

# The Feline Forum



April/May 2010

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## Community Open House



The Cat Welfare staff, board of directors and all of the shelter residents would like to invite you to celebrate our 65th anniversary at the annual Community Open House, which will be held this year on May 23 from noon until 3 p.m. Our Open House is an opportunity for folks to learn about all the good we as a team do for the homeless cats of Central Ohio. It is also a great time for our team to come together in celebration.

Della has rallied her pals and they are once again working with Nikki Schock to create paw print art. Della says, "Look for the kitties to express themselves and win your heart while raising much needed funds for our care." Along with the great paw print

art, our Catique will be open, featuring a jewelry and art sale, and there will be live music and a tasty lunch.

At 1 p.m., our kitten shower will begin. Left by the roadsides in boxes, thrown in dumpsters or born outside under a bush, our babies are still unflagging in their willingness to love and form human attachments. Stop to give our kittens a cuddle and learn more about becoming a foster parent. Please bring a welcome gift of dry kitten food, powdered KMR formula or Stage 2 human baby food (turkey, chicken or beef) to help our little guys get a good start in life!



## Kroger Community Rewards

April 1 is the opening date to renew your fundraising commitment to Cat Welfare through the Kroger Community Rewards program, which donates 2% of your purchases to a charity you designate. If you want Cat Welfare to continue to benefit from your Kroger sales, you must renew your request.

To date, this program has raised just over \$3,800 for our kitties! If you have not signed up yet, please consider joining our team! To register or renew, please visit [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com). The NPO # for Cat Welfare Association is 83895.

If you do not have internet access and would like to participate, you may pick up a barcode form at the shelter or contact the shelter Program Manager, Gail, at 268.6096, Ext 103. She will help you set up your account.

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## 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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Columbus, OH 43214  
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www.catwelfareohio.com

We are open  
EVERY DAY OF THE WEEK  
from 11:00 - 3:30  
Tuesdays & Wednesdays  
11:00 - 7:00  
Closed the first Thursday  
of each month

Adoption fee of \$60 for adult cats and \$70 for kittens includes spay/neuter surgery, initial vaccinations including rabies, testing for feline leukemia and FIV (adults), microchip identification, flea treatment & deworming. The shelter has established an Altering Fund to subsidize spay/neuter surgeries for cat owners with limited incomes. Contact 268-6096 for an application.



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Jill Lee, Executive Director

## Direct Connect



Well, hello there everyone! This is Artie checking in from the office of the Executive Director, on behalf of one of my favorite humans, Jill Lee. I have decided to fill in for her, as Jill fell in March and fractured a number of bones in her foot, and she has always been good to me. She always allowed me to sit on her lap and drool on her papers, as I tend to get a bit drippy when I am very happy.


I also feel a great deal of empathy for Jill, who is now working from her home in Waldo. You see, before I became her office cat, when I first came to Cat Welfare, I had surgery because of a nasty leg injury. I needed time to recover, too, having had the femur head in my right hind leg removed in order to retain use of that limb. Jill's office was, for me, home—a nice, quiet place to exercise my healing leg. She kindly offered to share her space and now I am perfectly healed, healthy and happy, just looking for my forever home.

A couple of weeks ago, a big gray fella came wandering into my, err, I mean Jill's, office and made himself comfortable. I soon found out his name is Hef and he has quite a reputation around the shelter. Hef is a loner by nature, but one night he opened up and shared his Cat Welfare story. Hef has lived at the shelter for about four

years. He told me his dream home would actually be a barn. He feels that it would provide him with sufficient shelter, and as long as he was fed daily and given any needed medical attention, he would be just fine.

Last week a new cat joined us. She is very quiet and is getting used to being here. She certainly does not want Hef or me in her space, and that's okay. Miss Understood keeps to herself in a cozy bed, and she really seems to love attention from the awesome staff and volunteers. I feel sorry for her. The bite wound on her back is healing, but sometimes I wonder just how much the verbal abuse from the man who said he would take care of her has damaged her as well. At ten years of age, Miss Understood deserves a loving, quiet home.

