

The Feline Forum



October/November 2012

CARING FOR HOMELESS CATS SINCE 1945

2013 Calendar Winners



As always, there were many wonderful photos to choose from. The 13 large photos were chosen by the CWA judges from a combination of the following criteria:

- Ten photos were selected from the top 20 photos with the most online votes.
- Three photos were selected from the remainder of the entries, regardless of the number of vote donations.

In addition to the 13 large photos, many of the photos entered will be featured on the monthly calendar pages or on the collage page. This fun contest and fundraiser helps support Cat Welfare while creating awareness of events scheduled throughout the coming year! Calendars will be

on sale by mid-November at www.catwelfareohio.com.

The top 13 photos for the 2013 CWA Calendar are:

- Smokey - Just Hanging Out by Chris S.
- Beanie - Queen Bean by Cynthia F.
- Red and Boo - Brotherly Love by John S.
- Electra - Electra by Maggie B.
- Elijah - Cute Face by Aire-Flo
- Chantilly - Momma by Trisha N.
- Callie Mae - Enjoying the Sun by Megan M.
- Jumpy - Dreaming & Drooling the Day Away by Trisha N.
- Tiffany - Hello Little Visitor by Patty N.
- Winnie and Rachel - Purr-fect Fit by Jack L.
- Sookie Sue - Collateral Damage...The Pink Hoodie Disaster by Bonnie S
- Obie - Hanging Around by Michael W.
- Mr. Chow - Heaven by Julie C.

Dr. Caruana



Cat Welfare has brought in a part-time, on-site veterinarian, Dr. Emily Caruana, to augment services provided by local veterinary practices.

Dr. Caruana attended The Canisius College of Buffalo, NY, for her undergraduate education and received her Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from The Ohio State University. After graduation, Dr. Caruana spent two years in private practice honing her skills as a veterinarian. However, her true passion is shelter medicine, which is one reason she is thrilled to be joining Cat Welfare. Throughout her education, Dr. Caruana has had a special interest in animal shelters and rescue groups. She was a volunteer for her local SPCA for several years and during veterinary school interned at various low-cost spay/neuter clinics.

During her first month at CWA, Dr. Caruana has noted the genuine care and compassion CWA staff and volunteers have for the cats and organization. She has observed how everyone works very hard to keep the shelter clean and comfortable. She plans to use her knowledge and skills as a veterinarian to improve the overall health and happiness of the shelter cats and in turn hopes to increase adoptions to permanent, loving homes.

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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Come to our Holiday Bazaar

Saturday, Nov. 10, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
and
Sunday, Nov. 11, 1 - 3 p.m.



New and gently used items donated to the shelter are priced to move. We have collectibles, seasonal merchandise, treasures and more!

Delicious baked goods and the 2013 Cat Welfare Calendar will also be available. All of the proceeds will benefit our shelter.

New this year! Custom Quality Pet Furniture is donating two bestselling items to be raffled at the bazaar. They will also be on site to take orders for their handcrafted cat trees, scratching posts and pet stairs, donating 20% of any sales back to the shelter. Check out their catalog in advance at www.customqualitypetfurniture.com.

Make sure to stop and pet the kitties, too!

Wanted: Fun Toys for Kitties

Our cats and kittens love toys, and it's best that those toys be disposable. A lot of toys that are put out one day need to be thrown out the next day.

Here is how you can help. Many of the toys that our kitties love are free or low-cost items that you may have in your home already. Think about how your children and grandchildren will play with pots and pans over the new trendy toy. Or perhaps they prefer the box it came in? The Fur-Children at the shelter are the same.

Some of their favorites are: craft pom-poms at least two inches in diameter; pipe cleaners with the ends folded in; wine corks; plastic rings off of milk jugs; and plastic drinking straws. The kitties are also happy to have donated toys bought from a pet or grocery store.

A toy chest is located in the foyer for your convenience. Let's see how many toys we can collect by the holidays!

New Projects Spruce up the Shelter and Signage

Cat Welfare has recently finished painting the outside of the shelter, along with updating indoor and outdoor signage. Be sure to stop by and see the improvements in person!



Before



After



Two heads are better than one: Paul Calderone, Board President and Chair of the Building and Grounds Committee, inspects a piece of the new shelter sign (above).



Happy Homes for CWA Cats

Simba



Our cat, Simba, whom we adopted from your shelter six years ago, has just recently passed away.

Simba always loved to be outside. When we first adopted him, we frequently took him outside on a harness. Eventually, we were able to walk him outside without a harness. We sometimes drew curious looks from others in our neighborhood for having a cat that mostly walked on the sidewalk. Even though he was well behaved, Simba would often run off into the bushes to explore for a while.

