

# Feline Forum

Cat Welfare Association Newsletter

August/September 2017

## Help Cat Caper Celebrate 12th Year



Are you ready to run, race-walk or stroll at scenic Griggs Reservoir to benefit our mission? Our 12th annual Cat Caper 5K will be held Sunday, September 24. Our 2016 participants raved about the new venue!

While we do miss the old location that was so close to home, the course at Griggs is lovely, parking is ample and do you really miss THAT hill? Your favorite Caper features—vendors, The Catique Resale shop, CWA's catnip pillows and the post-race raffle—are all part of the fun. DJ for All Occasions will join us again this year to add to the festivities. And of course, there's no need for breakfast before you come. For a donation we'll serve you a pancake breakfast. Leashed, friendly dogs are permitted to come along, too.

Registration begins at 7 a.m., followed by the Kids Fun Run (ages 12 and under) at 8:30 a.m. The 5K itself starts at 9 a.m. The first 350 human participants in the 5K will receive a T-shirt. Awards will be given for the top three male and female runners and walkers, as well as for age group winners.

Find more information and register at [catwelfareassoc.org/cat-caper-5k](http://catwelfareassoc.org/cat-caper-5k).

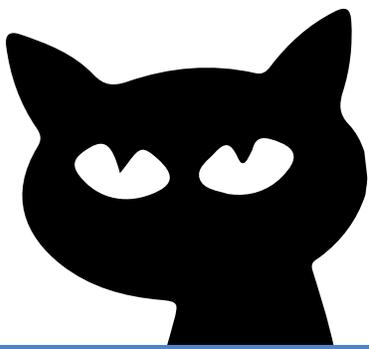
## High-End Purse Auction Event to Benefit Feral Cats

Do you need a new handbag or want to get a head start on holiday shopping? Purrs and Purses, a silent auction of high-end new and gently used purses, will be held at The Catique, 1005 Mediterranean Ave., from 5 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, September 12. Wine, cheese and light appetizers will be served.

Tickets are \$5 each. Net proceeds will benefit Cat Welfare's feral cat programs.

Space is limited. Please make your reservation at [catwelfareassoc.org](http://catwelfareassoc.org).





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## 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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# Calendar Contest Winners Announced

Announcing the large photo winners in the CWA 2018 Calendar Photo Contest. The entries in this year's contest were once again simply photos and stories submitted by ordinary people like yourself or your neighbor. These photos and stories are amazing, and all of the donations for entries and voting benefited the cats and programs at Cat Welfare!

As in previous years, 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 vote donations
- 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 at: [catwelfareassoc.org](http://catwelfareassoc.org).

Are you a vendor willing to promote our mission by selling our calendars? Your support would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Gail at [marketing@catwelfareassoc.org](mailto:marketing@catwelfareassoc.org) or 614-268-6096, ext. 103, if you can assist.

2018  
CALENDAR



## The top 13 photos for the 2018 Calendar are:

- **Spencer** - *Ready for My Close Up* - by Amie F. photo by Tony M.
- **Hoder & Charlie** - *Two Angels* - by Julie A.
- **Oscar & Emmy** - *Award-Worthy Cuteness* - by Cheryl C.
- **Lauren and Alexis** - *What Big Ears You Have* - by Heidi S.
- **Celia** - *Ready for July 4th* - by Mag R.
- **Olivia Wigglebothum** - *Hippie Cat* - by K Stew
- **Larry** - *Larry in Repose* - by Ruth Ann H.
- **Frosty** - *Strike a Pose* - by Bryan N. and Ken S.
- **Fluffy** - *Enjoying the View* - by Irene D.
- **Tabbey** - *Strutting My Stuff* - by Kris C.
- **W.C.** - *Lost and Found* - by Ilea M.
- **Sophie** - *Sophie's Eyes* - by Susan
- **Cover: Butters** - *Our Morning Routine* - by Spencer J.

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

- **Bamboo** - *Houdini's Great Escape* - by Katherine S. photo by Brian S.

# CWA Happy Homes



On the first night we had Jovie, we put her on a leash and harness and let her explore our home. She then jumped up on my lap, curled up and purred. Next she jumped over to our loveseat and curled up with a smile on her face. She looked so much like Toothless, the midnight fury dragon, from the movie "How to Train Your Dragon," that we decided to name her **Fury**. She loves her new name and is very loving and playful. We love her very much, and our other cat Rex is trying to get along with her now.

**Brian and Rachel Bell**

I brought **Meeko** home two days after saying good-bye to my horse. I knew he was the one for me immediately. At first, Meeko was a little wheezy, quiet and lethargic. Now he plays all the time, purrs, talks, cuddles and has really been enjoying the life of a cat given a second chance! He was and is the perfect cure for my heartache, and I can't imagine not having him. Thank you CWA!

**Renee Buchele**



I adopted **Franklin** from CWA, and he has been the best cat! He is such a sweetheart. He was very shy at first, but now he roams the house, and everyone in my family loves him! I am so happy that I could give Franklin his forever home.

