

Feline Forum

Cat Welfare Association Newsletter

April/May 2017



Ilea and W.C.

Microchips Save the Day for Three Kitties

Who doesn't love a heartwarming story with a happy ending? Did you know something as simple as microchipping your pet is one way to help your missing pet story have a happy ending? In early 2017, Cat Welfare had the opportunity to help reunite not one or two dearly missed cats but a total of three beloved pets!

Ilea M. had recently moved to Blacklick and was getting settled in her new home with her cat W.C. Unbeknownst to her, W.C. slipped out one afternoon and thus began her three-week frantic search for the cat she had shared her life with for the past nine years. A good Samaritan saw a new cat wandering on her street and became concerned when the temperatures began to dip. Upon intake, per shelter policy, the cat was scanned for a microchip, and we learned that the cat had originally been adopted from Cat Welfare and the owner could be immediately contacted! An emotional reunion occurred within an hour of W.C. arriving at our shelter.

In our second story, we received an evening website communication filled with emotion. Lisa R. and her husband had just returned from travels only to learn that their 9-month-old cat had slipped out on the pet sitter. They immediately bundled up and spent the next several hours searching for their beloved Screech in the pouring rain. They returned home to find a message from 24PetWatch stating that Mary from Cat Welfare had listed Screech as found thanks to his microchip. We immediately made arrangements for the Rauschs to pick up Screech before the shelter opened the next morning. Lisa stated that at least they could get a peaceful night's rest knowing that their baby was not out on the street in the rain.

Thirdly, Layla arrived at Cat Welfare in early March with an injured leg, and once again, the staff was elated to find she had a microchip. While one staff member made attempts to find her owner, another took Layla to one of our partnering veterinarians so her leg fracture could be addressed. Within 48 hours, thanks to the microchip, we had Layla reunited with her family, who had been missing their sweet girl for nearly two months!

While picking up Screech the Rausch family inquired about recommendations for getting their dog chipped. While nearly all veterinarians offer microchipping, a low-cost alternative is available at the monthly vaccination clinics at Pet Valu (VIP Pet Clinics), Petco (Vetco Clinics) and Columbus Dog Connection.

Help Wanted: Volunteer Spots Available

Our volunteer program is growing, and our volunteers continue to be vital to the success of CWA in more ways than we can count! If you are interested in becoming a CWA volunteer, please visit our website to register for an upcoming orientation. If you are already a volunteer, here are some of our current needs and announcements:

- **Cage Cleaning:** Each day from 8:30 to 11 a.m. Quick training required and then you can sign up for shifts here: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b48afa92aa20-2017>
- **Landscaping and general exterior tidying**
- Outgoing volunteers needed to join our **Greeter Team!** Simply commit to two weekend days/month! We need four more people to join our team. Feedback about this program has been very positive so far.

Stinziano Designates Spay & Neuter Month



Councilmember Michael Stinziano sponsored a Resolution to designate February 2017 as Spay and Neuter Awareness Month in Columbus! We thank Councilmember Stinziano and the entire Columbus City Council for bringing awareness to pet overpopulation and acknowledging the work of animal protection leaders in Columbus: Capital Area Humane Society, Franklin County Dog Shelter & Adoption Center, Cat Welfare Association, SOS of Ohio Spay & Neuter Clinic - Shelter Outreach Services and Columbus Dog Connection.

Vote for New Board Members on May 16

Your commitment to our mission and participation as a member of Cat Welfare Association matters. On May 16, 2017, CWA members will elect Board of Directors (BOD) to fill vacant positions. At this meeting there will be an opportunity to hear from each of the candidates.

If you are at least 18 years of age and an Active or Life Member of CWA for 12 months as of May 2017, you are eligible to cast your vote. Candidate applications will be posted to our website on or about April 19.

BOD meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month and begin at 7 p.m. in the conference room at Villa Angela Care Center, 5700 Karl Road. Your attendance at these meetings is always welcome!

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
catwelfareassoc.org

facebook.com/catwelfareassoc

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 \$20 (\$10 for senior cats) includes spay/neuter surgery, initial vaccinations, testing for feline leukemia and FIV, microchip identification, flea treatment & deworming.



