

# The Feline Forum

October/November 2010



## 2010 Cat Caper a Success



The Aire-Flo Team at this year's Cat Caper

The 2010 Cat Caper Committee would like to extend a nod of gratitude to our sponsors. Without your support, we could not have been able to make this year's Caper our shelter's biggest and best 5K.

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## Benefit Party

Halloween party to benefit Cat Welfare Association:

Trafik (formerly Q Bar and Lounge)  
205 N. 5th St., Columbus, OH 43215  
October 23, 2010, doors open at 9 p.m.

Watch for more details, including cost, at [www.catwelfareohio.com](http://www.catwelfareohio.com) and on the Trafik Facebook page.

## Dining Event

We're throwing a party! Mark your calendars for our first Dining Event fundraiser on Saturday, April 30, 2011, at the new Grange Insurance Audubon Center. Located on the Whittier Peninsula just south of downtown, the Audubon Center is the focus of a major urban redevelopment project that involves the Audubon Society, the City of Columbus, and Franklin County Metro Parks. The beautiful setting is the perfect backdrop for the Center, which also serves as a model for sustainable design and green building.

Planning is underway for a nice evening with "Cat-tails," dinner, music and shopping. Come for the food and enjoy the location. A silent auction promises plenty of unusual and one-of-a-kind items, and the live auction will feature a trip to a fabulous condo that sleeps eight in Orlando, Florida.

Stay tuned for more information on the event. If you are interested in joining the planning committee, contact Carol Smith at [casmith1@ameritech.net](mailto:casmith1@ameritech.net) or 614-206-2793.

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## 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 & de-  
worming.

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



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## Holiday Bazaar

Beat the Christmas rush and do your shopping at Cat Welfare's annual Holiday Bazaar. The bazaar will be held 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, November 6 and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, November 7.

The cause is worthy and the event is fun. The bazaar offers a collection of unique gifts, festive decorations, and delicious baked goods as well as the CWA 2011 calendar. All items are affordable.

Come and have a sensational shopping experience and support the kitties. All proceeds benefit Cat Welfare.

## Wendy's Event

Our friends at the Wendy's at 2226 W. Henderson Road will donate 20% of their sales between the hours of 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. on October 23 to Cat Welfare! Wendy's wants to let the community know they support our shelter's mission and the work we do. We will also have the opportunity to have shelter representatives at the restaurant to share information and answer questions about Cat Welfare. We'd love to see you there!

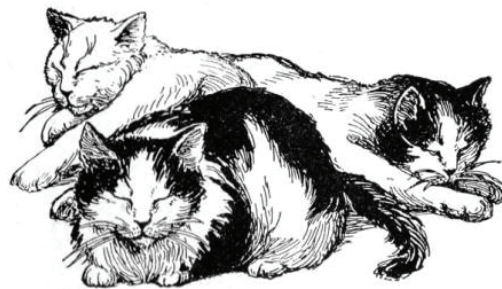
## Go Green!

Help Cat Welfare save funds by going green. By asking to receive our Feline Forum by e-mail, you are helping the shelter to decrease our printing and postage expenses. To make the request, just send a note to [teamcatwelfare@gmail.com](mailto:teamcatwelfare@gmail.com). Be sure to include your first and last name, your street address, and the e-mail address where you would like to receive the Forum.

## Board Members

Do you have special skills in organizational management, finance, law, computer programming or other areas? Do you enjoy fundraising? Then consider being a board member of Cat Welfare. Board members are required to attend scheduled meetings, work on committees, fundraise 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 2011. If you are interested, please download an application form at [www.catwelfareohio.com](http://www.catwelfareohio.com) or contact our office to have one mailed to you. Completed applications should be sent to Steve Hebenstreit at [shebens21@gmail.com](mailto:shebens21@gmail.com) or mailed to the shelter, Attn: Steve Hebenstreit, 741 Wetmore Road, Columbus, Ohio 43214. The deadline for applications is November 30.



