

# Feline Forum

Cat Welfare Association Newsletter

February/March 2019



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## Help Us Replace the Last of the Old Cages

In the last few years, we have replaced most of the cages in the shelter with cat condos, making it much easier to clean up after and care for our feline residents. Now there's just one old unit of cages left, and after more than 15 years, it is ready to be retired.

The new bank of cages we'd like to order can be configured in multiple ways to house single cats, bonded pairs or litters of kittens. Plus, as with the condos, they will be easier to clean so we can keep everyone healthy. To complete this project we need to raise \$1,850. Can you help? Make sure to mark your contribution "P2 Cage Donation" and watch our Facebook page for updates!



Buster

## 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. View more of our FIV+ cats on page 3, then stop by the shelter and visit with them. You may just find someone you love.

## Looking Back: Points of Pride for 2018



A friend visits with Ralph during a Crime Cats Mystery Club meeting.

The generosity of donors and friends, commitment of our members and volunteers, dedication of our staff, and leadership of our Board of Directors contributed to an outstanding year for Cat Welfare.

### IN KEEPING WITH OUR MISSION AND PURPOSE

- **962** cats and kittens admitted to the shelter, many with life threatening injuries
- **1,039** felines adopted into loving homes, including **29** FIV-positive and **3** FeLV-positive kitties
- **208** kittens cared for in foster homes
- **2,419** altering surgeries subsidized through Cat Welfare's low-cost spay and neuter programs through November 2018
- **167** companion cats received medical care, supported by our Good Sam fund, when families could not afford

their cats' emergency medical treatment

- A comprehensive deferred maintenance project to enhance the lives of our shelter residents completed on time and on budget

### OUTREACH

- Two unique new T-shirt designs received rave reviews.
- More than 10,000 people like and follow us on Facebook @catwelfareassoc.
- Ryan Lukens, a 9-year-old cat, was returned to the shelter in January 2018 after his family lost their home. After seeing his Facebook story posted on February 22, the Ridhibhinyo family adopted Ryan Lukens on February 24.
- We made new friends with our events at Platform Beer and The Classy Glassy Cat Show hosted by Glass Axis.
- The Catique Resale Shop celebrated its four-year anniversary at the Mediterranean location. Net proceeds help to fund shelter operations.
- Our Crime Cats Mystery Club, a program that offers children a way to gain confidence in reading while helping shy cats gain confidence around people, was presented with the OELMA Literacy Leader Award.

**Save the Date! Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, April 14 at the Clintonville Woman's Club**

## 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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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: Steve Hebenstreit  
Vice President: Rose Ann Ballangee  
Recording Secretary: Anne Riley  
Erik Diekmeyer • Claudia Plumley • Karen Ramey

Ex Officio Member: Peggy Kirk

Treasurer: Judy Vertikoff

# Meet Some of Our Adoptable FIV+ Friends



**Oscar**

I believe one would describe me as a robust, gentle giant. I live in the south end of the shelter, where I have loyal human and feline pals. If I see a lap, I claim it — and all the better if there is a brush involved with our visit. A fella has to keep up his appearance!



**Gus**

Gus had been living outdoors before a health check revealed he is FIV+. Gus likes to talk and tell tales to get your attention. He will butt his large head against you as a show of gratitude for being petted, and he gets along just fine with other cats.



**Buddy**

I want to be your companion, but most of all, I am seeking a feline friend. I used to have a bestie here at the shelter; we played, ate and just hung out together. When Miracle passed, it left a void in my life. Might you and your friendly feline be looking for a fella like me?

## Share Your Memories for Our 75th Anniversary!



In 2020, Cat Welfare will celebrate its 75th anniversary. We are planning a number of events to commemorate this important milestone. To help paint the picture of the shelter's history, we are asking that you share your favorite memory of Cat Welfare. Remembrances could be about your favorite Cat Welfare feline resident, an event or other memorable experience that involves the shelter, or the wonderful cats we have loved throughout the years. Memories need not be limited to text. Photos, drawings, paintings, and other creative inspirations are welcome. Please send commemoratives to the shelter or [anniversary75@catwelfareassoc.org](mailto:anniversary75@catwelfareassoc.org). Look for more information about the festivities in future editions of the newsletter and on updates to our website.

## Want to Help? Join the New Anniversary Planning Committee

Cat Welfare has launched a committee to spearhead the celebration of Cat Welfare's 75th anniversary in 2020. The committee is in its early stages and looking for members. Do you have experience in planning events or parties? Is marketing or organization your forte? Do you like to work with people? This may be the perfect committee for you! A brief description of the committee's responsibilities follows:

The 75th Anniversary Committee is responsible for planning and executing events and developing marketing materials to celebrate Cat Welfare's 75th anniversary in 2020. Events will be structured to appeal to a wide audience of members, donors and friends of Cat Welfare. Marketing materials will be widely distributed and focus on Cat Welfare's rich history as well as its ongoing service to the community.

