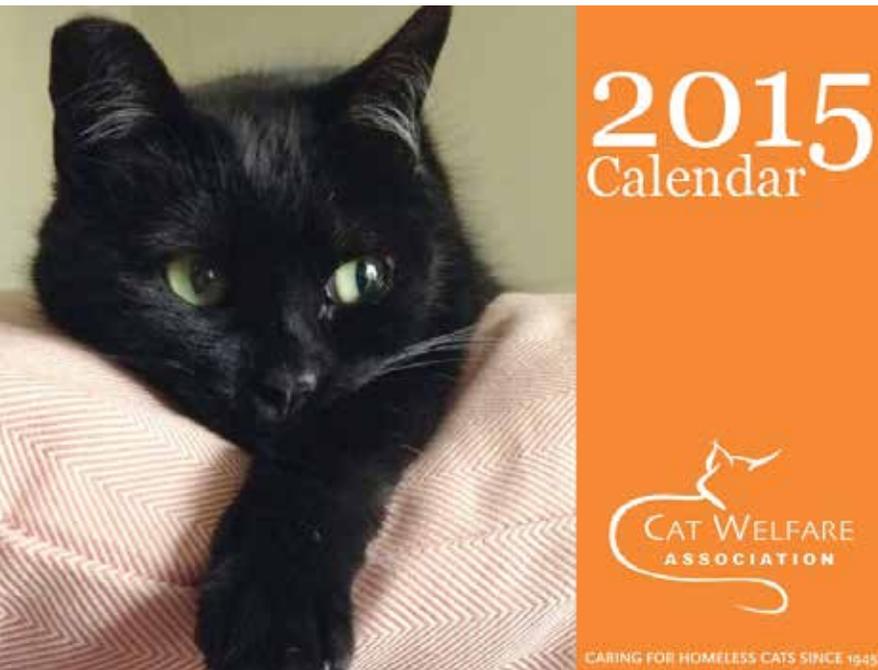


Feline Forum

Cat Welfare Association Newsletter

October/November 2014

13 Photos Chosen for CWA Calendar



Announcing the large photo winners in the CWA 2015 Calendar Photo Contest.

There were many great photos this year. The voting was very close, with many heart-melting stories competing for each judge's selection.

The 13 large photos were chosen by the CWA judges in the following way:

- Ten photos were selected from the top 20 photos with the most online votes
- Three photos were selected from the remainder of the entries, regardless of the number of vote donations

In addition to the 13 large photos, nearly all of the photos will be featured on the monthly calendar pages. This fun contest and fundraiser helps support Cat Welfare while creating awareness about events scheduled throughout the coming year!

Calendars will be on sale by mid-November at catwelfareohio.com.

Bylaws Change Proposed

Cat Welfare's existing bylaws have served us well since 2008. There are, however, some areas that needed to be rewritten so they could serve us into the future. The new bylaws, as proposed, are much more in keeping with those of other non-profits. Our current bylaws are posted on our website on the About tab under the Board category. The proposed bylaws will be available for review on the same page of our website and at the shelter no later than October 1. Written comments will be accepted through November 30 via email to Steve Hebenstreit at shebens21@gmail.com or postal mail to Cat Welfare, Attn: Steve Hebenstreit, 741 Wetmore Road, Columbus, OH 43214. A meeting to vote on the proposed bylaws will take place on Tuesday, December 16 at 7 p.m. at Villa Angela, 5700 Karl Road, Columbus, OH 43229.

The top 13 photos for 2015 are:

- Missy - Missy by John M.
- Zoe - My World is Colorful, Isn't Yours? by Maggie B.
- Rae - Rae by Anne R. & Wilma W.
- Betty - Contemplation by Jessica G.
- Sir Ashton Martin Grey - Love Like Falling Leaves... Swirling in Autumn by Mindy & Kyle M.
- Birdie - Pretty Bird by Kristi S.
- Elijah - Elijah-True Colors by Aire-flo
- Dude - The Dude by Rick M.
- Fran - Relaxing by Allison H.
- Bailey - Selfie by Marty B.
- Jake and Sammy - Jake Tells Sammy a Secret by Doug E.
- Fairy Belle - Comfy by Marcy B.
- Jedi Warrior - Jedi Mind Tricks by Gwen S.