Board of Directors

President: Peggy Kirk
Vice President: Erik Diekmeyer
Secretary: Anne Riley
RoseAnn Ballangee • Steve Hebenstreit
• Claudia Plumley

Cat House Keeps Outdoor Cats Cozy



We're raffling off this hand-made, elevated, outdoor cat house with front and rear access. It has a removable lid for easy cleaning. The shelter is comprised of four 27" panels and has a depth of 21". Tickets are \$5. Proceeds will benefit the Altering Fund. A drawing will be held at noon on June 30. You do not need to be present to win.

Cat House Raffle Ticket Order Form

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

ZIP _____

Phone _____

Number of Tickets _____

Total Cost _____
(\$5 per ticket)

Mail to: Cat Welfare, Attn: Cat House Raffle
741 Wetmore Road
Columbus, OH 43214

Protect Your Felines from Fleas

Fleas multiply fast, and the only true flea preventative is one that breaks the life cycle. We are happy to announce that we can continue to sell you a high-quality, safe flea preventative at our cost beginning in May. Left untreated, a flea infestation will not only cause a cat dermal discomfort but can result in tape worms, hair loss, anemia and mouth inflammation. Activyl is a topical dose that should be applied every 30 days. The product is produced by Merck, which is a trusted name in companion animal care.

A single dose is available for \$10. Activyl is safe for kittens at eight weeks. A dose is dispensed at < 9 lbs. and > 9 lbs. If you do not know your feline friend's weight, we are happy to weigh your cat for the sake of accurate flea preventative distribution.

The Catique Needs Kids' Items

Time flies, kids grow and stray cats need a forever home! Please consider benefiting our shelter with your spring cleaning. Our Catique Resale Shop has a need for unstained, gently worn children's clothing and engaging toys (please no collections of Happy Meal prizes). We will provide you with a donation receipt, the resale of your donation benefits the cats in our care and you are helping another family provide for their child.

Additionally, we are seeking your donation of furniture. We ask that you contact The Catique at 614-565-1306 or thecatique@catwelfareassoc.org to discuss the delivery or pick up of any large furniture item.

To learn more about our sales and acquired treasures, please follow us at facebook.com/thecatiquereshop.

CWA Happy Homes



We adopted the **Voter Colonel** just after Christmas in 2011 (his personality required something grander than just “Sebastian” so I completed his name as a tribute to an episode of a favorite TV show). We were looking for an older cat who wouldn’t mind sharing space with a much older cat that was occasionally overzealous in some cat-related greetings. The moment we were introduced to him, Sebastian rolled over and showed his tummy. I knew then that he was

coming home with us. The blending was fairly smooth, as our older kitty was very laid back.

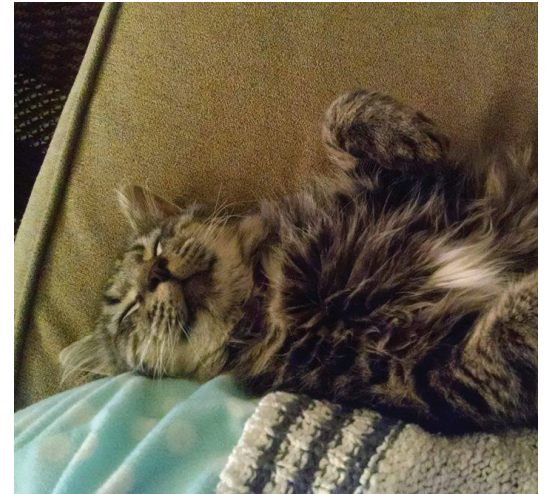
Alas, our much older kitty crossed the rainbow bridge before the two could get really acquainted, but the Voter Colonel doesn’t seem to mind being an only cat. He greets us at the door. He likes chasing the white dot caused by the sun shining through the peephole in our front door early in the day. He stalks his water dish and then stares at it for half an hour before finally slapping it a few times and drinking (not even kidding). When I had to go away for three weeks for medical treatment, he had some separation anxiety (licked a racing stripe into his back). He’s slowly getting used to these creatures our oldest daughter brings over, and he still looks horrified when the oldest meows back at him. Honestly, he’s a lovable goof, and I wouldn’t give him up for anything. Thank you so much.

Caterina Runyon-Spears



A good friend of mine was fostering some kittens and a mother for Cat Welfare. The kittens were sick and recovering at the time, so I couldn’t adopt them. When she brought me by the shelter just after Thanksgiving, I met **Oliver**. I no longer live in Columbus, and the seven-hour car ride back to Northern Virginia was a challenge. Oliver and I are doing great. He loves to play up to three times a day. We play before I go to work, when I get home from work, and later in the evening. He is a sweet, lovable boy.

