

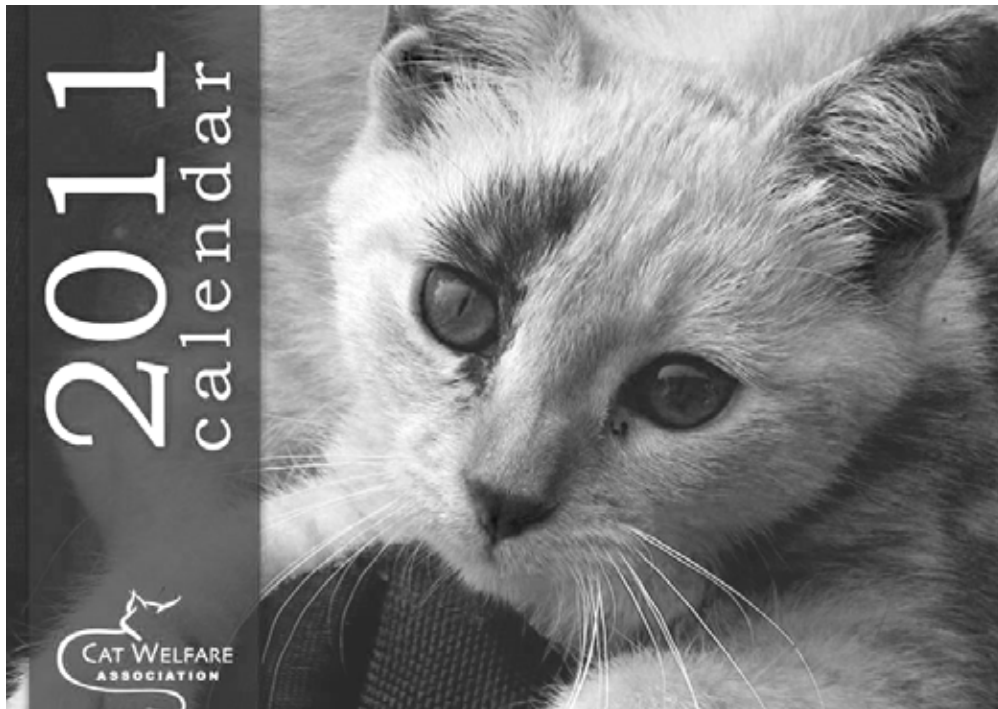
# The Feline Forum



August/September 2010

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## 2011 Calendar



Announcing the winners of the CWA 2011 Calendar Photo Contest.

As in years past, there were many wonderful photos submitted. The CWA shelter staff had the challenging task of voting for the large photos through secret ballot. This year the 13 large photos were chosen as follows:

- Ten photos were selected from the top 20 photos with the most online votes.
- Three photos were selected from the remainder of the entries
- In addition to the 13 large photos, many photos will be featured on the monthly calendar pages or on the collage page.

Everyone who entered the contest is a winner, because they have provided a loving home to an adorable kitty and supported Cat Welfare!

Calendars will be on sale by mid-November at [catwelfareohio.com](http://catwelfareohio.com).

The top 13 photos for the 2011 CWA Calendar are:

- Bliss - "Just Hangin' On The Stairs" by Christie Wasson
- Bonnie - "Torti-tude!" by Suz & Ric Boden
- Cloey - "Cloey in the flower basket" by Ross LaGue
- Domino - "Domino & Blanket" by Stacey Stein
- Frisco & Stymie - "Togetherness" by Chet Kerr
- Handsome - "On the fence" by Char Riedinger
- Lincoln - "Easter Kitty" by Karen Yassenoff
- Macka - "Patio" by Sierra Schneider
- Muk - "When I C U, I Smile" by Jonathan Harbert
- Noah - "Hope you birds aren't thirsty today" by Jennifer Parker
- Sookie Sue and Finleigh Alaric - "Reunited! Team Tabby Bob-tail!" by Bonnie Smithson
- Stevie - "Living the good life!" by Anne McIntyre
- Zoe - "Got KMR?" by Kelly Cutshall

## Cat Caper

The Sixth Annual Cat Caper 5K is rapidly approaching. Please make sure to join us on September 26 for the race, a morning of family-oriented activities, a pancake breakfast, and our raffle featuring gift baskets and gift certificates. We have 26 sponsors for this year's Cat Caper. Our friends at Aire-Flo have showed their support for this event by joining us as a featured sponsor with their contribution of \$2,500.

New this year is our Veterinary Circle of Support. For a \$50 donation, the veterinarian practice will be recognized at the Caper and in a future edition of our Feline Forum as a practice that supports our shelter's mission and the work we do. Are you interested in contacting your fur baby's doc to see if they want to join the circle, or would you like to contribute the \$50 to honor a veterinarian? Please contact Gail Harbert at 268.6096 ext 103 to obtain the Circle of Support donation form.

