

Feline Forum

Cat Welfare Association Newsletter

June/July 2017

Friendship Village Visits Make a Big Difference

Did you know that the Cat Welfare residents visit with seniors who are living in care facilities as part of our shelter's community outreach? Volunteers are currently taking cats on regularly scheduled visits to three care facilities.

Hutch and his daughter, Rebecca, have been visiting with the residents of Friendship Village since 2002! Hutch recently shared some stories from their many visits.

Once we had a feather on a stick that the kittens hunted, chased and stole until they were exhausted. The spectacle of kittens playfully dashing about is highly entertaining, which can even bring tears of joyful delight and hoots of laughter to an elderly shut-in, who may not have had any contact with a furry bundle of joy for many months or possibly years.

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Several years ago we were fostering kittens and thought it would be a thrill for the residents to see the babies. We stopped by for a short visit and let each of them hold a kitten, before we brought in the older shelter cats from a separate vehicle. The overwhelming response from the residents was remarkable. The lasting impression of the energy those kittens seemed to impart to each elderly resident in just a few short minutes was magical. To this day, the first question asked when we arrive is, "How many cats did you bring, and ARE THERE ANY KITTENS?!" Of course they want to know all about each cat and its entire life story. Obviously bringing cats from a rescue shelter leaves us at a distinct disadvantage when it comes to knowing anything about a particular cat and what it has been through, leading up to the most recent days after the cat arrived at the shelter. Interestingly, everyone is a critic when it comes to the names given to the strays brought from the shelter. Much of the conversation starts with a particular name and whether it suits that particular cat's disposition.

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There is one little secret about taking cats on visits to the assisted living facility that most people may not realize. While there is a measurable benefit for the live-in residents, who may have given up their beloved pets when they left their homesteads, there is another equally beneficial outcome for the cats themselves. Too often a cat will come into the shelter after suffering stress or trauma. With that condition in mind, we will specifically choose a shy or withdrawn cat to visit with these quiet, safe and gentle people. These withdrawn cats have little



Lily is a favorite visitor of many care facility residents.

Blossom into a new relationship.

\$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.

Cat Welfare Night at Gresso's Pub & Grill

961 S. High St., German Village
5 to 9 p.m. July 27

Join us for a fun evening to benefit the cats in our care. Great food, CWA kitty-inspired drink specials, a 50/50 raffle and more! Gresso's has a pooch-friendly patio. Bring your canine companion out to support kitties looking for their forever homes.

Volunteer Team Update from CWA

Our volunteer team has been busy socializing cats, pitching in to keep the shelter clean, attending offsite events, and sprucing up our outdoor space. Thank you! Volunteers have also been taking advantage of the monthly training available to them. The biggest current focus is education about and socialization of the FIV+ and FeLV+ cats. The goal is to have so many volunteers trained to visit them that each group of cats has one visit each day.



CWA cats often help supervise volunteers as they work.

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
614-268-6096
catwelfareassoc.org
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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.



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Get Cozy with a Colorful Cat Quilt



This spectacular quilt was made by Elizabeth Bowling and Sharon Warrington to help raise funds for the kitties! It measures 62" x 77". To purchase tickets, mail in the form, stop by the shelter or visit cwaquiltraffle.myevent.com. We will draw the name of the lucky winner on September 30 at 2 p.m. You need not be present to win.

Quilt Raffle Ticket Order Form

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

ZIP _____

Phone _____

Number of Tickets _____

Total Cost _____

(\$5 per ticket, \$20 for 5)

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

Find Secondhand Treasures at The Catique Resale Shop

Support the cats at Cat Welfare when you shop The Catique Resale Shop at 1005 Mediterranean Ave., Columbus 43229, near Busch Boulevard and 161. Our upscale resale shop is open Thursdays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Enjoy a complimentary cup of coffee or tea while you shop. The Catique sells clothes, furniture, collectibles, jewelry, household items, artwork, books and much more! You can also visit us at catwelfareassoc.org/catique and facebook.com/thecatiqueresaleshop.



