

# Feline Forum

Cat Welfare Association Newsletter

December 2015/January 2016

## Get Festive at Worthington Window Contest



sponsored by Old Worthington Partnership

Magic Cruises, 656 N. High St., has made Cat Welfare its charity of choice for the Old Worthington Partnership's "It's a Wonderful Window Contest." Cat Welfare will be teaming up with Crime Cats author and illustrator Wolfgang Parker to decorate the window. Shoppers will have the opportunity to vote for their favorite window display through a ballot box set up inside each participating store. Each vote is \$1. Shoppers may vote as much as they want and for as many windows as they want. The window with the most votes at the end of the competition will win the Bronze Window trophy. More importantly, all the charities will be winners, as each charitable organization will keep 100% of the money placed in its ballot box.

All windows will be revealed during the "Big Reveal" at noon on Sunday, November 29, at the

start of the Holiday Open House, which runs from noon to 5. The competition will run through December 26, 2015. Please be sure to stop by Magic Cruises, thank their staff for selecting Cat Welfare as their charity partner, and drop a vote or two in our ballot box. The kitties want that trophy!

## Andrea itching to find a forever home

Greetings. My name is **Andrea** and I am a mature, sweet-natured girl of approximately 10 years. When I arrived at Cat Welfare in November 2014, I had some skin lesions that made me feel itchy and pretty uncomfortable. Even after several evaluations and some attempts to heal me with medications, the dry itchy skin persisted. I was so happy when I met Dr. Linehan this spring! She placed me in a foster home and said absolutely no other food or treats besides a prescription diet. Well, heck, no one likes a diet, but WAHOO, this one worked! Over a period of time my lesions healed, the fur on my tummy has begun to grow back, and I scratch my ears only on occasion. I feel so good! Now I need you. My foster parents are great, but I am confined to a room so I am not tempted to eat their other cats' food. So, if you are looking to add a laid-back, affectionate cat to your household and you can support me on my diet, please call the shelter to arrange an opportunity to meet me.



# Proposed Changes to Bylaws Set for Vote at Annual Meeting

As you may know, modifications to Cat Welfare's Bylaws were approved by the Board of Directors at its meeting on October 20, 2015. The proposed changes clarify and/or align a few items with their intended meaning.

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

Written comments will be accepted through December 31, 2015, via email to [bylaws@catwelfareassoc.org](mailto:bylaws@catwelfareassoc.org), or postal mail to Cat Welfare, Attn: Peggy Kirk, 741 Wetmore Road, Columbus, OH 43214.

A general membership meeting to vote on the proposed changes will take place on Tuesday, January 19, 2016, at 7 p.m. at Villa Angela, 5700 Karl Road, Columbus, OH 43229. We encourage you to attend this meeting. Your vote is very important! Cat Welfare Association members have voting privileges if they have been members for the preceding 12 months and have paid dues within the preceding 12 months.

## 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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[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.



### 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.*

## Fill Your Feline Stockings with 'Nip



Our holiday motif catnip toys are now available. Shop early so you don't miss out. Last December 592 were purchased!

We thank the Cat Nippers for all of their efforts to make these beloved pillows.



## Board of Directors

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# It Takes Two to Make Things Go Right



Gwen Allen and Marilyn Lee have been volunteering as a team to issue our Altering Program vouchers since 2011. Their weekly task is now streamlined to a science, and they understand how important our program is to the cat population crisis in central Ohio.

As a bonus, they have become dear friends. Marilyn and Gwen trained to participate in our 2013 Cat Caper 5K and completed the 2014 race as well. They continue to walk together twice a week while they enjoy discussing current events and cultural trends.



Donna has worked at Cat Welfare since 1977. She has had to leave the agency a couple of times because of life changes but has been back full-time since 1997 as an animal care technician. “I look at Cat Welfare as a sanctuary, not only for the cats but for visitors and staff as well.” When asked to name a favorite cat, it was no surprise that Donna immediately said **Fannie**. We’re certain that if the favorite person question were posed to Fannie, her response would be as immediate, since Fannie can often be found following Donna around as she completes her cleaning tasks.

