

# Feline Forum

The Cat Welfare Association Newsletter

December 2020/January 2021

## Shiloh Saved by a Good Sam and CWA

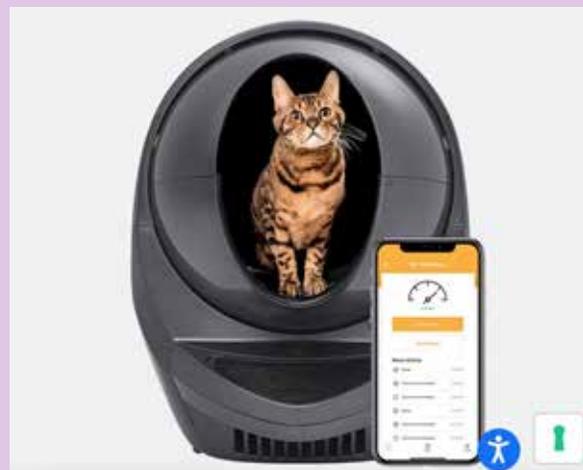
*Written by Good Samaritan Abi Fabyan:* The day before I left town for a small vacation, my sister called me, devastated. The local tomcat she'd been building trust with had managed to get his head and neck lodged in a chunk of rigid, corrugated tubing. She'd gotten a portion of it removed before fear spurred him to flee, his neck still entirely encased in plastic.

We walked the alleys every day and asked neighbors to watch for him. After 10 days, a neighbor and cat advocate was able to secure him in a trap, and we removed the tube that was threatening his life.

His wounds were appalling. He was extremely disoriented, and infection had taken over the soft tissue from his abscessed chin to his skinny shoulders. But while we went to work that night cleaning his wounds, he was gentle, submissive and sweet in the midst of such intense pain and trauma. The next morning he went to CWA, where he was promptly transferred to Knapp's Veterinary Hospital for treatment. After five days in vet care, he was cleared for discharge, and I brought him home as my first foster cat.

Named Shiloh, which means Peace, he is very grateful for a cozy bed to make muffins in, and always happy to clear a helping of wet food. He seems to have suffered some neurological damage in this ordeal, but I am hoping he can regain full motor functions as his brain and nerves have a chance to recalibrate.

Shiloh is a champion for making it through this ordeal, and the staff at Knapp's are truly angels in disguise, but the MVP in this story is most certainly CWA. Their mission to save homeless cats gave Shiloh (and so many others who end up in such awful circumstances on the streets) a fighting chance. He'll have the opportunity soon to find a forever home that will cherish his endless supply of snuggles and head butts.



## New Raffle: Win a Litter-Robot!

The latest CWA raffle features a gift basket containing many fun cat items, including a CWA T-shirt and calendar, cat treats, cat motif face masks, catnip pillows, gift certificates to The Catique and a cardboard cat playhouse. Most exciting, though, is the Litter-Robot 3 Connect, thanks to our partners at Auto-Pets and PetPeople. This automated litter box is WiFi controlled and sifts your litter after each cat's visit. They will be sold exclusively at the PetPeople location in Grandview, but you can enter to win one here! Find a ticket order form and more information on page 3 of this edition of the *Feline Forum*.

# Congratulations to Our New Board Officers

**Karen Ramey**  
*President*

**Brenda Martin**  
*Vice President*

**Katie Thomas**  
*Secretary*

## 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](http://catwelfareassoc.org)

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## Hours

The Cat Welfare Association is currently open by appointment only. Masks are required for entry, without exception.

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

President: Karen Ramey  
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Secretary: Katie Thomas  
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• Teresa Plummer

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Peggy Kirk

## Vote on Changes to CWA Bylaws

As you may know, modifications to The Cat Welfare Association's Bylaws were approved by the Board of Directors at its meeting on July 21, 2020. The proposed changes reflect a myriad of revisions, ranging from minor updates to a few substantive changes.

The current Bylaws, a summary of the proposed changes, and the proposed Bylaws are all posted on our website. The current Bylaws are posted on the "About" tab under the "Board" category. The summary of the proposed changes and proposed Bylaws are accessible via links on the home page. Paper copies are available at the shelter.

Written comments will be accepted through Monday, December 31, 2020, via email to [bylaws@catwelfareassoc.org](mailto:bylaws@catwelfareassoc.org), or by mail to The Cat Welfare Association, Attn: Helen DeSantis, 741 Wetmore Road, Columbus, OH 43214.

