

Feline Forum

The Cat Welfare Association Newsletter

August/September 2021

Make Sure to Visit the FIV+ Cats' Room



Wesley

The FIV Cats' Room was made to provide cats with FIV a comfortable place to play and socialize with each other. There are many cat trees and perches in the room for them to choose from and plenty of room for people to visit with the kitties. Our FIV cats love having visitors, especially when they come in, sit down and free up their laps for some cuddling. Some of the kitties in the room are a little more timid, and having the space for people to sit and work with them on their confidence greatly increases their chances for adoption.

There are actually two FIV cats' rooms in the shelter: one in the front placement area and one in the back. The back FIV cats' room even has an attached outdoor enclosure so those kitties can go outside safely when they want to get some fresh air.

Kitties with FIV are often misunderstood, and some people falsely believe they can catch FIV from these sweet felines. People and other animals cannot get FIV. FIV can be passed to another cat through a deep bite wound, so FIV+ and FIV- cats that get along can easily live together. FIV cats have weakened immune systems, so they are more at risk of having side effects from common diseases, wounds or infections. This makes routine medical care essential for these cats. We hope that one day there will be no more stigma around this very manageable disease.

Note: The FIV Room kitties are joining our Guardian Angels program. Read more on page 6.

Registration Now Open for October 9 Cat Caper Race

The Cat Caper 5K Run/Walk is back! Join us Saturday, October 9 for our 15th annual Cat Caper! We are returning to the Scioto Audubon Metro Park for a morning of fun! Walk or run (or catnap!) the beautiful course, and then stick around for a delicious homemade breakfast for a \$5 donation.

You may also want to stay for the post-race raffle, which is always a hit, with baskets of gift cards, tickets and prizes you will adore. Each entry to the race will receive a free raffle ticket, but you can buy as many chances to win as you want!

As a bonus, when you register five or more people for the 5K, everyone in the group gets \$5 off their entry fee! Or, if morning walks aren't for you, you can sign up to be a Catnapper! You will still be supporting Cat Welfare, and you'll receive our spiffy race T-shirt, but without running the race. Then you can join us for the post-race breakfast and raffle if you like, or you can yawn at home, cat-style!

Register now at runsignup.com/Race/OH/Columbus/CatCaper5K.



The Cat Welfare Board Needs You!

Do you have extensive knowledge of the shelter, or skills in organizational management, finance, fundraising, marketing, computer technology, cat care, construction or other areas that might be beneficial to Cat Welfare? If you have any of these attributes and want to make a difference, please consider submitting an application to serve as a Board member. Cat Welfare's Board members are responsible for ensuring the organization stays true to its mission and is effective as possible in pursuing strategic goals. These ambassadors are required to participate in scheduled meetings, work on committees, and engage in fundraising.

Prospective Board members must be Supporting Members or Life Members of Cat Welfare for at least one year immediately preceding the election, with evidence of active involvement in the organization. The election to fill Board openings will be held on November 16, 2021 (location to be determined). One vote is allowed for each membership. Board members must be at least 18 years of age.

Please download an application at catwelfareassoc.org or contact the shelter to have an application mailed to you. A completed application should be emailed to boardresumes@catwelfareassoc.org or mailed to the shelter, Attn: Helen DeSantis, 741 Wetmore Road, Columbus, Ohio 43214. The deadline for submission is September 10, 2021.

Information about each candidate will be posted on Cat Welfare's website on or about September 28. Please contact the shelter if you would like the candidates' information mailed to you.

FoxFire Taco Event Set for September



In July, FoxFire Tacos visited the shelter for a special event. A good time was had by all, and the tacos received rave reviews. If you missed it, you still have another chance! FoxFire Tacos will return on September 8 from 5 to 7 p.m.! Come enjoy time with our kitties and some great food. If you donate two cans of Purina moist cat food, our FoxFire friends will give you an order of chips and salsa. It's a win-win situation!

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

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Helen DeSantis, Executive Director

Hours

11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Thursday
through Tuesday
11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday

The adoption fee of \$40 (\$25 for senior and special needs 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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Meet FeLV+ Kitty Tiger Lily

This is sweet, playful, affectionate Tiger Lily, a cat that is just over a year old. She has feline leukemia (FeLV), which means that she can live only as a single cat or with other FeLV+ cats. CWA places our FeLV+ cats as permanent fosters so we can continue to monitor their health and financially support their medical care. Come by and meet this snuggle bug!



Thank You!

Many thanks to veterinary student Brooklynn Slone from the University of London's Royal Veterinary College, who spent two weeks with us during her summer student placement. We enjoyed getting to know her and are grateful for all she did for the cats and kittens in our care.

