

Feline Forum

Cat Welfare Association Newsletter

February/March 2016



Mojo's Corner

Condo Campaign Ends

My friends, I thank you. Baxter and I launched the condo campaign initiative in August 2014, and you answered! We reached our goal in the final month of 2015. If you have not already had the opportunity, please come on by and check out the condos. They truly do enrich the quality of life for our caged residents. While you're visiting, if we have not

already met, be sure to ask a staff member to introduce us. I promise you, Baxter and I give the best kitty hugs ever.

Special thanks to the donors who helped put us over the top: Melanie Beausay, Anne E. Needleman, Dianne Curry, Marjorie Ford, Donna Salzgaber, William Studer, Anne Thomson, William & Sandy Maple, Jennifer Schleppe, Rebecca Jezerinac & Michael Bonaventura, Brenda & John Fingfeld, Joyce Purcell, Barbara Ruppel, Ann Karpen, Don & Maralina Patton, Judy Hicks, Nancy Metzger, The Lori Seaman Fund, Susanna Thibault, Carolyn Peterson, Tommie Hannel, John Moore, Patricia & Kent Schwirian, Robert & Elizabeth Saunders, Kathleen Pursley, Sandy Wolf, Jack & Kelley Higginbotham, Elma C. Haubrich and Scott & Jennifer Sonnenberg.



Baxter whispers a heartfelt "thank you" to a donor for her contribution.

Panel event to give feral colony care pointers

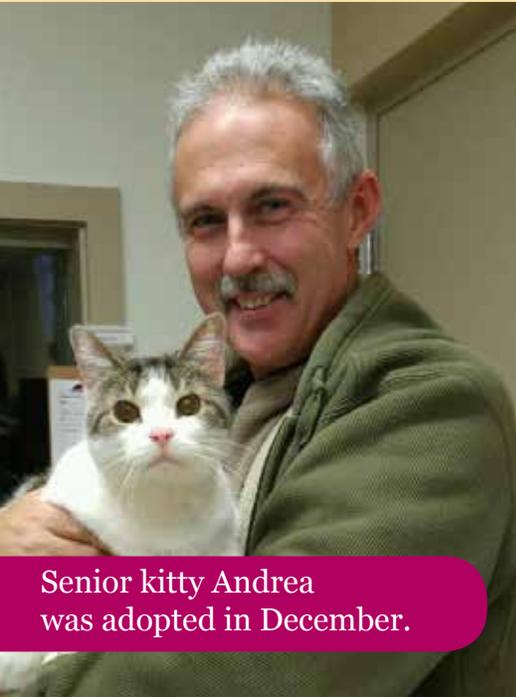


Is there a group of outdoor cats you've wanted to help, but you need guidance? Are you maintaining a colony and there is that ONE cat you just cannot trap? Does a neighbor feed cats, but there are kittens year after year? Please join us at 7 p.m. March 3 for a panel discussion on stray and feral cats, TNR (trap, neuter and release) and best feral colony maintenance practices. Our shelter veterinarian, Dr. Danya Linehan, will moderate the discussion. Our panelists, Jay & Paula Mathew and Mike Parks, currently care for a collective of 11 colonies and just over 100 cats. Our operations manager, Jamie Hicks, will join the panel to share her perspective as a former animal warden dealing with the gray legal area of colony maintenance.

We also are recruiting TNR and colony feeding volunteers. If you have time, even if it is just once a week or once a month, to lend a hand and feed a colony or you are willing to transport for TNR, your assistance is greatly appreciated, and we hope you will join us.

Our lecture is limited to 45 attendees and will be held at Villa Angela Care Center, 5700 Karl Road. To make your reservation, please visit goo.gl/YGx2Xn or call the shelter at 614-268-6096, Ext. 103.

Looking Back: Points of Pride for 2015



In 2015 Cat Welfare celebrated its 70th anniversary. What a great year it was! These successes were made possible by the generosity of our donors, commitment of our members and volunteers, dedication of our staff, and leadership of our Board of Directors.