## Are you moving?

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

# Order Your 2011 Calendar Today!

 <small>CARING FOR HOMELESS CATS SINCE 1945</small>	<h2>Cat Welfare 2011 Calendar</h2>				
	<h3>Order Form</h3>				
Name _____					
Address _____					
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## Veterinary Circle of Support

The 2010 Cat Caper Committee acknowledges the support and honor given from the following practices: Swenson Veterinary Hospital; Chittenden Veterinary Clinic; Forrest Park Veterinary Clinic; Knapp Veterinary Hospital; Woodside Veterinary Hospital; Beechwold Veterinary Hospital; Fifth and Kenny Animal Hospital; Care Pet Clinic; In honor of Dr. Brush, from Seymoure Dench; In honor of Dr. Robert Knapp, from Marty Montgomery; In honor of Dr. Milley and Dr. Jenn, who retired from 5th and Kenny Animal Hospital, from Elizabeth Ayers; In honor of Dr. Jennifer Hurst and her staff at the Big Walnut Animal Care Center, who showed such kindness and compas-

sion at the loss of my Nelson, from Joan Derstine; In honor of Green Meadows Veterinary Hospital for 35 years of wonderful, caring veterinary care, from Andrea Johan; In honor of our vet Dr. Craig Munsell at Knapp Veterinary Hospital, from the Burns Cats--Daphne, Dottie, Darcy, Buddy, Peanut, Hallie, Victoria, and Veronica.



## Holiday Wrap

Our shelter elves are hard at work from Black Friday through Christmas Eve raising funds for the residents' needs by wrapping gifts at various Barnes & Noble locations. Last year this fundraiser, orchestrated by Brenda Martin, raised just over \$2,500 for the shelter.

Would you like to be a part of the merriment this year? Shifts range from two to four hours, and we always have two representatives covering each shift.

If you would like to learn more about this fundraiser or are ready to sign up to help, please contact Gail Harbert at [cwivolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:cwivolunteers@gmail.com) or 614-268-6096, ext. 103.

# Happy Homes for CWA Cats

## Cinder Ella



We became the proud parents of Cinder Ella, a 2-year-old calico kitty, on May 17, 2009. Firemen found Cinder in the basement of a house as they were putting out an arson fire. She was near death but the firemen were able to revive her with oxygen. Cinder was then transferred to the loving hands of the Cat Welfare Association.

As luck would have it, we happened to be watching the Channel 4 news on the morning Cinder's story was being televised. We couldn't dial the phone fast enough to put our name in as a potential family to adopt her. After several interviews with Jill, we were the lucky ones chosen to take Cinder home. Words can't express the happiness that she has brought us. Her joyful, playful antics make us laugh every day. She loves to toss and chase her favorite mouse toy, play attack cat with an imaginary animal under the covers, and play hide and seek under the bed. She shows constant affection and, at the end of the day, cuddles next to us as close as she can. We can surmise that Cinder's past was not an easy one, but despite all she has been through, today she is happy, healthy and well-adjusted thanks to the Cat Welfare Association.

Adopted by: Ellen and Jim Maley

## Bliss



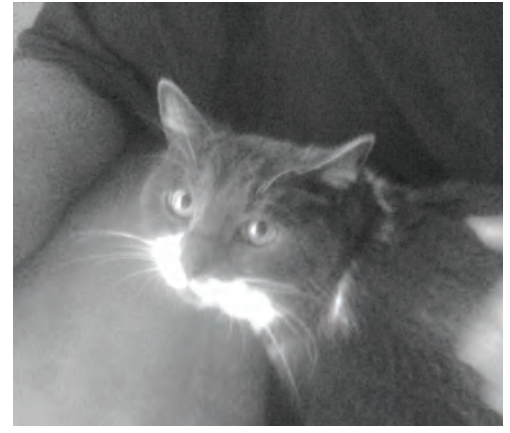
I just wanted to give an update on Bliss, a.k.a. "The Kid," (formerly Jamie), who came to her forever home in August 2009. I had lost the last of 4 cats, DD, in May 2009 to lymphoma and wanted to give myself time before adopting another.

Once I felt I was ready, I really was looking for a pair of cats to keep each other company, but when I came in to Cat Welfare to "interview," no one really called out my name. Bliss was in a cage with her mom when I first saw her. I thought about adopting both of them, but the next time I came back, the mom was gone. Then one Saturday I decided to go back to Cat Welfare and said to myself, "If she is still there, she's going home with me." When I walked into the main room, I didn't see her in the cage. A little girl was sitting in a chair cuddling her. I thought, "Okay, maybe it is not meant to be." But once she put Bliss back in the cage, I knew Bliss was going to join my household!

Her energy is such a change from the adult cats I have had for the last 20+ years. She has adapted to her new world very quickly and has made herself at home. She loves to play fetch with a little pom-pom. I am still on the lookout for a companion, but right now I am having a ball with her.

