

Feline Forum

Cat Welfare Association Newsletter

October/November 2015

FIV+ Kitties are Ready for Adoption



Howdy! I'm **Billy Bob**. I am a laid back, fun, loving guy. You can usually find me cuddled up with my friend Macaroni. I can't wait to have a home of my own with my very own humans. I just adore people. Please stop by and meet me!

The recent shelter remodel gave Cat Welfare additional space for kitties with special situations, including those who test positive for Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV). FIV is a viral infection that affects only cats; humans cannot contract it. In fact, it's difficult even for cats to catch it because the virus is so fragile in the environment. Almost all cats who contract the virus get it from a deep, penetrating bite wound.

That's good news! Why? Because it means that transmission doesn't happen during friendly contact between cats, including nose-to-nose contact, mutual grooming, or sharing toys, food, water and litter. As long as everyone gets along and new cats are introduced slowly, FIV- and FIV+ cats can live healthy, happy lives in the same household.

FIV+ cats 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. All cats in the household should also 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.

You can read more on CWA's FIV fact sheet, posted under the Adopt tab on catwelfareassoc.org. Then stop by the shelter to meet FIV+ kitties Billy Bob and Macaroni. They'd love to say hello!



Hi there! My name is **Macaroni**. I am a big bundle of love! Sunshine is one of my favorite things, and you can often find me basking in the sun, gazing outside. I love people and other cats. I am very loved here at the shelter, but I really want a family and home of my own!



Mojo's Corner: Condos for Shelter Kitties



Dear Great Pumpkin,

I heard about you from Charlie Brown and his dog, Snoopy. They told me that on Halloween eve, the Great Pumpkin rises from the pumpkin patch and brings all creatures large and small their heart's desire.

I am a permanent resident of Cat Welfare and will live out my life here at the shelter under the loving care of our staff and volunteers. While I am grateful for daily food and shelter, my heart's desire is for all of our newer residents to have a kitty condo in place of a cage. These hip condos give a cat plenty of space to walk around and stretch up high. There's a special private area for the litter box, and when they're feeling shy, there's a quiet place for them to nap in a soft bed. The staff like the condos, too, because they are easier to clean and very durable. They can even be linked up to house multiple cats who are best friends or mama cats with kittens. I'm enclosing a picture so you'll know what to bring on Halloween.

Please Great Pumpkin... I believe in you,

Mojo

Footnote: Since we began our campaign in August 2014, Cat Welfare has raised just over \$45,000 to purchase kitty condos. Our campaign goal is \$70,000. If you'd like to help Mojo continue to believe in the Great Pumpkin, please send a donation of any amount and note "Condo Campaign" in the memo section.

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.



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Zoo Event a Success

What an amazing event! Cat Welfare would like to say thank you to all of our very generous guests and donors. After all of the expenses were covered, An Evening at The Africa Event Center raised nearly \$14,000 for our shelter.

Photos by Belinda Morgan, Dream Photography.



CWA Happy Homes



kitty, who gives pleasure to us daily. We are so thankful that Jon found Cat Welfare.

When our son Jonathan moved to Ohio in 2004, the first thing he did was adopt **Dexter**, a skinny little kitten who looked more like a scrawny rat. Dexter was the one in the litter with the most personality. Jon's girlfriend thought he should choose one of the calmer, prettier ones, but Jon insisted on Dexter. Dexter is the embodiment of the story of the Ugly Duckling, as he has matured into a truly majestic and gorgeous creature. Sadly, Jonathan died in a boating accident. Although we lost our son, we still have his precious

We are so thankful that Jon

Ron and Jean Cook



Desdamona was the first cat I saw when I walked in, and even though I interviewed many others, I knew she was The One. She's a mature lady and had been in the shelter awhile. She was wearing a blue collar because she was a biter, but she has blossomed into the best kitty ever. She's affectionate and playful, loves to sit on my lap and watch a movie, and is prepared to protect us from marauding vermin in case any ever get in. (OMG!

A chipmunk! On the windowsill!) February 26 was my luckiest day that year. I'm so glad this grown-up lady let me choose her.

Susan Sturgill



Hi, everyone! It's **Earl!** I picked my human out immediately when I saw her and would not allow her to leave without me. When I was adopted I had an eye that was really bothering me, and the nice humans at Cat Welfare helped to get me into surgery. I am much more comfortable now and can spend my days napping and cleaning myself pain-free!

I love to sleep on the porch. Being outside is the best! They have these strange things called "dogs" here. I'm not sure what the purpose of them is yet, but I plan to assert my authority and become master of the house soon. My humans have put me on a feeding schedule, and I'm sure to let them know when it's time to eat. Food is very important to me.

Thanks again, Cat Welfare! I love my new family!

Taylor Poe

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



70 Years of Caring for Cats

Thank you to those who donated their talents and provided entertainment at our 70th anniversary celebration: the band, Jon and his Strays, and the dancers from Bellydance Columbus, bellydancecolumbus.com. Our gratitude also goes out to all of the volunteers who served up the tasty lunch. And, perhaps most important, hooray for all nine of the felines who were adopted on a very special Sunday.



CWA Committees Need You

Have you considered joining a committee at Cat Welfare? Now may be the purrfect time!

Participating on a committee can be very rewarding. It provides an opportunity to help our cats and the shelter in a myriad of ways and to enrich your life by working with people who have similar interests. Committee opportunities include:

- Finance Committee
- Fundraising Committee
- Grant Writing Committee
- Marketing Committee
- Membership Committee

If you are interested in joining one of these committees, please contact us at committees@catwelfareassoc.org. Please include your name and contact information, the committee you are interested in joining and the expertise or value your experience would bring to the committee.