Please contact us at [anniversary75@catwelfareassoc.org](mailto:anniversary75@catwelfareassoc.org) if you are interested in this opportunity!

# CWA Happy Homes



In November 2015, my cat Lucky (also a Cat Welfare cat) died at age 14. I never thought I would fill the void in my heart after losing him. Then my children gave me a Cat Welfare gift certificate for Christmas. My daughter convinced me to at least go and look. The first time I looked at **Ozzie**, I knew he was the one. He had the most

beautiful eyes that just seemed to be saying, "Please take me home with you." So we did! Now, a year later, my heart is not quite as empty. Ozzie made himself at home right away. He even slept in our bed the first night we had him! He is not a "lap cat," per se, but he will snuggle next to you. I am so glad we went to Cat Welfare "just to look" that day!

**Michele Donohue**

**Nimbus** waited nearly a year to find her forever home. She checks in with this report: "I picked me a new family that loves me and will let me sleep in a big, soft bed. I am still a little bit shy, but I am learning to love and trust again. Thank you all for taking me in until I found my new family."



**Cynthia Williams**



We adopted **Ricochet** in May of 2016. We knew he was the one because he wouldn't stop demanding attention from us whenever we walked by his cage. As you can see, he bonded with our dog rather quickly, and they are best friends now. Ricochet turned out to be a fitting name as he has quite a bit of energy and tends to bounce around (and get into everything he possibly can!). But he's family now and we love him.

**Jen**



We adopted **Lilo** the day after Christmas in 2015. Upon entering the shelter, her cage was the first one I was drawn to. She was all scrunched up in the back corner looking completely terrified. I pressed my hand against the cage and within seconds she was purring and kneading. One of the volunteers was actually surprised by how quickly she had taken to me! It took about one month or so to get her to stop hiding in our bathroom ... and then another couple of months to get her to stop hiding under the bed ... and I'm pleased to say that now we can't seem to get her off of our laps. She's an absolute diva and demands attention now that she is comfortable. She never knew what home was until we were able to provide her with one, and she never would've gotten that chance if it wasn't for this amazing shelter. I can't thank Cat Welfare enough for all that they do!

**Madison Mitchell**

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.

# Get Cozy

**with a Forever Feline Friend this season.**

**\$20 adoption fee for cats and kittens**  
**\$10 adoption fee for senior cats (8 years and older)**

All cats and kittens are spayed/neutered, have received vaccinations and are microchipped. Includes a 30-day health guarantee.



Fred



Wesley

## Catique Celebrates Five Years



The Catique

70% off anniversary storewide sale\*

We would like to extend sincere gratitude to all of our Catique Resale Shop donors and faithful shoppers. Please join us during our anniversary sale February 14-16. Our celebration includes a 70% off storewide sale with the exclusion of furniture and catnip toys. Refreshments will be served on Saturday.

## New Guardian Angels Chosen



Our gentle giant Vince and the clowder of cats in our shy cats' room are the 2019 Guardian Angel inductees. Biographies and photos will be posted on our website at [catwelfareassoc.org/guardian-angels](http://catwelfareassoc.org/guardian-angels) by February 5. Please note that individually or in pairs, our shy cats are available for adoption. The shy group was selected to raise awareness and as a way to fund enrichment for their room.

## Thank You, Gift Wrappers!

Thank you to all of our volunteers who wrapped purchases at Barnes and Noble to raise funds and awareness. Your efforts generated just over \$3,200.

## The CWA Board Needs You!

Do you have extensive knowledge of the shelter, or skills in organizational management, finance, fund-raising, marketing, computer technology, cat care, construction or other areas that might be beneficial to Cat Welfare? If you have any of these attributes and want to make a difference, please consider submitting an application to serve as a Board member of Cat Welfare. Board members are required to participate in 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 ongoing involvement with the organization. Members will be elected to fill Board openings at the membership meeting on May 21, 2019. Board members must be at least 18 years of age.

Please download an application at [catwelfare-assoc.org](http://catwelfare-assoc.org) or contact the shelter to have an application mailed to you. A completed application, accompanied by a resume, should be emailed 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 submission is March 15, 2019.

Information about each candidate will be posted on Cat Welfare's website on or about April 19. Please contact the shelter if you would like the candidates' information mailed to you.



## Date Set for 2019 Cat Caper

Please join us for the 14th Annual Cat Caper 5K walk/run benefiting the Cat Welfare Association. The 2019 event will be held Sunday, September 22 at the Grange Insurance Audubon Center, 400 W. Whittier St., Columbus. As always, we will feature great vendors, special items from the Catique Resale Shop, and our popular catnip pillows. Be sure to stick around after the race for a cat-approved raffle of fabulous items. For a donation, we will serve you a delicious pancake breakfast! Prefer to sleep in on Sunday? Be a Cat Napper! Watch our website and newsletter for more details and registration information.