The membership meeting will not take place on January 19, as previously announced. Please stay tuned for a future date.

# Enter to Win a Litter-Robot 3 Connect



Support The Cat Welfare Association with your purchase of raffle tickets. In addition to everything seen in the photo above, the raffle winner will get a Litter-Robot 3 Connect, thanks to our partners at Auto-Pets and PetPeople. Tickets are \$10 each or \$25 for three and can be purchased by mail and online at [catwelfareassoc.org/raffle](http://catwelfareassoc.org/raffle). The drawing will be held on February 14.

## Litter-Robot Raffle Ticket Order Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Tickets \_\_\_\_\_

Total Cost \_\_\_\_\_  
(\$10 per ticket, \$25 for three)

Mail to: Cat Welfare, Attn: Robot Raffle  
741 Wetmore Road  
Columbus, OH 43214

## Cat Welfare 2021 Calendar

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

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



My family and I adopted the beautiful **Lady Grey** on February 6, 2018. She didn't seem to want much to do with us after all the attention she got from us at the shelter. She was a bit aggressive and overwhelmed. I was a little worried but wanted to give her a chance to warm up to us in our home where it was relaxed and quiet. We

brought her home and prepared a room where she could relax and become acclimated to her new home (as we have other cats), but she wanted nothing to do with it! She cried and cried to be let out. Surprisingly, after a few hours of exploration and sniffing around, she was running and playing as if she had been with us for years. She is loving her new home, and we are loving her even more! She warmed up to us beautifully. She loves to snuggle and loves the belly rubs.

**Karisa Smith**



We adopted **Cookie** after Christmas 2017, and he is such a sweet boy. We love him so much! He wakes us up when he hears our phone or the alarm clock, and uses soft sound to say good morning to us. We believe he grew up in a family with dogs, as it's very interesting to find some of his habits are very similar to dogs. He likes us to throw the toy mouse, and he will fetch it back, just like a retriever!

**Kathryn Maynard**



**Luna** quickly became a permanent resident of our happy home. She is everyone's favorite roommate, greeting

each person at the door, demanding face rubs and talking if she doesn't get them. She's the most lovable, cuddly family member, sleeping on top of her mom every single night.

**Angel**



**Daphne** is completely settled in our home! She LOVES to play with her mouse and her feather stick. She's great at purring, eating and snuggling in her bed. We love her. Thanks, Cat Welfare!

**Jessica & Shawn**

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.

# Meet Some of Our Favorite FIV+ Feline Friends

Cats with Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV) 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. Since FIV is only transmitted through deep, penetrating bite wounds and blood transfusions, FIV+ cats can easily live in a home with FIV- cats. All cats in the household should 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. In addition, The Cat Welfare Association will cover the cost of well checks and vaccinations for the FIV+ cat every year. What do you have to lose? Make an appointment to come by and visit with them. You may just find someone you love.



Well hello, **Dolly**! Dolly has found her way back to the south end offices, but what she really needs is to find her way into her forever home. Dolly is a playful, loving kitty of ~3 years. She has been spayed, is fully vaccinated, and has a microchip. Dolly gets along just fine with other friendly cats.

There's a lot to love about a truly affectionate cat. The kind that climbs right into your lap and looks up at you with adoration in their eyes, perfectly content receiving your pets. This is where **Barry** comes in, singing with a sweet meow, and stealing the show with his sleek black fur.

Barry lights all the way up the moment you walk into our resident FIV+ room. He is always the first to approach and is insistent upon getting his daily dose of lovin'. His love runs deep, and Barry is eager to swoon a lucky human into sharing a more spacious home with him, where his immune system can better regain its balance.



**Winnie** is a sweet, quiet cat who is seeking her forever human friend. We believe Winnie will do best in an adult-only home where she is allowed to blossom at a patient pace. Winnie is about 5 years old and does fine around other gentle cats.

## Pick up a 'Nip Pillow



Our holiday motif catnip toys are now available for \$3 each. Our well-loved pillows can be picked up in the shelter atrium between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. daily. You can also call 614-268-6096 to have them shipped for an additional \$1 per pillow.

## CWA Wish Lists are Waiting



As you do your holiday shopping,

consider purchasing a few things from CWA's Amazon Wish List at [goo.gl/eLNYhd](https://goo.gl/eLNYhd) or Chewy Wish List at [bit.ly/35PLR1s](https://bit.ly/35PLR1s).

