

Feline Forum

Cat Welfare Association Newsletter

August/September 2015

Dr. Linehan named new shelter vet



Cat Welfare is very excited to announce the addition of Dr. Danya Linehan to our staff. Dr. Linehan will serve as our shelter veterinarian and be in our shelter on a weekly basis.

Dr. Linehan has worked in the veterinary field since 1983 and has been a practicing veterinarian since 1993. She obtained a B.S. in Animal Science from the University of New Hampshire and received her veterinary degree from The Ohio State University. Dr. Linehan is a member of the American Veterinary Medical Association, Ohio Veterinary Medical Association and the Association of Veterinary Technician Educators. Dr. Linehan currently serves as the Ohio Director for The Paw Project.

Her other animal-focused waking hours are spent serving on the Ohio Pet Fund Board and helping provide trap-neuter-release (TNR), food and shelters for local feral colonies. Dr. Linehan spreads the word about animal issues—physical, societal and behavioral—through radio

and webinar appearances and at seminars for the pet-owning public, shelter staff and volunteers.

Cat Welfare would like to thank Dr. Melanie deHaan for all of her service to Cat Welfare. We wish her the best in all of her future endeavors.

Celebrate 70 Years of Caring for Cats with CWA on September 20

Please join us for our Community Anniversary Celebration on September 20 from noon to 3 p.m. Spend a fun afternoon celebrating our shelter and all of our wonderful feline residents. We'll feed you lunch, have entertainers and hourly door prizes, and there will be live music to enjoy. You can purchase a Cat Welfare anniversary T-shirt or tote, and The Catique resale shop will also be on hand with some of its wares.

We have been helping abused, injured and abandoned cats and kittens for 70 years—thanks to you and others who have opened your hearts, wallets and homes. Join us as we commemorate this incredibly rewarding work!



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Edits Needed to Clarify New Bylaws

CWA members approved revised bylaws at the December 2014 Board and general membership meeting. After seven months, several modifications are needed to align the bylaws with their intended meaning or result. For example, adding the word "consecutive" to the requirement that Board eligibility requires two years of CWA membership.

Members can comment or offer suggestions regarding bylaw revisions by emailing bylaws@catwelfareassoc.org prior to September 1, 2015.



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
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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 \$40 (\$30 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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CWA Calendar to Feature 13 Photos

Announcing the large photo winners in the CWA 2016 Calendar Photo Contest! Ordinary people with extraordinary cats and stories were featured in this year's contest.

The voting involved lots of people who wanted their favorite kitty's photo to be one of the 13 LARGE photos in next year's calendar, in the best way, that benefited all of the cats at Cat Welfare! Again, there were many high-quality images and heart-melting stories for the judges to consider.

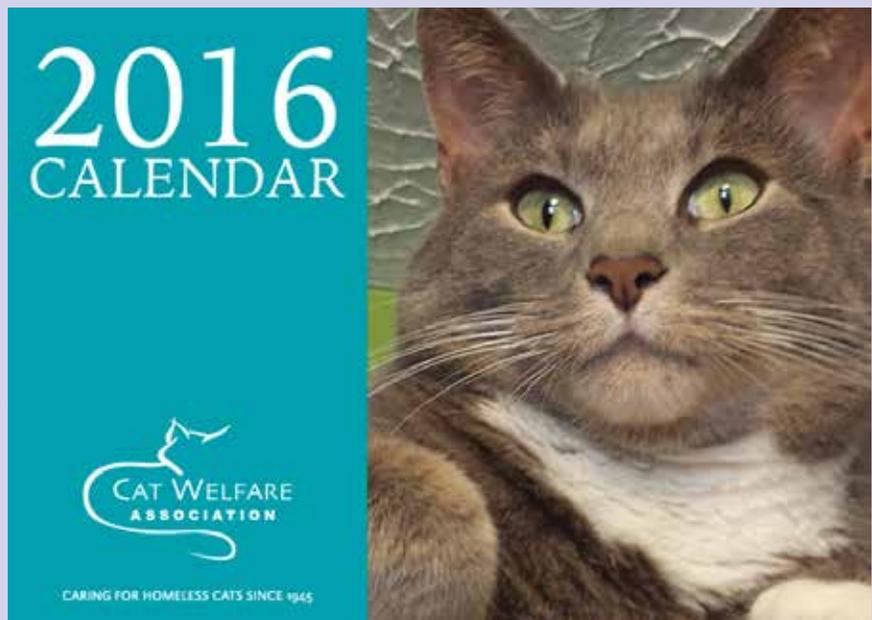
The 13 large photos were chosen by the CWA judges from a combination of the following:

- Ten photos were selected from the top 20 photos with the most online votes
- Three photos were selected from the remainder of the entries, regardless of the number of vote donations

In addition to the 13 large photos, nearly all of the photos are still winners because many will be featured on the monthly calendar pages. This fun contest and fundraiser helps support Cat Welfare while creating awareness about events for cat lovers, scheduled throughout the coming year!

