# Feline Forum

Cat Welfare Association Newsletter

October/November 2013

# New Calendars Available in November



#### Wanted: Board Members

Do you have skills in organizational management, finance, law, computer programming or other areas? Consider being a Board member of Cat Welfare. Board members are required to attend scheduled meetings, work on committees, raise funds and be ambassadors for Cat Welfare.

Prospective Board members must be CWA members for a full year prior to the election. The Board of Directors will be voted upon at our meeting in February 2014.

Please download an application form at www. catwelfareohio.com or contact our office to have one mailed to you. Completed applications should be sent to Paul Calderone at pfc@insight.rr.com or mailed to the shelter, Attn: Paul Calderone, 741 Wetmore Road, Columbus, Ohio 43214. The deadline for applications is November 30.

Announcing the winners of the CWA 2014 Calendar Photo Contest. There were many wonderful photos to choose from this year. The 13 large photos were chosen by the CWA judges from a combination of the following:

- 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, most 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 2014 are:

- Baxtor Go Bucks! by Dan B.
- Bella Luna My Toys by Kristi S.
- Buddy One Of My Favorite Things by Anne R.
- Cleopatra No Fishing Cleopatra by James L.
- Cosby Thirsty Cat by Stacey S.
- Daisey and Kit-Kat Mother and Daughter by Jim C.
- Dr. Osgood Sunday Morning Brunch by Mary & Mike M.
- Finleigh Alaric Penguins are soft and squishy by Bonnie S.
- Jake Look Ma No Cavities by Doug E.
- Joyce Just sitting around on a winter day by Rebecca H.
- Sir Ashton Martin Grey Reflections by Mindy & Kyle M.
- Sunny Waking up from a nap by Shawn K. and Dave M.
- Torro and Terri Brotherly Love by foster mom Sue C.







A total of 384 people registered to run, walk and cat nap for this year's successful Cat Caper 5K, held September 29 in Clintonville. Race winners were Tyler Estep and Amy Goshe, with a special shout out to 12-year-old Lennox Wolak, who finished fifth overall. The crowd raised \$1,900 through the post-race raffle alone.

Photos by Fleshman Photography.





#### **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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#### Hours

11 a.m.- 3:30 p.m. Monday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday

11 a.m. - 7 p.m. Tuesday & Wednesday

(Closed the first Thursday of each month and all major holidays)

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



#### **Board of Directors**

Paul Calderone, President Steve Hebenstreit, Vice President Brenda Martin, Recording Secretary Kathryn Hart, Corresponding Secretary Cathi Eisley, Treasurer

RoseAnn Ballangee • Sue Godsey Julie Karovics • Larry Kingera Peggy Kirk

#### Alana's Food & Wine 2333 N. High St. Columbus, OH 43202

\$35 non-members \$30 members

Private All Vegetarian Small Plates and Wine Tasting

#### 5:30-7:30 p.m. November 12, 2013

Tickets must be purchased by November 1

Chef Alana Shock focuses on local, seasonal ingredients sourced from Ohio farms to craft her "five star" cuisine prepared in styles from all over the world. Alana's also features an extensive wine list.

Alana adopted two male kittens from Cat Welfare in May 2013 and is offering this wonderful fundraiser to Cat Welfare as a way to say thank you for bringing these "gifts" into her life.

#### Alana's Ticket Order Form

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City State ZIP

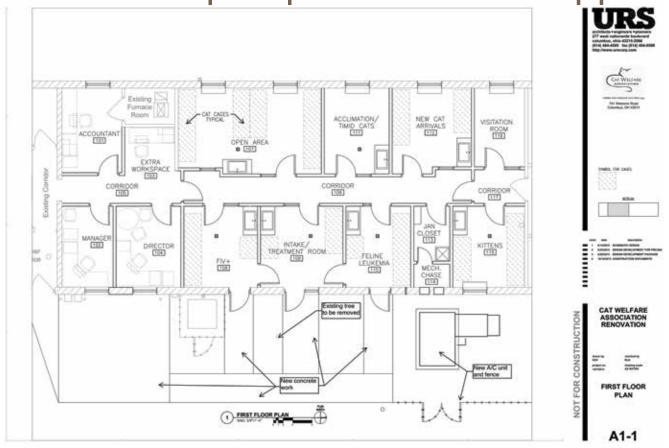
Phone

Number of Tickets \_\_\_\_\_

Total Cost ———— (\$35 non-members, \$30 members)