At night, Simba would curl up in bed at our feet, and eventually he started sleeping on top of us. Even though he was an older cat, he still enjoyed a good chase. We would sometimes chase him around the house, and sometimes he would chase us! His favorite time to strike was as we were walking up the stairs.

I don't think we will ever find another cat quite like Simba, and we couldn't have asked for anything more. Simba brightened our day, greeted us at the door whenever we came home and curled up with us. We feel privileged to have given him a comfortable home and to have made him happy during the time we had with him.

Adopted by: Tina

Schroeder



We wanted to thank the staff and volunteers of Cat Welfare for taking such good care of Schroeder (formerly Ramone) until we could make him a forever part of our family. He's such a character, and we've all fallen head over heels for him.

With many friends and family members in and out over Christmas last year, we had planned to let him find a safe hideout until everything calmed down, but he greeted every person without hesitation.

We usually come home to find him in his favorite sunning spot in front of the great room window watching the critters out in the woods. But when we're home, he needs to be everywhere we are. Thank you again. He's the perfect addition for our other kitty and family!

Adopted by: The Serena 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.

Wilfred Paige



It's me Wilfred Paige! You may remember me as Paige.

For weeks my new family visited the shelter trying to find a perfect match for them. I sat staring at the back of my cage, described by the staff as "very depressed." Once I found that I would be sleeping with a little girl in her purple bedroom, that she would dress me in flowers everyday and let me sleep on her electric blanket, not only did I quickly forgive her for naming me Wilfred Paige, but I knew I had hit the cat lottery with this family!

I have also fallen in love with the teenage boy who lives here. I let him and his friends nickname me "Wiffie." They let me hang out while they play Xbox, and I eat their pizza when they are not looking.

This family has a dog that I find annoying and gross. I often have to put him in his place, but because my family loves him, I will tolerate him.

Things are pretty great here. My family tells me everyday how beautiful I am and how lucky they are to have me. I couldn't agree more.

Thank you, Cat Welfare, for finding me this family.

Adopted by: The Phallen Family

These Tweens Will Steal Your Heart

We are not the kittens you need to raise or the older lap cats willing to lounge away an entire afternoon with you and a book. We are the tweens! Our ages range from 6 to 18 months. We have lots of energy, love to play and also enjoy quiet times just to cuddle. In most cases we are a good fit with children and other animals. Please stop in to meet us and the other tweens if you are looking for a special cat!




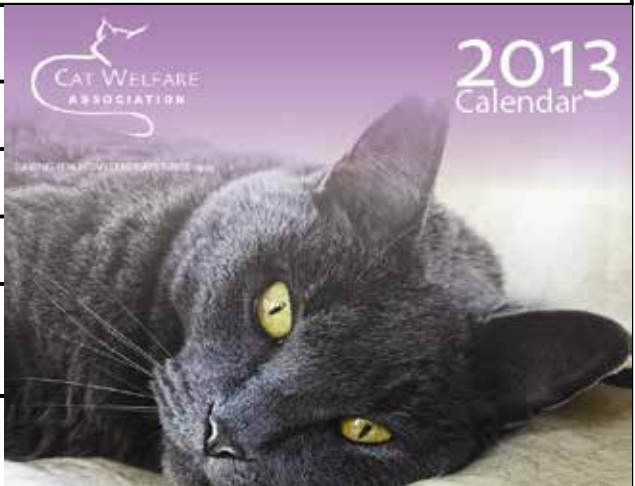
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Dude



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	<h2>Cat Welfare 2013 Calendar</h2>		
<p>Send your completed form and payment to: Cat Welfare - 741 Wetmore Road - Columbus, OH 43214</p>			
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<p>Address _____</p>			
<p>City _____</p>	<p>State _____</p>		<p>Zip _____</p>
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<p>Number of Calendars _____ at \$16.82 each \$ _____ Total cost</p>			
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<p>Price includes sales tax and shipping Please make check payable to: Cat Welfare Association</p>			

COMPLIMENTS OF



October 22-28

Bring this coupon in and spend \$10 and \$5 will be donated back to Cat Welfare Assoc.

Romano's Macaroni Grill 6115 Park Center Circle Dublin, OH 43017 614-792-3676

Catober Fest

Looking for a new kitty friend and ready to celebrate the arrival of Fall? Stop by Cat Welfare between 5 and 7 p.m. Wednesday, October 24 for Catober Fest. There will be special adoption rates and music to enjoy, the Catique will be open with many fun items available and appetizers will be served. For more information, contact Gail Harbert at cwavolunteers@gmail.com or 614-268-6096, Ext. 103.