We are taking care of Jill's office for her while she is gone, and even though we have very different backgrounds, we have learned to share the space and get along. We have actually found that we all have something in common: our desire to find the perfect forever home and our gratitude to Cat Welfare and those who support this great shelter.

With love, *Artie* 



*Miss Understood*

## 2010 Caper

The 2010 Cat Caper Committee is excited to share a few details about this year's September 26 event.

The race location is still OCALI at 470 Glenmont Avenue, but this year's course is all new and USATF certified! Our kids' race will be an on-the-street half-mile Fun Run, and every child will win a prize. The race start time this year is 9 a.m., and we are bringing back our post-race pancake breakfast.

Have you heard enough to register? You can sign up to participate in the race at [www.runwildracing.com](http://www.runwildracing.com). We will continue to keep you updated as details about the event become available. 🐾

### Cat Welfare Benefit and Awareness Show

Cafe Bourbon Street  
2216 Summit St.

Saturday, May 22nd

Doors at 9 p.m., \$7 cover

Featuring The Lindsay and Daycreeper

You must be at least 18 years old to attend this event.

## Go Green!

Help Cat Welfare save funds by going green. By requesting to receive our Feline Forum by e-mail, you are helping the shelter to decrease our printing and postage expenses. To make the request, please send a note to [teamcatwelfare@gmail.com](mailto:teamcatwelfare@gmail.com). Be sure to include your first and last name, your street address, and the e-mail address where you would like to receive the Forum.

## Noah's Too

Cat Welfare would like to thank our new friends from Noah's Too Pet Resort for taking such special care of Milo. Milo arrived at Cat Welfare on March 1. He was taken to Knapp's Veterinary Hospital the following day for surgery to amputate a portion of his tail and to repair a femoral fracture. The staff at Noah's Too has provided Milo with a cozy suite in which to recover in and has given him much TLC to help with the healing.

## Memberships

Now more than ever, Cat Welfare is striving to increase our membership base. By becoming a member, you are showing that you support our mission and the work we do for the felines on a daily basis. You will now begin to notice some extra perks being offered to our members. For instance, there are special member rates for our Spring Fundraiser as well as a special 5K participant rate. Please take a minute to fill out the enclosed envelope and join Cat Welfare's membership team today!



## Important Shelter Information

From January through February 2010, we **adopted 122 cats** into loving homes and **subsidized 412 spay and neuter surgeries** through our various Altering Fund programs.

**Interested in volunteering** for Cat Welfare? Call or mail your name and contact information to the shelter, or send a message to Gail Harbert, Program Manager, at [cwvolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:cwvolunteers@gmail.com) or 268-6096, ext. 103.

### Shelter Wish List:

Purina Cat Chow, Kitten Chow, moist cat food (non-fish flavors), brown paper grocery bags, Windex, clean newspapers, clean towels, clay litter, dryer sheets, bleach, liquid dishwashing soap, instant hand sanitizer, Clorox wipes, Mr. Clean Magic Eraser pads, laundry detergent, stainless steel Chore Boy scrubbers, and Mr. Clean with Febreze.

### Special Thanks

Thank you to each and every person who grew catnip for Cat Welfare in 2009. Every year more of our wild areas fall under the wheels of large machinery as development advances. Please consider growing catnip for Cat Welfare, as our catnip toys are always in demand.

A special shout-out to Chelsea Osgood for holding a CWA supply drive at her school in New Albany.

Thank you to Cheta Thomas for all of her large supply donations over the past few months.

# Spring Fundraiser



## Fundraiser Items

Cat Welfare Association is partnering with Garden Smiles and Strader's Garden Center for a fundraiser to benefit Joey's Good Sam Fund.

The order deadline for the Carruth Studio sculptures is May 24. Orders will be available for pick-up on June 15 and 16 from 4pm to 7pm.

Strader's Garden Center Gift Certificate orders will be filled as received.



