, Dan Cottrell, Deborah Harvey, Michele Toney, Mary Johnson, Sandra Budin, Jennifer Howell and Dorothy Cobbs

## Joey's Good Sam Fund

for medical care of owned cats

Randall Hertzner "In memory of Doug Buhner and Jasmine Boots," Robert Kepner, B.E. LeJeune "In the name of our cat Tulu (formerly known as Markey), who we adopted in spring 2019," Jennifer Howell "In memory of Tommy Conese," Janet Lewis, Anne Needleman, Jane Forbes "In honor of Mary Connolly Ross," Jennifer Schleppei "In honor of Shadow (formerly Randy Parks)," Steven Puckett, Dorothy Kell, Janet White "In memory of Wendall W. Towns," Erin Kilkenny "For Nancy the feral cat" and David Freedy

## Willard's Village Babies Fund

for care of feral cat colonies

Juanita & Rita Woods "In memory and love of Willard," Annie Lach, Juanita Woods "In memory of March," Diane McGinnis "In memory of Danny Dean," Dale & Joanne Hachtel "In memory of Nancy Chamberlain," Richard Austin, Autumn Darnell, Lisa Leaper and Suzanne Jacobs

## Cat-A-Lack Chow Club

for food for the shelter residents

Leslie Bothast, Claire Smith and Allison Haedt



From January through February 2021, we **adopted 110 cats** into loving homes and **subsidized 282 spay and neuter surgeries** through our various Altering Fund programs.

## Many Thanks

Thank you to all of our donors, foster families, volunteers and adopters as we navigated through changes and policy modifications with COVID-19 this past year. We are grateful for your support of our mission.



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## Shelter Wish List

Purina Cat Chow, Purina Kitten Chow, moist cat food, Gerber baby food in meat flavors, paper towels, paper grocery sacks, bleach, laundry detergent, postage stamps, 8.5"x11" copy paper



## Hello, Helen

Helen is a middle-aged cat that we believe would do best in a home with other friendly cats. She is pleasant with humans but REALLY enjoys being around other cats. A calm, quiet environment would also suit this kitty, as she prefers lounging and being talked to once she has gotten to know you. Oh, and catnip. Helen loves rolling in catnip, so please make sure your home is well stocked. Might this laid-back cat be a good fit for your clowder?

*Helen is FIV+. Cat Welfare offers one complimentary veterinary exam with vaccinations annually for all of our adopted FIV+ cats.*

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