If you are planning to run, race walk, or stroll the new USATF-certified Caper course, now is the time to consider gathering a Caper team together, or you can collect pledges from your friends and family so they can support both you as a race participant and the kitties at the shelter at the same time. Choose "Invite Others to Contribute" on the Active Giving page and send out customized emails to your supporters. To learn more about collecting pledges or all things Caper related, please visit us at [www.catcaper.org](http://www.catcaper.org). We look forward to seeing you on race day!

## 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 11:00 am- 3:30 pm  
Tuesday & Wednesday  
11:00 am - 7:00 pm  
(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 (adults), microchip identification, flea treatment & deworming.

The shelter has established an Altering Fund to subsidize spay/neuter surgeries for cat owners with limited incomes.

Contact 268.6096 for an application.



Current Board of Directors  
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## Director Search

Under the leadership of the Personnel Committee, a comprehensive search is underway for the new Executive Director. This is an exciting time of growth and development for Cat Welfare and we're looking forward to hiring an experienced person to lead us forward.

The Executive Director job description is posted on our web site and the web sites of animal welfare, non-profit, and job search organizations. Do you know someone with strong leadership skills, experience in successful fundraising, and a background of successful business management, preferably in an animal shelter environment? Please encourage them to review the Executive Director job description via the link on the main page of our web site, [www.catwelfareohio.com](http://www.catwelfareohio.com). We are committed to finding the best person as soon as possible.



## Go Green!

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

## Community Shares

Community Shares of Mid-Ohio allows employees of participating organizations throughout Central Ohio to donate to any of 60 non-profit causes via a payroll deduction program. Participating agencies include community-based, volunteer-led non-profits that prevent family, school, and neighborhood violence, homelessness and hunger, child abuse and neglect, and environmental devastation; protect civil and human rights; and increase adult and children's literacy, healthful living, safety, and social justice. Thanks to Community Shares, Cat Welfare received donations totaling \$79,000 last year.

If your employer participates in Community Shares, please remember our kitties when you are filling out your forms and encourage your family and friends to do the same. If your workplace does not include Community Shares, ask your campaign coordinator how you can make a gift through donor option.

For more information, contact Community Shares at 614.262.1176, [office@communityshares.net](mailto:office@communityshares.net), or online at [www.communityshares.net](http://www.communityshares.net).

## Are you moving?

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

# Shelter Residents Get a Summer Shave



*From top left, Sassy, Lia and Gidget model their fresh summer looks.*

Cat Welfare would like to extend a special thank you to Janet Ferritto and the Schering Plough Animal Health for donating funds to have Valerie from Shirl's Pet Grooming come in and give some of the kitties new 'dos.



## Board Proposes Rate Increase on Dues

The Board of Directors proposes the following increases to membership dues and also proposes the addition of two new membership categories: patron and pets. The increases and additions will be effective 10/01/2010. If you have any comments please contact Laura Modisette at [Laura.Modisette@rohio.com](mailto:Laura.Modisette@rohio.com) or at Cat Welfare 268.6096.

Category	Current Amount	Suggested Amount
Senior	\$5	\$10
Individual	\$20	\$25
Family	\$35	\$50
Patron	-----	\$100
Lifetime	\$200 (once)	\$250 (once)
Pets	-----	\$5 per pet

# Happy Homes for CWA Cats

## Rex



I adopted Rex from Cat Welfare and thought I would give you an update for your newsletter. I retired and moved to Florida with my best friend Rex. He slept in my bathroom sink in Ohio and now he has taken residence in the bathroom sink in Florida. He sleeps by my head every night. He is by my side 24/7. He is the light of my life! Thank you for all the hard work and care you give!

Adopted by: Sharon Smith

## Josh



Hi. My name is Rachel Griffith and I'm 12. My cat's name is Josh. He's white and black. My mom and dad took me to Cat Welfare on December 18, 2008. They took me there for a Christmas present. He loves his home and he meows everywhere he goes. It was really hard to try to pick out a cat. I thought about getting a calico cat, but then my dad and me saw Josh and I fell in love with him. His favorite human food is popcorn. He'll eat just about anything. He loves watching TV and watching me play my Nintendo Wii. He sleeps on my mom's head and wakes me by meowing in my ear. I'm so glad I have him. I'm happy my mom and dad took me. He loves to get in the way sometimes.

