

Feline Forum

Cat Welfare Association Newsletter

February/March 2014



Shelter Kitties Will Have Full Stomachs Thanks to Generous Grumpy Cat Gift

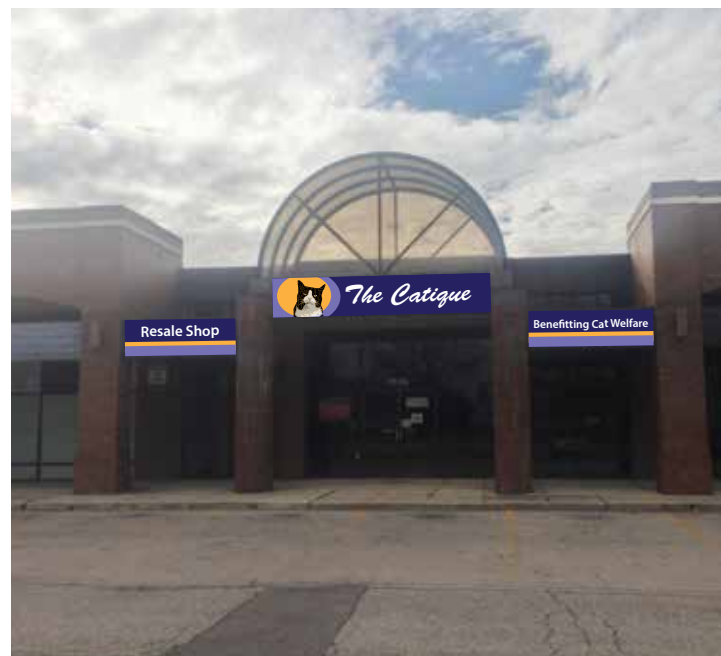
Grumpy Cat loves Cat Welfare. Well, probably, but she'll never admit it. Thanks to a nomination from Grumpy Cat Ltd. (grumpycats.com) we received a very generous donation from Purina of 100,000 cans of Friskies moist cat food. The donation is part of the Friskies campaign at ifyoufeedme.com. We feel very blessed to be a part of this national campaign and to receive this donation. Grumpy Cat, we love you whether you like it or not!

Catique to Open in New Location

We are very excited to announce the grand opening of The Catique at 1005 Mediterranean Ave. The festivities will begin at 9 a.m. on Saturday, February 15 and run until 4 p.m. Hourly raffles are planned. Following our grand opening, The Catique will be open each week from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays.

We are looking to build our resale shop team. If you can assist with accepting and sorting donations, creating displays or you want to assist with sales, please reach out to cwivolunteers@gmail.com or call 614-268-6096, Ext. 103.

Donations of gently used items are much appreciated, will benefit our shelter and are tax deductible. For inquiries, general operations and items accepted for donation, please contact cwacatique@gmail.com or visit catwelfareohio.com.





Mojo's Corner

Oh boy have I been busy, so much to observe! December brought us many wonderful visitors, and so many kind-hearted donations were given to the shelter. Your generosity means a great deal to all of us. Also, Santa came to see us and pose for some photos. Those young cats keep up with all the latest trends—my pal Shadow photo bombed the Wolfe family portrait and found a forever home! One of my very best buddies, Kate, took me to see Santa. That's me on the left!

Elford was awarded the contract to renovate our south end shelter space. The project began January 20. During our January meeting of the minds, Mrs. B, Lily, Baxter, Charlie Cha Cha and I decided we would work extra hard to remind our fellow residents that the strange noises and changes in routine are okay. Updates regarding the renovations will be available on our website, catwelfareohio.com, via Facebook, facebook.com/catwelfareohio and in our next *Feline Forum*.



Come see me on Valentine's Day. I've got a hug waiting for you.

Cat Welfare Remembers Arlene Beale

Cat Welfare lost a dear friend on January 4, 2014. Arlene Beale, a 30-year employee of CWA, passed away at the age of 91. Arlene was a tiny lady with a heart of gold and an amazing can-do attitude. Any physical limitation that challenged Arlene in her later years was met with only a modification in her routine as she just kept going.

Arlene also knew the worth of celebration. She kept track of employee birthdays and would circulate a card for signatures and make sure there was pizza ordered to go along with her home-baked sheet cake each month. Above all, Arlene was always kind. We are grateful to have known her and will certainly miss her.

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.



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Special Kitties, Special Needs

Beautiful is just that, and she has a gentle, loving personality, too. She was returned to our shelter in September 2013 after being adopted as a youngster in 2004. After our staff observed her habits and suspected something might be wrong, she tested positive for diabetes. Beautiful has responded well to her twice daily insulin injections, and she promises to reimburse you for the expense of her care ten-fold with affection.



