

# Feline Forum

Cat Welfare Association Newsletter

December 2014/January 2015

## Foster Home Becomes a Forever Home



Cecil is one lucky little fellow. He was one of several cats and kittens being fed in an alley off of East Fourth Avenue. Once he got used to his caregiver, he decided he could trust her and sought her attention. It was then she noticed the adolescent appeared not to have eyes. Cecil arrived at our shelter the following day. After an evaluation, he was placed in the foster care of Rev. Garrard and Elma Haubrich so he could gain weight and strength before having surgery not only to remove dead eye tissue but also to remove bilateral ear polyps.

Team Haubrich quickly went to work doting on the kitten they renamed **Goldie**, after a cat they had loved many years back. Garry and Elma were amazed at the youngster's ability, with only a bit of training, to find his food and litter. In just two weeks, Goldie was strong enough for the surgeries to be performed at MedVet—and he had won Garry and Elma's hearts. They decided to make him a permanent addition to their family!

Goldie is now 7 months old and is a healthy, active kitten. Many of the Haubrich's friends have

brought toys for him, and Elma reports that he especially enjoys catching the toy on a fishing pole.

Cat Welfare would like to extend a special thank you to all of our loving and dedicated foster families. We could never save the numbers of kitties that we do without the support of our foster care team.



## How's your Shopping List shaping up?



Take care of all your family, friends and even your pets with Cat Welfare Gift Memberships!

*Many sizes and styles available to fit any need.*

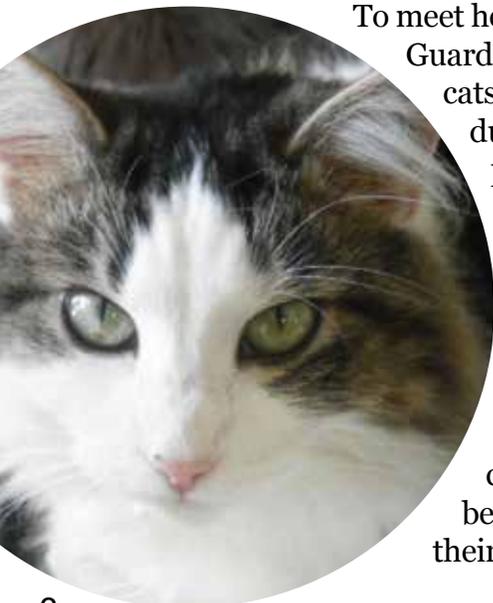
## Wrap Gifts, Benefit the Kitties

Want to help out the kitties and some holiday shoppers this holiday season? Please consider taking a gift wrapping shift at Barnes and Noble to benefit Cat Welfare Association. Volunteers are asked to wrap purchases in exchange for donations. You can sign up for a shift at <http://bit.ly/1xVPTbO> or by contacting our volunteer coordinator, Meredith Kiyosue, at 614-268-6096, Ext. 106.



## Lily Named to Guardian Angels

To meet her is to love her. **Lily** recently joined our Guardian Angel team. The Guardian Angel cats are permanent residents of Cat Welfare due to their various medical or behavioral problems. With your help, they can also benefit from extra care and attention. Your generous, tax-deductible donation ensures these cats get veterinary care, vaccinations, medicine, food, litter, toys, love and a home at our shelter. You can learn all about our Guardian Angel kitties by visiting [catwelfareohio.com/guardian-angels](http://catwelfareohio.com/guardian-angels) or, better yet, come on by the shelter to make their acquaintance.



## 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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[catwelfareohio.com](http://catwelfareohio.com)

[facebook.com/catwelfareohio](https://facebook.com/catwelfareohio)

## 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)

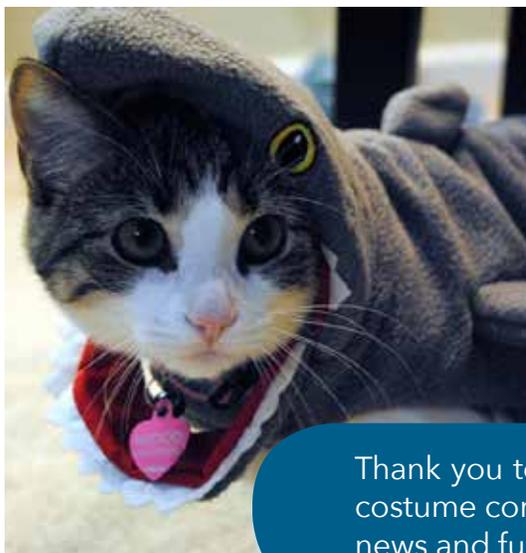
The adoption fee of \$40 (\$30 for seniors) includes spay/neuter surgery, initial vaccinations, testing for feline leukemia and FIV, microchip identification, flea treatment & deworming.



