

The Feline Forum



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Pet Photos with Santa



Christmas is coming, and your furry kids may have some holiday wishes of their own. Bring them out to Complete Petmart at 5030 N. High St., across from Graceland Shopping Center, for photos with Santa from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday,

December 11-12 and 18-19. For just \$10, you'll get one color photograph, printed immediately. Another \$3 will get you a digital copy to e-mail to your family and friends. It's a perfect holiday memento and a great fundraiser for Cat Welfare. See you there!

Lend a Hand. Go Green!

The Feline Forum brings all the best Cat Welfare news right to your door, but did you know you can receive our newsletter via e-mail instead? Each new digital subscription saves us \$0.62, which may not seem like a lot, but it equals the cost of two 5.5 ounce cans of moist cat food. Six new digital newsletter subscriptions equal the cost of one 25 pound bag of cat litter—not to mention saving trees, ink and gasoline from printing and delivery. The overall impact could really add up!

Signing up for our e-newsletter is easy. Just visit www.catwelfareohio.com

and click on "Go Green! Sign up for e-mail notifications." Thanks in advance for helping us save the planet and support the kitties at the same time!

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Spring Gala



Don't miss the first annual Feline Wine and Dine—A Pawsitively Purrfect Evening, to be held Saturday, April 30, 2011, at the Grange Insurance Audubon Center, 505 W. Whittier St. in Columbus.

Start the evening at the cash bar on the beautiful patio, where you can enjoy a Cattail signature cocktail made specially for the event and presented in a Feline Wine and Dine collectible glass. Then try to outbid your fellow cat-lovers on items in our live and silent auctions. With so many wonderful things to bid on, you're sure to find the perfect gift for Mother's Day, Father's Day, an upcoming birthday—or even something for yourself.

For dinner, you'll feast on a gourmet vegetarian buffet, followed by a dessert and coffee bar.

The cost for this fun-filled evening is \$50 for Cat Welfare members and \$60 for non-members. Look for the ticket order form in the next issue of the Feline Forum. Until then, you can find more details, including lists of items for both auctions, at www.felinewineanddine.org starting in early January.

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.

741 Wetmore Road
Columbus, OH 43214
614-268-6096
www.catwelfareohio.com

We are open daily on
Monday, Thursday, Friday,
Saturday & Sunday
from 11 a.m.- 3:30 p.m.
Tuesday & Wednesday
11 a.m. - 7 p.m.
(Closed the first Thursday of each
month and all major holidays)

The adoption fee of \$80 for adult cats and for kittens includes spay/neuter surgery, initial vaccinations, testing for feline leukemia and FIV, microchip identification, flea treatment & deworming.

The shelter has established an Altering Fund to subsidize spay/neuter surgeries for cat owners with limited incomes. Contact 614-268-6096 for an application.



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Board Elections

I know many of you by name or face and am aware of how dedicated you are to Cat Welfare and our mission to help the cats. I see you volunteer, donate goods to the Catique and food to the shelter, make cash donations, and spend countless hours petting and socializing with the cats in our charge. We have many wonderful members who volunteer a great deal of their time helping us fulfill our mission.

But there is another way that members can help Cat Welfare fulfill its obligations and continue to grow and stay on track for the future. One very important benefit that comes with being an active member of Cat Welfare is the privilege and obligation to vote for members of the Board of Directors. Cat Welfare *is* its members. By electing fellow members to the Board, you can help determine its future.

I encourage you to go to our website and read our bylaws, which can be found by clicking on "About CWA" and scrolling down to the bottom of the page. The bios of those who are running also will be posted by January 1. If you know someone who might be interested in reading these items but does not have access to the Internet, please contact me and I will provide a hard copy. Get to know the candidates and come out on Tuesday, February 15 to vote for those you feel will best carry out your wishes for the future success of Cat Welfare. The location of the meeting will be announced in the next newsletter. Together, we can do good work for the cats in our community.

Paul Calderone
Vice President
Cat Welfare Board of Directors

Wine Tasting

Looking for a special night out with your valentine? Join us from 6 to 8 p.m., Wednesday, February 9, 2011, for a wine tasting, nosh nibbling and socializing event at House Wine, 644 N. High St. in Worthington.

Tickets for the event are \$25 for members, \$30 for non-members and can be purchased by mailing in the order form on page 6.

Give the Gift of Membership

With so many people on your holiday shopping list, it can be hard to know just what to give. Let us help you with a gift for the cat lovers in your life, including yourself! A Cat Welfare membership gives you a chance to support the work we do, voting privileges after one year, and discounts to many of our events.

Senior citizen memberships can be purchased for \$10; individual, \$25; family, \$50; patron, \$100; and lifetime, \$250. Even pets can become members for \$5!

Whatever level you choose, your memberships can be purchased online at www.catwelfareohio.com or by stopping into the shelter office.

Are you moving?

Be sure to notify us of your new address so we can keep our records up to date!

Things are Hopping around the Shelter!



Michelle Fidler asked her friends and family to donate supplies, and they came through in a big way (upper left).