Want to Volunteer? Attend a New Volunteer Orientation

The Cat Welfare Association is accepting a limited number of new volunteers to help with morning shelter & cage cleaning. We also need folks to represent us at public events. To apply for a spot at the next orientation, please email volunteering@catwelfareassoc.org.

FELINE IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS (FIV)

What is FIV?



FIV is a viral infection that infects **ONLY** cats.



Humans and other types of animals cannot get this virus.

What does my FIV cat need from me?

Good nutrition



Regular healthcare



Indoor only living

In FIV+ Cats:

- Common diseases, wounds and infections can be more serious
- Dental issues more likely
- A shortened lifespan more likely

How is FIV Transmitted?

Fortunately, the virus is fragile in the environment and is **hard to catch**.



Almost 100% of FIV is passed on through a deep penetrating bite wound



Via blood transfusion



Mother to kitten infection is possible, though unusual.

How is FIV NOT Transmitted?



- Friendly contact and by sharing these items: toys, bowls and litter boxes
- You **WILL NOT** carry FIV particles on your clothing and shoes should you pet an FIV+ cat.

Can my FIV+ cat live with FIV- cats?

Yes, as long as the cats are friendly to each other, because transmission happens when there is serious fighting.

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Cats who are infected may not show any symptoms until years after initial infection.

65%

Out of 67,000 FIV+ cats are thriving after 6 years

Dr. Julie Levy & IDEXX

1 1/2-3%

Of healthy cats in the U.S. are infected

vet.com/edu

15%

Of unhealthy cats in the U.S. are infected

vet.com/cats

CWA Happy Homes



These sisters, **Taco & Margarita**, love each other and are so social! They like playing with each other's tails, racing each other up and down the stairs and snuggling. They're the perfect fit for us.

Rad & Mike



We adopted **Eadu** on Mother's Day 2018, and she has just been such a joy. We love watching her play and explore the house. She is so amazing and patient with the children. Eadu has been the perfect addition to our family.

Rachel, Ryan, Izze & Spencer

Hey, it's **Gonzo**! My mommies had their eyes on one of my CWA sisters originally, but they fell in love with me the moment they saw me. I have been treated with love, snuggles, belly rubs, plenty of toys and treats. I miss my human CWA buddy Aaron, but he would be happy to know that I am loved! I make my mom and grandma laugh with how playful I am. I'm really happy with my new digs and can't wait for the next time I get treats!



Casey



I adopted **Bennie** just a few weeks ago, but we've become great friends already! He is such a wonderful little guy with so much love to give. He gets along great with my other cat. They are constantly playing together. Every night since I've brought him home, he's slept peacefully at the foot of my bed but always makes sure to wake me up when it's time for me to feed him his breakfast. I'm

so glad I adopted Bennie, he's already changed my life in so many ways. Thank you, Cat Welfare!

Jessica



We adopted **Bill** in 2018. He took some time to get adjusted to his new dog brother, but they now get along well. Bill is the sweetest cat. His favorite thing to do is lie in his cat bed in front of the window. The moment his human siblings go to bed, he comes over and lies with us. He is the best cat, and we are so happy he is ours. Thank you!

Amanda & Josh



Adopting **Daphne** was the best decision I've made in all my life. She is the sweetest and most cuddly cat I've ever encountered and loves to give and receive affection all day long. She loves to play in her 7-foot cat tree with her best friend Sammie, and she loves getting her weekly treat of fresh fish. She is absolutely spoiled, but she deserves it.

Tabitha

I adopted **Zorro** at 12 weeks old after my beloved fur baby, Phoenix, passed away. He has filled that empty void in my heart. He is so full of energy, and he makes me laugh all the time. He's a sweet boy but rambunctious and curious about everything. He keeps me busy, but I love every minute we spend together. He's my Zorro Bean, and I love him to pieces.



QiAna



After losing our 17-year-old and 13-year-old cats to natural causes over the past year, we decided it was time to open our hearts to another. We adopted **Janet** on a Mother's Day weekend, and what a wonderful gift she has been! She is so loving and friendly and has brought us precious friendship. She loves watching the birds, squirrels and bunnies in our back yard and is always ready for pets

when we get home. Thank you, Cat Welfare Association, and all of the volunteers and supporters who love and take care of these precious souls!

Kiowa Shuman



We adopted **Marcy** in May 2016, right after we graduated from OSU! Now she's best friends with our other cat, Leela, and is the friendliest, most energetic cat we've ever met. We recently bought a two-story house, and she absolutely loves scampering up and down the stairs!