Mail to: Cat Welfare, Attn: Alana's 741 Wetmore Road Columbus, OH 43214

Former Catique Space Floor Plan Approved



# CWA Happy Homes



A quick update on Vincent (now *Orange Goblin*) and *Grey Boy*: Both are happy to finally have a place of their own. Orange Goblin is mischievous, loves to be held, steals my clothing and thinks he is the king of all cats.

Grey Boy is the sweetest cat ever; he

loves to cuddle and receive tons of attention. He follows me everywhere and is my shadow. I love my cat boys dearly and they were the perfect birthday gift from my honey! Thank you so much Cat Welfare. I couldn't have asked for a better surprise.

Joe and Sarah Angelique



I wanted to give you an update on our kitty *Monkey* (known as Grendel at the shelter) that I adopted in March of 2011. We named her Monkey for her goofy long tail that even makes the vets laugh!

Her activities include stealing my hair ribbons (just the orange ones, must be her favorite color), snuggling with Sir Reginald the giraffe (pictured), cleaning up after her kitty step-sister Beans (who likes to leave a

trail of kitty litter outside the box), and taking down Christmas ornaments.

Every time I come home and see Mo and her silly tail trot up to greet me, a smile is hard to fight even after the longest of days. Thanks CWA for taking care of Monkey until she could become part of my family!

Samantha and Ryan Burton



*Charlie* is living large, as some would say. He was the house favorite from the day he came to live with us. It only took three days for him, our two dogs and other two cats to adjust to each other. He may be old, 14, but is still very much full of life.

Charlie is so incredibly friendly. He runs to the front door when someone comes over and immediately starts rubbing against their legs.

Some people thought I was a little crazy for adopting a senior cat, but I knew it was the right thing for me. He may not have as many years left as a younger cat, but we will try our best to make sure the years he does have left are great ones. He always wants to be with someone; he will lie down next to you as soon as you stop moving. I hope this will encourage more people to take the chance, so far it's been a privilege to give this guy a good home!

Sandy Reed

Got a Happy Homes story? Send it to catwelfarecats@yahoo.com or mail it to Cat Welfare, 741 Wetmore Road, Columbus, OH 43214.





#### Vincent Fund Saves Heather from Infection

Heather arrived at Cat Welfare in July.

It appeared as though another animal had attacked Heather and a couple of the bite wounds had become infected. The wounds were flushed, and she began a round of antibiotics. However, the wound on Heather's rear right leg would not heal, and she eventually stopped using the limb. Because there was a fear that the leg had become septic, it was amputated at the hip. Heather tolerated the surgery well. She is pain free and is able to navigate without hesitation on her three limbs.

Fund

The Vincent Fund was established to help pay for unexpected vital medical care for our shelter cats. The fund is named after Victoria Bonner's cat, Vincent. He was adopted from Cat Welfare in 1985. Vincent died very peacefully at home on April 24, 2001. He was 18. "I hope the funds raised by The Vincent Fund can help other cats so future owners can experience the kind of joy that I did with my beloved Vincent."

### Mojo's Corner: Social Media

So many wonderful kitties were adopted into what I hope is their FOREVER home during the month of August. I understand from my pal Sasha, who saw someone reviewing stats, that August adoptions had increased from last year by 24%!

But here comes the reality. Our intake numbers, limited to pregnant or truly injured cats, continue to exceed our adoption rate but only by a small number. Please take every opportunity you have to promote adoption and share us on Facebook, www.facebook. com/catwelfareohio. Combined efforts equal success.

I would love for you to come by for a hug. My paws are always open.