CWA Happy Homes



I took a very long time deciding to take home **Lucy and Winnie**, but I couldn't imagine life without them now! They are lovable weirdos, and I discover new quirks every day. Lucy loves to sit as close to your face as possible, hang out inside paper

bags, and attack her own tail, while Winnie likes climbing my kitchen counters, drinking from the water bowl using her paw, and drinking from the bathtub faucet. They are adjusting to each other pretty well, especially considering that Winnie was in an isolation room at the shelter. My advice to others would be to check out the kitties outside of the main room because they can be just as wonderful. Thank you to the staff at Cat Welfare for being so patient with helping me pick out these two sweet girls who have made me so happy!

The Davis Family



From the shy little cat in the corner to the diva in training, **Roxie** has made a great transformation since we adopted her in April 2015! We were first attracted to Roxie because she looked a lot like our beloved Pounce that we lost after 15 years. But as we get to know her, Roxie is her own special girl! She was

very shy and timid when we met her at Cat Welfare, it just felt like she needed her own home—our home. She hid under the bed at first, coming out only to use the litter box and eat. She also loves her window perch (she has squirrel friends) and her plush dome bed in the living room. In recent weeks, she has developed into a lap cat and cuddles in bed as well. Apparently she had litter box issues in the past, and she did for a brief time with us, but then we discovered she had an ear infection. After that was cleared up, the litter box problems stopped, and she blossomed into the lovable girl she is today. Thank you Cat Welfare for the wonderful work that you do and allowing us to help Roxie find her inner diva!

The Miller Family



My boyfriend brought me in to adopt a kitty, and I was introduced to **Remy**. He was a little rough, and had only one eye, but I fell in love with him. He likes it very much here at home. He is extremely playful and affectionate. He spends most of his days now in his window seat I created for him. He has also gained a few pounds; I'll admit he's a bit spoiled.

Amber Estock



When we adopted **Silver**, we were worried about integrating him with our resident cat, who has been an only child for over 3 years. Thankfully, it wasn't long before they were playing, grooming and snuggling with each other. Sheldon loves his new little brother and so do we!

Kelsey & Grant

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

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chance of being adopted and could use some time outside of a shelter cage. After the stress of travel wears off in the quiet surroundings of the nursing home, we often see these reserved and fearful cats relax and show their true feline natures. The visit provides them with a therapeutic break from the clinical environment of the shelter, without any noise, smells, or threats of domination from other cats looking to move up in the pecking order. Often residents will ask about whatever happened to a special cat they remember from a prior month. All we can say is they found a forever home, because rarely do we find the same cat still at the shelter to take on a repeat visit to the nursing home.

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During one visit we were escorted up to the memory care unit, where residents with dementia live. For those who have not experienced a locked down unit, this can be a tense or even frightening experience. Typically, most of the residents are quiet and curious. One elderly woman was sitting by herself, just staring off into space, and never spoke. We put a gentle "lap cat" on the arm of her chair and she drew him into her arms. The cat nuzzled her chin and she began to softly talk about a cat she once had long ago in her life. She continued to talk to the cat and nobody in particular, while the staff gathered around her in wonder, because they had never heard her speak so much. In fact they remarked how she "had awakened" and continued to speak more in 10 minutes than they had heard from her in the many years she had lived there combined! It was truly a miraculous moment that revealed the awesome influence that our pets can have on our lives.