## Board of Directors

RoseAnn Ballangee, President  
Brenda Martin, Vice President  
Steve Hebenstreit, Recording Secretary  
Cathi Eisley, Treasurer  
Sue Godsey • Peggy Kirk

# Kitty Halloween Costumes Amuse on Facebook



Thank you to Andrew Wood for sharing these pictures on Facebook for our costume contest. Have you liked us on Facebook? For the most current CWA news and fun cat related posts, join us at [facebook.com/catwelfareohio](https://facebook.com/catwelfareohio).

## Vote Set on Proposed Changes to Bylaws

As you may know, Cat Welfare's Board of Directors has recommended changes to the organization's bylaws. The existing bylaws have served us well since 2008. However, there are some areas that need to be updated to serve us in the future. The proposed bylaws are much more in keeping with those of other non-profits.

The current bylaws are posted on Cat Welfare's website on the "About" tab under the "Board" category. The proposed bylaws are available for review via a link on the home page on our website, and paper copies are available at the shelter.

A meeting to vote on the proposed bylaws will take place on Tuesday, December 16 at 7 p.m. at Villa Angela, 5700 Karl Road, Columbus, OH 43229. We encourage you to attend this meeting. Your vote is important. Cat Welfare Association members have voting privileges if they have been a member for the preceding 12 months and have paid dues within the preceding 12 months.

## Bring Your Dogs, Cats to See Santa Dec. 14



Bring your kitties, bring your doggies, come with your family and friends for photos with Santa from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, December 14 at Posh Pets Boutique, 743 N. High St. in the Short North. Photos this year will be available by email for \$5, or a 4" x 6" print can be made for a \$10 contribution.

Come on out and have some fun! For more information, contact Gail Harbert at [cwivolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:cwivolunteers@gmail.com) or 614-268-6096, Ext. 103.

# CWA Happy Homes



My name is **Carolina**. I was adopted in June 2011 by Jeff, Susan and Christopher, and I sure hit the jackpot! They kept my name because North Carolina is their favorite vacation spot. When I arrived at my new home, my feline pal, Domino, was waiting for me. We're close friends now and love to chase each other through the house, watch birds and chipmunks through the window and hang out with Chris in the basement. During the holiday season, I love stretching out under the Christmas tree and playing late at night. I just wanted to say thanks to all the hard-working and dedicated people at Cat Welfare.

**The Judd Family**



I just wanted to share some photos of two kitties we adopted from Cat Welfare. Their names at the shelter were Lilith and Micah. They are now **Lilly** and **Walter**. They have adjusted really well to our home, and we are

so happy to have them. They are both really sweet-natured cats. They both love to play and watch the birds. Walter likes to carry a ball of socks around the house. Lilly likes to deliver toys to us, dropping them at our feet as an invitation. We are grateful to Cat Welfare for providing good care to so many cats in need.

**Sue Howson & Dave Fowler**



We adopted Cecelia and Elphaba on November 3, 2013. They love each other very much and enjoy their new forever home. Cecelia is now called **CeCe** and Elphaba is now called **MiMi**. They are doing great, and we can't imagine life without them. Thanks

for all you do for the kitties and continue the great work.

**Cathy and Eric Ottinger**



In 2010, I adopted **Reese** at 9 months old from your shelter to help complete my family. She has definitely done that. She has been loving life, and we recently rescued another little kitten that has kept Reese feeling young. I want to thank you for the work that you do. You help complete a family every time you adopt a cat. And I am always recommending your shelter when my friends mention they are looking. You do a great job. Thank you for taking the time to read my email and see some pictures of Reese all grown up.

**Amanda Fink**

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

# Kitty Condos Closer to Reality with \$21K Raised



With \$21,000 raised so far, we're a nearly a third of the way to the \$68,000 goal that will allow us to replace all of the shelter cages with cat condos!

