

Feline Forum

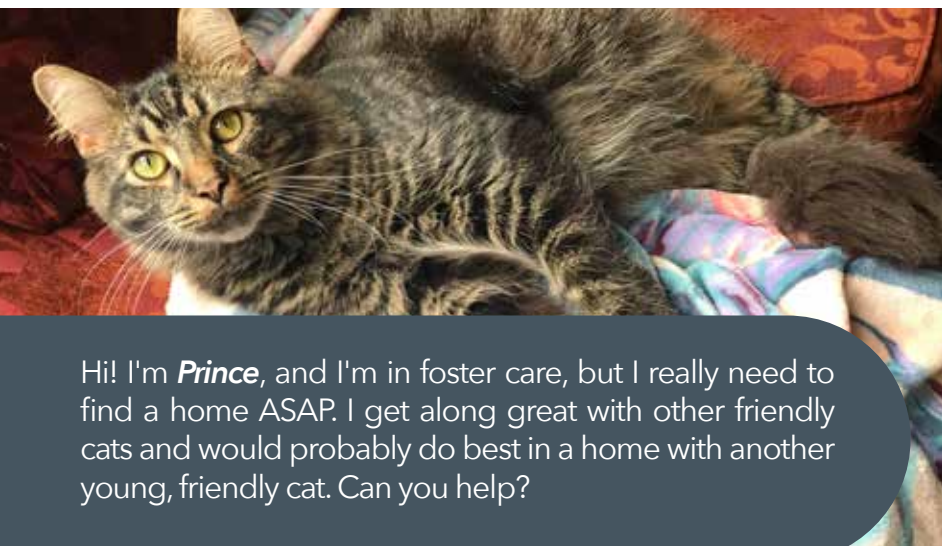
The Cat Welfare Association Newsletter

October/November 2020



Dedication to the Cause

Thank you to our amazing foster volunteers who have cared for kittens and cats in this unprecedented year. We appreciate your kindness, dedication and support of our mission.



Hi! I'm **Prince**, and I'm in foster care, but I really need to find a home ASAP. I get along great with other friendly cats and would probably do best in a home with another young, friendly cat. Can you help?



2021 Calendar Winners Announced

These photos are more than just another pretty picture because they were taken by ordinary people who show they care about the cats in their lives by making a positive difference in their community.

The entries and voting involved about 50 people who wanted their favorite kitty's photo to be one of the 13 large photos in next year's calendar. The voting proceeds and calendar sales benefit all of the programs at Cat Welfare! This year, as in the past, there were many wonderful photos and great rescue stories for the judges to consider.

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

Printed 2021 calendars will be on sale this fall at the shelter, at The Catique and on the CWA website, catwelfareassoc.org.



The 13 large photos for the 2021 Calendar are:

- **Bucky & Logan** - *Brothers in Arms*
- **Lily** - *Lily in Her Forever Home*
- **Franklin & Mullowney** - *Clown Cats*
- **Jazz** - *Deck Adventure*
- **Sweet Pea** - *Springtime Fun*
- **Monkey Do** - *Super Helpful*
- **Dunkin** - *Dunkin*
- **Juno** - *I'm Ready For My Closeup!*
- **Sheena** - *Life is Rosy*
- **Percy & Frank** - *Brothers From Different Mothers*
- **Hitch** - *The Traveler Takes a Break*
- **Michelado** - *Michelado*
- **Draco** - *I'm Handsome and I Know It...*

Also, the best rescue story on the inside cover will be about:

- **Odin** - *Odin Birthday*

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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catwelfareassoc.org

facebook.com/catwelfareassoc

Hours

The Cat Welfare Association is currently open by appointment only. Masks are required for entry, without exception.

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

Heidi Garinger • Sue Godsey
Brenda Martin • Teresa Plummer
Karen Ramey • Katie Thomas

Treasurer: Judy Vertikoff

Grab Your Cat Quilt Raffle Tickets



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

This spectacular lap quilt was made by Judy Vertikoff and Debbie Yontz to help raise funds for CWA! It measures 51" x 62". Tickets will be available from August 1 through October 15 by mail and online at catwelfareassoc.org/raffle. We will draw the name of the lucky winner on October 16 at noon. You need not be present to win.