Deadline for submitting this information is November 7, 2015.

Shelter Honored for Efforts



Arlington Court Skilled Nursing Facility recognized Cat Welfare as their Volunteer of the Year for 2014! Arlington Court is not the only care facility we visit with kitties. The visits mean so much to the residents. We have more requests for visits to facilities than we currently fulfill. If you have 90 minutes to two hours to give and would like to brighten a senior's day, please connect with Melissa at volunteers@catwelfareassoc.org. And a BIG high five to Melissa and Nikki for their dedication to our mission as employees and volunteers!

Cat Welfare 2016 Calendar

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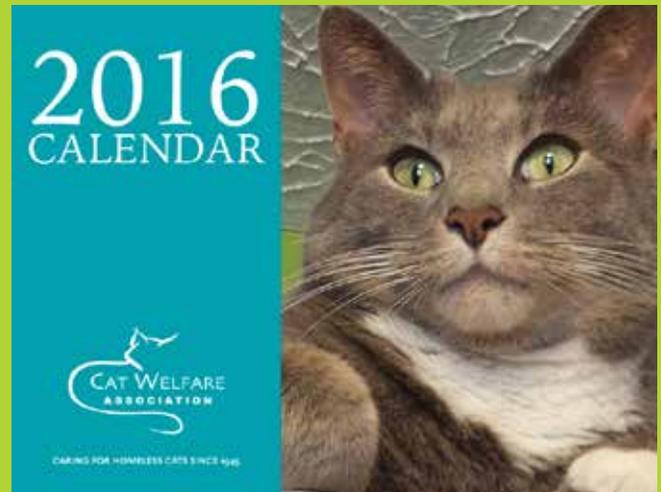
Phone _____

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

Dale & Marty Keener, "In memory of Grant"
Lois Schultz, "In the name of Marty Montgomery in honor of her 50 years of nursing"
Barbara Grimm-Crawford, "In memory of Darryl Fisher"
Pamela Clements, "In memory of Joyce A. Clements"
Susan Roy, "Happy 9th Anniversary Molly & Polly"
Linda Filmer, "In memory of Rose & Noelle"
The Knoechels, "In memory of our special Wilbert, very much loved and greatly missed"
Susan Posey, "In memory of 'The Lambs'"
Leslie Dellovade, "In memory of Henry Dellovade"
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Altering Fund

to subsidize community low-cost spay/neuter surgeries

Jamie Roelle, Patricia Eiben, Lois Schultz "In the name of Marty Montgomery in honor of her 50 years of nursing," Ruth Ann Farthing, Joyce Powell, J.G. Kassel, Tom & Connie Hawk, Leon & Patricia Cohan, Jr., and Joy & Ed Weiler

Vincent Fund

for emergency care for shelter cats

Linda Schellkopf, Donna Steinmetz, Connie Cline, Anna Teichmoeller, Dorothy Cobbs, Leon & Patricia Cohan Jr., Vickie van der Kar, Joy & Ed Weiler, Kel-

ly Schmader, Marjorie Obrist, Janice & Dan Bailey, Carolyn Wall and Ramona Sietsma

Joey's Good Sam Fund

for medical care of owned cats

RoseAnn Ballangee, Beth Hanson "In memory of Sandy Zirkle," Joy & Ed Weiler, and Paul Durica "In memory of Melissa Bontempo Wiseman on what would have been her 37th birthday"

Willard's Village Babies Fund

for care of feral cat colonies

Juanita Woods "In memory of precious & brave Willard," Baby Gift Shop, Homer & Joyce Evans "In memory of Roger Bishop," Joy & Ed Weiler, Anne Riley & Wilma Wabnitz "In memory of Sandy," and Dorothy Cobbs

Cat-A-Lack Chow Club

for food for the shelter residents

Jeannette Jones, Hilde Bumb and Craig & Marjorie Lewis

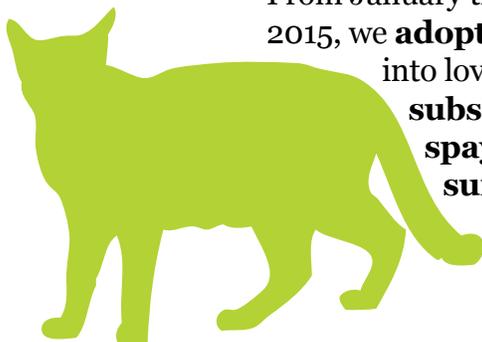
Travis' Altering Fund

for spaying/neutering kittens

Craig & Marjorie Lewis

Are you a cat and people person?

Cat Welfare is looking for greeters and off-site representatives for weekend volunteer opportunities. A greeter works one Saturday or Sunday each month in the shelter from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Duties include greeting shelter visitors, answering general adoption policy questions and socializing with the cats. An off-site representative is a volunteer who is trained to work both awareness and adoption events. Shifts are typically three hours and may require you to pick up or drop off supplies at the shelter. If you would like to learn more about either of these opportunities or have any other questions regarding our volunteer program, please connect with Melissa at volunteers@catwelfareassoc.org or 614-268-6096, ext. 106.



From January through August 2015, we **adopted 768 cats** into loving homes and **subsidized 1,338 spay and neuter surgeries** through our various Altering Fund programs.



Hello, Maddie

Maddie was adopted from Cat Welfare 10 years ago at the age of eight weeks. When she was returned to the shelter due to the birth of a human baby, Maddie was incredibly angry. She would hiss and attack anyone who went near her! After some kind words, a little love and some treats, Maddie has become one of the sweetest cats in the shelter. We believe that all she wants in her life is someone who will snuggle with her for the rest of her days, and who will love her as much as she will love them.

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 scrubbies, and Mr. Clean.

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