Jodie



I came to Cat Welfare looking for a female, but I fell in love with **Knightley’s** handsome little face and just had to adopt him. He is the most cuddly cat I have ever met, often climbing into my lap on the sofa and sleeping so close to me that his whiskers tickle my face. I sometimes call him “silent squeak” because he has the tiniest meow, but most of the time no sound comes out at all. He loves fake mice toys and even plays fetch! He never fails to make me smile, and I believe that we’re happier together than we ever were apart!

Taylor Rae Dodge

Got a Happy Homes story? Upload it at catwelfareassoc.org or mail it to Cat Welfare, 741 Wetmore Road, Columbus, OH 43214.

News from the Cat Caper 5K

Early Bird Registration Now Open

Registration for the 12th annual Cat Caper 5K is at runsignup.com/Race/OH/Columbus/CatCaper5K and is now open! Our charity race, with Featured Sponsors CD 102.5 and Elford, Inc., will once again be held on September 24 at Griggs Reservoir, 2933 Riverside Dr., Columbus 43221. Please take advantage of early bird pricing and note there is a discount when you form a team of five or more. Race for your health, race for a cat or sign up as a Cat Napper and wear the shirt so people think you raced!



Design This Year's Logo

Help us design the 2017 Cat Caper logo. All entries should be submitted with the understanding that the design is a pro bono piece that will be owned by Cat Welfare if the design is selected. All entries must include a cat graphic, the words "Cat Caper 5K," the words "12th annual race to benefit Cat Welfare Association," the date 9/24/2017 and use the colors Pantone 15-0343 and Pantone 17-2034. Entries should be submitted at makemycontest.com/caperlogo2017/ no later than May 5, 2017.

Spay/Neuter Clinics Scheduled Monthly April through September



Cat Welfare will hold six spay/neuter clinics at the shelter in 2017. The monthly clinics will be held the first Thursday of each month, April through September, EXCLUDING August when the clinic will be August 15. Check-in for the clinics begins at 8:15 a.m. Owners are notified at check-in when they can expect to pick up their cat(s).

To qualify for a spot at the clinic, an application must be completed and turned in with the appropriate funds. See more information on our website, catwelfare-assoc.org/altering.

Please indicate on the application which clinic you hope to attend. If you have any questions please call 614-268-6096, ext. 103.

CWA 2018 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 2018 Calendar, which will be on sale next fall before November 1st.



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 online at: <http://www.catwelfareassoc.org/calcontest.htm> beginning in April. You, your friends, and family may vote as many times for each photo you want. You must purchase a minimum of 5 votes for a \$5 donation to support CWA. 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 10 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 August 2017 *Feline Forum* Newsletter.
- To enter the contest, starting in March, follow the steps at <http://www.catwelfareassoc.org/calcontest.htm> by uploading your JPG format photo and vote for your favorite entries. You may also enter by mailing in this form. **Entry form(s) must be postmarked and electronic entries must be submitted before June 1, 2017. Voting for the contest ends at midnight EST on Friday, June 16, 2017. Be sure to include a 150 word story or description along with each photo.**

Your Name: _____ Cat's Name: _____

Street: _____ City, State, ZIP: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Photo Title: _____ Photographer's Name: _____

150 word story (include on separate piece of paper) _____

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
Columbus, OH 43214

Signature: _____

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.

We Love Our Donors

Ishie Memorial Fund

for long-term care of shelter residents

Lauren Heatherly
Joy Pratt, "In memory of Jacob"
Mary Mizelle, "In loving memory of Cha Cha"
Francis Batchelder, "In memory of Kathleen Batchelder"
Nancy Fidler, "In memory of Murphy"
Beth Cunningham, "Izzie – Abby"
Betty Maynard
Vivian Opelt, "In memory of our beloved Mr. Mann"
Bob, Christina, Rachel & Trixy "In Memory Of Daisy Penn"
Melissa Kulwicki, "In memory of Andre, loving cat of Lisa & Chris Serigo"
GSMST PhysEng Department, One Block South, Judith Alkire, Natasha Jaffe, Charlotte Rocker and Gayle Ulrich, "In honor of Melanie Beth Vaive-Kertis"
Richard & Lynne McWherter, "Martita Dougherty"

