

# Feline Forum

Cat Welfare Association Newsletter

February/March 2017

## 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](http://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.

# Looking Back: Points of Pride for 2016



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

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 tritrichomonas 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** follows 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

## 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.



## Board of Directors

President: Peggy Kirk  
Vice President: Erik Diekmeyer  
Secretary: Anne Riley  
RoseAnn Ballangee • Steve Hebenstreit  
• Claudia Plumley



## 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).



# CWA Happy Homes



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 puuurfec!

**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 kitties love their new home and follow us around. Laurel continues to be extremely loving, and Ollie quickly learned his role in the family of kitties. 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 Dutchess insists on getting her snacks at 9:30 p.m. every night. Both had to be bottle-fed and doctored 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 scritch'd 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.***

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.

## 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](http://catwelfareassoc.org) or contact the shelter to have an application mailed to you. Completed applications should be sent to [boardresumes@catwelfareassoc.org](mailto: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.



## 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 in 2016:

Gwen Allen, Standford Apseloff, Harry Baucum, Joe & Emily Bruskolter, Lisa Buchanan, Tom & Holly Burkhard, Trent Christy, Sarah Cordingly, Paul Dorothy, Debbie Eckstein, Margaret Floyd, Sheldon Gleisser, Tim & Erin Heaven, Richard Hoskinson, Janet Knasel, Brian Kreger, Karla Mocalla, Carrie Morris, Jennifer MacKanos, Cynthia McCormick, Kenneth Oates, John & Cheryl Presutti, Janet Rajadhyaksha, Kathleen Reed, Pat Senkbell, Nancy Smith, Nancy Vincent and Sandra White.

# 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”

Kelly Miller, James Simon, Cheryl Hyde, Jennifer Schleppe, Judd Depew, Emilio & Gabriella Casetti, Steven Puckett, Georgeann McCall, Janice & Dan Bailey, Cari Withrow, Amelia & David Brown, Janet Busert, Thomas & Linda Kreger, Marty Montgomery, James & Mary Criswell, Sandy Wolf, Robert Miller, Janet Wilson, Susan Collins, Judith Boyer, Susanne Riepenhoff, Heidi Sherer, Norman Booth & Gail Zink, Gerald Allen, Ken & Helen Marshall, Joy & Ed Weiler

## Altering Fund

to subsidize community low-cost spay/neuter surgeries

Heath Jolliff, Ann & Carl Connor, Kathleen Higgins “In memory of Doug Buhner,” Allegheny Region LCCI “In memory of Doug Buhner,” Dianne Curry, Patricia Harris, Stephanie Burchfield, Bill Hout “In memory of Doug Buhner,” Nancy Sohner “In honor of Joan Shkolnik’s birthday,” Paula Kobelt, Stephanie Giroux “In celebration of the marriage of Laura Dehlendorf & Jimmy Crane,” Anita Dean, Kerri Pollet, Patti Barnitz, Kathryn Kim, Andrea Johan “In memory of T.O.M.,” Ruth Ann Branoff “In honor of Rosie & Snuggles – In memory of Janie, D.J., Tayo, Shanghai & Pookie,” Valerie Harmon Pike, Shirley Brooks Jones, Julianne Hunter, Jacquelyn Zimmerman, Steve & Terri Carter, Sandy Wolf, Karen Ollila, Holly Mosier, Nan Long, Janet McMullen, Chris Haas, Hanadi Chidiac, and Peggy Barnum

## Vincent Fund

for emergency care for shelter cats

Beth Carnate, Alice Kimbell, Becky Oberholtzer, William Hout, Erik Diekmeyer, Dorothy Martin, Judy Hardy, Pat & Robert Stafford, Ron & Ann Bentley “In memory of Penny,” Katie Binzel, Connie Cline, Tony Bledsoe, Margaret Hermann, Shirley Brooks Jones, William & Sheila Hubbard “In honor of Christine & Daniel Hubbard,” Brian Kreger, Mary C. Schlank, Leon & Patricia Cohan, Jr., Julianne Hunter, Thomas & Linda Kreger, Judy Malenick “In memory of ‘Cat’ Hackett”, Marty Montgomery, James & Mary Criswell, Sandy Wolf, Nicole Trimner, Ramona Sietsma, Inge Holway, Patricia Harris, Anita Knoechel, Helen DeSantis, Judith Boyer, Sandra Myers, Kimberly Michel “In honor of Kristin Michel Bohls,” Jenna Hirsh “In honor of Cat Chatters,” Joy & Ed Weiler, Victoria Lizka “In honor of Danya Linehan; for rescuing my kitty Danya,” Marjorie Obrist, Dick & Linda Hamilton, and Linda Schellkopf

## 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



# Hello, Natalie

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](http://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.

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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