

# Feline Forum

The Cat Welfare Association Newsletter

August/September 2019

## Cat Caper to Run Through New Location

The 14th Annual Cat Caper 5K will be held on September 22, 2019. This will be the first year the Cat Caper uses a scenic, paved course at the Scioto Audubon Metro Park. Located along the banks of the Scioto River just south of downtown Columbus, this park is a green oasis where wildlife and birds thrive. A kid's fun run, delicious pancake breakfast, and our ever popular post-race raffle will be part of the festivities.

By signing up, you will receive one complimentary raffle ticket. However, you can buy as many as you like. Some of the exciting raffle items this year are tickets to the Columbus Crew, Studio 35, COSI, the Columbus Art Museum, and Shadowbox Live! There are also gift cards to Weiland's, Columbus Running Co., Villa Nova, Fusian, Cover to Cover Bookstore, Helen Winnemore's gift shop and more. In addition, we will have gift baskets from Moo Moo Car Wash, the Porch Growler, Cliff Originals, Squidcat Inc., Moochie & Co. and so much more!

Your registration fee also gets a nifty Cat Caper 5K race T-shirt you'll want to wear everywhere! And don't worry about eating beforehand – for a donation we'll serve you a pancake and egg breakfast. But if you'd rather take it easy, you can choose to be a Cat Napper, which allows you to donate without participating in the race.

Sign up now at [www.catwelfareassoc.org/catcaper](http://www.catwelfareassoc.org/catcaper), and be sure to spread the word to your family and friends to support Cat Welfare. We will see you at the Cat Caper!

## Welcome Chico as CWA's New Guardian Angel

Chico became a permanent resident at Cat Welfare in 2017 when he was approximately 5 years old. His sweet face and pleasant personality always draw people to him. He was adopted three times, and each time he was returned for not using the litter box, so he is now a permanent resident of the shelter.

Chico loves to hang out in the main adoption room, on the sun porch, or in the fenced-in enclosure. He loves to roll around on the concrete sidewalk in a ray of sunshine while giving himself a bath. But as soon as his two-legged best friend Linda comes out to give him his favorite tuna snack, he is up and ready to spend some quality time with her.

Chico is a quiet boy who likes to sit on laps or just hang out with friends. He loves getting attention, but he is polite and won't barge in when another cat is having their turn. He has also done well as a Cat Welfare ambassador at off-site events. Find out how to sponsor him at [catwelfareassoc.org/guardian-angels](http://catwelfareassoc.org/guardian-angels).



# Cat Welfare's 2019 Cat Caper

*Thank you to our sponsors!*



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## 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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[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

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## Thank You, Team Clean!

First, thanks to our mighty team of laundry volunteers, we were able to survive 30 days without a washing machine. Second, we are grateful to all those who donated funds so we could replace the broken machine with a much bigger laundromat-grade washer that should keep us in fresh towels and linens for a long time to come. We couldn't have done it without all of you!

## Fun at the Pride Parade



Thank you to all of the volunteers who walked in this year's Pride Parade! We were also happy to see all of the shelter friends who watched the parade and shared a wave or a cheer.

## Shop and Support Us: Sign Up for 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/account/enrollCommunityRewardsNow](https://www.kroger.com/account/enrollCommunityRewardsNow).

## Little Pants Brew to Benefit Cat Welfare

Last year, Michael Rosselet's team from Cavalier Distributing won the opportunity to create and name a beer from Short's Brewing Company in Michigan. They decided to go with a Brut Rose IPA. They named it Little Pants – the nickname of Michael's beloved cat, Angus.

The beer is expected to be released again this year as a limited edition in late August or early September, and when it does, most of the bars carrying it in Columbus will be selling it to raise funds for The Cat Welfare Association. That includes favorite spots like Oddfellows Liquor Bar, Yellow Brick Pizza, Dirty Frank's Hot Dog Palace and Bodega.

Michael chose CWA as a way of thanking the shelter for the cats in his life. He and his wife had adopted Angus and his littermate Steve in 2011, and they were devastated when Angus died in 2018. Adopting FIV+ kitty Snacks in April was a win-win – Snacks stays busy and Steve has a pal to hang out with all day.

To get more details about where to find this cat-inspired brew, watch [catwelfareassoc.org](https://www.catwelfareassoc.org) and the CWA Facebook page.



