

Feline Forum

The Cat Welfare Association Newsletter

December 2019/January 2020

Crime Cats Mystery Club Ready to Read

Do you have a young reader who lacks confidence with reading aloud or who just may need a nudge to enjoy reading? The Crime Cats Mystery Club (CCMC) is a super-powered shelter reading program that might be perfect for you! Created thanks to an alliance between The Cat Welfare Association and Crime Cats author Wolfgang Parker, the CCMC invites children in grades 1-8 to read books from the on-site library aloud to cats in the shelter's Shy Cat Room. As children accrue reading time, they become eligible for exclusive prizes.

Readers are expected to commit to eight weeks in the program, and we ask that participants plan to come for at least one 15-minute session each week.

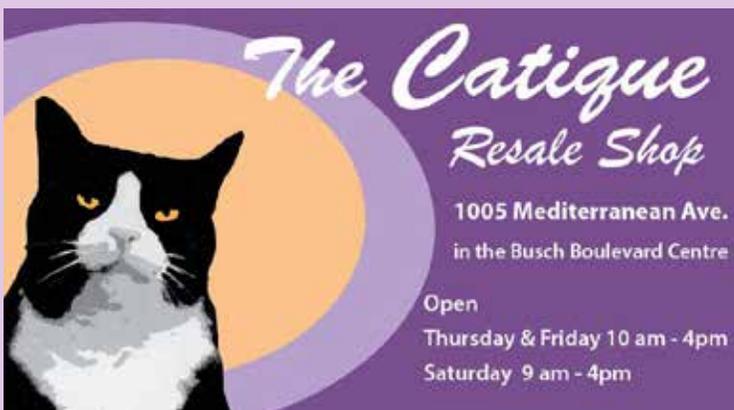
To enroll in our next session (beginning January 26) or for additional information about the program, please send an email to ccmc@catwelfareassoc.org

and include the following information: Adult's Name, Adult's Best Contact Phone, Adult's Best Email, Reader's Name, Reader's Age.



Come Meet Wolfgang Parker!

Wolfgang Parker will be on-hand at the shelter from 3 to 4 p.m. Monday, January 20, to talk about the Crime Cats Mystery Club and answer your questions about the program. You can register, too!



Come in for a Catique Sale

Our resale shop, The Catique, is starting the New Year with a sale! Shop January 2, 3 and 4 for 70% off all items, excluding catnip pillows and CWA calendars. The Catique offers a wide variety of resale items. Come shop to support the cats and kittens in our care.

Fill Your Kitties' Stockings with 'Nip



Our holiday motif catnip toys are now available for \$3 each. Last December more than 700 were purchased!

Our well-loved pillows can also be shipped for an additional fee. Call 614-268-6096 or email cwashelter@yahoo.com for details.

Grab a Gift from CWA's Amazon Wish List



As you do your holiday shopping, consider purchasing a few things from CWA's Amazon Wish List at goo.gl/eLNYhd.

You can also benefit the shelter cats through the AmazonSmile program, which allows you to 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 The Cat Welfare Association. Click the "Select" button to select it from the list, then shop as usual. It's that easy! Your personal Wish Lists, baby and wedding registries, and other accounts stay the same. Happy shopping!

Save the Date for Our 75th Anniversary



Our 75th Anniversary Celebration Gala will be held Saturday, September 12, 2020, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Worthington Hills Country Club.

Stay tuned to the website and social media for more details and ticket sales.

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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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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Odin Goes International

We featured the story of Odin in last year's December/January edition of the *Feline Forum*. He is the permanent foster cat of Karli and Edgar Moreno, who nursed him throughout the ordeal that led to him losing both of his back legs.

"The surgery was over a year ago and he has been living his best life since and honestly gets around faster and better than he did with his legs weighing him down," Karli says. "He climbs up the stairs, up onto the bed and does just about anything a normal cat can do. And no, he doesn't have a wheelchair because he hates it and throws a fit if we try to put him in one."

Because the couple had been through so much with Odin, Karli had joked that their wedding day wouldn't feel as special without their two-legged wonder cat. So Edgar snuck back home on their big day and surprised Karli, resulting in the lovely photo at right by photographer Kylie Bricker. They recently shared this and other photos at [instagram.com/ebo_cat_trio](https://www.instagram.com/ebo_cat_trio), the Instagram account Odin shares with his brothers and fellow CWA alumni, Bear and El. The story was then picked up by Metro in the UK. You can read the full story at metro.co.uk/2019/11/02/groom-surprises-bride-two-legged-cat-wedding-day-reaction-price-less-11031240/.



