

Feline Forum

Cat Welfare Association Newsletter

August/September 2014



Creativity on display at The Cat's Meow

Leonardo Da Vinci wisely commented that even the smallest feline is a masterpiece. To honor and raise funds for the feline works of art at Cat Welfare, The Cat's Meow will be held on Saturday evening September 27 from 4 to 9 p.m. at Sage Sisters, 1516 W. First Ave. in Grandview.

A variety of items will be offered for sale, including paintings, photos, needlework, sculptures, jewelry, collectibles and crafts. Some items will be offered via silent auction. Those interested in donating should call Brenda Martin at 614-448-7531 to arrange for pickup of their items. Many of the artworks feature—of course—the cat, but items are not limited to feline subject matter.

Whether you're an artist or just an art admirer, come out and meet other shelter supporters and get a head start on your holiday shopping.

Open House Sept. 14

Please join us for our Community Open House on Sunday, September 14 from noon to 3 p.m. We look forward to showing off our newly renovated space and all of the recent improvements to our shelter. We'll feed you lunch, and there will be live music for you to enjoy. The Catique resale shop will have volunteers on hand to peddle some of their wares and tell you, if you haven't made the trip yet, all about their large new space on Mediterranean Avenue. Spend a fun afternoon celebrating our shelter and all of our wonderful feline residents.





Mojo's Corner: Condos for Shelter Kitties



I am humbled to be Top Cat for another year and so happy for my fellow furry friends that all of these renovations and upgrades were done to improve the shelter. One of the changes that my kitty companions are raving about is the design of the new cages that are called condos. Donna, one of our animal care technicians, likes the condos because the surfaces don't streak and smudge like the stainless cages, so it is easier to follow ASPCA guidelines for spot cleaning. She says the cats seem happier having the more roomy accommodation. Kris, an animal care technician in charge of cleaning the kitten room, likes the cages because of the compartments. The kittens no longer mix their food, water and litter as they play, and bedding stays dry because it is in a compartment separate from the water bowl.

My buddy Baxter and I were sharing a catnip pillow the other night and discussing just how extra special it would be if all of the shelter cages could be replaced with condos. Would you like to help make this dream come true?

Cat Welfare is launching a campaign to raise funds for new condos throughout the shelter. As Mojo mentioned, the condos benefit our residents in numerous ways and are easier to clean. Our financial goal is \$68,000. Please mail in any contribution to, attention of Condo Campaign, or make an online donation at condocampaign.myevent.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.



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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)

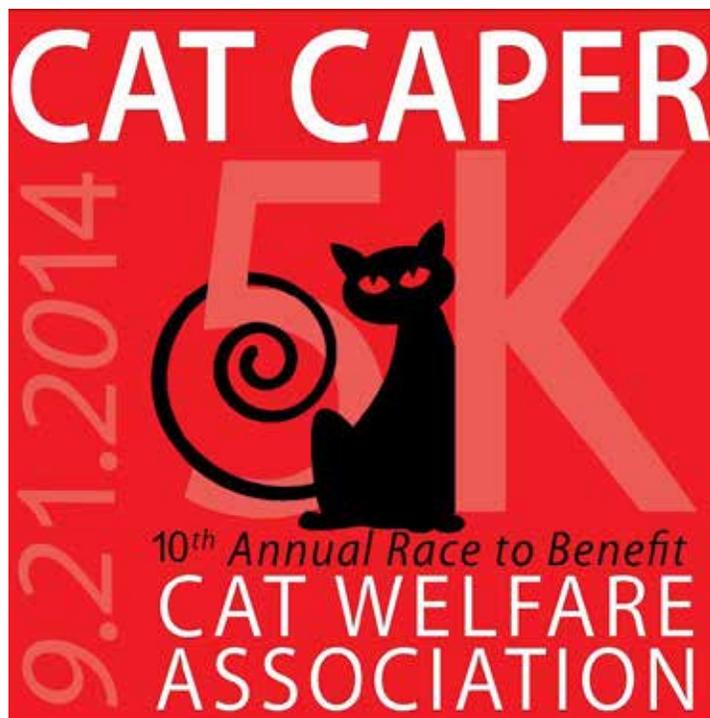
The adoption fee of \$80 includes spay/neuter surgery, initial vaccinations, testing for feline leukemia and FIV, microchip identification, flea treatment & deworming.



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Cat Caper 5K runs through Clintonville Sept. 21



The 2014 Cat Caper 5K is Sunday, September 21. Runners from all over Central Ohio will meet for the 9 a.m. race at the Ohio Center for Autism and Low Incidence, 470 Glenmont Ave. in Clintonville. Registration starts at 7 a.m. The Kids Fun Run, sponsored by Lextent, will feature two start lines this year, and each child who participates will receive a T-shirt and a young participant goodie bag. The Kids Fun Run, geared for children 12 and under, blasts off at 8:30 a.m.

Our 5K course loops through the scenic hilly Overbrook Ravine and is USTAF certified. Our race is an event! We have vendors, including a post-race pancake breakfast (donations go straight to the kitties) and a fabulous post-race raffle.