Beautiful



Mulan

Mulan was brought to Cat Welfare in July 2013. This 4-year-old glamorous girl was briefly adopted and returned for not getting along with the other cats. At the shelter, Mulan does just fine as a resident in the main adoption room. She has had two bouts with asthma while in our care. Although she is not on any daily maintenance regimen, we know that there is a chance she may suffer future asthma flare-ups, which can be stress related. Mulan would love a quiet forever home with a family looking for an affectionate kitty.

Sign Up for Email Delivery

The *Feline Forum* brings all the best Cat Welfare news right to your door, but did you know you can receive our newsletter via email? Each new digital subscription saves the shelter \$0.62, which 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.

To sign up for our digital newsletter, send us an email with your name, email address and current mailing address to cwivolunteers@gmail.com.

10th Cat Caper Scheduled

Our 10th annual Cat Caper 5K run/walk is slated for September 21, 2014. We are looking for volunteers to join our committee and help plan the event. If you want to join our team, please email our Caper chair, Kelsey Hukill, at cwacatcaper@gmail.com or phone Gail Harbert, Cat Welfare Program Manager, at 614-268-6096, Ext. 103.

Submissions for the Caper logo will be accepted through February. Graphics must include “10th annual.” Please send .jpg or PDF entries to cwacatcaper@gmail.com.

CWA Happy Homes



I adopted **Leo** (formerly Leon) last year. He was a special adoption kitty because he has a chronic sinus problem. He is a handsome, gentle, polite, loving cat who has quickly adapted to my home.

He likes to sit in my lap as much as possible and spend

all night in my bed, waking me up by kissing me on the nose. I scratch his face and under his chin, which he loves. I also adopted a kitten, Clem, so he has a little brother that follows him around now. Clem has brought out the playfulness in Leo. Leo is still the perfect gentleman, and Clem is actually learning from him.

Bridgid Kinney



On August 28, 1994, I went to Cat Welfare to choose two kitties to join our newlywed family. After holding and talking to nearly every cat I could get my hands on, I chose **Meg** and **Tiffany**. They

were cagemates at

the shelter and I didn't want to separate them. They were so playful and such a joy for our new family.

Sadly, in 1998, we lost Tiffany to liver cancer. Meg was lost for a while, but she became the world's biggest lap cat and learned to play fetch. She has adapted well to our growing family, she loves our boys and is very affectionate with them. We are happy to say that Meg celebrated her 19th birthday on April 16, 2013. We cannot imagine a better place to get a forever friend and would highly recommend adopting a cat from Cat Welfare. Thank you for our "baby" Meg.

Jayne Dornquast



I adopted **Nigel** in August 2012; someone had thrown him over the fence at the shelter, and he was found on the roof. He'd only been there for a week when I came in looking for a sibling to keep my older cat, Argyle, company. When they put Nigel in my arms, he purred and snuggled my neck. I carried him for nearly an hour, and when it came time to put him back in his cage, he cried! Because the shelter was closing, I had to come back the next day, and he was waiting at the front of his cage!

Nigel's been an amazing addition to the household; he's quite a character! I think he's got some Siamese in him because of his facial structure and the fact that he's a big talker! He'll call to me from anywhere in the house, like a toddler wanting to know where mom is. And he's very ornery, knocking things off tables and dressers to get my attention. He and Argyle get along great and chase each other around all the time. He's made every day an adventure, and I can't imagine life without him! Thanks so much to Cat Welfare!

Anna McCullough

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



I adopted two cats from Cat Welfare, and we renamed them **Lyra** and **Thunder**. I recently submitted a poem about my cats in a 7-8 grade poetry contest and got first place.

Bonnie Guo



I adopted **Atticus Finch** in Fall 2012. We are so happy to have him as a part of our family. Boo Radley, the dog, loves him and they are definitely friends. Atticus loves to sit in the windows, chase shadows, flop on the ground for attention, and play fetch. Thank you Cat Welfare for taking great care of him before he found his way home!

Bethann Chordas



I just wanted to write a quick email to thank the workers for being so wonderful. They introduced me and my boyfriend to the perfect cat for us. His name was Flint at the shelter, but we changed his name to **Flynn**. He is a little go-getter, a loving, cuddly, sweet, well-behaved kitty. He was a special needs cat because he has cerebral hypoplasia. He is just a little bundle of joy and I'm forever grateful. I've adopted a couple cats before, but this is the best experience I've ever had. Keep up the amazing work you all do.

Michelle, Donald and Flynn



In 2012, I was looking for a cat friend. I knew I wanted a neutered male. I walked around and found a few cats that were so cute but not the one. One of my roommates found **Ozzie** and moved on. Ozzie started to destroy his cage and meow loudly until we came back. After he did that several more times, I knew he had to come home with us.

His favorite toys are small mice, and he has a water fountain water dish,

Science Diet cat food, an unlimited amount of toys to play with, and so much more. I made a cat perch with a cat bed. He looks outside every night before he goes to sleep. He has not stopped meowing since he got home. He could be downstairs and meow so loud; it is like he is right next to you. Thank you for taking care of him until I got there.

