

# Feline Forum

The Cat Welfare Association Newsletter

June/July 2021



## Shelter Reopens for Adopters

On June 1, Cat Welfare will open our doors to the public for adoptions once again. Appointments will no longer be required. However, to expedite the adoption process, we prefer that visitors fill out an adoption application in advance and submit it by email to [cwshelter@yahoo.com](mailto:cwshelter@yahoo.com) before arriving. This form can be found on the Adopt page of our website, [catwelfareassoc.org/adopt](http://catwelfareassoc.org/adopt).

All potential adopters and staff members must properly wear masks.

We are open from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Thursday through Tuesday and 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday.

First time cat owner? Please consider purchasing the necessary supplies listed at [catwelfareassoc.org/newcatsupplies](http://catwelfareassoc.org/newcatsupplies) before adopting your new furry friend.

## Altering Work Extends to Whitehall

We partnered with the nonprofit For the Love of Jane for a two-day trap-neuter-release (TNR) event in Whitehall. The low-income neighborhood had been feeding a multitude of cats for years without any TNR. For the Love of Jane was called in to pull litters of tiny kittens. Once they saw the number of adult roaming cats, they knew intervention was needed. Seventeen cats were trapped the first day, while rainy weather on the second day yielded only four.

Volunteers are planning to return for another day of trapping in June. The neighborhood was most appreciative of the efforts.

Your donations to our Altering Fund allow us to subsidize altering community cats in Central Ohio. In the first four months of 2021, we have funded 940 spay/neuter surgeries. Please consider contributing today [catwelfareassoc.org/donate](http://catwelfareassoc.org/donate) to help us continue this important work.



# Adoption Fees Hiked to Cover Costs

On May 16, 2021, The Cat Welfare Association's adoption fees became \$40 for cats and kittens and \$25 for senior and special need felines.

Our initial cost for cats and kittens admitted to the shelter is \$100 for a female and \$90 for a male. That doesn't include the costs for food, medicine and litter provided in the shelter. We do not believe this increase will have any negative impact on finding amazing forever homes for the cats and kittens in our care.

## Your adoption fee includes:

- Spaying/neutering
- Vaccinating
- Testing for feline leukemia and FIV
- De-worming
- Microchipping
- 30-day health guarantee



## Our Mission

The 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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Helen DeSantis, Executive Director

# Gift Baskets Needed for Caper Raffle



Our annual fundraiser, the Cat Caper 5K, features a post-race raffle of fabulous gifts and prizes! This year's event on October 9 is going to be our best yet.

We rely on businesses and individuals to donate the fantastic raffle prizes that we will begin collecting this summer. YOU can assist us by making your own basket or soliciting a product or gift card from a business you love.

There are so many nifty gift themes to choose from if you make your own basket! How about a baker's basket: baking mixes for cakes or brownies, pie fillings, a rolling pin, pie pan, wax paper, cookie cutters, cute cupcake liners and a baking cookbook? Or a car theme: air fresheners, tire pressure gauge, jumper cables, and a gift certificate to an oil change shop or a car wash! Maybe a gardener's delight: garden gloves, seeds, watering can, fertilizer, a hand rake, and a gift card to a nursery! This is your chance to be super creative. You can also contact your favorite store to see if they will donate something dreamy!

Contact Jennifer at [JenniferCatWelfare@gmail.com](mailto:JenniferCatWelfare@gmail.com) if you would like to donate to the best raffle in town!

## Hours

11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Thursday  
through Tuesday  
11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday  
Masks are required.

The adoption fee of \$40 (\$25 for senior and special needs 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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# After COVID Delays, Membership Meeting Set for July

As you may know, modifications to The Cat Welfare Association's Bylaws were approved by the Board of Directors at its meeting on July 21, 2020. Members were also solicited to provide written comments about the recommendations. The proposed amendments reflect a myriad of revisions, ranging from minor updates to a few substantive changes.