Cat Welfare Says Goodbye to Mrs. B

We lost our sweet Mrs. Bigglesworth on September 22. She enjoyed her last hours in the sun with lots of petting, kisses and kind words, and she seemed determined to stare down the birds eating at the bird feeder. She was surrounded by love and friends in her final moments. Cat Welfare became Mrs. Bigglesworth's permanent home in June 2003. She had been living in a home for several years, but stopped using the litter box when her owner's work shift changed. After trying everything possible and still not being able to resolve the problem, he returned her to the shelter. She was adopted two more times and both times was returned when she stopped using the litter box. The structure and routine of the shelter was perfect for Mrs. Bigglesworth. Everyone that met her fell in love with her. She loved to be held, petted, and brushed and was a striking beauty. Mrs. Bigglesworth served as a greeter at the shelter and usually was one of the first kitties people would see when they came into Cat Welfare. We will miss our sweet girl and thank you to everyone who was a friend to her over the years. Mrs. Bigglesworth has been cremated and her ashes will be buried at the shelter on October 28 around 5:45 p.m. Thank you for loving our special girl.



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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www.catwelfareohio.com
facebook.com/catwelfareohio

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 \$40 includes spay/neuter surgery, initial vaccinations, testing for feline leukemia and FIV, microchip identification, flea treatment & deworming.



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Fun for All at Cat Caper 5K

More than 300 people registered to run, walk and cat nap for this year's successful Cat Caper 5K, held September 21 in Clintonville. The crowd raised \$1,200 through the post-race raffle alone. We'd like to send out a big thank you to all of our sponsors, participants and volunteers.

Photos by Fleshman Photography. Look for more photos at fleshmanphoto.com.



CWA Happy Homes



Ozzie, an orange tabby, was just an 8-week-old kitten when I adopted him in June 2012. I fell in love with him immediately, and I think he fell in love with me because he was so cuddly from the beginning. At first he tried to sleep on my head, but eventually he found that a little uncomfortable. Now he spoons with me in bed. Ozzie tries

to act tough around my other cat but runs off when I turn on the vacuum cleaner. To get my attention when I'm sitting at my computer, he stretches his arm up at me and makes little squeaking noises. I am so happy with this little guy in my life, and I think he really likes living in my big, rambling house. He doesn't go outside, but there is lots of room for him to run around. Thanks Cat Welfare, for having Ozzie there for me to take him to my home!

Kaswan Crossfield



We adopted **Phil**, who we now call **Frankie**, in April 2013. He has made a wonderful addition to our family and a much needed companion to our calico, Linnie. Linnie took a while to warm up to him, but they have been known to take naps together and chase each other around the house! His favorite toy is an old, torn up, well-used string that we gave him on his first day home with us. He carries

it around the house and drops it at our feet when he wants to play, which is all the time! He loves to be petted and purrs so loud even when he plays!

Jessica Ewing



As a volunteer at CWA, I had noticed **Sunny** every time I came in to help out. Those stunning blue eyes just screamed "LOVE ME!" We finally made the decision to take Sunny home, and we haven't looked back. Within the first hour, she had explored the entire house, much to the dismay of her new brothers and sisters, and had made herself right at home. A couple months later we got some bad news at a vet appointment that she had the beginning stages of renal disease in which her kidneys were not operating at normal levels. Needless to say we were devastated but not discouraged. Sunny today is actually doing very well and the vet says that her kidney functions are doing much better! She spends her days either cuddled up with her buddy Ony or stretched out in the sunlight. She spends nights with her people, always cuddling with someone! To see her now you would think she has lived here her whole life!

