

# Feline Forum

Cat Welfare Association Newsletter

October/November 2016

## Shelter Reading Program Launches

Cat Welfare and Crime Cats author Wolfgang Parker are launching a new program that will foster literacy and help socialize the shelter's residents. The Crime Cats Mystery Club (CCMC), the first such club in Central Ohio, will invite students in grades 1-8 to read books from the CCMC on-site library aloud to cats in the shelter for 15 to 30 minutes at a time. As children accrue reading time, they will be eligible for prizes.

"I'm overjoyed to have the opportunity to offer this shelter reading program to the community in partnership with my friends at Cat Welfare Association," says

Parker. "The main focus of the Crime Cats Mystery Club will be to hasten the socialization process of Cat Welfare's shy cats, while helping children build confidence reading. However, it's also a unique opportunity to foster the development of empathy in readers. This, to me, is as important as literacy in human development. Doing my part to ensure the next generation is more capable of thoughtfully considering another's circumstances is one of my goals with my Crime Cats series. Having a chance to do the same in a whole other forum is a dream come true."

A parent or legal guardian must be present at all times. Cost to participate is \$5.

Interested readers and their families should contact Gail Harbert, Program Coordinator, at 614-268-6096, Ext. 103, and watch for updates on CWA's Facebook page and website, [catwelfareassoc.org](http://catwelfareassoc.org).



A colorful graphic for a community open house. At the top, the words "CAT WELFARE" are written in a bold, orange, sans-serif font. Below this, a black silhouette of a cat's head is centered, with the words "WELCOMES YOU" arched above it and "TO THE" below it. The background is split into an orange top half and a light green bottom half. Several balloons are scattered around: a green one on the left with "ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN", a red one with "FESTIVE LIVE MUSIC", a yellow one with "GRILLED OFFERINGS" and "Vegetarian items too" below it, and a blue one on the right with "AND OF COURSE, THE KITTIES". At the bottom left, a green box contains the text "OCTOBER 16" and "12PM-3PM". In the center, a white-bordered box contains the text "COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE".



## Memorial Service Planned for Mojo

Our shelter lost a very special boy in August. Mojo was dear to so many people because he had a way of letting you know YOU were his absolute most favorite human of all. There will be a service for Mojo in the memory garden at the shelter on October 25 at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

## Community Shares Donations Add Up

Community Shares of Mid Ohio allows employees of participating organizations throughout Central Ohio to donate to any of 60 nonprofit causes via a payroll deduction program. Thanks to Community Shares, members pledged just under \$62,000 to Cat Welfare last year! If your employer participates in Community Shares, please remember our kitties when you are filling out your forms, and encourage your family and friends to do the same. If not, ask your campaign coordinator how you can make a gift through donor option. For more information, contact Community Shares at 614-262-1176, [director@communityshares.net](mailto:director@communityshares.net) or online at [communityshares.net](http://communityshares.net).



## Tritrich-Positive Kitty Finds His Home



A staff and volunteer favorite, Squirrel, has met his match! McKenna started visiting with Squirrel and other tritrich-positive kitties when they were being held in quarantine. McKenna enjoyed the calm and quiet atmosphere of the isolation area and became quick friends with several of the cats. However, it was a boy we call Squirrel that leapt on her back and into her heart.

McKenna was able to devote nearly a day each week to coming to the shelter and visiting with the cats. She considers it her therapy. Finally, after a year of visiting, the timing was right and McKenna was able to adopt Squirrel,

which she said had been her plan for months. McKenna knows that because Squirrel had the tritrich parasite there is a slight chance of a relapse and that Squirrel should be the only cat in her home. She is okay with that because when you have Squirrel to entertain and love you, you're good. Why would you need more?

## 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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[catwelfareassoc.org](http://catwelfareassoc.org)  
[facebook.com/catwelfareassoc](https://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

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# CWA Happy Homes



I adopted **Bo** back in August 2014. I was alone and sad and new to the adult world. I had a dog growing up and knew nothing about cats and, in fact, I thought they were mostly mean. One day, after being fed up with being lonely in my home, I started browsing Petfinder. I stumbled across Bo's lonely page. He'd been at Cat Welfare for a long time, and I fell in love

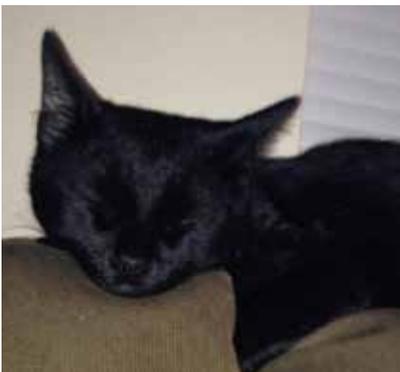
when I saw the small black cat with his tongue out.