The membership meeting to vote on the revised Bylaws will take place at 7 p.m. July 20, 2021, at Maple Grove United Methodist Church, 7 W. Henderson Road in Clintonville. Members who are at least 18 years old and have been paid members of The Cat Welfare Association for at least 12 months preceding July 2021 have voting privileges. Attendees will also have an opportunity to learn more about Cat Welfare's committees and other shelter news.

The current Bylaws, a summary of the proposed changes and the proposed Bylaws are posted on our website. The current Bylaws are posted on the "About" tab under the "Board" category. The summary of the proposed changes and proposed Bylaws are accessible via links on the home page. Paper copies are available at the shelter.



The Catique



**Sale!**

Thursday–Saturday 10:00a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
June 17, 18, 19 – 50% off Sale  
July 1, 2, 3 – 70% off Sale  
July 29, 30, 31 – 50% off Sale  
1005 Mediterranean Ave 43229

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## Kimmy Needs a Home



Kimmy is an AMAZING young kitty. She craves attention, loves snuggles and is gentle with other cats. Kimmy is Feline Leukemia positive (FeLV+). Because FeLV is contagious among cats, we place our FeLV+ cats as fosters in homes with other FeLV+ cats or with families where they will be the only cat. Fostering means CWA will cover all medical expenses as long as the cat is seen by one of our partnering veterinarians. Kimmy will not live the normal feline life expectancy due to FeLV, but she will truly enrich your life should you choose to offer her a home.

# CWA Happy Homes



I adopted **Loaf** nine years ago. She was hiding under a shelf, and the employees brought her to me. She was so sweet and cute with her crossed eyes that I decided to adopt her, and she's been my companion ever since. Loaf is no longer shy, and loves to meet new people who come by the house. She loves

to meow and sing and is always playful and affectionate. I couldn't ask for a better cat!

**Charlotte**



**Baekhyun** was initially admitted at Knapp's Vet for a broken leg, and stayed there for a few months. He was a loud, affectionate little kitten that I had the pleasure of taking care of while working in the kennel. I absolutely fell in love with him while he was at the vet, and I knew I had to take him home! Baekhyun is so tolerant of every animal that comes his way, and he loves everyone. He's very loud and full of personality and loves playing fetch with his toy mice. I'm so lucky to have such a good boy!

**Grace**



Meet **Olive**, the chunky princess formerly known as Marly. We spent a good hour or so as a family trying to find the perfect cat, and who knew that she would be all the way in the back tucked away in a cubby? She's the sweetest thing on the planet, and we're so happy to have her. A huge thank you to

the folks at this association for everything they do and for helping us give Olive a new home!

**Cecily**



I adopted **Bonkers** years ago as a kitten from CWA. She has been such a loving kitty, always wanting to be touching her humans. It's to the point where she has even laid on our feet if we were standing. She will sleep with my 6-year-old, who she has been with since he was born. I have even found her grooming him in his sleep. She has been the best companion! Even as I

type this, she is lying next to my head.

**Joy Hoffman**



**Crow & Lannister** are best friends and spend all their time together. They love fighting over Daddy's lap every night. Crow and Lannister are spoiled rotten, and we love them to the moon and back!

**Scott & Jessica**



After moving to Columbus and settling in, I decided to start my kitty family. I walked into the CWA building, and **Kinase** immediately started “talking” rather loudly at me, announcing I was now his human. In the years since, he’s become my snuggle buddy, gained a few fluffy pounds and still enjoys talking

with me all the time. Kinase is quite laid back and welcomed in a sister, Aurum, when she adopted us off the streets. He doesn’t let being FIV+ interfere with his life at all and loves lasers, shoe strings and playing with Aurum. I’m looking forward to many happy years together and so glad Kinase chose me!

**Rachel Brown**



I brought **Moose** home on August 5, 2016, when he was just 11 weeks old. He’s been a world traveler, moving with me to Ecuador and back and now to Florida! He has a lot of energy. He is sure to let me know when he wants to play, and he snores sometimes when he sleeps. These are just a few examples of his many unique qualities, but I wouldn’t trade his furry toes for the world!

**Katharine**



This little girl grew up fast and is doing great! **Mina** is the sweetest thing ever and spoiled rotten. I adopted her in July 2018.