IN KEEPING WITH OUR MISSION AND PURPOSE

- **1,186** cats/kittens adopted in 2015 - a new record!
- **1,394** cats/kittens admitted to the shelter
- More than **400** kittens and special needs cats cared for in foster homes
- **1,811** altering surgeries subsidized through Cat Welfare's low-cost spay and neuter programs

- **192** companion cats received emergency medical treatment paid from Joey's Good Sam Fund
- **Over 10,000** cans of food donated to caretakers of cat colonies and owners in need of food for their companion cats
- Developed educational material and an adoption process for **FIV-positive cats**
- **Updated** Cat Welfare Association's Bylaws

ENRICHMENT FOR FELINE RESIDENTS

- **Reached Cat Condo Campaign's goal** to replace steel cages throughout the shelter
- **Retrofitted seasonal sunroom** with insulation and heating/cooling for cats to enjoy this space year-round
- **Enriched shy cat room** with permanent cubbies
- **Created additional space** for FIV-positive and FeLV-positive cats by adding outside fence enclosures with access through kitty doors

OUTREACH

- **Expanded presence** on Facebook to 6,135 likes; 844 followers on Instagram
- **Improved website** - now mobile-friendly
- **Set new record** for views on PetFinder - over 22,000 views in October 2015
- **Sponsored 70th anniversary celebration** at the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium. Attendance exceeded expectations.
- **The Catique** continues to grow its reputation as a resale shop, increase its client base and attract new bargain shoppers. Proceeds help to fund shelter operations.

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.



741 Wetmore Road
Columbus, OH 43214
614-268-6096
catwelfareassoc.org

facebook.com/catwelfareassoc

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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Meet Your Valentine at 'For the Love of Our Cats'



Please join us Sunday, February 14 for this very special Valentine's Day celebration. The event will run from noon to 3 p.m. Spend time sharing your love with our residents, take advantage of special \$14 adoption rates, enjoy refreshments and shop for unique gifts to say, "I love you." Our catnip pillow toys, newly designed T-shirts and 2016 calendars will be available, in addition to gift certificates for CWA memberships, The Catique, Adopt-A-Cage and Guardian Angel sponsorships.

T-shirts are \$18, or \$20 for 2X. Don't live close but would like a shirt? No problem! To place an order to be shipped directly to you, please send a message to marketing@catwelfareassoc.org or call 614-268-6096, Ext.103.

Bylaws Officially Changed

At the general membership meeting on January 19, CWA members approved modifications to the organization's Bylaws. These modifications clarify and/or align a few items with their intended meaning. The Bylaws, including these changes, will be posted to Cat Welfare's website, catwelfareassoc.org/board.

The Cat Caper 5K returns!
Save the Date:
September 18, 2016

The Catique Celebrates Two Years with a Sale

Please join us between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. February 13 at The Catique as we celebrate the second anniversary of our resale shop at our Mediterranean Avenue location in the Busch Boulevard Centre. Our Catique resale shop is one of our oldest and most successful fundraisers. Along with spectacular deals at a sale price of 70% off the asking price, we will be sharing baked treats along with coffee, cocoa and hot tea beverages. The sale will run all week.

We are so grateful for our shoppers and to everyone who has dropped off items to be sold. Our current most profitable items are women's clothing and gently used furniture. Shoppers are telling us they would like to purchase children's and teens' clothing as well as toys.

Donations can be made at The Catique during their hours of operation: Thursdays and Fridays 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Saturdays 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. After-hours donations can be placed in the secured drop boxes at The Catique and our shelter. Furniture donations can be arranged by emailing cwacatique@gmail.com or calling 614-565-1306 to schedule an appointment.

To learn more about The Catique please visit our website catwelfareassoc.org/catique.



CWA Happy Homes



Mattie is such a sweetie! She thinks she is one of the dogs. The three of them get along great. Mattie loves snuggling and exploring the outdoors. She spends her evenings hiding out and looking for mice. Although I appreciate her hunting skills, I can't say that I appreciated the still-alive mice

I find in the bed! Thanks so much, Rebecca, for picking Mattie out for me. Since she was hiding in a box on one of the top shelves at CWA, I don't think I would have found her on my own. She truly is a perfect match for us!

Zita Duffy

Gabbie has made herself at home and come out of her shell as a solo top cat. She is quite the talker and enjoys her cardboard scratching boards.