Anna & Shawn



We are in love with little **Gracie**! She is so sweet and a touch feisty, which is the perfect combination. She has brought so much joy to our home! Thank you for taking such good care of all the wonderful kitties at your shelter.

Kristin & Willard

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

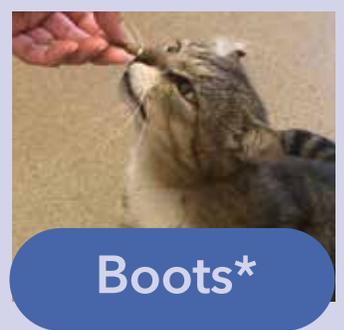
Become a Guardian Angel

Most cats who come through our doors stay just a little while before being adopted into loving homes. However, a select few become part of our permanent family due to their bad habits or health concerns. Other groups, like our FIV+ cats, may require some extra care before they can be adopted. The Guardian Angels Program allows you to select one of these special Cat Welfare cats or groups, become involved with their care, and even offer them some extra love and attention.

Being a Guardian Angel lasts for an entire year, with two sponsorship level options. At Silver Level, sponsors receive a note from their cat, color photos, a magnetic photo frame and a letter confirming their sponsorship. Gold Level sponsors receive all of the Silver Level items, plus a Guardian Angels cat pin and a mid-year update, including a note from the cat and a recent photo.

To become a Guardian Angel, fill out the form below or visit our website at catwelfareassoc.org/guardian-angels.

** Dolly and Boots represent the FIV+ Cats' Room and cannot be sponsored individually. Please select "FIV+ Cats' Room."*



Guardian Angels Sponsorship Form

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

ZIP _____

Phone _____

Sponsorship Level: _____ Silver (\$60) _____ Gold (\$120)

Which cat or group do you wish to sponsor? _____

Mail to: Cat Welfare, Attn: Guardian Angels, 741 Wetmore Road, Columbus, OH 43214

Sponsorship is good for one year.

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Ishie Memorial Fund

for long-term care of shelter residents

Cynthia Greenleaf "In honor of Laurie Hawkins of Mama Laurie's Petsitting"

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Heather Schooler "In memory of Skeeter, beloved feline companion of Fred Brown"

Aleesa Womer "In memory of Jay Brink, from the Ridgewood High School class of 1989"

Natalie Tyler "In loving memory of Zoey and Mrs. Palmer, my Cat Welfare girls adopted in 2008"

Richard Burkhardt "In loving memory of Lily, a frequent visitor"

Richard & Lynne McWherter "Martita Daugherty"

Lynda Downey, Richard Austin, Emma & Charlotte Porter and Steven Puckett

Altering Fund

to subsidize community low-cost spay/neuter surgeries

Annie Lach, Kristine Kuzora, Susan McKinley, Jennifer Howell "In memory of Jay Brink," Grace Schilinger, Nancy Aleman, Holly Mosier, William Hout, Robert & Patricia White, Emma & Charlotte Porter, Jeanette Gladden, Edwin & Ulla Wagers and Amanda Powell & Amy Borrer

Joey's Good Sam Fund

for medical care of owned cats

Randall Hertzner "In memory of Doug Buhner and Jasmine Boots," Trina Vannicelli "In memory of Juno Bethel, beloved cat of Amy and Matt Bethel," Carol Daniels, Dale & Marty Keener, Emma & Charlotte Porter, Edwin & Ulla Wagers and William Hout

Willard's Village Babies Fund

for care of feral cat colonies

Juanita & Rita Woods "In memory of Violet & Daisy. Our hearts still break," Juanita & Rita Woods "In memory and love of Willard", Annie Lach, Lisa Leaper and Emma & Charlotte Porter

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Cat-A-Lack Chow Club

for food for the shelter residents

Leslie Bothast, Allison Haedt, Claire Smith, Amber Friedman, Emma & Charlotte Porter, and Ryan Brink "In memory of Melissa Hapney, a wonderful cat mom"



Thank you, Emma & Charlotte

Amazing! Emma and Charlotte organized a fundraiser for us in June and earned \$1,100 for the cats and kittens in our care. So much gratitude to these young ladies for their efforts.



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Shelter Wish List:

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.



Hello, Batman

One day in January 2021, Batman showed up with a leg injury, and his caregiver knew he needed more help than she was able to provide. Now his leg has healed, and although he has gradually acclimated to shelter life, he's ready for a person or family to call his own. Batman is a muscular boy of about 5 years. He loves attention and used to nap on the lap of his feeder when he came by for afternoon porch visits. Batman would do best in a single kitty home. We believe he would be great with kids who want to play with their forever cat.

Cat Welfare has about 270 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!