Donna’s lovely daughter, Liz, joined the CWA staff four years ago when she turned 18. She had done some volunteering at Cat Welfare in her earlier years and wanted to return to “the call of the kitties in need.” Liz is a part-time animal care technician, and the thing she enjoys most about working at Cat Welfare is “the heart-warming feeling I get when the cats run up to greet me in the morning.” She also truly appreciates the kind words and gratitude from our visitors.

Liz is currently attending classes at Columbus State, where her focus is graphic design, with the hope of one day working on magazine layouts. Liz was responsible for all of the graphic design work for our Evening at the Africa Event Center and is currently completing the banner for our “It’s a Wonderful Window” display.



# CWA Happy Homes



My mother-in-law loved taking care of the kitties that always seemed to find their way to her front porch. After she suffered a stroke, she was never able to return to her home. My husband was determined to find homes for two adorable orange kittens who called mom's front porch home. Before he was able to rescue them, one ended up getting injured. She had a huge open wound on her back that left her paralyzed. You took her in right away and forever freed her from her pain. We already had two cats and were not looking to adopt another until I saw **Murray**. His birth defect pulled on my heart strings after everything we experienced with the little orange kitty, and I knew then he would have his forever home. Murray gets around like any other cat. He does limp when he walks but doesn't let it slow him down. He loves chasing his older brothers! Thank you CW for my little Murray!

**Cindy Hahn**



I adopted **Delia** and **Rosie** a little over two years ago, and what a great decision it was! I walked into the shelter and asked for the two most cuddly female cats, and I got exactly what I asked for! Rosie loves to go outside on her leash to chase crickets, and Delia will sit on her fleece blanket and make biscuits for hours!



**Natalie Spencer**

We adopted **Nugget** last year, and we feel that we made a great decision in our life. Nugget is a healthy and playful young boy. We were surprised that he knew exactly where to eat and poo the second day. Every day when we come home from work, he welcomes us at the door and wants to be touched. He is so close to people and always melts our hearts. All the irritations fly away as soon as we see him. He loves climbing up and down, but he never knocks anything off the table. He brings so much joy to our lives, and we really appreciate Cat Welfare for giving us this adorable gift.

**Sharon Hsiao**



We adopted **Lily** from CWA five years ago. My husband and I had just moved in together, and he already had a cat, so OF COURSE, I needed one of my own. Lily was found in a cardboard box in a field near Bellefontaine, OH, which happens to be where my husband grew up. I connected with her immediately. Lily is the first pet I've ever had that's actually mine, and she has been the light of my life (along with my hubby of course, haha). I will forever be thankful to CWA for the work that they do because without them I wouldn't have my best friend!

**Shannon Franz**



I began going to Cat Welfare shortly after our beloved Aldo passed away. I immediately took notice of a small, quiet, unassuming orange male named Harvey Dale. For four days in a row, I spent two to four hours at Cat Welfare, letting him out of his cage to sit on my lap. He would sit there the entire time, completely content with just having a lap to sit in. I knew after the fourth day that I wanted to give him a new home.

He obviously had a rough life, as his hair was still a bit ratty, his ears were malformed, and his face was weathered and scarred. He was listed as being 12 years old, but I didn't care. I knew my wife would love him just as much as I already did!

**Leo**, as we call him now, is the new ruler of our household. He has put on weight, and he's more confident and the most adorably sweet cat you could imagine! He loves to head bump our faces and sleep on us when we sleep. He has brought nothing but interesting moments and happiness to our home. We also now know that he is actually much younger than 12 years old; he is very energetic and plays A LOT! He was just in very poor condition when he was saved by the wonderful woman who rescued him and brought him to her work at CWA. I just want to say thank you. Leo is truly not just a cat, but a great friend. We love him so much.

**Jason Defenbaugh & Yulia Gaydutskaya**



We adopted **Rocky** almost three years ago from Cat Welfare Association. In Rocky's free time, he likes to fetch, play with our son Jaxon, and eat treats. We are very thankful to have him in our lives.