# CWA Happy Homes



**Sadie** came to live with us in December 2016 after 7 years at Cat Welfare. She has transitioned from a cranky old lady to a cuddler who loves to play and find comfy places to hang out and keep us company.

**Steve**

**Marty** was found as the only non-feral in a feral colony, and he hadn't left his cage when we came in. Everything with him has been so easy, like we were meant to have him. From the day we brought him home he's been relaxing on a windowsill or snuggling his way into our hearts.

**Stephanie Folkerth**



We adopted **Lily** in early February, and she was ready to socialize the day she came home! She loves to snuggle and has become quite the lap kitty. (The photo is her in my lap.) She also likes to rub on my husband's beard – it is a good head scratcher. She wants to eat all the time, but she ignores people food and is ambivalent about fancy wet cat food; she just wants kibble! She is also very chatty and

enjoys watching the birds outside the cat big screen TV (window). We adore her and thank Cat Welfare for bringing us together – thanks for all you do!

**Rose & Travis Withrow**



What's not to love about a blue-eyed girl with a little attitude? That's my girl **Phoebe**! Her sassiness was what caught my eye when I first met her at Cat Welfare. She was very playful and seemed to have a lot of spirit – and of course those blue eyes and her unusual coloring. She has some weight issues we are working on, but this girl loves to eat!

I was not sure how she would get along with my first CWA adoption, Roxie, but overall they have adjusted to life together. Two divas in the same location can be a challenge, but they have each staked out their own territory and share the rest of the place, including my lap.

Phoebe has been such a great addition to my family. Thanks CWA for all you do and for bringing this blue-eyed beauty into my life!

**Haley**



A member of your staff introduced us to **Luna** when we visited Cat Welfare. She gave us a cautious sniff and then licked my hand. We knew right away that she would be coming home with us. She likes being the only cat in the house and settled in very quickly, sitting on the sofa with us after an hour in her new home. Since then her goofy personality has come out more and more. Thank you, Cat Welfare!

**Sophie & Matt**

I adopted **Sheena** in 2017. She did well adjusting to her new home, and she's becoming herself, getting into things and sleeping with me. She loves her brother cat Felix. They get along beautifully! Sheena is her mama's baby. I call her Sheena Marie, and she has found herself a forever home!

**Sarah**



**Biscuit** seemed to be shy at first, but when she started purring loudly and grabbing our hands to pet her more, we knew she was the one. We adopted her about a month ago, and now we are inseparable. She has the most endearing quirks, like running away from the litter box every time she uses it and meowing whenever anyone stands up, but that's what makes her so cute and lovable. She is as attached to me as I am to her. So glad this little stray was found and reached us.

**Alec**



We found **Sophie** in the "shy room" at Cat Welfare. She was very skittish and didn't pay much attention to us, but I was drawn to her and knew we had the patience to give her a good home.

She is doing amazingly well. She only hid for a couple hours the day we brought her home, but since then she has really flourished. She is such a sweetheart, she's extremely playful and very affectionate. She's still a little scaredy-cat at times, but she's becoming braver every day.

**Susan & Will**

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.

# Check out the 2020 A Big Thanks to Generous Kids Calendar Winners



Our 2020 calendar contest winners will be announced online at [catwelfareassoc.org](http://catwelfareassoc.org) on August 15.



Thank you to Grace and Hope for generously donating the funds you raised from your lemonade stand! We are so grateful to all of the kids who are raising funds and hosting supply drives for the cats and kittens in our care.

## Saying Goodbye to Beloved Former Top Cat, Della

Della arrived at The Cat Welfare Association in 2005 and quickly won over many hearts. She was outgoing and affectionate, curious and regal. It wasn't long before she was spending time in the community as shelter ambassador, and she was voted CWA's Top Cat in 2007, 2008 and 2009.

In her role as "spokes-cat," she won First Place at the 2008 Park of Roses Fourth of July Pet Parade, representing all animals seeking their forever homes. She also published her "Stories from the Sun Porch" column in the *Feline Forum*, where she recognized the work of donors, volunteers and staff members and announced contests and initiatives. You can read her last column from 2009 here: <http://www.catwelfareassoc.org/assets/documents/cwafebruary2009newsletter.pdf>.