Susie Ditmer

Open Your Heart, Home to Foster Cats Who Need Care

Being a foster care parent or family for Cat Welfare can be a rewarding experience. You have a chance to provide a shelter cat or kittens with the necessary TLC they need until they are ready to live in the shelter and be considered for adoption. Kittens go into foster care if they are not old enough to be spayed or neutered when they arrive. Some litters have a momma, who accompanies them in foster care, while others arrive motherless. An adult cat may be placed in foster care if he or she needs time to recover from an injury and would fare better outside of the shelter.

In 2013, 286 Cat Welfare cats and kittens were placed in foster care. Kelly Cutshall says, "Fostering is so entertaining that I don't need cable. It is like watching an endless stream of adorable YouTube videos! Also, nothing compares to the good feeling I receive when watching newborns grow, sick/injured kittens heal, or shy kittens come out of their shell, knowing I was a crucial part of that."

Foster care commitments can range from one week to a couple of months. We do ask that you have a room in your home where the foster(s) can



live without interacting with any of your pets.

Cat Welfare will provide you with food, litter, a litter box and any required medications. Our foster care commitment and application to foster can be found online at catwelfareohio.com or you can request the forms by calling our office at 614-268-6096.

Cat Welfare Association Life Members

All members of Cat Welfare receive discounted tickets to events, a subscription to the *Feline Forum* and eligibility to vote at the annual Board Member elections. In addition to these core benefits, life membership affirms your long-term commitment to CWA and its mission. A life membership badge signifies your participation in this elite group of contributors. Supporters can become a life member with a donation of \$250. A single payment is preferred; however, installment payments can be arranged by contacting the shelter.

We would like to thank the following supporters for becoming life members in 2013:

Thomas Kreger, Dennis & Lydia Pratt, Susan Conrad, Brian Watts, Molly Watts, Fern Hunt, Penny Gregorich, Nancy Bolen, Jacob & Samantha Sherman, Mary Ware-Guldin, Douglas & Stephanie Allgood, Carl & Joyce Rybak, Rosemary & Roger Schirtzinger, Jessica Lietz, Elizabeth Gaubert, Tracie Johnson, Ted McCoy, John & Nancy Sue Irwin, Rebecca Rose, Marian Trimble, Jennifer Tabak, Alice Freschman, Grumpy Cat Limited, Pauline Dyer, Craig & Loraine Treneff, Michael & Dondra Huffman, Betty Beatrice, David McMaken, Cindy King, Barbara Mann, Michelle Leedy, Craig & Loraine Treneff, Paula Orban, Debra & Lee Martin, Sandra McCutcheon and Shawn Huffman

We Love Our Donors

Ishie Memorial Fund

for long-term care of shelter residents

- J.G. Kassel, “Buttons & Ralphie – gone but still in our hearts”
- Samuel & Diane van Schoyck, “In memory of Ruby, Amanda, Tecumseh, & George”
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- Heidi Sherer, “In memory of Bowie, beloved companion of Dawn Kurzynowski, with love from Heidi, Ray, & Salie Angel”

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From January through December 2013, we **adopted 978 cats** into loving homes and **subsidized 2,496 spay and neuter surgeries** through our various Altering Fund programs.

Altering Fund

to subsidize community low-cost spay/neuter surgeries

Anita Dean, Dorothy Evans, Ruey Landis Rodman, Judy Rollins, Ellie Inglesi, Sue Godsey, James & Mary Criswell, Whitney Mantonya, Shirley Tobias, Kerri Pollet, Dick & Linda Hamilton, Judy Pfaltzgraf, Paul & Jane Morton, Mary Gundlach, Karen Ollila, Sue Parsons, Craig Lewis and Nancy Preston

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for care of feral cat colonies

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Joey’s Good Sam Fund

for medical care of owned cats

Joy & Ed Weiler and Candy Lesh

Cat Welfare Thank You

We would like to express our gratitude to a very special individual. For over sixteen years Kathryn Hart has hand written thousands of thought filled notes of appreciation to Cat Welfare’s donors. Although Kathryn is ending her career as Cat Welfare’s corresponding secretary, the kindness she extends to the wellbeing of shelter and community kitties continues. Thank you Kathryn for all you do.



Hello, Ginger

I am very glad to make your acquaintance, but you'll get that the moment we connect and I start to purr while nuzzling your hand. My name is Ginger, and I am just over a year old. I arrived at Cat Welfare in the Spring of 2013 with a bit of a cold. I quickly recovered from the cold and was placed in what I hoped was my forever home. I was returned to the shelter because I required having my water bowl refilled a couple of times a day and my litter box changed daily. After a trip to see Dr. Nelson to have a fancy picture taken, it was determined that my kidneys are malformed. The recommendation is a large water bowl and a large litter pan or perhaps two boxes. Dr. Nelson also recommends that I have

blood work and a urinalysis run once a year. The good news is now I feel great! I love all of the visitors and playing with the other kitties, but I do long for a forever home.

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, 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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