Open Your Heart and Your Home to Our Foster Cats

Our 2016 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 mom, 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. A new foster training session will be held on February 22 at 5:30 p.m. Sign up at http://tinyurl.com/jx9whvb.

FIV+ Cats Make Great Companions

Cats with Feline Immunodeficiency Virus 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. Stop by the shelter and visit with our FIV+ kitties. You may just find someone you love.
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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Columbus, OH 43214
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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
President: Peggy Kirk
Vice President: Erik Diekmeyer
Secretary: Anne Riley
RoseAnn Ballangee • Steve Hebenstreit • Claudia Plumley

Looking Back: Points of Pride for 2016

It was a wonderful year for Cat Welfare. These successes were made possible by the generosity of our donors, commitment of our members and volunteers, dedication of our staff, and the leadership of our Board of Directors.

IN KEEPING WITH OUR MISSION AND PURPOSE
- **1,478** cats/kittens adopted in 2016 – a new record! This is a 25% increase from last year’s adoptions and a 51% increase from just 3 years ago in 2013.
- **1,631** cats/kittens admitted to the shelter, many with serious injuries
- **18** FIV positive cats adopted to loving homes
- **22** cats diagnosed with trichomoniasis in 2015 were retested after a yearlong quarantine and released back into the shelter population
- **339** kittens cared for in foster homes
- **1,987** altering surgeries subsidized through Cat Welfare’s low-cost spay and neuter programs
- **178** companion cats received emergency medical treatment paid from Joey’s Good Sam fund
- CWA members approved modifications to bylaws

OUTREACH
- CWA’s presence on Facebook expanded to just over **7,900** followers and **8,100** likes; just over **1,300** followers on Instagram
- Awareness sessions held for community members to learn about the care of feral colony cats and senior cat care
- The Cat Caper returned to a new venue at Griggs Reservoir, with rave reviews, after a one-year hiatus
- Toby, a kitten adopted by Olympian Gabby Douglas, was featured in Episode 3 of Douglas Family Gold
- The Catique, Cat Welfare’s resale shop, celebrated its 2nd anniversary at the location in the Busch Boulevard Centre. Proceeds help to fund shelter operations
- The number of cat visits to care facilities expanded, much to the delight of their residents
- Participation in Pride Parade was well received

Hope received the care she needed before adoption thanks to your support of our mission.
Around the Shelter

The shelter has been busy hosting a crew of students from OSU, who pitched in for the school’s Day of Service (top), and young readers (bottom and center right), who share stories with our shy cats. Be sure to stop by and visit the kitties, like those in the FIV+ room (bottom left).
We adopted **Samwise** from Cat Welfare, and he instantly became a member of our family. At first, he kept his distance from the dogs, but after a few days they were sharing the couch together and playing like brothers. Samwise is very energetic and gives us a lot of laughs. At night, we hear him participating in the “cat Olympics.” Thanks again for all the work that you do, our family and Samwise appreciate it.

*Chris and Kim Basmagy*

**Blossom** chose us to provide her with her forever home. She is the friendliest cat and always greets you when you come home, snuggles with you on the couch, and sleeps with you at night. She’ll always brighten your day with her cute meow, big eyes and soft cuddles.

*Lienne S*

**Pearl** (formerly known as Kit-Kat) is adjusting well. She lies in the sun a lot and gets along well with her new roommate kitty, Mr. Snuggles. They spend most days chasing each other around the house and enjoying lots of treats. She’s puuurfect!

*Brittney Jarrell*

My girls had been wanting a pet for so long, so one day I just decided to grant their wish. We came to pick out our baby. We chose **Midnight** because we wanted a black cat, and he was so sweet being passed around from person to person. He has made each day an adventure and he has brought us so much joy!

*Susan, Elianna & Selena*
When we walked into Cat Welfare, we didn’t choose Oscar; he chose us. He walked right over to us and made himself at home in our arms. He is such a loving cat, and we are incredibly thankful he found us. Oscar can usually be found on someone’s lap or a bed, catching some sun and getting affection. His little ear always makes for great conversation, and we would not change one thing about him. He has found his forever home, and we are happy to give that to him.

Sarah & Jacob

Hello, and thank you! We adopted Laurel (1-1/2 years) and Ollie (5 months) in August. I want to thank everyone there for helping us, especially Aaron, as he was quite patient and helpful. The kittens love their new home and follow us around. Laurel continues to be extremely loving, and Ollie quickly learned his role in the family of kittens. Our other two cats have adjusted to the new family members, and we are so happy to have the addition of such wonderful kitties!

