

Feline Forum

Cat Welfare Association Newsletter

December 2018/January 2019

Foster Odin Gets A New Lease On Life

Odin lost the use of his back legs thanks to a BB that was lodged in his spine. Because of your support to Cat Welfare's Vincent Fund, he got the care he needed following the surgery to remove the BB, and in October 2017 became a permanent foster cat to Karli and her boyfriend, Eddie. Since then, he has spent his days playing and snoozing with his siblings Bear and El, who are also Cat Welfare alums. Everything seemed to be going well.

However, after a while, Odin began to harm himself by chewing on his immobile back legs. Specialists at MedVet couldn't be sure if he was in pain or if his legs simply felt strange, but he was doing serious damage to his limbs. They first attempted to put him on some painkilling medication around the clock, which worked but left him very lethargic and required Karli to get up in the middle of the night so he wouldn't miss a dose. Unfortunately, before too long he

began to develop sores that indicated his circulation was failing.

As his quality of life faded, the vet made a surprising suggestion: since he hadn't had use in his legs for some time anyway, and they certainly weren't doing him any good, perhaps they should just be removed entirely. Karli discussed this option with Cat Welfare, since the shelter had continued to pay his vet bills as a permanent foster, and Odin was given the thumbs up to go ahead with the surgery. In Summer 2018, Odin had his rear legs amputated and came home looking a bit like a rotisserie chicken, but his recovery has been amazing. He healed up very quickly, and he's back to feeling like his old, spunky self. He has even been able to stop all medication.

We are so very grateful to Karli and Eddie for taking the time to create a safe environment for this sweet boy and his fur siblings. You can follow Odin's amazing story of love and dedication and get to know his siblings, too, at [instagram.com/ebo_cat_trio](https://www.instagram.com/ebo_cat_trio).



Fill Your Kitties' Stockings with 'Nip



Our holiday motif catnip toys are now available. Shop early so you don't miss out. Last December more than 700 were purchased!

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

AmazonSmile Shoppers Can Benefit 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 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/eLNYhd. Happy shopping!

Stop By Barnes & Noble for Gift Wrapping



Once again this year, Cat Welfare volunteers will be wrapping gifts purchased from Barnes and Noble at their Lennox Town Center and Kingsdale locations. The complimentary gift wrapping begins the day after Thanksgiving through Christmas Eve. This outreach is an excellent way to educate the community about Cat

Welfare and our various programs. Also, it's a great fundraising opportunity. Last year Cat Welfare received over \$3,000 in donations from Barnes and Noble shoppers. Many volunteers are needed to make this project a success. Volunteer sign-up information will be posted to Cat Welfare's website after Thanksgiving.

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.



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Saying Goodbye to Fannie

We have lost a very special girl. Fannie lived nearly all of her life as a CWA resident and daughter of CWA staff member, Donna. Fannie spent her days following Donna around and “assisting” during their routine. This tiny girl charmed so many with her peculiar manner. A heart-filled thank you to all who sponsored Fannie as your Guardian Angel.

Donna shared these thoughts:

I met Fannie in 2006 when she was about 10 weeks old. Initially, we thought she was just a quirky kitten, and I took an immediate liking to her. She had huge eyes and everyone started calling her Owl Cat. I re-named her Fannie after my great-grandma.

As she grew older, we noticed she walked, ate and played unlike any other cat we had known. Fannie lived in her own world. She would lie on her side and pretend to be catching butterflies or bubbles. She would play with nonexistent things on the floor. Throughout the day she was a persistent constant, always by my side.

Everyone called me her Mom, and it was true! In all of my many years at Cat Welfare, Fannie was by far my favorite cat and my best friend. I know Fannie holds a special place in the heart of anyone who knew her, and she will be greatly missed.

There will be a memorial to honor Fannie in the Spring of 2019.



Cat Welfare 2019 Calendar

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone _____

Number of calendars _____ at \$16.92 each

_____ Total cost

Cost includes tax and shipping

Make checks payable to Cat Welfare Association



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CWA Happy Homes



We visited Cat Welfare looking for a furry friend to fill our new home. I immediately fell in love with **Sam**, who had been returned by his previous owners. He was a perfect, sweet, good-natured cat. As I carried Sam to the counter to fill out his paperwork, I spotted a wild little black kitten climbing the side of his cage and mewling uncontrollably. **Panther** also stole my heart, and we agreed that Sam needed a little spice from the tiny black kitten a quarter of his size. Fast forward more than a year later, and we have two of the greatest cats imaginable! They love to play and nap and have brought us a joy we didn't know we were missing! I've never seen two more loving and content cats. Even though they aren't actual blood brothers, they have become brothers and best friends who can't even be separated by a closed door without becoming distraught! Thank you to the staff and volunteers who helped us find our fur children! Your organization does wonders for the cats of Columbus!