Cat Welfare 2020 Calendar

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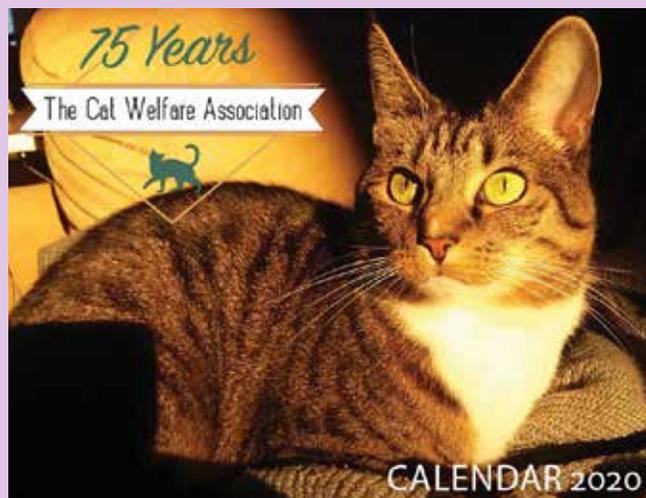
Phone

Number of calendars _____ at \$18.92 each

_____ Total cost

Cost includes tax and shipping

Make checks payable to The Cat Welfare Association



Visa Mastercard

Card # _____

Exp. Date _____ 3-Digit Code _____

Name on Card

Signature

CWA Happy Homes



I adopted **Mel** in November 2016. I saw her cute little face with that one big eye and knew she was the one! She is such a little character and is so chatty! Mel loves to cuddle every night in bed with me. I love spoiling her and watching her play with all of her toys. Everyone who meets Mel instantly falls in love

with her! I have never met a more loving cat! She absolutely loves attention, and she gets chatty when she isn't getting enough of it! I love my little sassy girl! Mel makes me so happy, and I am so blessed that I found her!

Maddie



September 18, 2015, my previous roommate and I visited Cat Welfare. Upon meeting **Gucci** for the first time, I put my hand in front of her to sniff it. She immediately head-butted my hand, and I knew she was the one (and I think she knew, too). She now happily spends her days catnapping, staring out the window, purring, cuddling, running around like crazy, and harassing me for pets and more food! She is the best companion I could ask

for. I'm so glad we found each other.

Leah Griebel



As soon as I met **Mr. Toby** I knew he was the one. This shy little guy bonded with me before we even left Cat Welfare. He settled right

in as soon as he got to his new forever home, and he's been my little sidekick ever since! He loves perching on his cat tree, playing chase with his feline brother, knocking things over, and best of all, sleeping in my bed every night.

Sophia



I adopted **Spooky** in the summer of 2017, and I could not be happier that I found the best forever friend. From snuggles to the best sandpaper kisses, Spooky is the best little companion, and can't wait to see what sneaky thing he will do next!

Allison

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

Anne Riley's Programs Help People Get to Know CWA Cats

An interview by Kitty Stevens

Anne Riley has been a volunteer, donor, and member of Cat Welfare since 1988. In that time, she has held many titles. Anne's latest title is program manager of Guardian Angels and Adopt-A-Cage.

How did you first get involved with Cat Welfare?

I was looking for something new to do during my free time and started volunteering at the shelter cleaning cages, socializing cats and taking cats to several nursing homes.

What is the Guardian Angels program?

Guardian Angels is a sponsorship program for the permanent residents at Cat Welfare. Sponsors to the program select a permanent resident cat that is in the program and then receive photos and an update story written by their sponsor cat (with my assistance, of course!)

What inspired you to start Guardian Angels?

I started this program in 2004 to raise funds for the permanent residents and shelter cats and help people keep up with what's going on with the shelter residents.

How has the program evolved since its beginning?

New to this year, we've added the Shy Cats' Room to the program. While some of the kitties in there may be permanent residents, the majority of them are adoptable, and we thought this would be a good way to help people get to know the shy cats better.

What is the Adopt-A-Cage program?