**Mikel & Misti**



**Abbigail Marie** is so loving. She is always by my side and likes to rub my face with her paw and groom my hair! She makes the cutest noises and is a very happy little girl. Abbigail is Cat #10, but I have no regrets in falling in love with her. The other cats took her in and welcomed her right away!

**Patticat**

We adopted Dee Dee in 2011, when she was just 2 months old, the last picked from her litter. She became **Uma** soon after, and has become the apple of our eyes. She is loving but feisty! Her sassy attitude is matched only by her sweet love of cuddling



and lying in front of the computer, but only when we try to use it, of course! She is a wonderful member of our family.

**Natalie Spencer**

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.

# Special Kitties Need



**Lovey** here, and I'd be pleased to make your acquaintance. You'll be surprised to learn that I have been a resident of Cat Welfare for nearly two of my three years of life. Currently, I am living with 15 of my friends in our own room because we all acquired a condition called tritrichomonas. We are all due to be released back into the general population in February, but I am hoping to be living in my forever home before 2016!

I enjoy the other cats and try to engage them in play, but I LOVE my human companions. I am one of the first to greet a visitor and, oh boy, when I see someone with a comb or brush in hand I get so excited! Don't you think it's time I got to experience life in a forever home, perhaps yours?



My name is **Finn**, and I came to the shelter in June 2010 as a small kitten. I was shy and a little hesitant at first, but that has all changed now! I seek out people and want to be petted. A lot! I will even let some people pick me up! I am quite playful and have lots of energy to chase my favorite feather toys. I get along great with other cats and will walk away if some of the tough guys around here try to take advantage of my good nature and pick on me. Almost a year ago some of us cats came down with tritrichomonas, which has required us to live in the great winterized sun porch for a while. It is full of windows and opportunities to bask in the sun and watch birds, but I am looking forward to the day when we have the run of the shelter again. We are allowed to have visitors and really appreciate it when people come in to see us. I sit in the window and dream of the day when I will get my very own home.

## About Tritrichomonas

Tritrichomonas is a microscopic parasite that settles in the large intestine and can cause diarrhea. It is generally accepted that humans cannot get this parasite. All of the cats at Cat Welfare that tested positive for tritrich were treated with Ronidazole.

# ed Special Homes

My name is **Dana**, and I am a 5-year-old neutered male cat who is FIV+. I was found hanging around an elementary school because, honestly, I just wanted one of those kids to take me home. I was so battered and underfed that a kind member of our community decided I needed assistance with my search for a family and brought me to CWA. I do so love people. I enjoy having my fur brushed and will thank you with affectionate head bumps. So, here's the problem: I try so hard to use self-control, but I want to be the top cat in the FIV room, and I cannot help but challenge Macaroni. He was here first, and the staff doesn't want to see him injured, so I find myself being confined to a cage. I would love to meet you. Can you spring me free for the holidays and beyond?



Hello Everybody, **Macaroni** here. If you like a big ol' muscular tom cat, look no further because I am the cat for you. I hear people say that if I were a human, I'd be a linebacker for sure. Oh, and I get the gentle giant reference a lot, too. I am about 4 years old, neutered and FIV+. I had some dental issues before, but they've been addressed now. Life here at the shelter is okay. I have bonded with members of the staff, I have friends who visit on a regular basis, and we get this moist food served to us that I love so much that I chirp while the can is being opened. This guy who lives in our room, well, he wants my top cat position, and I've tried to tell him it's his for the taking. I'm a lover, not a fighter. Might YOU want to rescue me and give me a forever home? I will be awaiting your arrival.

## About Feline Immunodeficiency Virus

FIV+ cats typically don't have needs that are much different from any other cat. They should be kept indoors, eat a good, healthy diet and have as little stress as possible. All cats in the household should also have regular vet visits for their own health and to protect the health of the FIV+ kitty, since his or her immune system can have a harder time fighting off infections.