Cat Nappers who prefer to stay in bed that morning can make a donation, which entitles them to a T-shirt and a bag of goodies, just like

the ones the runners will receive.

More details, including online registration, can be found at www.catcaper.org. For general race questions, information about setting up as a vendor or regarding raffle donation opportunities, contact Gail Harbert, Program Manager, at 268-6096, ext. 103.

Yassenoff Donates Space for New, Improved Catique

Thanks to the generosity of one man, Cat Welfare was able to open our beloved resale shop, The Catique, at a new location in February. A loyal shopper of The Catique approached her cousin, Skip Yassenoff, about our need and, WOW, did he respond. Skip Yassenoff has donated 3,200 square feet at 1005 Mediterranean Ave. to our resale shop for a period of three years! Additionally, he donated 1,600 square feet for storage until the space can be occupied. Cat Welfare is excited to be a part of the revitalization of the Busch Center.

Why the gift? Skip Yassenoff cares about cats. He and his wife currently spoil two cats on a daily basis, both of their grown children share their homes with adored kitties and there are

several trap, neuter and release colonies on properties he owns and manages. To thank Skip Yassenoff for his kindness, treat yourself to a movie at the South Drive-In, www.southdrive-in.com.



Skip Yassenoff and his cat Puss and Boots

CWA Happy Homes



Hi, everyone, it's me, **Emma Lou**! Guess what? I found my forever home! My new family is wonderful. I have a big bed to sleep on, and I have five brothers. They are OK, but I love my new mommy holding me and brushing me. She even lets me sleep in bed with her. It feels so good to

be home again. I miss you all and hope my other cat buddies find their own happy homes someday.

Emma Lou Williams



We adopted **Bullwinkle** (left) from Cat Welfare in July 2004, right after moving into our home. He was the best, most loving, beautiful cat ever and we couldn't have loved him more. He made himself at home, both in the house and in our hearts. He loved sleeping with each of us and was truly the ultimate lap cat.

In this photo, you can see him lounging with his brother **Rocky**, who was adopted at the same time.

Unfortunately, we lost Bullwinkle to cancer, cutting his life short way too soon. We're all heartbroken. We can't imagine our lives or our home without him.

Hopefully someday we can return to Cat Welfare and adopt another family member. Thanks for bringing this beautiful creature into our lives, even if for a short nine years.

Leigh Ann Burchwell



I adopted a sweet black cat back around Memorial Day 2013, and I just wanted to let you all know that we're doing well and happy as can be. She was named Mandy when I adopted her (I now call her **Ella**), and she's been such a good-natured friend.

It was very hard when my last cat died after 23 years, and I appreciate the kindness from the volunteers in letting me check out all the kitties and find one who is right for me. I'm sure it's bittersweet for you folks when someone waltzes out with one of your buddies, so I hope it helps to know that she's in a good home and well loved.

Nancy Wareham

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

Win a Cat Quilt in Sept. 14 Raffle



This spectacular quilt was made by Elizabeth Bowling and Sharon Warrington to help raise funds for the kitties! It measures 72" x 84". We will draw the name of the lucky winner at our Open House on September 14, 2014. You do not need to be present to win.

Quilt Raffle Ticket Order Form

Name

Address

City

State

ZIP

Phone

Number of Tickets _____

Total Cost _____

(\$5 per ticket, \$20 for 5)

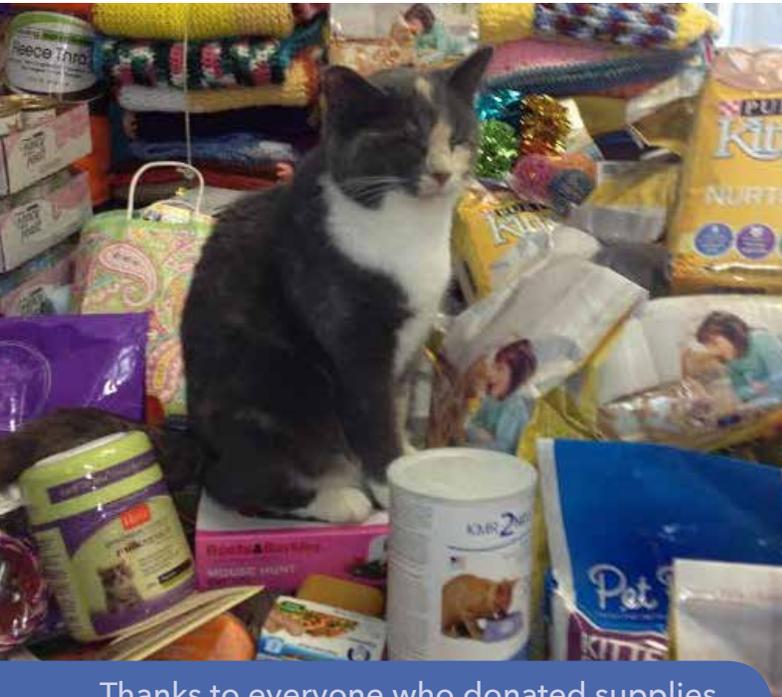
Mail to: Cat Welfare, Attn: Quilt Raffle
741 Wetmore Road
Columbus, OH 43214