Weigh In on Changes to Cat Welfare's Bylaws

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. The proposed changes reflect a myriad of revisions, ranging from minor updates to a few substantive changes.

The current Bylaws, a summary of the proposed changes, and the proposed Bylaws are all 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.

Written comments will be accepted through Monday, December 21, 2020, via email to bylaws@catwelfareassoc.org, or by mail to The Cat Welfare Association, Attn: Helen DeSantis, 741 Wetmore Road, Columbus, OH 43214.

A membership meeting to vote on the recommended changes will take place on Tuesday, January 19, 2021, at 7 p.m. The location will be announced on our website, social media and in the December/January *Feline Forum*. You have voting privileges if you are at least 18 years old and have been a paid member of The Cat Welfare Association for at least 12 months preceding January 2021.

We hope to see you at the membership meeting. Your voice is important!

CWA Happy Homes



Tamale has made a wonderful impact on my life and my husband's life, our new marriage and new home. We had been planning on getting a new furry friend for a few months. We knew we wanted to adopt but had no preference or ideas about what we wanted, age, looks, anything, other than that we wanted a kitty who would love to be loved and love us right back. When I tell you that is exactly what we got, it would be an understatement! She is the most wonderful cat I've ever met. We have had her for only about a week now, and even in that short time she has made herself a permanent member of our family. We love her dearly! Thank you, Cat Welfare Association, for existing and for doing what you do. It was a great experience being able to meet all the cats and to pick our new sweetheart, too.

Solie Nunes

Dita renamed herself **AbbyNormal** after several loud bouts of yodeling and general oddness. Four years after coming home, she still loves following me around and yelling. She also loves cuddling, singing to her toys and stealing licks of salsa.

Amanda



Java is the sweetest little cat I've ever known. Adopted from The Cat Welfare Association in September 2016, she has won over countless "non-cat people" with her beautiful eyes, demands for belly rubs and cuddly personality.

Erica

A week before Thanksgiving 2011, I ventured into Cat Welfare, looking for a cat or kitten. I was given a tour and fell in love with a beautiful domestic short-hair gray kitten. It was love at first sight. She was adopted that day! Fast forward 9 years later, and **Bella Ninja Kitty** has a full life! She has a younger (much larger) Great Dane sister, Audrey Hepburn. She enjoys long afternoons on her cat perch and chin scratches!



Crystina Aller



I adopted **Louis** from Cat Welfare back in November 2014 when he was a small kitten named Quatro. He has grown into quite the handsome cat with a personality as big as his owner's.

Rachel Flenner



Walter was adopted in February 2016 and he has brought so much joy into our lives. He is the most friendly, playful and happy cat. Thanks to The Cat Welfare Association!

Katy & Kevin

Ember came to me in June 2017 at age 8 weeks and joined my three-cat clowder. I have recently adopted his soulmate **Echo**, who is two months his junior. Ember chose me by calling from his cage at CWA. Talking is one of his favorite things and also chasing up and down stairs with Echo.

Lynn



We adopted **Bella** as a kitten. She is so spoiled, such a loyal and innocent kitty. She loves to chase and play with kids and made everyone in the house want more cats! Glad we adopted her!

Daysa & Emami



We think these two brothers, **Eddie & Alfie**, were close to begin with, but now they are the best of buds. They have settled in quite nicely. Dodger, their older brother, doesn't quite know what to do with them, so he follows them around like a shadow. And Orlando, their older sister, treats them to a nonchalance that only a 17-year-old can muster. Thank you for letting us have these

two amazing boys. We love them and now can't imagine life without them around.

Slim & Pam Bloom-White

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

Remembering Our Devoted Friend, Kathryn Hart



On July 21, CWA lost a longtime friend and tireless cat advocate with the passing of Kathryn Hart.

Kathryn wore many hats during her decades-long involvement with The Cat Welfare Association: Officer of the Board of Directors, Cat Nipper, sorter of resale shop donations, trap-neuter-release advocate and tireless writer of thousands of "thank you" cards to donors.

When we remember Kathryn, it is with a smile. Kathryn viewed her world with a "glass half-full" attitude and laughter that was infectious.