# The Catique Resale Shop

1005 Mediterranean Ave.  
in the Busch Boulevard Centre

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Saturday 9 am - 4pm

## Shop Amazon, Give to CWA \$20K Needed for Cat Condos

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. A Wish List of things the shelter needs is available at [goo.gl/uoUFHL](http://goo.gl/uoUFHL).

Happy shopping!



Thanks to your generosity, we have raised just under \$50,000 and are just \$20,000 shy of reaching our goal. Will you join in to help us reach our target of replacing every cage in the shelter with a cozy condo?

We are grateful to our recent donors: Joy & Ed Weiler, Steven Puckett, Mary Tipton, Andrew Minamyer, Michael & Mary Ann Vehonsky, Joanne Knox, Geraldine Pekarek, Ronna MacIjewski, Edward Espinosa, Betty Fox, Ruth Schweiger, Tim Thompson, Cheryl Lewis, Margaret Bailey, E. Gail Kalbus, Joan Fischer, Fern Hunt, William Hout, Anita Knoechel, Melanie Beausay, Anne E. Needleman, Dianne Curry, Judy Hicks and Marjorie Ford.

## Save the Date

**What:** General Membership Meeting

**When:** 7 p.m., Tuesday, January 19, 2016

**Where:** Villa Angela, 5700 Karl Road, Columbus, OH 43229

## Vincent Fund Gives Alfie a Chance at Life



Tip arrived at the shelter in September, and we knew immediately that this young female cat was in trouble. With a nearly severed tail and a large wound on her hindquarters, Tip was immediately taken to MedVet Medical Center. Once stabilized, Tip was ready for Dr. Dudley to perform her life-saving surgery.

During Tip's recovery in our shelter, volunteer Linda carried her in a sling on a nearly daily basis. Even with the severity of her wounds and being sentenced to wear an Elizabethan collar, Tip was never grumpy or showed a lack of trust.

Twenty-eight days after her arrival, Tip was adopted by the Wildi family, joining three other kitties ranging in age from 6 years to Tip at 10 months. They renamed her, calling her **Alfie** after Corey Wildi's father, who recently passed away. This adoption was a tribute to his spirit.

Corey reports that Alfie has a healthy appetite. Since Alfie is still adjusting to her new home, she is being fed in a bedroom. If Corey or her husband is a bit late with one of Alfie's meals, she will command them with a loud meow. Corey reports there is so much effort behind the demanding meow that Alfie's entire body will actually shudder.

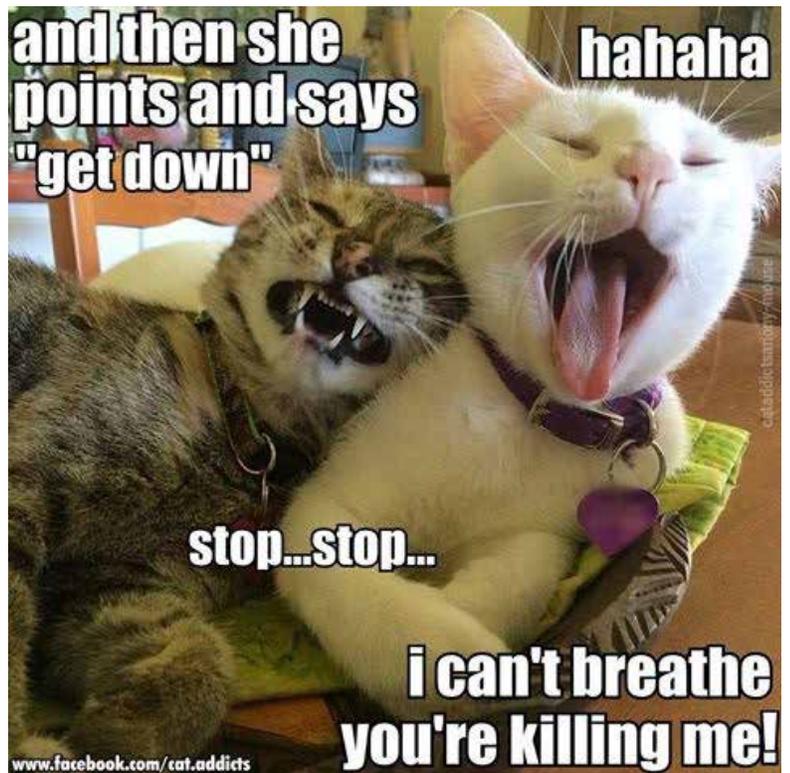
They affectionately refer to Alfie as their rudder-free cat, noting that the loss of her tail makes her less confident in her leaping ability, so she "mountain climbs" onto chairs and beds.