Over time, though, Della's health issues caught up with her, and longtime volunteers RoseAnn Ballangee and Nancy Flanagan thought she might feel better outside of the shelter environment. So they took her home in 2014, and she began her retirement years as their spoiled, pampered, forever family pet. RoseAnn recalls the day they took her home she was wearing a purple rhinestone collar, in case they did not know royalty was about to grace their home.

RoseAnn also shared a story many cat owners can relate to:

*Just a couple weeks into her adoption, we were sure Della had escaped as she was nowhere to be found. Calling served no purpose as Della was deaf, but the search indoors and out included calling out her name. Deflated in our efforts, we sat down at the kitchen table only to notice a cabinet door slightly ajar. Della was curled up asleep in a mixing bowl!*

After five wonderful years playing chase with her humans, demanding a pre-breakfast appetizer, and gently ruling her feline siblings, Della passed away in June 2019 at the age of 14. She will always be remembered for her pushy sweetness by everyone who knew her. Thank you, RoseAnn and Nancy, for taking such good care of everyone's favorite girl.

# We Love Our Donors

## Ishie Memorial Fund

for long-term care of shelter residents

Lisa Leaper

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Teresa Duffy "In memory of Lily & Baxter"

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Marcia Cooper & Ben Kline "In memory of our beloved cat Sam, adopted from Cat Welfare in 2011"

Brett Watkins "In honor of Heidi Garinger"

Kathy Frank Arthritis Water Class "In memory of Edie DeLong & her kitty Emmie"

Judy Pfaltzgraf "Miss Kitty & companions Hawk, Macy, & Maggie"

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The Board of Third Place Commons "In honor of the memory of Margene Whittenberg"

Penny Popper "In memory of Scimmia"

Anna Teichmoeller "In loving memory of all my precious cats"

## Altering Fund

to subsidize community low-cost spay/neuter surgeries

Annie Lach, Kristen Riffle, Susan Harshe, and Craig Lewis

## Joey's Good Sam Fund

for medical care of owned cats

Randall Hertzler "In memory of Doug Buhner and Jasmine Boots," and Jill Davis

## Willard's Village Babies Fund

for care of feral cat colonies

Juanita Woods "In memory of Willard," Annie Lach, Richard Austin, Juanita Woods "In memory of CWA's Bosworth ("Bos") died Tuesday, June 25, 2002," and Anne Riley & Wilma Wabnitz "In memory of sweet Rae. Born in the Willard's Village Babies colony and with us for 17 wonderful years. Always our Braveheart."

## Vincent Fund

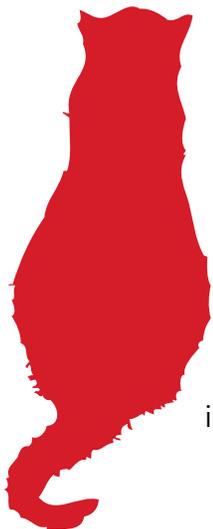
for emergency care for shelter cats

Linda Schellkopf, Leon & Patricia Cohan, Jr., Jill Davis, Ramona Sietsma, and Ana Garcia "In loving memory of Jasmine, Felix, and Noel"

## Cat-A-Lack Chow Club

for food for the shelter residents

Leslie Bothast and Craig Lewis



From January through June 2019, we **adopted 513 cats** into loving homes.

## Cat Welfare Gives Thanks

We appreciate the folks who take the time to rate their positive adoption experience on social media. Your accolades drive additional adopters to our shelter, so more kitties find forever homes.





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Purina Cat Chow, Purina Kitten Chow, paper towels, brown paper grocery bags, laundry detergent, moist cat food, Temptation cat treats. Find more on CWA's Amazon Wish List: [goo.gl/eLNYhd](http://goo.gl/eLNYhd).



## Hello, Joe

Do you fancy yourself a bit of a cat whisperer? Let us introduce you to Joe! Joe loves to play, will jump right into a lap, invited or not, and is treat and praise motivated. Joe tolerates other cats as long as they do not interfere with his agenda, whatever it may be. He's a smart and focused cat. We believe he would thrive in a home with experienced cat owners who can provide him with the attention and stimulation he needs to reinforce his positive attributes.

*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!*