Altering Fund

to subsidize community low-cost spay/neuter surgeries

Mary Nowels, Ellie Nowels, Craig Lewis, and Barbara Moseley

Vincent Fund

for emergency care for shelter cats

Clifford Boyer, Leon & Patricia Cohan, Jr., Tommie Hannel, Betty Maynard, Brenda Martin "In memory Of Eerie", Linda Schellkopf, J.G. Kassel, Dorothy Cobbs, Marjorie Obrist, Leslie Susi, Grace Shillinger, Irina & Boris Pittel, and Anna Teichmoeller

Joey's Good Sam Fund

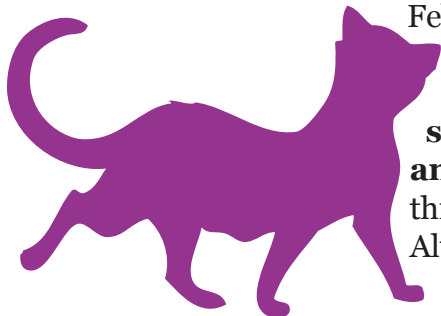
for medical care of owned cats

Jennifer Schleppe "In honor of Raymond, beloved special needs cat from CWA in 2003," Laura Modisette, Chris Saetti, Joel Showalter, John McClain, Nicole Trimner, Emilio & Gabriella Casetti, Kina McCarley, Randall Hertzner "In memory of Doug Buhner," Ruth Ann Branoff "In honor of Rosie & Snuggles – In memory of Janie, D.J., Tayo, Shanghai & Pookie," Shirley Brooks Jones, Carol Ann Bradley, Pamela Arras, Judy Malenick, Steve & Terri Carter, James & Mary Criswell, Sandy Wolf, Dorothy Kell, Catherine Zitko, Karen Gee, Cheryl Straker, Ellen Bradley "In honor of Alvin Simpson," Kim Rigney, Erica Lynne Steger, Joseph Kubasek, Kathryn Hart, Heidi Sherer, Julia Williams, Randall Hertzner "In memory of Doug Buhner," Craig Lewis, Joyce Powell, Susan Lewis, and Janet Overmyer

Willard's Village Babies Fund

for care of feral cat colonies

Juanita Woods, Anne Riley & Wilma Wabnitz "In memory of Julie's special boy, Hoder", James Puchan "In memory of Jan Puchan who rescued a feral cat that showed up at our home and made it our own with shelter and food for a long life. Jan would like to continue that type of help via this fund.", Richard Austin, Jacquelyn Zimmerman, Judy Malenick, Richard Wortman, Bob & Jane Fortkamp, Judith Boyer, Lee Kramer, Seth Josephson, Brian Robb, Heidi Sherer, Kimberly Michel "In honor of Kristin Michel Bohls", Ken & Helen Marshall, Joy & Ed Weiler, Richard Austin, Carol & Dennis Smith, Juanita Woods, and Jennifer Parker "In memory of Anne & Wilma's Spike"



From January through February 2017, we **adopted 236 cats** into loving homes and **subsidized 230 spay and neuter surgeries** through our various Altering Fund programs.

Cat Welfare would like to thank:

Our volunteers who take cats and kittens to care facilities for therapy visits.

Paula and Jay Mathew for their continued efforts to educate on best TNR practices.

Eat, Purr, Love Cat Cafe for their kindness with supporting our mission.



Hello, Hillary

Hillary is an active, healthy, 2-year-old cat. She arrived at our shelter in December 2016. Hillary does enjoy human interaction; however, her preference is that her time be spent playing and not snuggling. Hillary is also FIV positive. What does that mean to a potential adopter? Not that much, really. FIV cats really need what most cats need from a good guardian:

- A controlled environment/Indoor-only living
- Good and consistent nutrition
- Regular preventative healthcare. This should include a complete annual or twice yearly physical exam, routine vaccinations, flea and other parasite protection.
- A low-stress existence.

And yes, FIV positive cats can live with healthy FIV negative cats with very little risk of disease transmission as long as the cats are friendly to each other and introduced properly. So if you think Hillary might just be “the one,” please come by for a visit. Hillary will show you where she keeps her toys.

Cat Welfare has nearly 300 cats available for adoption. Find your new feline friend by visiting catwelfareassoc.org 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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