*We thank you for your generous donations to our Vincent Fund. The Vincent Fund was established to help pay for unexpected vital medical care for our shelter cats.*

## CWA Fun Fact



Did you know that, on average, Cat Welfare uses twenty-seven 25-pound bags of litter each day?



# Fund Spotlight

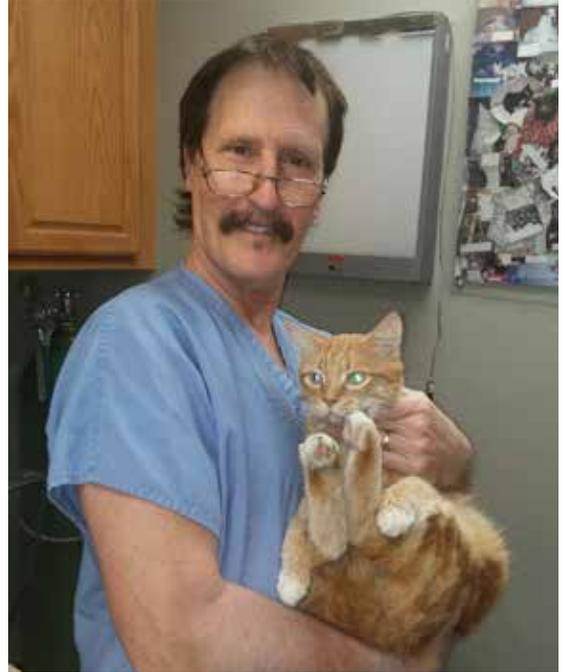
## Joey's Good Sam Fund Helps Peaches Recover

Lela wasn't sure what to do. Her beloved indoor cat, **Peaches**, slipped out the door and was hit by a car. Lela was scared. She knew her cat was in bad shape, and they immediately needed help. Lela was familiar with Cat Welfare because she had used our program to get Peaches neutered and vaccinated several years back. Lela said a prayer for help, and her call to the shelter was answered after the first ring.

Chittenden Animal Hospital, one of several practices serving our Joey's Good Samaritan program, told us they would see Peaches immediately. After a thorough evaluation, Doc Weisel was happy to report that the cat did not receive any life threatening injuries. However, there were some lacerations that needed to be cleaned, and the cat's jaw was fractured, which required wiring for the healing process. Peaches spent several days in Chittenden's care so they could monitor and manage his pain and ensure he was eating.

Lela is so thankful for the services Cat Welfare was able to fund. She has a bond with Peaches that is like no other she has experienced with a cat. She thinks it may be in part because she took him in as a kitten after his feral mama gave birth to him in her backyard or maybe because "he just is that special one in my life."

*Joey's Good Samaritan Fund, formerly known as The Good Sam Fund, provides assistance to owned cats that are in need of medical care beyond the financial ability of their families. Joey's Good Samaritan Fund will help keep beloved felines in their forever homes. We thank you for your contributions.*