Adopted by: Christie Wasson

## Jellyroll



Tom, now Jellyroll, has a happy home. He is still shy but coming around. My other cat, Peanutbutter, no longer hisses at him. Jelly uses the potty everytime. He is 7 years old, but that's okay, I'm a little old myself. My great-grandson is a 5th generation cat lover. Actually I have a picture of an aunt holding a cat in the 1800's. My late mother, Nancy Wood, was a member of Cat Welfare many years ago. I don't remember ever not having a cat since I was born. My children and grandchildren are all cat lovers, too. You can't have just one, they need a buddy. Jellyroll will let us hold him if we can find him. He has 2400 square feet and a basement to roam around in and hide. For as big as he is, he can hide in very tiny spots. I love him.

Adopted by: Nancy

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](mailto:catwelfarecats@yahoo.com). View these and many more "Happy Homes" stories on our web site: [www.catwelfareohio.com](http://www.catwelfareohio.com).

## The Vincent Fund: Saving Lives



Vance was found wandering on the street with a nasty-looking shoulder wound. A quick trip to the veterinarian necessitated removal of damaged tissues, and stitches were required to repair the wound. The doctor thought a collar might have been embedded in the tissue. Despite this trauma, Vance is a very sweet and loving cat. He is looking forward to being adopted after he recovers in our shelter, and he is grateful that generous donors to the Vincent Fund gave him a second chance at a good life.

One Sunday afternoon, some kind people brought in two small kittens who required our immediate attention. They had been rescued from a park where some children had

stomped on them. They were almost motionless and very cold, yet they managed to cry pitifully. A shelter staff member and a caring volunteer rushed them to MedVet, where they were promptly placed in intensive care to be warmed and treated. Several hours later, the kittens, who had been on death's doorstep, were eating and on the road to recovery. After a 48-hour stay, they were discharged. The staff named the tiny boy and girl Lazarus and Mary, and they are now receiving TLC in a foster home. All of the intensive care the kittens received was expensive and could not have been made possible if it were not for the generous donors who give to the Vincent Fund.

*Celebrating  
65 Years*

**Mews from the kitten room:  
Please donate toy mice to the shelter.**

## Dues Changes

Dues for Cat Welfare's current membership categories increased on October 1. The increases are modest, ranging from \$5 for the Senior and Individual categories to \$50 for a Lifetime member. Cat Welfare also added two new membership categories: Patron and Pet. The Patron category allows you to give a little more to further the mission of Cat Welfare without becoming a Lifetime member. The Pet category provides a way for your pets to support their feline friends at CWA.

These modest increases and additional categories will help Cat Welfare meet the ever-growing need to help homeless, injured and abandoned cats in our community.

## Saying Farewell



With great sadness we report the passing of Powder, a long-time resident at Cat Welfare, known for his beautiful white fur, piercing green eyes and distinctive yowl. After many health problems in the last few years, we know that he is feeling much better on the other side of the Rainbow Bridge.

He will be missed by the shelter staff, many volunteers and his kitty girlfriend, Pammy, who rarely left his side, no matter how big a fuss he made.



# Mongolian BBQ Fundraiser



**Cat Welfare Association** and **Colony Cats & Dogs** are teaming up to make you a delicious dinner while giving you the opportunity to help **benefit spay & neuter efforts**.

**What: A Mongolian BBQ "create your own stir-fry" fundraiser**

**When: 6 to 8 p.m. November 1**

**Where: Mongolian BBQ at Sawmill Center (6242 Sawmill Road)**

**Cost: Adult - \$20  
Kids (age 11 and under) - \$12.99**

Purchase your dinner by filling out the attached form and returning it with funds to the address on the bottom of the form. Please contact Gail at 614.268.6096, ext 103, with questions.