For two months I prepared my budget and home for him. I visited him once before I adopted him just to make sure it was going to be a good fit. When I finally got to meet him, I really fell in love. I took him home about two weeks later.

Since then, he's become a happy cat in my home. He went from being so shy and quiet to the most talkative and loving cat I've ever met. We have conversations, he makes sure to cuddle with me every night when I go to bed, and he is always by my side. I never knew cats could be this loving or even this healing!

Bo has helped me heal and has taught me love for an animal I've never had. With him and therapy, I've successfully been off medication for an illness I've needed meds for since 2008. He's become my emotional support animal, and we'll be together until the end of his days. I really love him and with the way he looks at me, I think he loves me, too.

**Leyda F.**



Originally my kiddos and I went to CWA to check out another kitty, but we soon realized he wasn't a good fit for the family. Something told me to keep looking, and I'm so glad that we did! **Punkin** has been a wonderful addition to our family! He is patient with the kids and even sneaks into their room to snuggle with them at night after they are already snoozing. It's adorable! We

don't know what we'd do without him!

**Heather**



**Devon** (formerly Jeremy) has been with us since the summer of 2002. We can't believe it's been that long. He likes his house more than his old apartment, since there are floors to run up and down, and he even finds a mouse once in awhile!

He loves to rest on laps, knowing his humans won't move as long he lies there, happily purring. He loves playing fetch with paper candy wrappers. He drops them at our feet, looking at us expectantly, waiting for us to toss them.

**David Roduner**



**Jack Sparrow** was found abandoned and alone. Jack was taken to CWA and placed into foster care to be bottle fed by a volunteer, who happened to be

my wife's cousin. We brought Jack home, and he has fit in well with our two other cats. Jack has been a joy in our life and is very happy to have a forever home.

**The Kinsley Family**

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.





## Cat Caper Runs at Griggs

Many thanks to all who came out to support our 11th annual Cat Caper. After a yearlong hiatus, we were excited to reinvent the fundraiser at Griggs Reservoir.

Thank you to Karen Ramey 2016 Cat Caper Chair, Kylie Shaffery for orchestrating the raffle and Lisa Johnston with her crew for making the pancake breakfast happen. Additional gratitude to the Ultra-Fit team and our talented photographers, Laura and Becca Miley.



# Blind Brothers Spruce and Sparrow Need a Forever Home



Spruce



Sparrow

Spruce and Sparrow are a bonded pair of brothers. These 6-month-old fellas have been in Cat Welfare's charge since May when they arrived in an extreme state of medical distress. Thanks to the attention given to these kittens by Cat Welfare's staff, a loving foster home and Knapp's Veterinary Hospital, you would never imagine these boys had been unhealthy until you realize Sparrow does not have eyes and Spruce has very limited vision. They are rambunctious and just as able as sighted kittens when they are in a safe and familiar setting. Sparrow tends to defer to Spruce for new experiences, and Spruce will guide Sparrow when necessary. Both boys use the litterbox without fail. They get along fine with adult cats who tolerate their kitten antics, and both boys are loving with humans. Sparrow tolerates more hugs and kisses, while Spruce would rather spend his waking hours crafting clever mischief. We are placing Spruce and Sparrow only as a bonded pair.

From [blindcatrescue.com/about](http://blindcatrescue.com/about): *Blind cats do not know they are blind, they know they are cats. They act like cats. Blind cats can do pretty much everything that a seeing cat can do. They can climb trees, climb up on to the top of cabinets and get into places that you cannot figure out how they did it.*

*Some things that will make it easier on your blind cat is to try to stay somewhat consistent on the important things, like the litter box and food bowls. For the rest of the house, live normally; they will go around things. If you watch a blind cat, you will see that they point their whiskers out so the whiskers will brush against something typically before they hit it. You CAN move your furniture. They will quickly readjust to the change.*

If you are considering adding a feline duo to your home, please stop by to meet Sparrow and Spruce. We're sure their antics and affection will bring a smile to your face.