Adopted by: Rachel Griffith

## Lucy Lou



We just love our new baby. Her name is Lucy Lou and she is such a joy. We adopted her the day after we lost our other kitty, Trish, to cancer. After losing Maggie 3 years ago and Trish in November 2008 I could not imagine our house without a Cat Welfare cat. My husband who is allergic to cats insisted we get a new kitty so I would stop crying. Good decision on his part. She is very good at dividing her time between the two of us and even our Newfoundland Howie has adjusted. A busy kitten was a big change for a lazy Newfie.

Adopted by: Kathi Pavlechko

## Bailey



Bailey got the catnip pillow out of my purse & took it to the basement to play with. He's adorable but gets into trouble a lot!

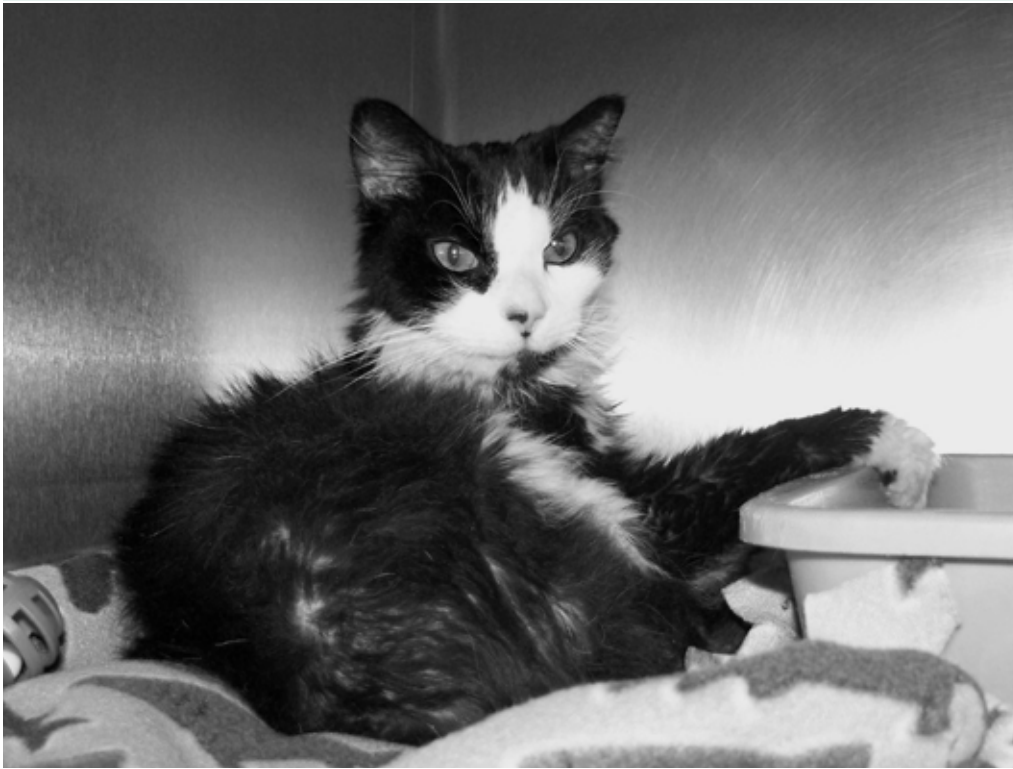
Adopted by: Tom & Diane Miller

## Petfinder

Haven't had time to come by the shelter lately to visit with the kitties? Please check out some of our wonderful residents by checking us out on [www.petfinder.com](http://www.petfinder.com). Volunteers Julie, Linda and Miranda have been working very hard to add kitties to the site. We are sure you will be tempted to come in and visit with the cats. Who knows, perhaps we'll be reading about your next kitty in Happy Homes and you'll tell us you saw him on Petfinder!

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: Bert & Liam



Bert is an adorable black and white kitty who is approximately 10 years old. He arrived at the shelter on July 11th in a dirty and emaciated state, and he was in desperate need of dental care. After an emergency trip to the vet, he has gained a new lease on life and is now spending his time purring and being petted by the shelter staff.

Liam arrived at the shelter on July 14th after a kind person rescued him from life on the streets in Marysville. He was meowing for attention and no wonder-his back feet were infected and infested with maggots. The shelter staff whisked him to the vet for emergency treatment and this beautiful orange cat is now on his way to recovery and eventually, a new home.



## *The Vincent 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 and sadly died of a terminal illness. "I don't exactly know what to tell you about Vincent as over the years we have a whole collection of stories that are special to me. As we cat lovers know, all cats are special, but there are a few that are even more special than the rest. Vincent was one of those. I adopted Vincent from Cat Welfare on April 27, 1985. He was two years old. He was my devoted feline companion, sharing my joys and sorrows, for 16 wonderful years --- most of my adult life. He was my comfort and consoler during my divorce and the deaths of my mother (who was with me when I adopted him) and my grandmother (who actually picked-out his name). Even in his final moments, as I reassured him everything was alright, it was actually Vincent who was reassuring me. His passing has been exceptionally painful and difficult for me and it has left a void in my life. 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."*





# Cat Welfare Association



## You're Invited!

Help us celebrate 65 years of helping homeless cats in Central Ohio.