**Rylan Foster**



I can't share enough great things about Cat Welfare and our boy **Ricky Bobby Beaumont Jr. III!** The volunteer that helped us was so helpful and connected with our cat that we kept the unique name that was given to him. We adopted him on the spot in June 2015. Ricky Bobby (for short!) is such a polite and loving cat who brings so much happiness to our lives! He loves to curl up in the funniest positions, and, no matter what, he faithfully shows up to snuggle at bedtime. He has such a big personality, and I catch him doing the funniest things. He's hilarious! He is my first pet as an adult with no kids, so naturally he has become a major part of our family! Thank you Cat Welfare for everything. We couldn't be happier!

**Darby and Rick**



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.

# Get Cozy with a Colorful Cat Quilt



This spectacular quilt was made by Elizabeth Bowling and Sharon Warrington to help raise funds for the kitties! It measures 62" x 77". To purchase tickets, mail in the form, stop by the shelter or visit [cwaquiltraffle.myevent.com](http://cwaquiltraffle.myevent.com). We will draw the name of the lucky winner on September 30 at 2 p.m. You need not be present to win.

## Quilt Raffle Ticket Order Form

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Number of Tickets \_\_\_\_\_

Total Cost \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

## Shopping Fundraiser Set Board Elects 2017 Officers

We are hosting a unique online shopping event, Adventures in Shopping. November 9-12, independent consultants from multiple direct sales companies will be taking orders and will donate a percentage of their sales to the Cat Welfare Association. Shop brands you know and love, online, right from home. If you are an independent consultant and you would like to participate, please contact Karen Ramey at [stamperchic@gmail.com](mailto:stamperchic@gmail.com).

Congratulations to Board President Peggy Kirk, Vice President RoseAnn Ballangee, Secretary Anne Riley, and Treasurer Judy Vertikoff, our elected Officers for 2017. Our Board of Directors also welcomes Karen Ramey as a newly elected member of the 2017 team.

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 at these meetings is always welcome!

Save the Date

Cat Welfare Open House

12-3 p.m. October 15

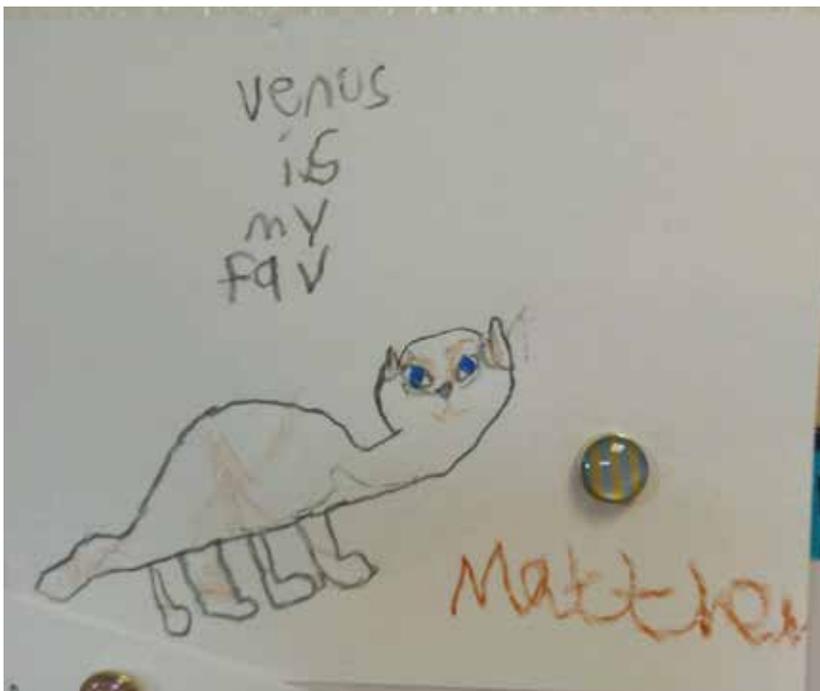
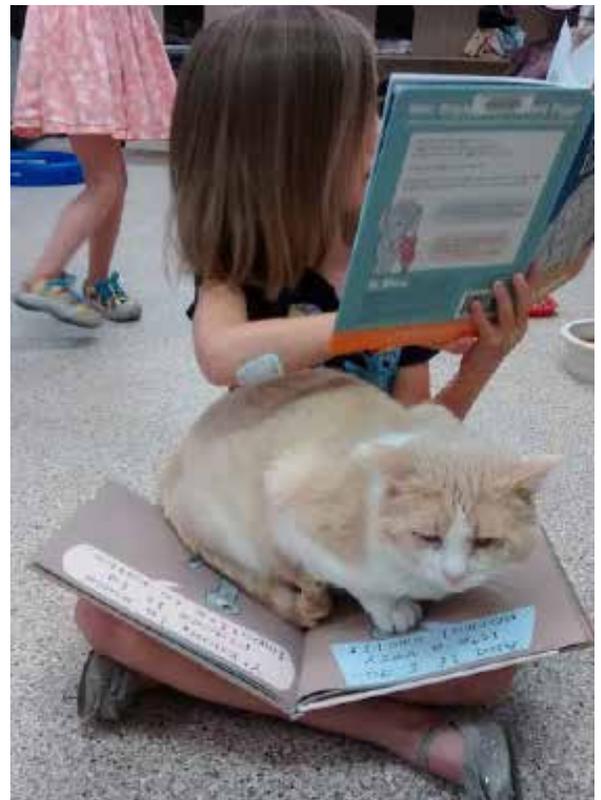
# Shelter Reading Club Kids Had A Blast This Summer

The plan had been to accept 20 kids into this summer's Crime Cats Mystery Club. Instead, after 120 kids applied, the program was doubled, and 40 kids spent the summer reading aloud to Cat Welfare's shy cats, becoming more confident in their own reading skills and helping the cats learn to trust people.