We are grateful to our recent donors: Bonnie Smithson, Elizabeth & Jeffrey Kalbus, Marian Trimble, Steve & Sharon Hebenstreet, Jerry Johnson, Randy Kirschner, Penny & Doug Ellis, Melanie Murnan, Patty Santini, Jack Johnson, Julia Hering, Jean & Joe Arthur, Nancy Sohner, Michael E. Fitzmaurice, Jane & Mary Oakley, Craig & Loraine Treneff, Betty Fox, Roxanne Sargent, Karin Wright, Janet Overmyer, Rev. Garrard A. Haubrich, Barbara Ruppel, Daniel & Amy Pearse, Charles Rearick, Hilltop Historical Society, Janet Overmyer, John Smith, Cindy King, Tommie Hannel, Anita Dean, William & Patricia White, Charles McCargish, Jack Johnson, Pamela Holladay, Robert Kennedy, Douglas & Darian Torrance, Judy Hicks, Brenda & John Fingfeld and Linda Schellkopf.

## Crime Cats Book Series Features CWA Alumnus, Neil Higgins

Author Wolfgang Parker draws inspiration from his South Clintonville neighborhood in his *Crime Cats* book series, intended for readers ages 8 to 12. The mystery series features a boy named Jonas, who, after discovering that he can communicate with cats, teams up with felines Neil Higgins and CatBob to solve crimes. The real-life Neil Higgins, pictured at right, was adopted from Cat Welfare in 2009. He is one of many neighborhood cats Parker sees on his daily walks and has worked into his stories. Clintonville landmarks are also featured.

Both volumes, *Crime Cats: Missing* and *Crime Cats: The Dusenbury Curse*, are available for \$6.99 at the Clintonville Community Market, 200 Crestview Road; Colonial Candy Shoppe, 3519 N. High St.; Laughing Ogre Comics, 4258 N. High St.; Wholly Craft, 3515 N. High St.; and Cover to Cover, 3550 N. High St.



## Shop Amazon, Give to CWA

Will you be doing a lot of online shopping for the holidays? With the AmazonSmile program, you can shop as usual and Amazon will give 0.5% of your purchase to Cat Welfare! To qualify your purchase, go to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and search for Cat Welfare Association. Click the "Select" button to select it from the list, then shop as usual. It's that easy!

Eligible items are labeled "Eligible for AmazonSmile donation" in the box where the "Add to Cart" button is located on each product page. Your Wish List, baby and wedding registries, and other accounts are the same.

Happy shopping!

## OSU iBook Offers 'Cat Mastery'

Dr. Tony Buffington, professor and veterinarian at The Ohio State University, has written *Cat Mastery*, an interactive book for Mac or iPad. According to the book's description, it incorporates current research to "show you who cats are, why they do the things they do, and the simple, essential things you can do to make sure they feel safe and stimulated in your home." This includes 3D images, videos and interactive diagrams. Common illnesses are also covered.

The book is available for \$4.99 on iBooks on your Mac or iPad, though its interactive nature makes it most suitable for iPad.



Vote every day to help your favorite shelter win!



Help Cat Welfare claim the title of top shelter in the state. We know it's true, so let's make sure the entire state knows! Voting takes just a matter of seconds at [shelterchallenge.com](http://shelterchallenge.com).

## Cat Welfare 2015 Calendar

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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

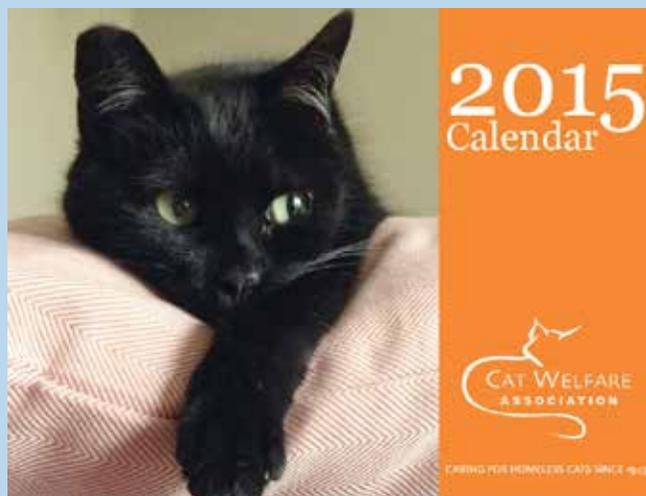
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Number of calendars \_\_\_\_\_ at \$16.92 each

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Cost includes tax and shipping