The last litter of kittens for fall (we hope!) were sent to a foster home until mid-December (upper right).

Carol Ann (middle left) and Matthew (middle right) come in for regular visits with their kitty friends. Matthew's been a Cat Welfare visitor since 1995!

Percy peers down on the world from his perch on the shed doors (lower left). He's 2 or 3 years old and waiting for his forever home.

Happy Homes for CWA Cats

Fergus



When I was growing up, I was not allowed to have cats, but that didn't stop me from getting attached to neighborhood cats. In 1995, I made several trips to Cat Welfare to find a cat of my own. During one visit, a small kitty kept crying out to me. She was extremely vocal and outgoing, and every time I wandered by, she would stick her paw out of the cage as far as it would go and chatter at me. It was impossible to ignore her, but there was a sign on her cage saying that she was on hold for someone else.

Finally, a staff member said, "That cat really seems to like you," and she encouraged me to get a little closer. As soon as I got her out of the cage, she snuggled into me, chattering away and licking my chin! All it took was a phone call from a Cat Welfare staff person to reveal that the people who had placed her on hold didn't want her anymore. She had already won over my heart by then, and I went home with my pushy and affectionate Fergus. I can't imagine not having her in my life, and I might have missed out on years of love if it wasn't for the gentle insistence of one helpful Cat Welfare staff person.

Adopted by: Jennifer Curry

Paulie



Paulie wanted to let you all know that he is doing very well. We adopted him in 2006 after waiting a long time for his broken pelvis to heal. He enjoys watching the birds outside, sleeping, and playing with his sister, Graycyn. He loves to cuddle and is a total sweetheart, sleeping on my pillow next to my head and putting his paws on my face. He is very much loved and adored.

Adopted by: Tanya Rummelhart

Myrtle



My name is Myrtle. Before me, my mommy had a kitty for 15 years, but she passed away. Her boyfriend thought it was time to get her a new kitty. After coming to Cat Welfare, they found me! It didn't take me long to love my new home and family. I love to play fetch, and my newest trick is to drop my mice in glasses of soda when nobody's looking. At the end of the day, what I enjoy most is cuddling up to sleep. It's wonderful to live in such a happy home!

Adopted by: Renee Talso

Mel & Moo



We adopted Mel and Moo in September 2009. We had just moved back from Japan and were missing the pets in our lives and what they bring to your heart every day! We came to Cat Welfare and were pleasantly surprised at the variety of great cats available. Our biggest need was a cat who would like to be held constantly by our 5-year-old daughter, Josie. The staff directed us to Mel, who had very unique markings and was just as advertised: very loving and huggable! However, we also found Moo!

Mel and Moo have adapted well and have us wrapped around their little paws. We are so blessed to have them in our family! Thanks to the staff at Cat Welfare. Keep up the wonderful work you do every day!

Adopted by: The Geyer Family

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. View these and many more "Happy Homes" stories on our website: www.catwelfareohio.com.

Raising Funds for a New Floor



If you've spent any time at Cat Welfare, you know that we have tile flooring. It's porous, absorbs odors, and can be hard to clean. After a recent visit to Cincinnati's SPCA facility, the Cat Welfare Board of Directors hired the SPCA architects to recommend updates to our shelter. One of their recommendations was to install an epoxy floor, which would solve all of the above problems in addition to being healthier for our kitties.

We are now seeking bids on the cost of the new flooring, with initial quotes coming in around \$36,000 for the 3,300 square feet required. Raising this money will be a goal for 2011. To help, send your donation to the Building Fund. For more information about the project, contact the shelter manager, Mary Hope, at 614-268-6096 or cwshelter@sbcglobal.net

Saying Farewell to Lia



Cat Welfare mourns the loss of Lia, another of its longtime residents. Lia arrived at the shelter in July 1996, a handsome boy with very distinctive markings. He did not like being around so many other cats initially, but over time he became an affectionate, inquisitive member of the family.

Although we know he's feeling much more spry on the other side of the Rainbow Bridge, he will be dearly missed by the shelter staff and volunteers. Rest in peace, dear friend.

Thank you!

Cat Welfare wishes to thank the Alice and Robert Estrich and Ferne A. Zetty/All for the Animals funds of The Columbus Foundation for their generous \$10,000 donation to our Joey's Good Sam Fund.

A Success!



We'd like to thank everyone who came out for our Cat Welfare/Colony Cats fundraiser at Mongolian BBQ on Monday, November 1. Your support helped us raise nearly \$500, which covered about half the cost of a spay/neuter clinic held on Wednesday, November 17 for some very needy kitties.

The day of the clinic, volunteers Jay, Paula and Kim trapped and transported cats from the feral colony at the SouthPointe Marketplace flea market on Columbus' South side to the shelter for surgery. As of now, 11 of the 15 cats in that colony have been spayed or neutered and vaccinated, with the remaining four to be caught and treated in the coming weeks.