**Deidra**



I adopted this gorgeous girl, **April**, as a kitten from Cat Welfare. She brought our family great joy as she grew from a curtain-climbing kitten to a gentle and loving adult cat. She didn’t have a mean bone in her body and was a champion snuggler. She lived for 19 years as a beloved member of our family.

**Amy & Scott**



I’ve had **Zora** for more than six years now. She loves her other adopted siblings, Tango and Zelda. She’s the most loyal, affectionate cat I’ve ever owned!

**Abby**

Got a Happy Homes story? Upload it at [catwelfareassoc.org/share-your-happy-home-story](http://catwelfareassoc.org/share-your-happy-home-story) or mail it to Cat Welfare, 741 Wetmore Road, Columbus, OH 43214.

## Cat Welfare: 2022 CALENDAR, PHOTO CONTEST

Would your kitty like to be famous? Well, actually would YOU like your kitty to be famous? Cat Welfare invites you to submit your best photo(s) of your favorite kitties. If your photo is chosen, it will be published in the CWA 2022 Calendar, which will be on sale next fall before November 1<sup>st</sup>.



### CONTEST RULES:

- Be sure your photo is focused and of good quality. If your picture is blurry, then it is not likely to be selected for the calendar. The larger the JPG file size, the better the quality.
- The contest is open to everyone. You can submit as many entries as you want, provided you pay the \$10 entry fee for each photo. Photos may be taken from any place or time, but the subject must be a cat. Other animals may be in the photo. Sorry, no humans allowed in the photo.
- You must own the rights to the photo. Photos that have appeared in CWA's *Feline Forum* Newsletter or in previous calendars are eligible, provided they have not been published elsewhere.
- Voting will be performed on-line at: <http://www.catwelfareassoc.org/> beginning in March. You, your friends, and family may vote as many times for each photo you like. You must purchase a minimum of 5 votes for a \$5 donation to support CWA. Forward your pet's CWA photo page to your friends and family and then ask them to donate to vote for your pet!
- A panel of judges selected by the Cat Welfare Association will determine 10 winning photos from the top 20 photos with the most votes, as well as 3 photos chosen from all entries. The CWA judge's decisions are final. Winners will be announced online at [catwelfareassoc.org](http://catwelfareassoc.org) on August 15.
- To enter the contest, starting in March, follow the steps at <http://www.catwelfareassoc.org/> by uploading your JPG format photo and vote for your favorite entries. You may also enter by mailing in this form. **Entry form(s) must be postmarked and electronic entries must be submitted before June 30, 2021. Voting for the contest ends at midnight EST on July 31, 2021. Be sure to include a 150 word story or description all about your cat's rescue, adoption or favorite things to do, along with each photo.**

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Cat's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Photo Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Photographer's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**150 word story (include on separate piece of paper)** \_\_\_\_\_

Number of photos enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ Entry Fee enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ (\$10 for each photo)

By signing, I accept the below disclaimer

**MAIL TO: Cat Welfare, Attn: Calendar Contest  
741 Wetmore Road  
Columbus, OH 43214**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Disclaimer: By submitting this photo(s), you agree to transfer to Cat Welfare Association (CWA) all rights to the photo(s) without license, limitation, or compensation. All submitted photos are property of CWA, who may do with the photo(s) what they please. If you want the photo returned, you must enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope with your photo. CWA is not responsible for any errors, loss or damage regarding the photo entry/entries. All contestants agree to release and hold harmless CWA, all sponsors, and representatives from all claims or actions, they, their heirs, executors or assigns may have arising directly or indirectly from the contest. Winners consent to the use of their name, for advertising and publicity purposes without compensation.