Each first- through eighth-grader in the club signs up to come into the shelter and read for 30 minutes a week. When they arrive for their half-hour session, they choose a book from the shelter's 150 volume library, then have a seat in the Shy Cats Room. Soothed by the children's voices, the hesitant cats often come out to visit. The extra socialization has paid off: four times as many shy cats have been adopted since the program began, and not by reading club participants, as you might expect.

As a reward for their diligence, the kids are then invited to a monthly pizza party with author and founder of the club, Wolfgang Parker.

The Crime Cats Mystery Club will begin its fall session in mid-September. Check the CWA website at [catwelfareas-soc.org](http://catwelfareas-soc.org) for more information.



# We Love Our Donors

## Ishie Memorial Fund

for long-term care of shelter residents

Dick & Linda Hamilton, "In memory of Buster"  
Janice & Dan Bailey, "In loving memory of Mitty & Patches"

Richard Austin

Connie Cline, "In memory of our precious Eli, 2007-2016"

Steven Puckett

Anne Riley, "In memory of sweet Agent. I will look after Bond for you."

Annette Cox, "In memory of Agent, best lap cat ever!"

Leslie Susi, "Maryalice Susi"

Judy Hardy, "Jasper J."

## Altering Fund

to subsidize community low-cost spay/neuter surgeries

Carol Kurtzman and Susanne Canale

## Vincent Fund

for emergency care for shelter cats

Molly Watts "In memory of Ivan Watts, our beloved furry buddy who bravely fought both cancer and renal failure for over 2 years. We hope this donation will allow others without pet insurance to enjoy extended years with their cats," Linda Schellkopf, Nicole Trimmer, Leon & Patricia Cohan Jr., Suzanne Davis, and Marjorie Obrist

## Joey's Good Sam Fund

for medical care of owned cats

Michelle Simonton, Rebekah Caminiti, William Hout, Randall Hertzler "In memory of Doug Buhner," and Patricia Eiben

## Willard's Village Babies Fund

for care of feral cat colonies

Juanita Woods "In memory of precious Willard," Penny Popper, Chris Worth, Anne Riley "In memory of Ray," William Hout, and Richard Austin "In loving memory of SnowBall"

## Cat-A-Lack Chow Club

for food for the shelter residents

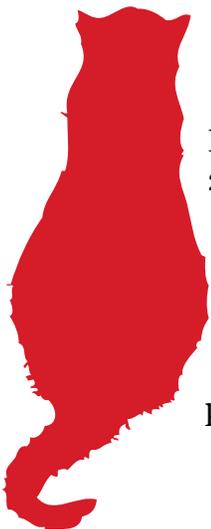
Carol Osnes "In memory of George T. Butts", Kyle Fred Weinberger, Lindsay Gernant, Tonia Hazelwood "In memory of Bitches the Cat of Chicago," and Kristine Kuzora

## Cat Welfare Gives Thanks



Thank you to all who attended and donated to our Kitten Shower. It was a great success, and we greatly appreciate the supplies for all of the kittens in our care.

Our cats have been getting some kind pampering and cool new "fur dos" from Delaware Pet Stuff. Sherri and Nicole have donated their time to giving our residents relief from matted fur. As cats age, it becomes harder for some to groom, and fur tends to mat easier. The senior cats who received a lovely shave had a remarkable increase in activity. Find them at [www.delawarepetstuff.com](http://www.delawarepetstuff.com)



From January through June 2017, we **adopted 688 cats** into loving homes. From January through April, we **subsidized 559 spay and neuter surgeries** through our various Altering Fund programs.



# Hello, Lefty

Hello there! My name is Lefty, and I am looking for a new home. I arrived here at the shelter as an injured stray from the Alum Creek area. The nice people here discovered that I am FIV positive, which means that I have a decreased immune system. Dogs can't get this condition, nor can humans. Cats can get it only through deep bite wounds. I don't need special food or medicine. Our staff here can answer more questions about FIV. I am a very affectionate kitty with much love to give. I am also very inquisitive and love to play! I would probably do best with another cat that likes to rough house or as an only cat. One more thing that I should mention---I go crazy for cat-

nip! If you need a new buddy around your house, I hope you will seriously consider me!

*Cat Welfare has about 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!*

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in tuna flavors, brown paper grocery bags, Win-  
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steel Chore Boy scrubbers, and Mr. Clean.

## Shelter Wish List:

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