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## Mongolian BBQ Stir Fry Fundraiser

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

M/C or Visa #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Number Attending: Adults \_\_\_\_\_ Kids \_\_\_\_\_



Please remit with payment to Cat Welfare, 741 Wetmore Rd, Columbus, Oh 43214

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## Ishie Memorial Fund

*for care of long-term shelter residents*

Daniel & Jennifer Fu “In memory of LeRoy Wittemire”

Anita Dean

Kent Rambo

J.G. Kassel “Ralphie & Ms. Button greatest cats on earth (1991-2009) (1995-2009)”

Mary Alice Susi

Linda Zoundas

Albert & Kathleen Johnson “In memory of Charity, beloved friend of Joan Howells & the Clement Family”

Linda Schellkopf “In memory of Tina Rice’s cat Sabrina”

Steven Puckett

Karen Dietch “In memory of Jon Grosshart”

## Willard’s Village Babies Fund

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

Amy Pfeiffer, Jen Nims, Wilma Wabnitz, Sue & Cappy Victor

## Travis Fund

*for spaying/neutering kittens*

Brenda Russell

## Cat-A-Lack Chow Club

*for food for the shelter kitties*

Dorothy Howard Flynn, Vittoria Conner, Mary Kanet, Valerie Richards, Debra & Lee Martin

## Vincent Fund

*for emergency care for shelter cats*

Carl Rybak, Linda Schellkopf, Andy Hathaway, Eileen Koler, Mary Popowski, Margaret McMahon, Cathleen Hendershot, Patricia Williamson, Julianne Hunter, Anita Dean, Emma Jean Haycock, Carl Rybak, Judy Hardy, Dennis Fisher, Melanie Adams, Joyce & Ed Weiler, Barbara Dunham, Mary Popowski, Marjorie Obrist, Dorothy Cobbs, J.H. Liberatore

## Joey’s Good Samaritan Fund

*financial assistance for owned cats in need of medical care*

Joyce & Ed Weiler, Laurie Beveridge

## Altering Fund

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

Barbara Weinstock, Tiffany & Collin Smith, Anita Dean, Mary Jane Ryan, Candy Jordan, Peggy Ratcliff, Michael Smeigh, Diana Reynolds, Annette Oren, Lynn Straley, Mary Tipton, Juanita Woods, Dick & Linda Hamilton, Portia Flewellen, John & Marthe Jones, Dale & Regina Brown

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

## Important Shelter Information

From January through August 2010, we **adopted 547 cats** into loving homes and **subsidized 1,651 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](mailto:cwvolunteers@gmail.com) or call her at 614-268-6096, ext. 103.

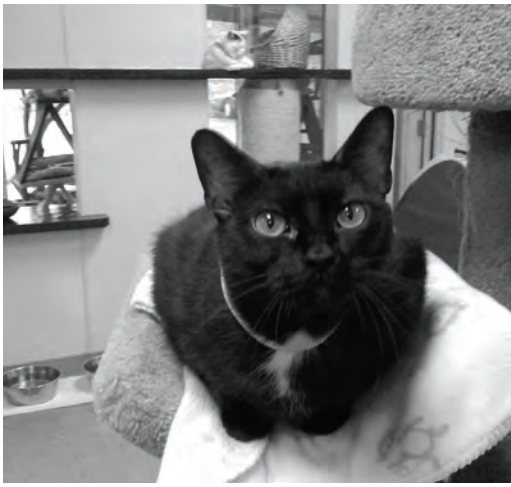
### Shelter Wish List:

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.

## Special Thanks

Thank you to the management team at the 2700 Bethel Road Walmart for allowing shelter representatives, two- and four-legged, to spread the word about our amazing shelter and collect donations on a recent Saturday afternoon. Walmart also donated a \$50 gift card to the Cat Caper committee to help offset the expense of the post-race pancake breakfast.

Thank you to Tim and Carol Bradford for donating ice cream so the staff could have an ice cream social on a hot day in August.



# We make friendships for life!

Well, I suppose it comes as no surprise when you look at my picture that my name is Midnight. Yes, I am a black cat, but I will admit that I have a white patch on my chest, so I guess that makes me a not-all-black cat. This might be a good thing, because I have found out from hanging around Cat Welfare that we black cats and mostly black cats have a bad rap and don't get adopted all that often. I don't know what it is with some people—they think we are spooky or bad luck or something. Maybe hundreds of years ago we had some long-lost relatives who dabbled on the dark side. I only dabble in fun and affection. That's my game. I am a 2-year-old spayed female who has been at Cat Welfare since February 2010. I've had my ups and downs in the health department, but I am doing really well right now. Mostly my problems have been colds and runny noses, but if I could get a home away from here, I would probably improve and not get sick. I like people a lot, and I talk up a storm. Maybe we could get together to discuss the state of black cats in America. I have a lot of interesting viewpoints to share. *Midnight is up-to-date with routine shots, house trained and spayed.*

**Visit other Special Adoption cats online at [www.catwelfareohio.com](http://www.catwelfareohio.com).**

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