Sue



Jasmine was considered a "special adoption" because she struggled with allergies. I'm happy to report that we have those under control! Jasmine has truly brought life to my home. She loves to play fetch with her favorite toy (and best friend), Earl the mouse. She displays quite an athletic ability in her pursuits and even catches him mid-air! She is very social, and although she is not much of a lap cat, she loves to be where people are. She sleeps with me every night, making sure to tuck Earl in with us! She has made my home a happy home! Thank you for taking good care of her for me!

Laura Hebenstreit



I adopted **Hal** (right) in June 2014. Almost immediately, he became one of the boys. He had a brother, Harold, with him in his cage in the kitten room, and I wanted to adopt both, but Harold was adopted by his forever family. I could not just leave Hal's little poofy self alone. I had to adopt him. He now has two older brothers, Max and Cipro, who clean, play and cuddle with him every day. He also has two older sisters, Moxie and Cleo. Moxie has gotten around to cleaning him and playing, but Cleo is still getting used to him. He likes to be the loudest of the bunch and loves to eat. He likes to wake up at 3 a.m. and make sure you are alive by licking your face and purring like a chainsaw. But we would NOT have it any other way. He is such a great little guy.

Paul

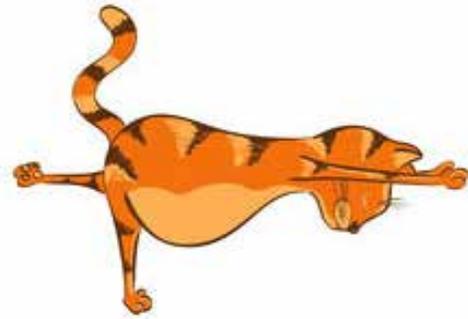
Got a Happy Homes story?
Upload it at catwelfareassoc.org or mail it to Cat Welfare, 741 Wetmore Road, Columbus, OH 43214.

Apply to Serve on CWA Board **Yoga with Cats? Sign Me Up!**

Do you have extensive knowledge of the shelter, skills in organizational management, finance, fundraising, marketing, computer technology, cat care or other areas? Consider submitting an application to serve as a Board member of Cat Welfare.

Board members are required to attend scheduled meetings, work on committees, raise funds and act as ambassadors for the organization. Prospective Board members must be Active Members or Life Members for at least two consecutive years immediately preceding the election with evidence of on-going involvement with the Association. Members will be elected to fill Board openings at the membership meeting on May 17, 2016.

Please download an application at catwelfare-assoc.org or contact the shelter to have an application mailed to you. Completed applications should be sent to boardresumes@catwelfareassoc.org or mailed to the shelter, Attn: Helen DeSantis, 741 Wetmore Road, Columbus, Ohio 43214. The deadline for applications is March 20. Information about each candidate will be posted on Cat Welfare's website by April 20. Please contact the shelter if you would like the candidates' information mailed to you.



Have you always wanted to try yoga? Would you be more comfortable trying yoga if cats were present? Have you practiced yoga for years and want to come out for a really awesome class? Please join instructor Kitty Maer and five cats from Cat Welfare for an all-level, yin and restorative style yoga, class on Sunday, February 28 at Yoga Happiness, 219 E. Arcadia Ave. This hour-long class will have an emphasis on stretching and poses done on the floor so the cats can provide you with plenty of encouragement. Kitty will offer the class at 2 and 3:30 p.m. Each class size is limited to eight participants, and the class fee is \$15. To register for the class please visit goo.gl/4xSzvW.

Help to Plan 2016 Cat Caper **Two Outdoor Enclosures Built**



Our 2016 Cat Caper 5K needs you! We are seeking individuals to work on the Caper planning committee. Committee members are asked to assist the chair with securing race sponsors, coordinating the children's Fun Run and executing the post-race raffle and breakfast.

The 2016 race is our 11th Caper, scheduled for September 18. The race location and USTAF certified course are established. To learn more about this fundraiser or serving on the committee, please contact Gail Harbert, Program Manager, at 614-268-6096, Ext. 103, or cwivolunteers@gmail.com.