The Arnetts

Princess Little Cat (black) was adopted by our family in 2012 and The Dutchess (Siamese) in 2013. The Princess and The Dutchess are best friends; they love to run, play and wrestle with each other. The Princess loves when her daddy sings to her, and The Duchess insists on getting her snacks at 9:30 p.m. every night. Both had to be bottle-fed and doctoried when we took them into our home. Needless to say, we met with their approval, and they have decided to keep us and have us for their forever home!

Ken, Melissa and Ellie Thien

I am so grateful to have Spooky in my life. She is the sweetest cat who just loves to be around me. She follows me around and will just hang out with me no matter what I am doing. I love her companionship. Her tiny meow is the cutest thing I’ve ever heard, and she is cuddly and loves being scritched and petted! She enjoys batting around her toys, sunning herself on her cat tree, and TREATS! I enjoy knowing that after a long day at work she will run to the door to welcome me home. She’s just so well behaved and easy going. She is my first pet in my entire life, and I knew as soon as I held her in my arms for the first time at Cat Welfare that she was going to be perfect. I love her so much. I am happy I met Melissa Meyer at Cazuelas and learned about Cat Welfare. Thank you!

Lisa Y.
Apply to Be on CWA Board

Do you have extensive knowledge of the shelter or 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 16, 2017. Please download an application at catwelfareassoc.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 15, 2017. Information about each candidate will be posted on Cat Welfare’s website on or about April 17. Please contact the shelter if you would like the candidates’ information mailed to you.

Gift Wrapping a Big Success

We raised nearly $3,400 wrapping gifts at Barnes and Noble during holiday shopping season! A huge thank you to the 25+ volunteers who helped us with this event over the course of a month. A special thank you to Brenda Martin for orchestrating this and maintaining relationships with management at B&N for over 18 years. She tirelessly works these events and fills in schedule gaps when necessary.

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 in 2016:


Cat Welfare Association Life Members
We Love Our Donors

Ishie Memorial Fund
for long-term care of shelter residents

- Samuel & Diane van Schoyck “Tom, Ali, Amanda, & Ruby”
- Maureen McCormick “In memory of Linden, Buckeye, & Spider”
- Aida Montano “In memory of Noah Parker”
- Joellen Wood “In honor of Dottie Martin’s birthday”
- Jerry & Jan Noltemeyer “Loving all our cats here and at the Rainbow Bridge”
- Raymond, Yvette, & Renee Sadauskas
- Richard & Lynne McWherter “Martita Dougherty”
- Ruth Ann Branoff “In honor of Rosie & Snuggles – In memory of Janie, D.J., Tayo, Shanghai & Pookie”
- Candice Clevenger “In memory of my sweet Linus”
- Tom Yager & Andy Baker “In loving memory of Roxie, Velma, & Pricilla”
- Shirley Brooks Jones “Dear sweet Lilly – ‘the watch cat’”
- James Puchan, Christine Putre, Diane & Bob Taylor, Mimi & Joe Puchan, Richard & Joyce Pananen, and Shirley Puchan “We donate in remembrance of Jan’s own care of the stray/abandoned cats that she either adopted as her own or found loving homes for”
- Judy Malenick “In memory of Max & Alex”
- Sigma Phi Gamma Intl. Society Mu Beta Chapter “In memory of Jan Puchan”
- Wanda Rogers “In memory of Felix, Fang, BC, & Jezzie”
- Candita Trott “In memory of Orion”
- Kathleen Pursley “In memory of Penelope”
- Mary O’Ryan “In memory of Jan Puchan”
- Joann Sadler “Callie Calhoun”
- Anna Teichmoeller “All my babies who have crossed the Rainbow Bridge”


Alterning Fund
for emergency care for shelter cats


Vincent Fund
for emergency care for shelter cats


Cat-A-Lack Chow Club
for food for the shelter residents

Vicky Schmarr, Mark Michaels, Jane Taylor, Sheila Bagley, Colleen Nye “In honor of Lisa Buchanan”, Kathryn Lang, Kathryn Huey, Amy Jones, Todd Ives, Melissa Scott, Judy Malenick, Jeanette Jones, Florence Baquet, and Susan McGarvey
Natalie is seeking a quiet forever home. Adopted as a kitten about seven years ago, Natalie was not able to acclimate to the changes life will bring. Natalie is looking for a home where she can lavish love on her adult human(s) without the competition for attention from young children, dogs or other cats. Her previous owner also reported that daily play time was a hit with Natalie. The shelter is a stressful environment for her, so she resides in a small room and draws visitors in by stationing herself at the glass door. Let’s work together and rehome Natalie.

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!