Macy's Invites CWA Supporters to Shop For A Cause



On Saturday, August 23, 2014, Macy's will host its ninth annual Shop For A Cause benefiting charities nationwide. Since 2006, Shop For A Cause has raised more than \$48 million for charities across the country. This year Cat Welfare is a participating partner. We will be selling the passes in our office and in The Catique. You can request a pass be mailed to you by sending in a check made out to Cat Welfare Association. The shopping passes are \$5 and will give you the opportunity to receive 25% off on regular, sale and clearance merchandise, including designer brands, throughout the store, as well as 10% off electronics, furniture, mattresses and area rugs. You will also be eligible to win a \$500 gift card, no purchase necessary.

Kitten Shower a Success



Thanks to everyone who donated supplies during our kitten shower! Our littlest residents appreciate your generosity.

Are you moving?

Make sure you continue to get your *Feline Forum* by telling us your new address!

I'M A FOREVER CAT

I'm a **forever** cat, not an **until** cat.

I'm not an **until you get bored with me** cat.

I'm not an **until you find a girlfriend** cat.

I'm not an **until you have a baby** cat.

I'm not an **until you have to move** cat.

I'm not an **until you have no time** cat.

I'm not an **until I get old** cat.

I'm a **forever** cat.

If you can't give me **forever**, then I'm not your cat.

IT'S REALLY THAT SIMPLE.

We Love Our Donors

Ishie Memorial Fund

for long-term care of shelter residents

Richard Austin

Craig Lewis, "In honor of Georgia and friends"

Catherine Zitko, "In memory of Sweet Pea"

William & Gloria Adams

Julie Karovics, "In memory of Sasha, beloved shelter cat"

Barbara Moseley, "In memory of Joyce Stokes, who loved cats"

Anna Teichmoeller, "In honor of Sadie"

Joy & Ed Weiler

Penny Popper

Dale & Marty Keener

Altering Fund

to subsidize community low-cost spay/neuter surgeries

Wendy Stewart, Peg & Donald Wentz, Ramona Sietzma, Michael Wallace, Lawrence Smith, Barbara Moseley and J.G. Kassel

Vincent Fund

for emergency care for shelter cats

Linda Schellkopf, Lisa McDonald, Leon & Patricia Cohan, Jr., Robert & Patricia Ferrey, Jr. "In memory of Cleo Leo", Judy Hardy, Jill Davis, Janice & Jerry Noltemeyer and Joy & Ed Weiler

Joey's Good Sam Fund

for medical care of owned cats

Joyce & Mike Purcell "In memory of Rosella Garra-brant," Joy & Ed Weiler and Wendy Stewart

Willard's Village Babies Fund

for care of feral cat colonies

Juanita Woods "In memory of my Godcat girl Bugs, who died June 9, 2014, at the age of 10," Richard Austin, Elaine & Joan Ballitch "In memory of Carol Deys, a remarkable animal advocate," Jackie Goudy Photography and Joy & Ed Weiler

Cat-A-Lack Chow Club

for food for the shelter residents

Karen Yassenoff "In honor of Nancy Edwards," Poppy Thornton and Wickliffe School PTO

Travis' Altering Fund

for spaying/neutering kittens

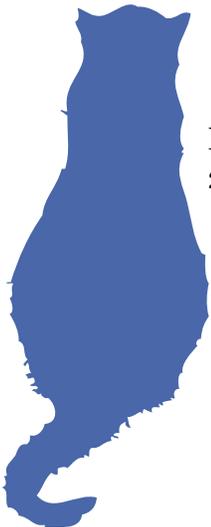
Cynthia Whitt

Cat Welfare would like to thank:

Everyone who orders supplies for the shelter online. Your generosity is appreciated.

Everyone who is making The Catique, our resale shop, successful in its new location. We are delighted that so many of our former customers have continued to shop weekly, and we are gaining new customers from the area apartments, businesses and hotels. The addition of high quality furniture has helped to boost sales. We thank our donors for contributing quality items to raise funds for our kitties.

The Catique is open Thursdays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Fridays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (7 p.m. through August), and Saturday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday hours are coming soon.



From January through June 2014, we **adopted 411 cats** into loving homes and **subsidized 743 spay and neuter surgeries** through our various Altering Fund programs.



Hello, Cleo

My name is Cleo, and I am a discarded pet, literally. You see I arrived at Cat Welfare when my owner just up and opened the front door at Cat Welfare and plunked me inside with a note saying nothing more than my name and the fact that I am 8 years old. They didn't bother to include that I am a gentle and kind kitty with enchanting bright eyes. I love to be talked to and have my entire body petted. As a show of gratitude, I will give you tender head butts and little licks with my tickly tongue. I know my forever home is out there. Might your home be the one?

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.

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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