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# We Love Our Donors

## Ishie Memorial Fund

for long-term care of shelter residents

- Richard Austin
- Katherine Gage
- Anne Riley & Wilma Wabnitz “In memory of the precious Mrs. Bigglesworth”
- Christine Travis
- Charles Hyatt
- OnArt.com
- Linda Zoundas
- Annette Cox “In memory of Mrs. Bigglesworth”
- Joy & Ed Weiler
- Ruey Landis Rodman “In memory of Seraphina & Sydney”
- Erik Diekmeyer “In memory of the sweet Mrs. B, who had a home, lots of attention, and a long happy life”
- Dianne Curry
- Craig & Constance Walley “In memory of Sweet Imp, forever in our hearts”
- Raymond, Yvette & Renee Sadauskas

## Altering Fund

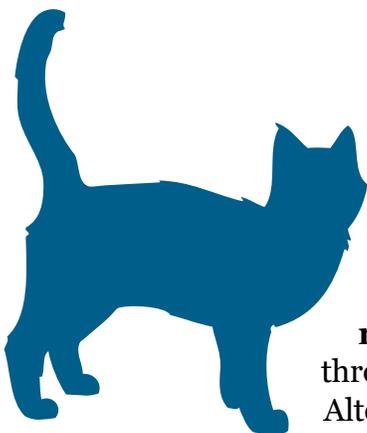
to subsidize community low-cost spay/neuter surgeries

Emilio & Gabriella Casetti, Joe McDonald, David Duke, Sharon Ford, Joy & Ed Weiler, Ilisa Nodelman, Emma Jean Haycook, and Dick & Linda Hamilton

## Vincent Fund

for emergency care for shelter cats

Linda Schellkopf, Beth Carnate “In memory of Ausma



From January through October 2014, we **adopted 771 cats** into loving homes and **subsidized 1,430 spay and neuter surgeries** through our various Altering Fund programs.

Weisend,” Anna Teichmoeller, Dorothy Cobbs, Marjorie Obrist, Erik Diekmeyer “In memory of the sweet Mrs. B,” Angela Gerald Ferraris, Martha Schellkopf “In memory of Linda Eckle,” Judy Hardy, Catherine Ridenbaugh, and Mary & John Carleton

## Joey’s Good Sam Fund

for medical care of owned cats

K.L. Reichert, Barbara Bates, Stephen Ford, Cat Henry “In memory of Linda Ann Eckle,” Joy & Ed Weiler, Jeff Vardaro & Amanda Potter “In memory of Randy Howells,” and Rachel Steiner “In memory of Lisa Hecht”

## Willard’s Village Babies Fund

for care of feral cat colonies

Juanita Woods “In memory of Mario (died June 24, 2014),” Richard Austin, Anne Riley & Wilma Wabnitz “In memory of Blue – gone for 1 year but forever in our hearts,” Juanita Woods “In memory of Mrs. Bigglesworth,” and Joy & Ed Weiler

## Cat-A-Lack Chow Club

for food for the shelter residents

Katherine Gage, Jennifer Sobczynski, Donna Nooney “In honor of Sandra Oberholtzer,” Bethel Metzger and Jeff Casto

## Cat Welfare would like to thank:

The All Life Foundation for their generous gift that funds our Joey’s Good Sam program.

Our cat grooming volunteers. We appreciate the time TLC you give to our kitties.

Pat Noreikis for her donation of special blankets to be used in the cages where cats are receiving special medical care.

The Cat Nippers for the extra work they do right before the holidays so we can all purchase the CWA catnip pillows for our kitties.



# Hello, Dandy

I am a dandy, and that's what they decided to name me here at Cat Welfare. I am a young, spayed female blue cream calico. I've been living here since May 2010, and I am ready to move in with a new family. When I arrived here, I immediately escaped from my cage and went into hiding in a cupboard under the sink. I was terrified of everything, but I didn't want anyone to know it, so I hissed and spat and swatted at everyone who came near me. That was no fun for me, since I'm actually a pretty pleasant gal. Anyway, it took quite a few months before I ventured out of the cupboard. Little by little, I started exploring the adoption room and making friends with the other cats. I started to watch people and came to understand that they can be lovely, especially if they like cats.

Then I let myself be touched by some people, and now I am hooked. I like to be petted, talked to and snuggled in a lap. I am a good cat, and I think I am ready to become part of a human home. That would be wonderful.

*Cat Welfare has nearly 300 cats available for adoption. Find your new feline friend by visiting [www.catwelfareohio.com](http://www.catwelfareohio.com) or stopping by our shelter. The kitties would be happy to see you!*

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.

### Shelter Wish List:

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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