Calendars will be on sale this fall at the shelter, at The Catique and on the CWA website, catwelfareassoc.org.

If your photo was not selected this year, just remember we want your photos and stories in the next annual CWA Calendar Photo Contest. Look for the contest photo upload link on the CWA website, starting in the Spring of 2016.



The top 13 photos for the 2016 Calendar are:

- **Louie** - *I Am a Handsome One Aren't I?* by Lori F.
- **Elijah** - *Rest in Peace, Little Buddy* by Aire-Flo Corporation
- **Turtle and Moxie** - *Sisters* by Melissa M. photo by Nicolle K.
- **Kitty (a.k.a. Sir Napsalot)** - *Wake Up, I See a Bird Out There* by Mark M.
- **Barnaby** - *Barnaby Eyes* by Jayne S., photo by Carol M.
- **Pandey** - *My Own Little Patch of Sunshine* by Barbara M.
- **Little Man Tate** - *Christmas Wreath Fun* by Amy B.
- **Monkey** - *Surprise!* by Nana
- **Louis** - *Christmas Cat* by Rachel F.
- **Chip** - *Reaching Out* by Tracy P.
- **Jack** - *Jack the Cat* by Jim D., photo by Tina E.
- **Lassie** - *Lassie On a Walk At The Park* by Mark H.
- **Mike & Spike** - *Two of a Kind* by Anne R. & Wilma W.

The Best Rescue Story will be featured on the inside cover:

- **Jack Sparrow Kinsley** - *Handsome Me* by Cindy K.

CWA Happy Homes



Vern was adopted from Cat Welfare in May of 2007. He was very young and had been brought in with a broken jaw. Cat Welfare repaired it, and I adopted him. He's just been a great friend! He's one of the few cats I've had that can go outside, as

he sticks around and has a lot of common sense. He loves to sit in the front garden behind a bush and watch things coming and going. He's also quite the mouser! Here he is when the refrigerator was being defrosted. He needed to go in the freezer and snoop around. Who knows? There could've been a mouse in there!

Becky Dodson

Rudy literally hopped into our family. I brought my boys Dugal and Parker to get their photo with Santa Claus, and Gail Harbert explained that another cat was in the room, recovering from having a leg amputated. Since my boys aren't bothered by other cats, I didn't think anything of it. Well, as we were having our photo taken, Rudy hopped into the photo, stopped right in front of me and practically smiled at the camera! Needless to say, a week later, he was a member of the household. He is rambunctious and loves to bother his brothers and the stray cats in the neighborhood. Other than that he is a joy, and I'm so glad he decided to join the annual Christmas photo!



Lisa Wolfe



My name is **Sir Daniel**, and I picked Bailey as my human. Before long, I got adopted by her and my other mommy, Amanda. I have a sister, who's my age (2 years), and a little brother, who isn't even a year yet. He doesn't seem to like me too well yet, but I'm sure he'll warm up to me. My mommies told me I have a super power! Whenever one is hurt or sad, I'm the first one to check if she's okay.

I like to hop in the shower with them! They look so cold without fur, so, being the generous man I am, I rub on them and love on them and donate my fur so they aren't as cold. I am told I'm good at doing that.

Aside from my friends, I miss the soft kitty food you guys gave me, but it's okay. It's replaced with toys and lots of kitty nip! I hope all of my friends at Cat Welfare get their forever families because when they do, it's one of the most awesome feelings ever.

Sir Daniel
adopted by **Bailey Smithhisler**
and **Amanda Hehl**

We got **Skwisgaar** a while back when we saw this adorable little teenaged kitty pinning for attention in his cage. When we first brought him home his name was Champ, but we decided to change it to Skwisgaar, which is from one of our favorite television shows!



As you can see he is one of the goofiest cats I have ever known. Not only does he have the unending energy of a toddler (and mischievousness, too), he is also a sweetie and cuddler who loves to be near you whenever possible. With his attentive personality I've even been able to teach him a few tricks, including fetch! I just wanted to thank everyone at Cat Welfare for helping us bring this adorable cat into our lives.