In November 2015, two outside enclosures were completed. One is attached to the FIV+ room and the other to our FeLV+ room. The enclosures give our special cats an additional 8' x 14' space. We also want to thank all of the donors who have sent enrichment toys specifically for our FIV+ and FeLV+ cats.

CWA Calendars Marked Down

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone _____

Number of Calendars _____

Total Cost _____
(\$6 per calendar + \$3 for shipping)

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

Foster Families Needed

Our 2015 adoption success would not have happened without the dedication of our amazing foster team! Being a foster care parent or family for Cat Welfare can be a rewarding experience. You have a chance to provide a shelter cat or kittens with the necessary TLC they need until they are ready to live in the shelter and be considered for adoption. Kittens, approved for shelter intake, go into foster care if they are not old enough to be spayed or neutered when they arrive. Some litters have a mama, who accompanies them in foster care, while others arrive motherless. An adult cat may be placed in foster care if he or she needs time to recover from an injury and would fare better outside of the shelter.

Foster care commitments can range from one week to a couple of months. We do ask that you have a room in your home where the foster(s) can live without interacting with any of your pets until they are fully vaccinated and have been approved for interaction by our shelter veterinarian. This important requirement is not only for the sake of the foster but for your fur babies, too.

We will provide you with food, litter, a litter box and any required medications for the fosters. Our foster care commitment and application form can be found online at catwelfareassoc.org/volunteer.

For the **LOVE** of Our Cats
A Special Valentine's Celebration
Sunday, February 14
Noon - 3 p.m.
Meet your new Valentine.
\$14 adoption fee; \$7 for seniors

Cat Welfare Association Life Members

All members of Cat Welfare receive discounted tickets to events, a subscription to the *Feline Forum* and eligibility to vote at the annual Board Member elections. In addition to these core benefits, life membership affirms your long-term commitment to CWA and its mission. A life membership badge signifies your participation in this elite group of contributors. Supporters can become life members with a donation of \$250. A single payment is preferred; however, installment payments can be arranged by contacting the shelter.

We would like to thank the following supporters for becoming life members: Robert Angus, Sheila Bagley, Maura Baker, Steve Brown, Laurel Champoux, Susan Cook, Jill Davis, Jean Dennis, Nancy Eberhart, Zachary Ellis Willis, Jana Hakes, Linda Hines, Gary Horn, Dan Hornung, Cindy Krebs, Wesley Lin, Sarah Luckay, Joellen McKnight, Shirley Metro, Kristin Michel, Anne E. Needleman, Carolyn Peterson, Emily Petsche-Irwin, Kim Rhoads, Donna Jean Roush, Cynthia & Max Schmidt-Shilling, Mary Ann Schmitt, Susan Sprague, Alexis Swain, Stanford Apseloff and Cynthia Ann Taylor.

We Love Our Donors

Ishie Memorial Fund

for long-term care of shelter residents

- Dan Bailey, “Happy Birthday Janice Bailey!”
- Emily Petsche-Irwin, “In memory of my mother, Elaine Petsche, from whom I learned to care for, love and respect cats”
- Patty Harris, “In memory of Maxi”
- Anna Teichmoeller, “In memory of Lee & his best buddy Scraps”
- April & Bob Matthews, “For Max – we will always miss you”
- Catherine Zitko, “In memory of Sweet Pea”
- Wanda Rogers, “In memory of my friends Felix, Fang, Jezabel & BC”
- Heidi Sherer, “In memory of Ethyl”
- Aida Montano, “In memory of Mr. Parker”
- Joann Sadler, “Calhoun ‘Callie’”
- Dale & Marty Keener, “Grant”
- Susan Enneking, “In honor of Peshewa & Mosi (fka Otto & Pandora) adopted from CWA 6/09”

Jim & Mary Criswell, Thomas Kreger, Judith Johnson, Janet Wilson, Sandra McCutcheon, Richard Austin, Gerald Allen, Bertha Ihnat, Dave & Betty Maynard, Craig Lewis, Judy Malenick, Janet Busert and Sarah Fields