**What: Beer Tasting Event**

**When: 6:00pm to 8:30pm on September 14, 2010**

**Where: House Wine, 644 High Street in downtown Old Worthington**

**Cost: \$30.00 per person**

**Hors d'oeuvres will be served**

**RSVP: Reserve your spot by filling out the attached attendance form and returning it with funds to Cat Welfare Association no later than September 10, 2010. Tickets for the event will not be mailed out. Instead, attendees will be greeted and checked in at the door. Please contact Gail at 614.268.6096, ext 103, with questions.**

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### Cat Welfare Beer Tasting Night Out

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

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_



Please remit with payment to Cat Welfare, 741 Wetmore Rd, Cols, OH 43214

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## Ishie Memorial Fund

*for care of long-term shelter residents*

Michael Finch "For Mr. Bud"

Janet Parent

Mark Pearson "In memory of Rachel"

Charles & Marcia Dunlop "In honor of Marly Montgomery"

Vicky Lee Schmarr, Betty Fox, Patricia Johnson, William & Gloria Adams, James Blake

Bonnie Rosemire

Dale Keener

Tom Grahek "In memory of Jean Hoffman"

Ilisa Nodelman

Albert & Kathleen Johnson "In memory of Nancy Law"

Mary Beth Snapp "In memory of Jon Grosshart, who loved cats"

John & Nancy Sue Irwin

## Willard's Village Babies Fund

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

Anne Riley, Bruce Venrick, Rita Burns, Pet FBI Outreach, Ramona Sietsma, Grace Schillinger

## Travis Fund

*for spaying/neutering kittens*

Ramona Sietsma

## Cat-A-Lack Chow Club

*for food for the shelter kitties*

Sandro Margheritino, Phil Peters

## Vincent Fund

*for emergency care for shelter cats*

Charles & Mary Babcock, Grace Shillinger, Marlyn Randall, Mary Popowski, Nancy Flanagan, Kathy Clark, Lori Smith, Kemberly Lang, Nelia Pozzuoli, Vicky Lee Schmarr, Tom Grahek, Dorothy Cobbs, Marion West, Robert Ferrey, Jr., Sue Lape, Nancy Preston, Joyce Purcell, Albert & Kathleen Johnson, Irina & Boris Pittel

## Joey's Good Samaritan Fund

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

RoseAnn Ballangee, Kathy Ebersbach, Nancy Flanagan, Betsy Decillis

## Altering Fund

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

Kristine Kuzora, Sharon McArdle, Leigh Freter, Georgeann McCall, Charles Babcock, Emma Jean Haycook, Juanita Woods, Stephen Powell, Vicky Lee Schmarr, Mary Jane Ryan, Phil Peters, Edward & Jeri Arent, Lois Schultz, Edward Bowers, Michelle Leasor, Keith Pettis, Stephen Powell, Annette Oren, Nancy Preston, Judy Hardy, Dick & Linda Hamilton

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

## Important Shelter Information

From January through June 2010, we **adopted 373 cats** into loving homes and **subsidized 1,149 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](mailto:cwavolunteers@gmail.com) or call her at 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

Congratulations to Cat Welfare volunteer, Betsy Decillis on her win in an online weight loss competition. Betsy's weight loss was the shelter's gain! Betsy donated her nearly \$800 in winnings to our Joey's Good Sam Fund.

Congratulations to Eagle Scout Alec Kaepner on being selected Buckeye District Eagle Scout of the Year! Alec's Eagle Scout project was to create shelters, based on Alley Cat Alley specifications, for cats who live outdoors. Alec worked with Cat Welfare during his project and donated the cat houses to our shelter.



# We make friendships for life!

Permit me to introduce myself. I am Talulah, a female longhaired brown tabby cat. I am about 4 years old. I've been at Cat Welfare since 2007 and I have never been adopted. I wish I could get adopted. I see so many of my friends and companions get picked by nice people, yet here I am, just waiting for the right person to walk through the door. Maybe today. Maybe tomorrow. I keep hoping.

I am a pleasant cat who likes to sit in laps and who really enjoys people coming by to spend a little time with me. My health is good and my coat is quite nice. I don't like to brag too much. I also like to play; I am especially fond of laser tag and my technique for trapping that confounded red bug is quite unique. Please stop by for a visit. I am always happy to see a new friend. Who knows? You might be the forever friend I need in my life. I sure could be yours!

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

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