## Cat Welfare 2017 Calendar

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Number of calendars \_\_\_\_\_ at \$16.92 each

\_\_\_\_\_ Total cost

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

Craig Lewis, "In memory of Sara Jane"  
Rita Burns, "In memory of Richard McPeak"  
Barbara Mann, "In memory of Richard McPeak"  
Mary Gaylord, "In memory of Ruth Edmunds, mother of Pam Holladay"  
Anne Riley & Wilma Wabnitz, "In memory of Jennifer Parker's boy, Noah"  
Diana Reynolds, "In memory of Black Betty"  
Claudia Speakman, "In memory of Gabby & Danielle"  
Catherine Zitko, "In memory of Sweet Pea"  
Wendell McMillan, "In memory of my recently deceased friend Doug Buhner"  
J.G. Kassel, "Calico, Button, Ralphie, & Polly"  
Richard & Lynne McWherter, "In memory of Martita Dougherty"  
Shirley Stone, "In memory of Vinnie"  
Craig Lewis, "In memory of Georgia"  
Elizabeth Sayers & Allison Bulgrin, "In memory of Olivia Hernandez"  
Sharon Wilson, "In memory of Bear & Emma"  
Thomas Kreger, "In memory of Jewell"  
Richard Austin, Mary Ann Vehonsky, Judy Hardy, Mark Zappe, Bill & Rosemary Bringardner and Janet Wilson

## Altering Fund

to subsidize community low-cost spay/neuter surgeries

Nancy Smith, Barbara Mann, Craig Lewis "In memory of Sara Jane," Lucy Gettman, Joy McClarren "In memory of Doug Buhner," Nancy Rausch Walz, and Vicky Hertzler "In memory of Doug Buhner from Vicky, Rich & Sandra"

From January through August 2016, we **adopted 923 cats** into loving homes. From January through June 2016, we **subsidized 729 spay and neuter surgeries** through our various Altering Fund programs.



## Vincent Fund

for emergency care for shelter cats

Linda Schellkopf, Leon & Patricia Cohan, Jr., Dick & Linda Hamilton, Sweet Stitches, Sue Godsey, Meg Barstow, William Hout, Kyle Fred Weinberger, Edwin & Ulla Wagers, Dorothy Cobbs, Jeannette Jones, and Craig Lewis "In memory of Georgia"

## Joey's Good Sam Fund

for medical care of owned cats

Ned Baker, Janet Overmyer, Sue Lape, Edwin & Ulla Wagers, Autumn Darnell, David Tisdale and Sharman Tisdale

## Willard's Village Babies Fund

for care of feral cat colonies

Juanita Woods "In memory of the most precious cat ever - Willard", Dr. Danya Linehan, Penny Popper, Catherine Ferrari and Julia Hering

## Cat-A-Lack Chow Club

for food for the shelter residents

Deb Wood, Kyle Fred Weinberger and Patricia Johnson

## Travis' Altering Fund

for spaying/neutering kittens

Mark Zappe

## Help us get a new projector

Cat Welfare would like to own a projector with a USB port and a screen for educational purposes. Our goal for the purchase is right around \$500. All contributions are appreciated, please note projector or AV supplies when making your donation.





# Hello, Calypso

Greetings! My name is Calypso, and I am looking for a forever home. I am young, healthy and obviously, quite striking. I give wonderful head butts and my motor seems to run constantly. I am FIV+ and that's okay. You see, FIV+ cats typically don't have needs that are much different from any other cat. I should be kept indoors, offered a good, healthy diet and have as little stress as possible. I don't even have to be your only cat. Transmission of FIV 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. So please come on by the shelter, and let's get to know one another. I bet you'll fall in love.

*Cat Welfare has nearly 300 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!*

**Shelter Wish List:**  
Purina Cat Chow, Kitten Chow, moist cat food  
in tuna flavors, brown paper grocery bags, Win-  
dex, clean newspapers, clean towels, clay litter,  
dryer sheets, bleach, Clorox wipes, Mr. Clean  
Magic Eraser pads, laundry detergent, stainless  
steel Chore Boy scrubbers, and Mr. Clean.

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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