# Fall Quilt Raffle Set for December



Cat Welfare would like to thank the quilting club of the Gahanna Senior Center, under the direction of Mrs. Faye Oliver, for creating this amazing quilt to raise funds for our shelter. We are selling chances to win this work of art for \$5, or you can purchase 5 chances for \$20. The drawing will be held at 3 p.m. on December 1. You do not have to be present to win.

#### **Quilt Raffle Ticket Order Form**

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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

## Cat Welfare 2014 Calendar

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Number of calendars		at \$16.82 each	
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Cost includes tax and shipping

Make checks payable to Cat Welfare Association



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# We Love Our Donors

#### Ishie Memorial Fund

for long-term care of shelter residents

Cynthia Olmstead, Joy & Ed Weiler, Richard Austin, June & Iris Hambach, Rebecca Rose, John & Nancy Sue Irwin and Joan Borger

Bonnie Sharp, "In memory of Mittens"

Debra & Lee Martin, "In memory of our beloved kitty, Elvis Grace"

Pamela Holladay, "In memory of Ming Lee" Michelle Isroff, "In honor of the Rambo's amazing cat Jack"

Susan W. Roy, "In loving memory of Maggie" Jennifer Curry, "In memory of David Saylor, a fellow cat lover"

Janet Overmyer, "In memory of Elizabeth Ann James and for Custer"

Norma Hermann, "The Hermann cats"

Rita Stronczek, "In memory of Ajax, adopted from a shelter in Columbus 18 years ago"

Jennifer Parker, "In memory of Aida Montano's cat, Mahal"

Anne Riley, "In memory of Holly, Sawdust, and Dust"

#### Altering Fund

to subsidize community low-cost spay/neuter surgeries

Beth Robinette, Ruey Landis Rodman, Ramona Sietsma, Charles Sorg & Leslie Roy and Kathryn Hart

# From January through August 2013, we adopted 665 cats into loving homes and subsidized 1,529` spay and neuter surgeries through our various Altering Fund programs.

#### Vincent Fund

for emergency care for shelter cats

Judy Popowski, Carl & Joyce Rybak, Robert & Janice Niepert, Marjorie Obrist, Linda Schellkopf, J.G. Kassel, Judith Johnson, Ramona Sietsma, Ann Pechacek, Kathy Ebersbach and John & Vicky Lee Schmarr

#### Joey's Good Sam Fund

for medical care of owned cats

Joy & Ed Weiler and Geraldine Pekarek

#### Willard's Village Babies Fund

for care of feral cat colonies

Juanita Woods, Richard Austin, Joy & Ed Weiler, Anne Riley & Wilma Wabnitz, Faith Bartrug, and Beth Puleo

#### Cat-A-Lack Chow Club

for food for the shelter residents

Joy & Ed Weiler

#### Bricks to Be Removed, Replaced

As you many have noticed, names on many of the commemorative / memorial bricks at the entrance to the shelter are illegible because of weather conditions and overall wear and tear. Deterioration of these bricks and crumbling of the base have negatively impacted drainage at the shelter's front entrance. Unfortunately, to correct this situation, the bricks must be removed.

A concrete pad will be installed to replace the bricks in October. Bricks that can be salvaged will be kept at the shelter for pick-up by donors in November. Please e-mail cwamemorybricks@gmail.com to see if your brick could be re-claimed.

A listing of these virtual bricks will be posted to CWA's website in the near future.



## Hello, June

Hello. My name is June. I am a three-year-old calico cat in need of a new home. I have been living at Cat Welfare since May 2013 because I was abandoned here with no note or information about my past. I am a beautiful calico cat, and I would dearly love to find a home because I do not particularly like being with all the cats here at the shelter. I have been allowed to leave my cage at times, but the experience has been very distressing to me. I am friendly towards humans, and I would like to think I can adjust to sharing a home with another cat, maybe. I have learned that patience is a virtue.

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!

Shelter Wish List:
Purina Cat Chow, Kitten Chow, moist cat food, brown paper grocery bags, Windex, clean newspapers, clean towels, clay litter, dryer sheets, bleach, Clorox wipes, Mr. Clean Magic Eraser pads, laundry detergent, stainless steel Chore Boy scrubbies, and Mr. Clean.

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