Shawn K. and Dave M.

Got a Happy Homes story? Upload it on the Adopt tab at catwelfareohio.org or mail it to Cat Welfare, 741 Wetmore Road, Columbus, OH 43214.

Cat Condos Make a Big Difference

At Cat Welfare Association, we want to ensure that every cat in our shelter is comfortable and happy during their (hopefully brief) stay with us. Traditional steel cages provide adequate housing, but these cages have a sterile feeling and are often cold, unwelcoming, and can take a toll on a cat's morale while waiting for his/her forever home.

We are hoping to address this concern by switching from traditional cages to cat condos. In addition to being aesthetically pleasing, extra space gives cats more room to stretch and play, sections are available to separate food from litter, and cubby holes allow kitties a chance to have some alone time.

We've already started using these condos in some areas of the shelter. Our "condo cats" have regained some of the confidence and spirit they lost when they were housed in a traditional cage. The change in attitude is incredible!

Cat condos are also very practical:

- **Easier to clean.** Staff will be able to clean more cages in less time, and the extra hours can be used to socialize our cats and help with other shelter duties.
- **Connectible.** Horizontal pass through allows two or more condos to be connected, providing an opportunity to keep best friends together. This is especially important for cats returned to shelter life after living for years in the same household.
- **Sturdy.** All cat condos are constructed of 3/4" thick moisture-resistant board and covered with thermally fused high-pressure laminates. They're also chip resistant – 3 mm PVC protects all door opening and shelf panel edges.

We need \$68,000 to make the conversion from conventional cages to cat condos. We've already raised \$10,000! We're hoping you can help make this dream a reality.

The kitties and staff are grateful for your ongoing support!



Current Cat Condo Donors

Melissa & Stephen Clines, Frank Eck, Marjorie Brown, William Studer, Laura Modisette, Mark & Diana Donati, Eugene and Janice Sonnenberg, Mary Nicolls, Carol Ann Bradley, Ruth Schweiger, Cynthia Ann Taylor, Patty Jordan, Christel Goodson, Richard & Lynne McWherter, Craig & Loraine Treneff, B.J. Smith Davis, Gary Horn, Joe & Kathleen Schindler, Connie Kellar, Don & Maralina Patton, Mary & Dennis Leinbaugh, Juergen & Rotraud Moslener, Cynthia McCormick, Elizabeth & Richard Hunt, Kristen Cooperkline, Forester Isen, Jack Johnson, Judy Hicks, Geetu Melwani, Karin Wright, Victoria Saunders, Gale B. Hagerty, Linda Schellkopf, Elmer Troxell Jr., Rita Volpi, Fighters For Forgotten Paws, Karen Williams, Marla Raffield, Brenda & John Finfgeld, Brandon Okone, Anne Riley and Nancy G. Chamberlain

Hit the Road on a Recumbent Trike



One lucky winner will be able to pedal with ease on this Sun EZ 3 recumbent aluminum trike. Generously donated by Lynette Gibboney, the trike also comes with an owner's manual, helmet and satchel. We are selling chances to win for \$5, or you can purchase 5 chances for \$20. The drawing will be held at 3 p.m. on November 15. You do not have to be present to win.

Trike 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: Trike Raffle
741 Wetmore Road
Columbus, OH 43214

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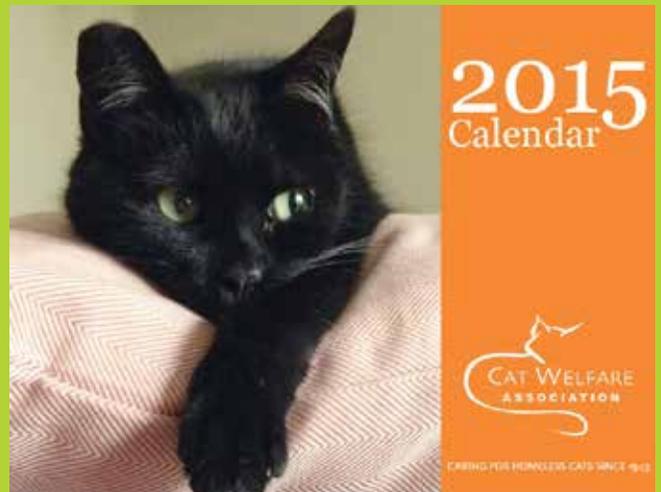
Phone _____

