

# Feline Forum

Cat Welfare Association Newsletter

April/May 2024

## Capital Campaign Match Met!



Exciting news! It took just five months! You may recall that a generous donor gifted us \$10,000 in October with the promise of \$90,000 in matching funds. Because of your generous donations to our Capital Campaign, we have secured the full \$90,000 matching gift!

We are filled with gratitude and joy to know so many of you support our mission and this lofty goal of expansion. Together, our dreams for the cats and kittens in our care will come into fruition. Please help us keep the momentum going.

## Enter Our Annual Calendar Contest

Cat Welfare's annual online cat photo contest starts this month. All you have to do is enter your cat's photo, then ask your friends and family to vote for your cat's photo and you could win a spot in the CWA 2025 calendar! Contest proceeds help fund CWA's programs to provide needed spay and neuter surgeries in the Central Ohio area and support for homeless cats in our shelter.

### More Details

- Entry forms must be postmarked or online entries uploaded before June 30, 2024. See form and complete rules on page 6.
- Online voting ends at midnight EDT on July 31, 2024.
- Winners will be announced at [catwelfareassoc.org](https://catwelfareassoc.org) on August 15.
- Visit [my.360photocontest.com/CatWelfare](https://my.360photocontest.com/CatWelfare) to upload your photo.

## Save the Date for the Cat Caper!

9 a.m. Sept. 28, Westerville Sports Complex



## Wanted: Growers and Sewers

Is the warmer weather inspiring you to plan your garden? Would you consider planting catnip to benefit the cats and kittens in our care? The plant is a hardy perennial, and seeds are inexpensive! Just grow them until the flower buds appear, then cut them and bring them to the shelter in paper bags. It's an easy way to help with this ongoing fundraiser. In 2023, our volunteer-created catnip toys raised \$4,466 for our mission.



We'd also like to add a couple of seamstresses with sewing machines to our amazing cat toy team. Jenny can share the details with you. Please send an email to [volunteering@catwelfareassoc.org](mailto:volunteering@catwelfareassoc.org).

## Sign Up for These Ways to Give

### Community Shares

Since 1992, Community Shares has grown to more than 60 member charities that use funds from workplace giving campaigns to solve a wide range of issues in the community. We greatly appreciate all of the donor support. Your generous contributions have been vital to our mission.

If you work at any of the following places, you can use these codes to direct your giving to CWA:

- City of Columbus & Franklin County: CCC 60258
- State of Ohio & Buckeyes for Charity: CCC 19009
- Federal Campaign: CFC 71256

### Kroger Community Rewards

You can support the cats in our care each time you shop at Kroger by registering your Kroger Rewards Card for the Community Rewards program. Last year the rewards earned just over \$7,500 for the shelter! Thank you to all who contributed. To get involved in this easy fundraiser:

1. Call 800-576-4377 and select option 3
2. Give the representative your Kroger Rewards Card number
3. The Cat Welfare Association ID is EP232.
4. Or you can register online at [kroger.com/account/enrollCommunityRewardsNow](https://www.kroger.com/account/enrollCommunityRewardsNow).

## 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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614-268-6096

[catwelfareassoc.org](http://catwelfareassoc.org)

[facebook.com/catwelfareassoc](https://www.facebook.com/catwelfareassoc)

Helen DeSantis, Executive Director

## Hours

11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesdays  
11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. all other days

Closed the first Thursday of each month and all major holidays.

The adoption fee of \$50 (\$35 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

Presidents - Jay Mathew & Lisa Strickland

Secretaries - Jennifer Cordle & Amanda Powell

Amy Blank • RoseAnn Ballangee

## Our Kittens Need Your Help



It's kitten season, and we need your help! Please consider donating Purina Kitten Chow and Purina Pro Plan Moist Kitten Food to support our smallest shelter residents and fosters. You can find everything we need on our Wish Lists: Amazon at [goo.gl/eLNYhd](https://www.amazon.com/?ref=ast_hm) and Chewy at [bit.ly/35PLR1s](https://www.chewy.com/?ref=ast_hm).

## Join Us for the Pride Parade



Kick off summer by joining Cat Welfare in the 2024 Pride Parade on June 15. We will meet at 10:30 a.m. downtown. Please plan for 3-4 hours, half of which is waiting in the staging area. You must be able to walk the 2-mile route.

Do you have a snazzy convertible you would like to coast up High Street? If you'd like to drive it in the parade, we will provide the extra pizzazz with our giant car magnets, streamers and balloons.

To RSVP, email Jenny at [jennifercatwelfare@gmail.com](mailto:jennifercatwelfare@gmail.com) by May 1.