\$10 Strader's Garden Centers Gift Certificate



5015-Bless This Home  
W 5.50 x H 6.50 x D 1.50



1090-Feline Philosophy  
W 3.25 x H 8.50 x D 1.00



330-St. Francis Statue  
W 3.50 x H 10.50 x D 2.25



5017-Kitty Mini  
W 2.25 x H 3.00 x D 1.25



144-Celtic Cat Plaque  
W 3.00 x H 4.75 x D 0.75



1193-Fluffy  
W 3.00 x H 4.00 x D 1.25

## Joey's Good Sam Fund Fundraiser Order Form

Please return form with funds to:

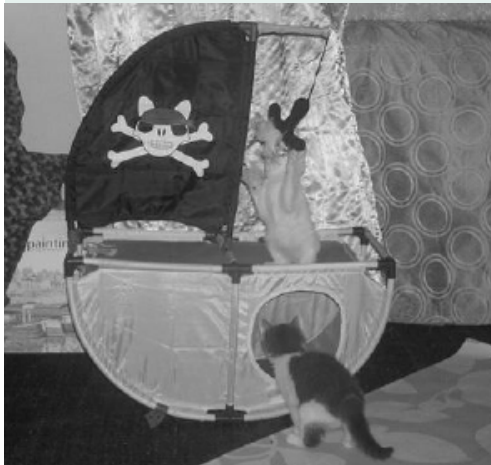
Cat Welfare Association · 741 Wetmore Road · Columbus, Ohio 43214

Personal checks made payable to Cat Welfare Association accepted.

Name	Telephone		
E-mail	MC or Visa Number	Exp. Date:	
Item	Quantity	Total	
\$10 Strader's Garden Centers Gift Certificate			
1090, "Feline Philosophy" \$31.00 non-CWA members/\$29.00 CWA members			
5015, "Bless This Home" \$36.00 non-CWA members/\$34.00 CWA members			
1193, "Fluffy" \$22.00 non-CWA members/\$20.00 members			
5017, "Kitty Mini" \$20.00 non-members/\$18.00 members			
330, "St. Francis Statue" \$44.00 non-members/\$42.00 members			
144, "Celtic Cat Plaque" \$21.00 non-members/\$19.00 members			
	<b>TOTAL</b>		

# Happy Homes for CWA Cats

## Gertie & Olive



I just wanted to contact you & your staff and tell you all, "THANK YOU SO MUCH!" My new little ones are such a joy. I named the gray and white one "Gertie" and the white and black one "Olive." They are a riot! Woo, I forgot how crazy little ones are! That's a good thing! After losing Ernie, I was so sad. Gertie and Olive have brought life back into my apartment and they make me smile every day. They are doing WONDERFULLY!! They transitioned well, have always used the litter box, and have HUGE appetites. We have become a close little family. They are being spoiled rotten, which is how it should be, right?! Thanks again for being such an amazing organization and helping all our furry little friends.

Adopted by: Amy Hoffman

cages. I turned to look and found a gorgeous cat lying on her side with her paws hanging out of the cage, kneading the air. Now I can hear Gretchen purr from all the way down the hall. She likes to cuddle and give me kisses. She is such a sweet, happy gal. I am happy to have her as my own!

Adopted by: Andrea Moore



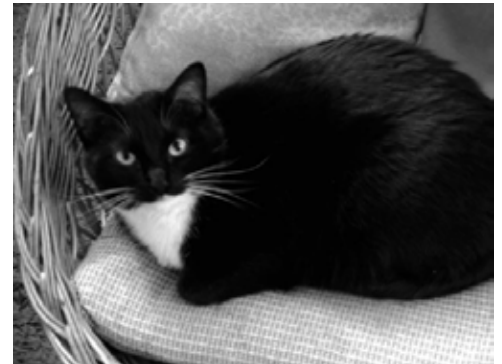
## Bootsie

We adopted a cat from CWA a few years ago; you all called her Angel - a little black/white tuxedo cat, who had been thrown out of a car with 3 others. Her jaw had been broken. We ended up adopting her on New Year's Eve day 2005, the day she had the wires removed from her mouth and was returned to CWA from the vet clinic. We named her Bootsie and she is a delight! Her penchant for affection is incredible. The little girl will follow me around, about 4 inches from my feet, looking up at me with the sweetest eyes. When she wants to be petted, she will give me a croaky squeak and our game begins: I pet her once; she looks up and squeaks; I pet her again; she