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Cat Welfare 2011 Calendar

Send your completed form and payment to:
Cat Welfare - 741 Wetmore Road - Columbus, OH 43214

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail _____ Phone _____

Number of Calendars _____ x \$16.82 each
\$ _____ Total cost

Method of Payment Cash Check Credit Card

Visa Mastercard

Credit Card # _____ Exp. Date _____ 3-Digit Code _____

Name on Credit Card _____ Signature _____



Price includes sales tax and shipping Please make check payable to: **Cat Welfare Association**



Yes! I plan to attend the Wine Tasting event on Wednesday, February 9.

Please register me for:

_____ Tickets x \$25 members
\$30 non-members
_____ Total cost

Personal Information

_____ Name

_____ Address

_____ City/State/ZIP

_____ Phone

_____ E-mail

Method of Payment

Cash Check Credit Card

Visa Mastercard

_____ Credit Card # _____ Exp. Date _____ 3-Digit Code

_____ Name on Card

_____ Signature

Your name and reservation(s) request will be at House Wine for check-in at the event. No actual tickets will be mailed. Please remit your order form and payment to Cat Welfare, 741 Wetmore Road, Columbus, OH 43214. Make checks payable to Cat Welfare Association.

For questions regarding the event, please contact Gail Harbert at 614-268-6096, Ext. 103.

Ishie Memorial Fund

for care of long-term shelter residents

John & Nancy Sue Irwin

Yassenoff Family

Dale Keener

Katherine Waller "In honor of Sam"

Mary Ann Wojton "In memory of Doppler Tokarz-Wojton"

Lennis Green "McDuff & Hank Green"

Alva & Elsie Port "In memory of Wiggles & in honor of Misty"

Village Edge Recreation Association "In memory of Robin Ridolfo"

Joan Shkolnik "In honor of Christi Young & in memory of her cat named Caitlin"

Claudia Speakman "In memory of our Gabby Cat, Gabrielle"

Wanda Rogers "In memory of Tovia, kitty of Suzy Collins"

Mike & Barbara D'Amore "In memory of David Youmans"

Carol & Dennis Smith "In memory of David Youmans"

Willard's Village Babies Fund

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

James Laspisa, Anne Riley, Angie Neff and Sue & Cappy Victor

Travis Fund

for spaying/neutering kittens

Delores Thacker

Cat-A-Lack Chow Club

for food for the shelter kitties

Cheryl Frazier, Marjorie Coyle, Bronson Daley and Denise Clark

Vincent Fund

for emergency care for shelter cats

Anna Teichmoeller, Mary Popowski, Linda Schellkopf, Roger Norfleet, Jon Nance, Jill Hardin, Adrianna Kenworthy, Alva & Elsie Port, William Shackelford, Jeanie Kelly, Kathleen Sielski, Dorothy Cobbs, Alice Kimbell, RoseAnn Ballangee, Ramona Sietsma, William Studer, Shirley Olsen and Dianne Curry

Joey's Good Samaritan Fund

financial assistance for owned cats in need of medical care

Douglas Tietz

Altering Fund

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

Nancy White, Dick & Linda Hamilton, Janet Wilbur, Dorothy Myers, Juanita Woods, Carol Ann Bradley, Emily Fogel, Alva & Elsie Port, Barbara Weinstock, Sam Marvit, Mike & Barbara D'Amore, Betsy Sherman, VFW of Ohio Charities Post #3426, Sandra Woolard and Patricia Burgess

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

Important Shelter Information

From January through October 2010, we **adopted 715 cats** into loving homes and **subsidized 2,139 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 or call her at 614-268-6096, 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 scrubbies, and Mr. Clean with Febreze.

Cat Welfare would like to thank:

CompleteWeb.net for hosting our website.

Julie Karovics and Linda Schellkopf for keeping our Petfinder listings up-to-date and for the unconditional love they give to the shelter kitties several times each week.

Everyone who helped to make this year's Holiday Bazaar a huge success, including event chairperson, RoseAnn Ballangee. We raised over \$6,100! The funds were distributed to the Willard's Village Babies, Ishie and Vincent funds.

Robert "Hutch" Hutchison and Jessica Small for their volunteer efforts to produce yet another gorgeous Cat Welfare calendar.



We make friendships for life!

This is a special appeal for adoption for two lovely cats who were left abandoned at the door of Cat Welfare on October 12, 2010.

Maya and Abby are 13-year-old girls who are loving and in need of affection. Maya is all grey with short hair and no claws. Abby is a nice blue-cream tortoiseshell who is also declawed, a bit shy,

but more than happy to be picked up and held. We don't know much about the backgrounds of these cats, since they were left here without word. They were probably pets at one time because they seem well fed and their coats are in very good condition. They do use the litter box and crave attention from people. Maya will sit in your lap for hours. Abby likes to have her fur brushed. We would love to see them adopted as a pair, since it is clear that they have been together for a long time. If you have it in your heart to love a couple of senior citizen gals, these two cats are definitely in need of a home!

Visit other Special Adoption cats online at www.catwelfareohio.com.

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