Michelle

From the second I brought **Wobbles** (left) into his new home, he changed from the shy kitty he was at the shelter, who wouldn't eat, drink or leave the back of his cage, to the food motivated, friendly, playful cat he is today. He



is full of snuggles and gets along great with his sister! He loves the open windows on spring days and will cry and jump from one window to another until he is tired and ready to cuddle more. Wobbles was so scared when I first saw him, but now that he is home he lets his true personality shine! He's even taken over the large doggie bed and makes the dog sleep on the floor! Wobbles is a testament to giving every cat a chance. He was just waiting for someone to take him to his loving, forever home! I couldn't be happier with my choice! He is the perfect addition to my little family!

Lauren



Our daughter's cat passed, and we felt lost. We came to Cat Welfare and looked and looked for the longest time. Then, with the workers' help, we came across **Twiggy** (top) and instantly fell in love. She's going to be loved forever. A month later, we decided it was time to bring a second cat into our home. **Ryan** (bottom) is getting used to things around the house. We know she will adjust and fit in just fine.

**Janet Looker
and Richard Roberts**

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



Mary Pohli is a foster parent with 17 years of dedication to CWA's foster program. Since CWA started recording foster kitten records in our computer system in 2008, the Pohlis have fostered 232 cats and kittens.



Peggy Kirk says, "What a privilege it is to be Board President. Exciting plans are underway for making our shelter even better for our cats. Stay tuned!"

Why We Do What We Do



Staff member Megan has a special bond with Mitzy, and Mitzy needs that special someone. Returned to the shelter in 2013 when her owner passed, Megan believes this feisty girl is just misunderstood and would blossom in a single kitty home.



Staff member Jana says, "The thing I find most rewarding about CWA is knowing that I can play a part in matching a cat with his or her forever home. Even better than that, when I hear how happy both the owner and the cat are, and how the cat is flourishing, my heart and soul are fulfilled."

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Ishie Memorial Fund

for long-term care of shelter residents

Allison Morris, "In memory of Boo"
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Altering Fund

to subsidize community low-cost spay/neuter surgeries

Rae Kirkbride, Michael Lenox, Georgeann McCall, Terence Odlin, and Bud Runyon through Pet FBI (Lost Pets Found By Internet)

Vincent Fund

for emergency care for shelter cats

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Willard's Village Babies Fund

for care of feral cat colonies

Juanita Woods "In memory of my 'Godcat' Greg, who died April 17, 2015," Richard Austin, Joy & Ed Weiler, Juanita Woods "In memory of precious Willard," Baby Gift Shop, and Homer & Joyce Evans

Cat-A-Lack Chow Club

for food for the shelter residents

Jane Carolyn Reeves and Jeannette Jones

Travis' Altering Fund

for spaying/neutering kittens

Teresa Carstensen

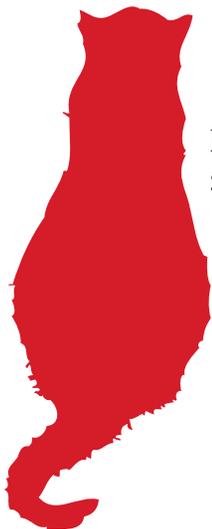
Cat Welfare would like to thank:

Judy Hicks for giving the kitties a Christmas in July with the very generous toy donation.

Seventh Son Brewing for their \$1,800 donation generated from the sale of Wuffles Session Ale.

Lindsey Mooney for securing a \$750 donation to Cat Welfare from her employer, Designer Shoe Warehouse.

Everyone who donated to make our Kitten Shower a success.



From January through June 2014, we **adopted 398 cats** into loving homes and **subsidized 958 spay and neuter surgeries** through our various Altering Fund programs.



Hello, Dude & Punkin

Do you have room in your home and your heart for two special needs kitties? Punkin and Dude are the best of friends and, while their infirmities are different, their need for a prescription diet is the same. Punkin is a 4-year-old super affectionate male cat, who arrived at Cat Welfare with severely inflamed sinuses and a skin irritation. Punkin loves to sit on a lap and have his muscular body stroked. Dude is a 7-month-old fella with irritable bowel syndrome, who, remarkably, is always on the go and full of fun. Dude turns nearly everything he finds into a toy. A combination of steroid treatments and a change in diet to

the venison and green pea formula kibble have resulted in two energetic, healthy boys. Don't these kitties sound like they'd be an entertaining addition to YOUR home?

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, 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 scrubies, and Mr. Clean.

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