This program is a fundraiser where, for \$50 a year, a small sign will be placed on one of our cage doors with an inscribed message from the donor. Often it's a person's name, a memorial or a quote.

What is your favorite thing about cats?

What is there not to like? Cats are mysterious and each one has such a unique personality; I cannot imagine a world without cats.

Adopt-A-Cage Order Form

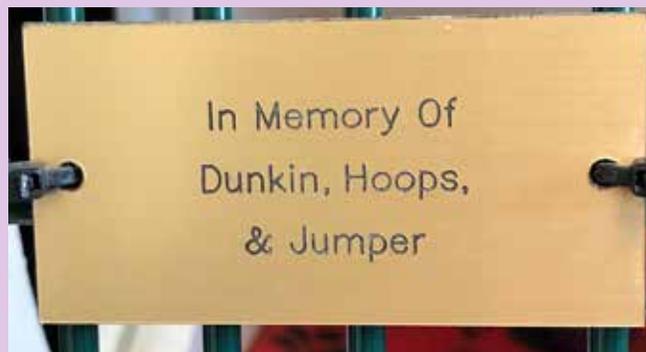
Name

Address

City State ZIP

Phone Total (\$50 per sign)

Inscription:



Visa Mastercard

Card # _____

Exp. Date _____ 3-Digit Code _____

Name on Card

Signature

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.

We Love Our Donors

Ishie Memorial Fund

for long-term care of shelter residents

Michelle Davis

Courtney Slevin "On behalf of Cassie Muller in honor of her birthday"

Alice Dayoub, Michelle Arbogast, & Becky Ellis "In loving memory of Karen Kimmel Scott"

Darin & Teresa Plummer "In loving memory of Louis Crazyman Plummer"

Irina & Boris Pittel

Jill Davis

Bertha Ihnat "In memory of Carole Turner"

Lisa Leaper

Richard Austin

Richard & Lynne McWherter "In memory of Martita Dougherty"

Joyce Purcell "In loving memory of Tippy, beloved cat of Paulette Cruz"

Nicole Dietz & Rebecca Wildman "In memory & in honor of Rosemarie Ritter"

Altering Fund

to subsidize community low-cost spay/neuter surgeries

Annie Lach, Patricia Hebb, and Brittany Palbykin "In memory of Karen Scott whose love for animals is never ending"



From January through October 2019, we **adopted 941 cats** into loving homes.

Vincent Fund

for emergency care for shelter cats

Linda Schellkopf, Leon & Patricia Cohan, Jr., Jill Davis, Lynne Bonenberger, Scott & Jennifer Sonnenberg, Nancy Sohner "In honor of Joan Shkolnik's birthday," Ilisa Nodelman, Marjorie Obrist, and Melissa Stiles

Joey's Good Samaritan Fund

for medical care of owned cats

Randall Hertzner "In memory of Doug Buhner and Jasmine Boots," Anne O'Leary "In memory of Patricia Heler," and Barbara Bates

Willard's Village Babies Fund

for care of feral cat colonies

Juanita Woods "In memory of sweet and precious Zoe who died Saturday, September 14, 2019, at age 9," Juanita Woods "In memory of sweet Willard - you will always be remembered and loved," Annie Lach, Richard Austin, and Darin & Teresa Plummer "Marty Plummer"

Cat-A-Lack Chow Club

for food for the shelter residents

Leslie Bothast, Bill Hout "In memory of Doug Buhner," Christina Dunn, Stephen Arambasick, and Courtlyn Roser-Jones "In memory of Nick P's cat"

News and Thank Yous:

Kitten season 2019 took us through December! So much gratitude for our fostered families. It takes time, compassion and strength to do all you do for the wee ones, the seniors and FeLV+ kitties.

Congratulations to the Christmas Bazaar team, lead by RoseAnn Ballangee, on another successful fundraiser for the shelter! Additional thanks to all of the volunteers who made delightful baked goods for our event.



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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, Sy

Sy arrived at CWA in June with a bite wound on his paw. Now this friendly, energetic young cat is all healed up and seeking a forever home. We feel Sy is well suited for an active household, and he does enjoy interacting with children. A bit of a clown, Sy will add smiles to your day.

We would not recommend Sy joining a family with timid or senior felines, as he loves a game of chase and wrestle. Let's work together to find this cool cat his 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!