# We Love Our Donors

## Ishie Memorial Fund

for long-term care of shelter residents

Jutta & Heiko Westermann "In memory of Joyce Stewart"

Nancy Hile "In memory of Richard Razzano"  
Richard Austin

Katharine Pilcher "In honor of dear friend and cat lover, Jen Baker Roehl"

Teddi Sharp "In memory of Jennifer Baker Roehl"

Richard & Lynne McWherter "Martila Dougherty"

Susan Graham "Dexter 37"

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Irina & Boris Pittel

Judy Hicks "In memory of Ginger Hicks"

Abby Mitchell "In memory of Erin Hamilton Arthur"

Paul Flach "In memory of Betty Kozman Brown"

Janice & Dan Bailey

## Altering Fund

to subsidize community low-cost spay/neuter surgeries

Annie Lach, James Stir, Susan McKinley, Craig Lewis, Peggy Kirk "In memory of Judy Tabash & Carolyn Difillipo," your friends at the Catique, Samantha Lee, William Hout "In memory of Doug Buhner," and Lynn Straley

## Vincent Fund

for emergency care for shelter cats

Linda Schellkopf, Judy Hardy, Marjorie Obrist, James David Masters, Anita Knoechel "In memory of Stoney & Sushi," Grace Schillinger, Mark Scranton, RoseAnn Ballangee and Janice & Dan Bailey

## Joey's Good Sam Fund

for medical care of owned cats

Randall Hertzner "In memory of Doug Buhner and Jasmine Boots," David Freedy, Kathleen Fisher, James David Masters and Eileen & John Laffey

## Willard's Village Babies Fund

for care of feral cat colonies

Juanita & Rita Woods "In memory and love of Willard," Annie Lach, Marty, Suzanne, Benjamin, Elliott & Mali Jacobs "In memory of Jessica Frabott, who loved her family and her cats with all her heart," Lisa Leaper, Earl, Linda, & Anne Riley "In memory of Sylvester" and Juanita & Rita Woods "In memory of Violet & Daisy"

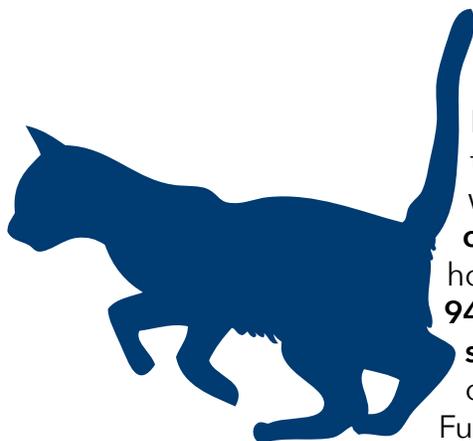
## Cat-A-Lack Chow Club

for food for the shelter residents

Leslie Bothast, Allison Haedt, Claire Smith, Colleen Nye "In the name of Lisa Buchanan," and Craig Lewis

## Want to Volunteer? Attend a New Volunteer Orientation

The Cat Welfare Association is accepting a limited number of new volunteers. We are in need of people to help with cleaning inside the shelter and with yard work. We also need folks to represent us at public events. To apply for a spot at the next orientation, please email [JenniferCatWelfare@gmail.com](mailto:JenniferCatWelfare@gmail.com).



From January through April 2021, we **adopted 208 cats** into loving homes and **subsidized 940 spay and neuter surgeries** through our various Altering Fund programs.



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## Shelter Wish List

Purina Cat Chow, Purina Kitten Chow, moist cat food, Gerber baby food in meat flavors, paper towels, paper grocery sacks, bleach, laundry detergent, postage stamps, 8.5"x11" copy paper



## Hello, Maverick & Babette

I am one half of a bonded pair, a dynamic duo, a couple of peas in a pod. My name is Maverick and my bestie is Babette. We are both young cats with so much love to give. My ideal forever person will find it adorable when I climb a leg seeking affection and attention. My ideal forever person will know where to purchase wand toys and how to use them. Oh, and if you already have another cat or two, that's okay because I do get along with other friendly cats. And if you wonder about me and dogs, the kind lady who brought me to CWA introduced me to a couple, and I gotta say, I kinda love them. So if you are considering adopting a couple of great young cats, your search ends here. Babette and I will be awaiting your arrival.

*Cat Welfare has nearly 270 cats available for adoption. Find your new feline friend by visiting [catwelfareassoc.org](http://catwelfareassoc.org) or stopping by to visit our shelter. The kitties would be happy to see you!*