Cat Caper Photos

Char Riedinger of Charper Images Photography documented the festivities at our Cat Caper 5K by taking pictures before, during and after the race. You and your family and friends may be in some of them! Please visit www.charperimages.com and select Cat Caper Gallery to find your photos and download them free, compliments of Char Riedinger and Charper Images Photography.

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Ishie Memorial Fund

for care of long-term shelter residents

Anne, Earl & Linda Riley, "In memory of Kitty Dixon"
Richard Austin
Dianne Curry
Juanita Woods, "In memory of Koa"
Joy & Ed Weiler
Kathy Ebersbach, "In memory of Mitch Hunt"
Diana Fisher
William & Gloria Adams
Julie Christopher, "In memory of Sassafras Autumn, my brother Dale and sister-in-law Mary's beloved cat"
Sue Lape, "Gordon Wilson"
David & Patricia Nelson
Andrew Wilcox, "In memory of my mother, Jean Parks Lynn"
Carol Stockwell, "In memory of Virginia (Ginny) Thompson"
Michelle Bisutti

Altering Fund

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

Dianne Curry, Sherry Cupp, Beth Puleo, Joy & Ed Weiler, Mary Jane Ryan, Dick & Linda Hamilton, Kathy Ebersbach, James Carr, Emmy Partin and Craig Lewis

Travis Fund

for spaying/neutering kittens

Mary Schlank and Susan Franke

Vincent Fund

for emergency care for shelter cats

Dianne Curry, Amber Snyder & Kellie Workman "In honor of Rebecca Dragin," Joy & Ed Weiler, Judy Popowski, Mary Jane Ryan, Linda Schellkopf, Mary Papin, Dick & Linda Hamilton, Betty Lue Moore, Robert Miller, Nicole Trimner, Dorothy Cobbs, Judith Dunn Fisher, Craig Lewis, Debra & Lee Martin, Michael O. Reagan, Ramona Sietsma, Lynne Bonenberger, Judy Hardy and RoseAnn Ballangee

Joey's Good Samaritan Fund

financial assistance for owned cats in need of medical care

Sandra Stayrook, Joy & Ed Weiler, and Dorothy Cobbs

Willard's Village Babies Fund

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

Anne Riley "In memory of Kitty Dixon", Richard Austin, Susan Franke, Joy & Ed Weiler, Joan Borger "For Barbara Bates' birthday," Peggy Kirk "In memory of Esther Bennett," Claire Westervelt and Jim Moll

Cat-A-Lack Chow Club

for food for the shelter kitties

Susan Franke and J.G. Kassel

Important Shelter Information

From January through August 2012, we **adopted 533 cats** into loving homes and **subsidized 1,290 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 cwavolunteers@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, Clorox wipes, Mr. Clean Magic Eraser pads, laundry detergent, stainless steel Chore Boy scrubbers, and Mr. Clean with Febreze.

Cat Welfare would like to thank:

Meshach, Julian Edee, Finnean, Josie, Amelia, Acardia, Carrie, Bonnie, Noah and Grace for orchestrating a neighborhood carnival to raise funds for our kitties.

The members of the Hedgehog Fan Club for hosting a bake sale to raise funds for the shelter residents.

Keith McCormish for donating his time and talents to write a grant application for Cat Welfare. As a result of this submission, Cat Welfare was awarded \$10,000 for the purchase of medical equipment and supplies.

Julie Karovics for designing the new shelter signage.



We make friendships for life!

I am Milo, and I have been here at the shelter since September 27, 2011. My age is probably about 12 1/2. I am a fine looking black and white long hair tuxedo cat and, as you can see from my picture, I have half of a black mustache! I have to admit that I was pretty bedraggled when I came here, having obviously been on the street for awhile. But most rescued street cats are thrilled to be here, and I am no exception! This place is a palace compared to where I came from, and you will never hear me complain! I am not exactly a lap cat, but I do love petting and lots of attention and occasionally will consent to being picked up. I have a favorite napping place under a giant cat tree here in our main adoption room. This tree is a work of art that an anonymous person donated to the shelter, and I take

full advantage of it! Getting down to practical matters, it is also convenient to the food bowls. The kind staff here have taken good care of me and helped me to regain my strength. I am gentle and laid back and never cause trouble. I get along with other cats and would probably do best in a quiet home with someone willing to give me a chance. Come in and see me. We can interview each other and maybe each gain a new best friend!

Cat Welfare has nearly 300 cats available for adoption. Find your new feline friend by visiting www.catwelfareohio.com or stopping by our shelter. The kitties would be happy to see you!

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