Cyra & Tanner



My daughter fell in love with **K.C.** at first sight. We still spent time with each cat in there to make sure she was the right one for us, but my little girl kept going back to this kitten. I was hesitant at first. Since she was blind in one eye, I was worried my little girl would be too much for K.C. to handle. But she has been a great addition to our family, and we love her tremendously! We even got K.C. her very own kitten.

Jennifer



We got **Eris** to help our other cat, Veronica, adjust better, and she has been such a joy to have in the house. The two of

them get along so well, and we catch them playing and cuddling all the time. They're thick as thieves. Eris also loves to cuddle with us, and she purrs like a motorcycle. We love her a lot, and she certainly brought a lot of personality into our home.

Lex & Breigh



We adopted **Ricochet** in May 2016. We knew he was the one because he wouldn't stop demanding attention from us whenever we walked by his cage. As you can see, he bonded with our dog rather quickly, and they are best friends now. Ricochet turned out to be a fitting name as he has quite a bit of energy and tends to bounce around (and get into everything he possibly can), but he's family now and we love him.

Jen

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

Support Our Funds

Since 1945 Cat Welfare's mission has been 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. Felines not placed in forever homes live their lives in the care and comfort of our shelter.

As a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, membership dues help to pay for the care and feeding of around 275 felines waiting for permanent homes. Learn more about and donate to the funds that help us do our critical work.

Altering Fund

The Altering Fund helps us fight the problem of pet overpopulation by providing vital low-cost spay & neuter services to cats in the community through local veterinarians and spay and neuter clinics.

Ishie Memorial Fund

Funds from The Ishie Memorial Fund are used to care for the permanent residents of Cat Welfare. Sometimes a cat enters our shelter and, for whatever reason, finds itself making Cat Welfare its permanent home. These cats are near and dear to our hearts, and the staff, volunteers, and visitors of the shelter become their family. Ishie was one of those special kitties that lived at Cat Welfare in the 1980s.

Vincent Fund

The Vincent Fund was established to help pay for unexpected vital medical care for our shelter cats. The fund is named after Victoria Bonner's cat Vincent. He was adopted from Cat Welfare in 1985 and sadly died of a terminal illness at the age of 18.

Joey's Good Samaritan Fund

Joey's Good Samaritan Fund, formerly known as The Good Sam Fund, provides assistance to owned cats who are in need of medical care beyond the financial ability of their families.

Willard's Village Babies Fund

The Willard's Village Babies Fund helps feral cats and their advocates through low-cost spaying and neutering, education and by providing food/shelters for colonies. This fund was established to honor and remember Willard, a colony cat who was cared for by Cat Welfare, while providing support to those special individuals who devote time and resources to altering feral cats to help minimize the cat overpopulation problem, as well as working to keep those cats healthy and living in a good environment.

Cat-A-Lack Chow Club

Donations to The Cat-A-Lack Chow Club help offset the cost of feeding the nearly 275 wonderful felines at Cat Welfare. Cat Welfare goes through 40 pounds of dry food and 40 cans of canned food every day, 365 days a year.

Guardian Angels

Because of their various medical or behavioral problems, the Guardian Angel cats featured on our website are permanent residents of Cat Welfare. They will always have a home at Cat Welfare and, with your help, they can also benefit from extra care and attention. Your generous donation, which is tax deductible, will ensure these cats, and the other cats in our care, are provided with veterinary care, vaccinations, medicine, food, litter, toys, love and a home at our shelter. Join the Guardian Angels Program today, and you can follow the life of a Cat Welfare cat, become involved in his life, and offer him some extra love and attention.

Fund Spotlight

Vincent Fund Provides Care for Cats in Need

Our first time meeting **Parsons** was entirely serendipitous. Walking through the back rooms, we spotted him sitting alone, mangled and exhausted yet staring intently at us. We couldn't fathom what he had endured, but despite his wounds he excitedly welcomed our attention as though we were the family he had been waiting for his whole life. His sweetness shone through his rough exterior, and we couldn't shed him from our minds. We continued to visit regularly over the following months as he recovered through surgeries, tooth pullings, and skin ailments.



Parsons is now content in his new forever home.

When the day finally came that he was healthy enough to leave, he entered our home in a world-worn body brimming with a kitten's spirit. Our other senior cat, Fiona, graciously welcomed him into her space, and it was not long before they began spending their days interlocked on their bed fast asleep. Parsons' personality flourished as he took root in his new home, and he has proved to be THE funniest, sweetest, and most gentle cat we have ever shared our home with. He is one of the greatest joys in our lives, and our home is so much richer for him.



Nikki gives Parsons a skin-soothing bath at the shelter.

Clayton

Your generous donations to the Vincent Fund allows us to care for stray cats like Parsons and help them to find their happily ever after.