June 24, 2017
12:00 pm - 3:00 pm
at
Cat Welfare Association
741 Wetmore Road
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Kitten wish list
Kitten Milk Replacement • Kitten Chow • Moist Kitten Food
Heating Disks • Toys • Human Baby Food in meat flavors

Support Kroger Rewards



Stanwick would like to remind you that you need to register your Kroger Rewards Card each year to have your purchases benefit our shelter. To register:

1. Call 1-800-576-4377 and select option 3
2. Give the representative your Kroger Rewards Card number
3. The Cat Welfare Association ID is 83895

Grow Catnip This Summer



Cat Welfare's handmade catnip pillows are very popular with humans and their feline friends. Last year, the shelter raised nearly \$3,900. It's a great fundraiser with one important ingredient: catnip! Please consider planting a patch of the green stuff, then bring it into the shelter to be made into plush toys. While you're there, be sure to pick up a pillow or two for your kitty companions. They're sure to love them!

Kids Can Be Heroes in Shelter Reading Program

Crime Cats Mystery Club (CCMC) is a super-powered shelter reading program created by an alliance between Cat Welfare Association and Crime Cats author Wolfgang Parker! The program offers children an opportunity to connect with homeless cats in a meaningful way through reading. Readers have already begun helping our homeless cat friends at Cat Welfare find their forever homes, but we need more heroes! Some of these shelter cats aren't used to humans and need a hero to help build their trust. When you read to the cats, it shows them humans can be trusted, and the trust you build with them will give them the courage to meet new people and find their forever homes.

Readers from grades 1 through 8 are invited to read aloud books from the CCMC's on-site library to cats in the shelter for 15 to 30 minutes at a time. As children accrue reading time, they become eligible for prizes! Reading sessions take place in the shelter's shy cat room.

Have a reader who's ready to become a hero? Mystery Club membership is limited to 20 readers per session. The next session runs from mid-June through August 15. To enroll, send an email to cwacrimecatmysteryclub@gmail.com containing the following information:

- Adult's Name
- Adult's Best Contact Phone
- Adult's Best Email
- Reader's Name
- Reader's Age



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Altering Fund

to subsidize community low-cost spay/neuter surgeries

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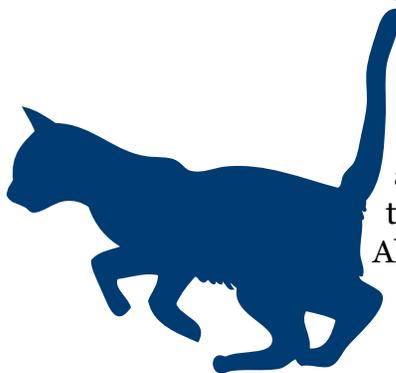
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Anne Riley & Wilma Wabnitz "In memory of Willard and all the Village Babies," Beach House Records "In memory of Joe Margiotti," Juanita Woods, and Dr. Danya Linehan

Cat-A-Lack Chow Club

for food for the shelter residents

Kyle Fred Weinberger and Kiersten Turos



From January through April 2017, we **adopted 404 cats** into loving homes, and from January through March 2017, we **subsidized 393 spay and neuter surgeries** through our various Altering Fund programs.

Cat Welfare Gives Thanks

A sling, a sling, a wonderful thing! Thank you to Sue Canale for her dedication to making kitten and cat slings since 2011 to benefit our mission! The slings are sold at the shelter, during off-site events, and through Sue's Etsy page, SweetStitchesOhio. Volunteer Linda S. (pictured) often uses a sling during her near-daily socialization visits at the shelter.

Fun fact: Sue's kind efforts went international in May when orders were received from England and Australia!





Hello, Luna

Hi, there. I'm a sweet, quiet kitty who seeks a forever home. You see, I thought I had one of those, but, alas, it was not the case. After 10 years with a family, I was returned to Cat Welfare because I became "too much trouble after the children arrived." I am a healthy girl, not a picky eater, and I enjoy being talked to and given gentle pets, especially on the face. I have enjoyed attending several of the volunteer training sessions because I can always find a lap, which is my favorite place of all. So if you have space in your heart and your home for a senior gal, please come to the shelter and ask to meet Luna.

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 scrubies, and Mr. Clean.

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