## 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 2018:

Aleks Aleksic, Angie Amburgey, Tom & Elizabeth Bowling, James Carr, Constance Criswell, Joan Fischer, Reed Gaubert, Sandrina Gentry, Cassidy Grumman, Anita Knoechel, Annie Lach, Michelle Lanham, Cindy Leland, Patricia Leonard, Doris Litman, Deborah Newman, Karen Ramey and Beth Williams.

# We Love Our Donors

## Ishie Memorial Fund

for long-term care of shelter residents

- Jonathan Bailey “Happy Birthday, Doug Grotegeer!”
- Barbara Moseley “Remember them all”
- Carol Barnum “In memory of Bohdi Barnum”
- Ron & Ann Bentley “Angel”
- Sue Lape “Gordon Wilson”
- The Tisdales “In memory of all our kitties-Mandy, Smokey, Bill, & Oscar”
- Richard & Lynne McWherter “Martita Dougherty”
- Brenda Pulice “For Cheryl Stankevich”
- Shirley Brooks Jones “In memory of my husband, Ronald Jones”
- Steven & Louise Czatt “In memory of Lady Jayne and Stinker”
- Robert & April Matthews “For Max – Always in our hearts”
- Diane & Sam Van Schoyck “In memory of Tom, Ali, Ruby, Amanda, & Tecumseh”
- Elizabeth Sherowski “In memory of Creamy Willie”
- Beatrice Friedlander “In honor of Ellen F. Graham from Bee and Don”
- Louise & Bryan Sagor “In memory of Deb & Terry Barr’s Mia”
- Theresa Turner “Mary L. Herold”
- Heidi Sherer “To Mery Figueroa, in loving memory of Katie from Heidi, Lauren, & Alexis”

Michelle Davis, Carol May, Irina & Boris Pittel, Sharon Rhymaun-Croyle, Judith Johnson, James & Mary Criswell, Steven Puckett, Lisa Leaper, Inge Holway, Craig & Loraine Treneff, Sheila Bagley, Denise Romecki, Gerald Allen and Janice & Dan Bailey

## Vincent Fund

for emergency care for shelter cats

Linda Schellkopf, Betty Beatrice, Helen DeSantis, James & Mary Criswell, Leon & Patricia Cohan Jr., J.G. Kassel, Marjorie Obrist, Judy Pfaltzgraf, Shirley Brooks Jones, Carol Daniels, Carol Ann Bradley, Thomas & Linda Kreger, Inge Holway, Craig Lewis, Anna Teichmoeller, Dick & Linda Hamilton, Robert & Joan Williams, Susan Dotson, Patricia Eiben, Suzanne Larger, Julianne Hunter, Caitlin Moon, and Heidi Sherer “To Allison Kelly, in memory of Brindle from Heidi, Alexis, & Lauren”

## Cat-A-Lack Chow Club

for food for the shelter residents

Mara Lee, Courtney Goddard, Colleen Nye “In honor of Lisa Buchanan,” and Nabeel Khoury

## Joey’s Good Samaritan Fund

for medical care of owned cats

Randall Hertzner “In memory of Doug Buher,” Carol Ann Bradley, Su A. Farnlacher, Kathy Ebersbach, Carol Daniels, Gwenneth Allen, Courtney Goddard, Steven Puckett, Donna Kalanko “In honor of Lynnette Gibboney,” Audrey Bennett, Shirley Brooks Jones, Joseph Kubasek, Patricia Eiben, and Heidi Sherer “In loving memory of Copper from Heidi, Alexis, and Lauren”

## Willard’s Village Babies Fund

for care of feral cat colonies

Juanita & Rita Woods “In memory of Dradle (June 27, 2004 - November 12, 2018),” Annie Lach, Darin & Teresa Plummer, Juanita Woods “In memory of precious Willard,” Anne Riley & Wilma Wabnitz “In memory of our sweet dog, Brandi, who was a great friend to our cats,” and Danya Chessin “In memory of Steven Schreiberman”

## Altering Fund

to subsidize community low-cost spay/neuter surgeries

Annie Lach, John Lach, Susan McKinley, Laura Whinery, Shirley Brooks Jones, Sean Boesch “In honor of Judy Greer,” Sheila Bagley, Shirley Tobias, Patricia Eiben, and Julianne Hunter

From January through December 2018, we **adopted 1,039 cats** into loving homes and from January through November **subsidized 2,419 spay and neuter surgeries** through our various Altering Fund programs.





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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, Mia

I was adopted in 2006 and had to be returned in 2016. Being returned was not my fault, and it broke my heart. I now have a hard time trusting people, but once I trust you I am quite the lover. I will sit on your lap and gently caress your cheek with my paw to show you that I love you. I am not a fan of dogs at all, the drool, the barking . . . those things are just not for me. I suppose other cats are all right; however, I would really prefer to be the center of your universe. If you have a quiet home with no children or dogs, please consider helping me mend my broken heart.

*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!*