This memorial bench was purchased by the Board of Directors in remembrance of Kathryn and Mary Jane Ryan, another longtime shelter volunteer. It sits in the outside enclosure near the shelter's memory garden. Staff and visitors are welcome to sit on the bench and enjoy the outdoor space while visiting with the cats.

Cat Welfare 2021 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 The Cat Welfare Association



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We Love Our Donors

Ishie Memorial Fund

for long-term care of shelter residents

Laura Kearney "In memory of Nicholas Ridolfo"
Jerry & Janice Noltemeyer "2020 lost Lacy a muted calico"

Marit Sivertson "In honor of Nicholas Ridolfo"
Richard & Lynne McWherter "In memory of Martita Dougherty"

Sue Lape "Gordon Wilson"

Jennifer Schleppe "In memory of sweet Toby, my Aunt's cat, who was deeply loved by many"

Twila Pike "In memory of Paul Stonner Sr. and Paul Stonner Jr."

Lori Brown "In memory of Alex, adopted January 2004"

Lisa Leaper, Liz Swain, Catherine Zitco, Janet Wilson and Sandra McCutcheon

Altering Fund

to subsidize community low-cost spay/neuter surgeries

Annie Lach, Trent Smith, Anna Grotans, Deborah Harvey, Rita Burns "In memory of Kathryn Hart," and Edwin & Ulla Wagers

Joey's Good Sam Fund

for medical care of owned cats

Randall Hertzner "In memory of Doug Buhner and Jasmine Boots," Paul Durica, and Carolyn Sommerich

Willard's Village Babies Fund

for care of feral cat colonies

Juanita & Rita Woods "In memory of sweet Willard," Annie Lach, Lisa Leaper, Anne Riley & Wilma Wabnitz "In memory of Jennifer Parker's Scarlett," and Emma Porter

Vincent Fund

for emergency care for shelter cats

Linda Schellkopf, Kathleen Seeger, Susan McKinley, Emily Dubin, Jerry & Janice Noltemeyer, Marjorie Obrist, Emma Porter, Craig Lewis "In memory of Bill Nostrant," and Ellie Inglesi "In honor of Sue Godsey"

Cat-A-Lack Chow Club

for food for the shelter residents

Leslie Bothast, Julie Christopher "In memory of Phoebe, best tortie ever!," Emma Porter, Ellie Inglesi "In honor of Sue Godsey," Claire Smith, Julie Christopher "Thanks from Julie and 'Angel Kitty' Phoebe Grace," and Heather Pullins

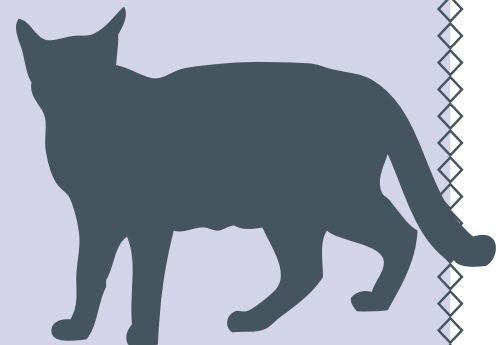
The Cat Welfare Association would like to thank outgoing Board members

RoseAnn Ballangee

&

Claudia Plumley

for their service to our shelter and to the cats and kittens in our care.





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Shelter Wish List:

Purina Cat Chow, Purina Kitten Chow, paper towels, brown paper grocery bags, laundry detergent, moist cat food, Temptation cat treats. Find more on CWA's Amazon Wish List: goo.gl/eLNYhd.



Hello, Sissy

I just might be EVERYTHING you have ever wanted in a kitty. I am a busy girl with lots of good energy, but I also appreciate a lap and snuggle time. Being an inquisitive kitty, I can turn just about anything into a toy. I'm entertained, you're entertained, and everybody's happy. Full disclosure: I am Feline Leukemia positive, so I cannot live with new kitty friends who are not positive as well. I do have a special FeLV+ pal here at CWA, and it would be beyond amazing if Millie and I were to be adopted together. If you want to learn more about feline leukemia,

you can visit catfriendly.com/feline-diseases/felv/.

The Cat Welfare Association places our FeLV+ cats as permanent fosters so we can help with potential medical expenses and offer medical guidance.