Number of calendars _____ at \$16.92 each

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Cost includes tax and shipping

Make checks payable to Cat Welfare Association



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We Love Our Donors

Ishie Memorial Fund

for long-term care of shelter residents

The Worths, "In memory of Janice Ossa"

Shirley Stone, "In memory of Isadora"

Bill & Rosemary Bringardner, "In memory of all Bringardner animals"

Tammy & Gregory Liakos, "To care for all the kitties"

Catherine Zitko, "In memory of Sweet Pea"

Sue Lape, "Gordon Wilson"

Lauretta Fisher, "In loving memory of my sister & fellow cat lover, Linda Hodges"

Christine Resch, "Love to all from Chris & Geoff"

Richard Austin, OnArt.com, Wendy Stewart, Elizabeth Sertell, Michelle Leedy, Lee David Tucker,

William & Gloria Adams, Emilio & Gabriella Casetti and Janet Wilson

Altering Fund

to subsidize community low-cost spay/neuter surgeries

John & Vicky Lee Schmarr, Judith Johnson, Edwin & Ulla Wagers and PetFBI

Vincent Fund

for emergency care for shelter cats

Linda Schellkopf, Terence Odlin, Richard Austin, Dorothy Cobbs, Marjorie Obrist, Gary & Elizabeth Cox, Alene Pryor Hinshaw, John & Vicky Lee Schmarr, Sandra Czarnecki, Emilio & Gabriella Casetti and J.G. Kassel

Joey's Good Sam Fund

for medical care of owned cats

Wendy Stewart, Paul Durica "In memory of Melissa Bontempo Wiseman to mark what would have been her birthday on July 18," Lisa McDonald, Mimi Fairbanks, and Deborah van Dyke

Willard's Village Babies Fund

for care of feral cat colonies

Juanita Woods "In memory of my beloved feral, Mario, who died June 24, 2014, at OSU Vet Hospital," Richard Austin, and Juanita Woods "In memory of Blue and in memory of all feral cats"

Cat-A-Lack Chow Club

for food for the shelter residents

Barbara Ladd "In memory of Emily Ann Hennessey," Hilde Bumb, and Poppy Thornton "In loving memory of Yasmina Gangluff, a globe-trotting cat who lived and was loved on two different continents"

Travis' Altering Fund

for spaying/neutering kittens

Craig Lewis, and Theresa Todd "In memory of Hazel, owned by Marty & Michelle Leedy"



From January through August 2014, we **adopted 566 cats** into loving homes.

Cat Welfare Would Like to Thank:

Tommie Hannel for her donation of a Samsung Galaxy Tab 4 that will be used for off-site events to promote the shelter.

Linda Schellkopf and Julie Karovics for managing our Petfinder page and for the countless hours they spend loving on the kitties.



Hello, Dakota

Can you believe it? I certainly can't. A young kitty as wonderful as myself is still in search of a forever home. I have lived at the shelter since January and while it has been a good time, I've just heard such great things about having my very own person or even, whiskers crossed, a whole family with some kids! I have lots of energy and love to play. I run around the shelter and entertain myself by exploring a wide variety of nooks, crannies, counters and shelves. When I'm all done exploring I search out a lap for some down time. So how does that sound to you? Might I be the right fit for your home?

Cat Welfare has nearly 300 cats available for adoption. Find your new feline friend by visiting catwelfareohio.com 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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