squeaks again (you get the picture). In the winter she sleeps under the covers with us, and in the summer she makes sure we're awake by 6:00 a.m. by systematically (and delicately) pushing items off of our dresser. They're always the same items, too, and always in the same order (paper, coins, wallet), as if to say, "Look people, I'm trying to make this easy on you, but I want you up!"

Anyway, I just wanted you all to know that she is (I believe) very happy and could not be with a family that loves her more. Thanks for all you do!

Adopted by: Sue Harshe



## Gretchen

CELEBRATING HER ANNIVERSARY! I adopted my cat Gretchen (#25294) from Cat Welfare Association on April 25, 2004. I remember when Gretchen and I first met. As I was petting another cat in its cage, I couldn't help but hear a loud, happy purr coming from the other end of the

Send your "Happy Homes" photo(s) and short story (200 words or less if possible) to "Happy Homes" c/o Cat Welfare; 741 Wetmore Road, Columbus, OH 43214, or online at [catwelfarecats@yahoo.com](mailto:catwelfarecats@yahoo.com). View these and many more "Happy Homes" stories on our web site: [www.catwelfareohio.com](http://www.catwelfareohio.com)



## CWA 2011 CAT 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 2011 Calendar which will be on sale this fall!**

### 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 on-line at: <http://catwelfareohio.com/calendar.htm> beginning in April. You, your friends, and family may vote as many times and apply as many votes to each photo you want. You may purchase one vote credit for every \$1 donated to support CWA. Voters must purchase a minimum of 5 vote credits for a \$5 donation.
- 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 the winning photos from the top 20 **as well as 3 photos chosen from all entries**. The CWA judges decisions are final. Winners will be notified via the CWA Fall Feline Forum Newsletter.
- To enter the contest, follow the steps at <http://catwelfareohio.com/calendar.htm> where you upload your JPG format-photo and vote for your favorite entries. You may also enter by completing and signing this form. **Entry form(s) must be postmarked and electronic entries must be submitted before, June 1, 2010. Voting for the contest ends at 5 p.m. EST on Friday, June 11, 2010.** Include a 100 word story or description along with each photo.

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Kitty's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Photo Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Photographer's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Columbus, OH 43214**

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.

## Ishie Memorial Fund

*for care of long-term shelter residents*

Judy Malenick, "In memory of Colonel, Orio, Roco, Alex, and Max"

Wanda Rogers, "Miss my friends, Felix & Fang"

Kevin Myers, "In loving memory of Maxwell"

Donald Daffner, "Holmes, 1991-2009, greatest cat ever"

John & Nancy Sue Irwin, "In memory of Kitty Boy"

Steve & Terri Carter, "Thank you to all of the little spirits who have crossed our path so far"

Valerie Snavelly, "In memory of my darling Kitty"

Cindy Krebs, "In memory of Simon Bier, who lived hard and died too young"

Connie Cline, "In memory of Lire & Eliot"

Dave & Betty Maynard, "In memory of all the Maynard cats"

Anne Riley, "I will always love you, Ray"

Paul Glasier, "In memory of Oscar"

Arlene Eis, "In memory of Tigger"

Linda Schellkopf, "In memory of Walter"

Susan Cook, "Love to all and my prayers of finding loving homes are with you"

Pamela Holladay, "In memory of Shasta Faye – a shelter cat"

Sylvia Vasquez, "In memory of Carol Bussard, cat lover and good friend"