Need a New Year Resolution? Become a CWA Volunteer!



Cat Welfare offers a wide variety of volunteer opportunities for those 14 years and older. We do ask that our 14- and 15-year-old volunteers have an adult who is willing to remain with them. Find our volunteer handbook or sign up for a volunteer orientation at catwelfareassoc.org/volunteer. The kitties will thank you!

We Love Our Donors

Ishie Memorial Fund

for long-term care of shelter residents

Michelle Davis, Lisa Leaper, Janice & Jerry Noltemeyer, Lois Schultz and Janet Wilson

Douglas Snouffer “In memory of Lowell Poland”

Valerie Haulk “In memory of Montgomery – a handsome, turkey-loving tabby who was adored for many years by all of us”

Charlotte Stiverson “In honor of Kathy Filippi, who continually provides care and love to the many cats who cross her path”

Jessica Malagisi & Susan Brink “In memory and in honor of Patricia Poling”

Sue Austin “Thank you for helping needy cats”

John & Maryann Gall “In memory of Jean Cook”

Judy Hardy “In memory of Willow”

Judy Hicks “In memory of Pollyanna”

Dale & Marty Keener “Grant”

Susan Keller “In memory of Chessie & Captain”

Jennifer Schleppe “In honor of my beloved Raymond’s birthday. Keeping his memory alive in this way makes him feel a little less far away.”

Doris Litman “In memory of Alan Litman”

Altering Fund

to subsidize community low-cost spay/neuter surgeries

Craig Lewis, Edwin & Ulla Wagers, Anna Teichmoller, Susan McKinley and Alice Freschman

Vincent Fund

for emergency care for shelter cats

Linda Schellkopf “In memory of Sue Canale’s cat Clifford,” Stuart Whittaker “In memory of Fuzz Muth,” Janice & Jerry Noltemeyer, Craig Lewis “In honor of beloved pets,” Anne Lach, Marjorie Obrist, Nancy Sohner “In honor of Joan Shkolnik’s birthday,” Penny Popper, Leon & Patricia Cohan Jr., Lynnette Gibboney “In memory of Ronnie Kolkanko,” Lynne Bonenberger, Terence Odlin and Jessica Ray

Joey’s Good Samaritan Fund

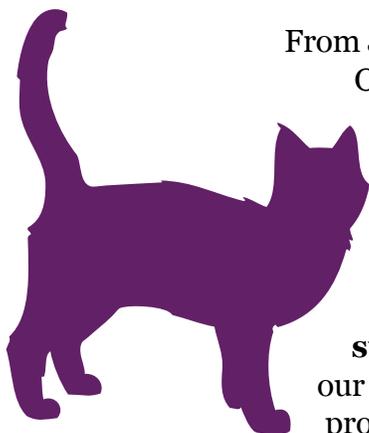
for medical care of owned cats

Randall Hertzner “In memory of Doug Buhner,” David Welliver “In memory of Marjorie Botkin Baker, 1924-2011,” Shereen Midkiff, William Hout “In memory of Doug Buhner,” Barbara Ruppel, and Janet Lewis

Willard’s Village Babies Fund

for care of feral cat colonies

Juanita Woods “In memory of precious Willard,” Richard Austin, Susan Carroll Clark “In memory of Joseph P. Carroll,” Juanita Woods “In memory of Joe (born 2008) and Zelenia (born 2011) – both died September 29, 2018. They were feral cats who were spayed/neutered with Cat Welfare vouchers. Such sweet cats and we loved them so much,” and Darin & Teresa Plummer



From January through October 2018, we **adopted 854 cats** into loving homes, and from January through August 2018, we **subsidized 1,693 spay and neuter surgeries** through our various Altering Fund programs.

News and Thank Yous:

Thank you to Lisa Strickland for your commitment to The Crime Cats Mystery Club. We appreciate all you do to orchestrate the program and create fun events for our readers.

Mike Smith, your commitment to picking up our post surgery cats at TAHO every Wednesday is amazing. We are so grateful.



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Shelter Wish List:

Purina Cat Chow, Kitten Chow, moist cat food in tuna flavors, 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.



Hello, Muriel

Muriel has been a shelter resident for three whole years! She is rather particular about her selection of human friends, but she knows the right forever human will come through the door eventually. A graduate of the Shy Cat Room, Muriel has blossomed into a sassy, healthy senior kitty. She looks 10 years younger than she did when she arrived in 2015. Muriel suffered from a condition called stomatitis, a painful oral condition that is typically remedied by extracting all of the cat's teeth. Since her full mouth extraction, Muriel has regained an interest in eating, now is a healthy weight for her frame and takes pride in maintaining her glossy coat. We featured Muriel in our 2017 December/January *Feline Forum*. Let's work together to find Muriel a forever home.

Cat Welfare has nearly 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!