## Cat Welfare 2016 Calendar

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

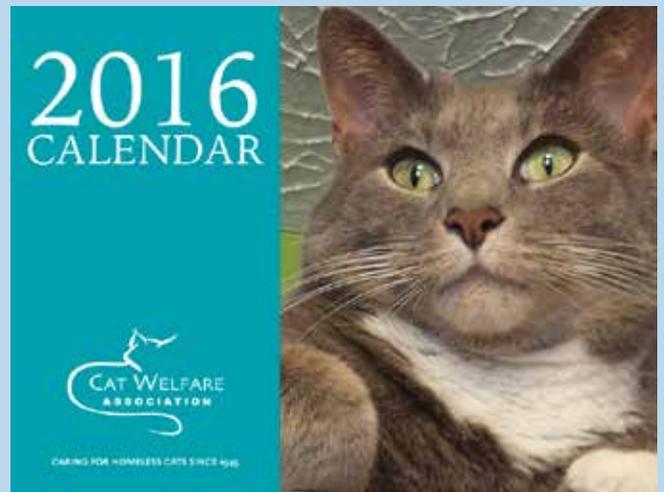
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## Ishie Memorial Fund

for long-term care of shelter residents

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- Anita Dean
- Kathleen Pursley “In memory of Scooter”
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- Joy & Ed Weiler
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## Vincent Fund

for emergency care for shelter cats

Debbie Anderson “In memory of my mother”, Anita Dean, Nancy Flanagan, Lynne Bonenberger, Linda Schellkopf, Stephen Scott & Micaela Stratton, Janice & Jerry Noltemeyer, RoseAnn Ballangee, Irina & Boris Pittel, Geri & Don Murray “In memory of Butters”, Joy & Ed Weiler, Marjorie Obrist, Judy Rollins, Judy Hardy, Joan Lee, Suzanne Larger, Ilisa Nodelman, Dick & Linda Hamilton, Eileen & John Laffey, and Katie Waller

## Joey’s Good Sam Fund

for medical care of owned cats

Monica & Gary Cook, Joseph Mismas, David McMaken “In loving memory of Sammie,” Joy & Ed Weiler, Charles & Lisa Woodward “In loving memory of Pastor Jerry Haubrick,” and William Hout

## Willard’s Village Babies Fund

for care of feral cat colonies

Juanita Woods “In memory of precious Willard,” Richard Austin, Karen Skilken “Thank you to those who care so much! Thank you to Wilma and Anne,” Richard Austin, and Joy & Ed Weiler

## Cat-A-Lack Chow Club

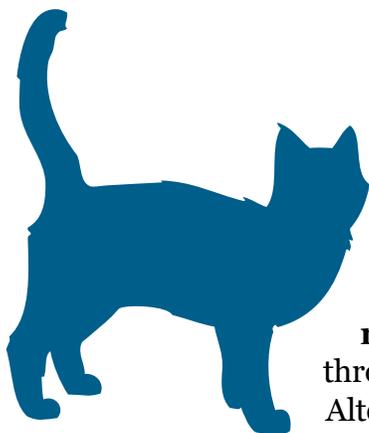
for food for the shelter residents

Beth Barnett

## Altering Fund

to subsidize community low-cost spay/neuter surgeries

Anita Dean, Edwin & Ulla Wagers, Donald Smith, Ruey Landis Rodman, Gary Horn, and Kerri Pollet



From January through October 2015, we **adopted 929 cats** into loving homes and **subsidized 1,597 spay and neuter surgeries** through our various Altering Fund programs.

## Cat Welfare would like to thank:

All of our volunteers. The time and love you give to our mission is an intrinsic part of our success.

Our foster families, who helped us through an amazing kitten season! From April 1 to October 31, 2015, we had 294 kitties in foster care. Our foster families gave above and beyond. We are so grateful for this caring team.

The Catique shoppers and the funds you generate for our kitties.



# Hello, Angela

Hi, there! My name is **Angela**, and I am a GORGEOUS feline who was discarded here at the shelter in a cardboard box. I arrived with my brother Angelo in September. We were obviously someone's pets at one time, as we are both declawed on all four feet. My brother has since been adopted, and I now realize just how safe he made me feel. I am affectionate, but, quite honestly, I am getting stir crazy here in a cage, but the thought of being on the floor without any claws is terrifying. If you have room in your quiet home for a stunning diva cat, I would love to meet you!

*Cat Welfare has nearly 300 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!*

**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 scrubbies, and Mr. Clean.

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