Altering Fund

to subsidize community low-cost spay/neuter surgeries

Bill & Rosemary Bringardner, Patricia Eiben, Stephen & Sally van Duinen, Judy Pfaltzgraf, Kathryn Kim, Lucy Gettman, Jennifer Mackanos, Debra Stollenwerk, Heidi Sherer “In memory of Cuddles,” Mary Gundlach, Julia Williams, Dave & Betty Maynard, Claudia Speakman, and Craig Lewis

Vincent Fund

for emergency care for shelter cats

Linda Schellkopf, Kimberly & Ray Lang, Barbara Moseley, Mrs. Savolaine, Deborah Wood, Patricia Eiben, Julianne Hunter, Janet Vogt, Ann & Dan McDowell “In memory of Isabelle,” Jim & Mary Criswell, Thomas Kreger, Angela Gerald Ferraris, Dick & Linda Hamilton, Michelle & Troy Foster Toulouse, Marjori Obrist, Barbara Mann, Judy Hardy, Sue Lape, Barbara Bates, Elizabeth & Richard Hunt, Erin McConnell, Sally Hinshaw, Heidi Sherer “In

memory of Chester,” Cindy Hahn, Leon & Patricia Cohan, Jr., Mark Pearson, Dave & Betty Maynard, Claudia Speakman “In honor of Angel, Peanut, Scotty, & Gracie,” Judy Malenick, Heath Jolliff, and Christine Rohweder

Willard’s Village Babies Fund

for care of feral cat colonies

Juanita Woods “In memory of brave, precious Willard. Happy Holidays to everyone and the kitties at Cat Welfare!” Richard Austin, Jeffri Frontz “In memory of Micaela ‘Mike’ Stratton,” Sandra Czarnecki, Anne Riley & Wilma Wabnitz “In memory of Calvin & Buddy...how fast a year flies by but you are always in our hearts,” Dan Bailey “Happy Birthday Janice Bailey!”, Laura Modisette, Jennifer Schleppe, Chelsea Weissman, Grace Shillinger, James Greenlee, Bob & Jane Fortkamp “From Blinky, Kanga, Roo & Finn,” David Rowswell “On behalf of Lisa Tilder, a Clintonville resident, who died too young in November 2015. She took care of the cats living outside and made sure they had food, water, and shelter,” David Bundy, Erin McConnell, Janelle Henderson, Heidi Sherer “In memory of Ursa,” and Sherry Mullett

Joey’s Good Sam Fund

for medical care of owned cats

William Hout, Julianne Hunter, Christine Travis, Cindi Hill, Brian Kreger, Kathy Wyatt, The Magnolias, Yvonne Wingard, a neighbor “In memory of Micaela Stratton,” Helen Sherer “In memory of Liam,” Katie Binzel, Judy Malenick, Randall Harlor, Stacey Powers, Erica Lynne Steger and Autumn Martinez

Cat-A-Lack Chow Club

for food for the shelter residents

Adrianna Kenworthy, Deborah Wood, Poppy Thornton “Thank you to all Cat Welfare staff and volunteers from the heart!”, Glen Taylor, Julianne Hunter, Richard Wortman, Colleen Nye, Lisa Buchanan, Greg Bohls, Heidi Sherer “In memory of kitties Baeli & Jenny,” Susan Moore, Dave & Betty Maynard, Judy Malenick, Dayna Chessin, Mitchell Kidder, and Florence Baquet “In honor of my ‘Grand cats,’ Paulie & Chuckie”



Hello, Dan

I came to the shelter under very harrowing circumstances. One day somebody put me into a carrier and into a dumpster. I was so scared and shocked that someone would do that to me. Fortunately, a kind man heard me crying and rescued me from that dumpster before it was too late. He brought me to the shelter, where the staff immediately gave me the help I needed. I was dehydrated and starving for food; I had probably been in the dumpster for a couple of days. I gobbled down the food I was given and quickly drank two bowls of water! Then I needed a couple days of rest to recuperate from my ordeal. I was a little nervous around people at first, and who could blame me? Gradually, I have learned to trust people again, and I

am hoping that a really kind person or family will be willing to give me a second chance at a good life. I really need someone with the time to give me the attention and care that I need. I love to be petted and talked to in a soft voice. If you really want to help a cat in need, please come in and visit me soon. Your friend, Dan

Cat Welfare has nearly 300 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!

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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