Regina Brown

Matthew & Elizabeth Swain

Grace Shillinger

Ronald Gonot

Susan Edris Welsh

Larry Hetrick

Portia Flewellen

Jane Velzy

## Willard's Village Babies Fund

*for spay/neuter of feral cats & to assist feral cat caretakers*

Earl Riley, Cindy Krebs, D'Lyn Stinziano & Gianluca Blengio, Constance Caruso, Carol Bradford, Ruth Ann Branoff, Jennifer Lewis

## Travis Fund

*for spaying/neutering kittens*

Constance Caruso, Patricia Flowers

## Cat-A-Lack Chow Club

*for food for the shelter kitties*

Marty McLain, Yini Hu, Lee Espartero, Ralph Fraley, Shirley Ann Hiles, Kari Hook

## Vincent Fund

*for emergency care for shelter cats*

Sandra Myers, Patricia Eiben, Sylvia Kolbe, Jeanie Kelly, Ramona Sietsma, Maryann Gall, Dorothy Cobbs, Raina Cornell, Lori Sheppard, Heidi Sherer, Dave & Betty Maynard, Debra & Oramel Burnham, Gail Zink, John & Paula Orban, Kemberly Lang, Arlene Eis, Mike Weingard, Laura Jenkins, Peter & Marilyn Veracka, Mary Popowski, Debra & Lee Martin, David & Patricia Nelson, Dorothy Myers, Stephen & Micaela Scott-Stratton, Irina & Boris Pittel, Marjorie Obrist

## Joey's Good Samaritan Fund

*financial assistance for owned cats in need of medical care*

Constance Caruso, Matthew & Holly Scheuerman, Emma Jean Haycook, Edward Kinnaman III

## Altering Fund

*to subsidize low-cost spay/neuter surgeries for cats of low-income families*

Patricia Williamson, Patricia Eiben, Deborah & Adam Speicher, Georgeann McCall, Joann McKinster, Jeanne Gregory-Kaepfner, Nancy Betz, Dave & Betty Maynard, Nancy Mayle, Vicky Lee Schmarr, Gail Zink, Joseph & Jean Cook, Barbara Weinstock, Sarah Wurdlow, Nancy Hile, Joan Lehr, Ramona Sietsma, Kelly Thiel, Inge Holway, Paul & Jane Morton, Shirley Marie Barker, Marty McLain, Joanne Kron, Mary Bailey, Mary Jane Ryan, Margaret Reddy, David Duvall, Marion West, Brenda Martin, Charles & Nancy Shisler, Juanita Woods, Maresa Fanelli, Ruth Ann Branoff, Diane Thomas, Roland Millington, Portia Flewellen, Paul Hinson, William Studer, Martha Mahlie, Cynthia McCormick, Kathryn Hart, Robert & Dorothy Kell, Darlene Gillenwater, Eugene & Audrey Chapman, Mary Munn

Thanks for supporting Cat Welfare and our feline friends. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!





*Sophie, 27457*

# We make friendships for life!

MEEEEOW, notice ME. My name is Sophie, and I do try to “work it” when it comes to finding me a human. I love people, I love being petted all over, and I love being held so I can rub my face on a human’s face. At six years old, I am still young enough to enjoy playing. Whacking at things hanging from a string happens to be my favorite game. Now that you know what makes me happy, I must confess that I really do not like other cats. I am willing to acclimate to a home with another feline family member as long as I am given time to adjust and there are no expectations that I will befriend the other kitty. In March I reached my four-year mark for being a shelter resident.

Do not get me wrong, the staff and volunteers are great, but I could bring such joy to a family with all the affection I have to give. I do have a bit of a sense of humor. Last summer, while sunning my beautiful, petite self in our fenced-in courtyard, I noticed a slight gap up near the top in one section of the fence. I took the opportunity to slide out and just waited to surprise one of my staff pals. They could not figure out how I had gotten on the other side of the fence. Once I was secured inside I went right back outside, through the hole and began my wait. Well, after about half a dozen times, I was still laughing inside, but the staff was getting peeved. The staff found the hole, patched it up, and now the only way I am getting out of here is for you to come and adopt me!

**Visit other Special Adoption cats online at [www.catwelfareohio.com](http://www.catwelfareohio.com).**

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