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](https://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!



Congratulations to Amber Barnes, our quilt raffle winner! Thanks to everyone who purchased a ticket, we raised nearly \$4,000!

**The Catique**

**50%-70% off sales**

**Dec 17, 18, 19 50% off sale**

**Dec 24 & 26 70% off sale**

**Dec 31 & Jan 2 70% off sale**

**Thursday-Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

**1005 Mediterranean Ave. 43229**

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# We Love Our Donors

## Ishie Memorial Fund

for long-term care of shelter residents

Susan McKinley "In memory of Mae, Pook, Spotty, Peeps, Newa, Natasha, Alice & Hook"  
Nancy Sohner "In honor of Joan Shkolnik's birthday"  
Michelle Green "In honor of Scooter Heiss"  
Janice Carter "In memory of Pete Heiss' Scooter"  
D G Atkinson, II "Da ScOOder Kat, thanks for being a part of my life! Run with the wind!"  
Kristi Lekies "Gingersnap"  
Peter Heiss & Da Angel ScOOder Kat's fundraising event's friends "In honor of Scooter"  
Catherine Zitko "In memory of Sweet Pea"  
Samuel & Diane van Schoyck "Tom, Ali, Ruby & Amanda"  
Kim Kitzmiller "Kelsey Blackford"  
Judy Johnson "Snickers, Blackie, & Sammy"  
Maryann Walther-Keisel "In memory of Clipper by Roarschach & Fluffy"  
Judith Tomblin "In memory of my sweet Zoe"  
Richard Austin, Kathleen Fisher and Steven Puckett

## Altering Fund

to subsidize community low-cost spay/neuter surgeries

Annie Lach, Lynn Straley "From Percy & Grayson,"  
Scott & Jennifer Sonnenberg, William Hout "In memory of Doug Buhner," The LJD Legacy Fund and Edwin & Ulla Wagers

## Vincent Fund

for emergency care for shelter cats

Linda Schellkopf, Lynne Bonenberger, Leon & Patricia Cohan Jr., Anna Teichmoeller, Terence Odlin "Best wishes from Terence Odlin and Maurice (aka Niles)," Susan McKinley and Marjorie Obrist

## Joey's Good Samaritan Fund

for medical care of owned cats

Randall Hertzner "In memory of Doug Buhner and Jasmine Boots," David Polakoff "In memory of Fredcat Lazear," Kathleen Fisher, Jim Kelley and Edwin & Ulla Wagers

## Willard's Village Babies Fund

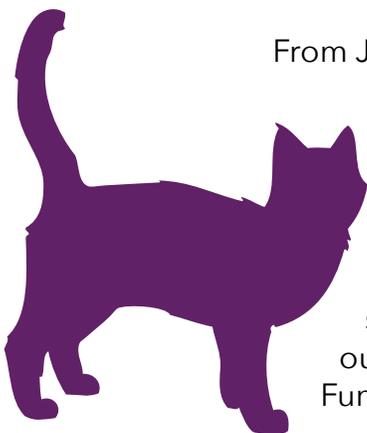
for care of feral cat colonies

Juanita & Rita Woods "In memory of precious Willard," Annie Lach, Juanita Woods "In memory of Mrs. Bigglesworth - September 22, 2014," Lisa Leaper, Deanna Vaughn "In memory of Jan Puchan," Carrie Simmons, Richard Austin and Kathleen Fisher

## Cat-A-Lack Chow Club

for food for the shelter residents

Leslie Bothast, Claire Smith, Stacy, Kathleen Fisher and Hilda Bumb



From January through October 2020, we **adopted 595 cats** into loving homes and **subsidized 2,361 spay and neuter surgeries** through our various Altering Fund programs.

## News and Thank Yous:

Thank you to our dedicated staff for rolling with the changes as we navigated through a challenging year.

Much gratitude to all who have orchestrated Facebook fundraisers to benefit Cat Welfare.



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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 scrubbers, and Mr. Clean.



## Hello, Kendall

This beautiful kitty is so grateful for the compassion and care she has received, and we could not do this without your support. Kendall was rescued from a sewage drain. Within five days of her arrival, she has started to eat well on her own, has responded well to her treatment for the calici virus and has gained nearly two pounds! If you would like to meet Kendall, you can find our adoption application on our website or make an appointment to come in for a visit.

*Cat Welfare has nearly 270 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!*