## Get Dinner, Benefit CWA



Grab some dinner at Hot Chicken Takeover, 4203 N. High St., from 4 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, April 24, and raise money for CWA. Just show this newsletter article or the flyer we'll share on our Facebook page, either in print or digital, and we will receive 20% of their sales. Don't forget, Hot Chicken Takeover also has plant-based nuggets and vegan sides!

## Board Meetings Moving



Beginning in April, our Board of Directors will meet in a new location:

4400 N. High St.  
Columbus, OH 43214  
4th Floor Conference Room

The meetings are held at 6 p.m. on the third Tuesday of every month. The public is welcome to attend.



# CWA Happy Homes



I went to The Cat Welfare Association to find my first little furry friend. I had my eyes set on one particular cat. However, while in the parking lot, my friend stated that I should have looked at **Rocco!** So I went back in to look at him, and it became a bond at first contact. The next couple of days I tried to go see Rocco to get him used to me, and that seemed to go well. The next week I

ended up adopting him, and he has been such a snuggle bug. He's very well behaved and loves being around people. Even though he's pretty vocal and likes attention all the time, he understands that I'm not home all the time and doesn't get too upset about it. I'm really happy he's my first cat, and I love him so much.

*Chad*



I have never fallen in love with a cat like I did with **Blossom**. She's the sweetest, prettiest cat I've ever met. She's never bitten me or even scratched me. When I first saw her, I knew I had to take her home right then and there. Couldn't have asked for a better cat.

*Safa*



I adopted **Pete** as a companion for my resident cat, Shiki, who had recently lost his friend, Artie, and was feeling lonely. After a two-week introduction period, Shiki and Pete became fast friends. Pete loves to groom Shiki and cuddle with him. They are both total lap cats! Pete also gets along well with my dog,

Maddie. I am so happy that I was able to welcome another feline friend into my home.

*Madysen*



Thanks, Cat Welfare, for your expertise and attention as I was looking for a new friend for my cat. All the staff members I met were so very helpful, and their knowledge about each cat's personality was amazing. I needed to find a gentle adult cat, since my cat had always been dominated by my cat who had recently passed away. **Smokey** is great and (reasonably) respectful to his new older brother. Simba & Smokey are not best buds yet, but they get along fine, and I think Smokey's energy level has given Simba more energy. I certainly enjoy the Smokey head butts & nose-to-nose greetings!

*Karen*



So happy to have kitten **Vera** here with us.

*Laura*

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



## Cat Welfare: 2025 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 2025 Calendar, which will be on sale this fall before November 10.



### 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 online at <http://www.catwelfareassoc.org/> beginning in April. You, your friends, and family may vote as many times as you like for each photo. 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 judges' 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, 2024. Voting for the contest ends at midnight EDT on July 31, 2024. 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

Richard Austin, Janice & Dan Bailey, Barbara Demas "In memory of Earl Riley," Shelley Gabriel, Margaret Geyer "In Honor of Margaret Pettorini," Susan Graham, Julie Gurney "In honor of Silverado," GBQ Holdings "In Memory of William D. LaPlace II, on behalf of GBQ Partners' Assoc.," Fred Hunker & Linda Spohn, E. Gail Kalbus, Anita Knoechel and John & Laurie Weber

## Joey's Good Sam Fund

for medical care of owned cats

Nancy Betz, Kathy Ebersbach, Julie Hall "In memory of Patricia Murphy," Geneva Henderson, Randall W. Hertzner "In memory of Doug Buhner and Jasmine Boots," Penny Popper and Lauren Schnieders

## Vincent Fund

for emergency care for shelter cats

Lisa Buchanan, Julianne Hunter, Anita Knoechel, Jane McEvoy, Richard & Lynne McWherter, Marjorie Obrist, Linda Schellkopf and Karen Taylor "In loving memory of Brucia Simpson"

## Willard's Village Babies Fund

for care of feral cat colonies

Richard Austin, Lisa Buchanan, Upper Arlington Lane Road Branch Book Club "In Honor of Bonnie DeWitt," Leah James "In memory of James Strapp, father of Linda Strapp. With love, Leah and Amanda" and Jennifer Parker "In memory of Earl Riley"

## Altering Fund

to subsidize community low-cost spay/neuter surgeries

Chris Dresser, William Hout "In memory of Linda Moody and Ronald J. Hout" and Joe McDonald



From January through February 2024, we **adopted 108 cats** into loving homes and **subsidized 314 spay and neuter surgeries** through our various Altering Fund programs.

## Thank You, Volunteers!



Fulfilling our mission takes a team effort. April is Volunteer Appreciation Month, but we recognize the integral part our volunteers play every day, year-round. We're thankful for all of you! Find out how you can get involved at [catwelfareassoc.org/volunteer](https://catwelfareassoc.org/volunteer).



