

Feline Forum

Cat Welfare Association Newsletter

April/May 2022

Crime Cats Mystery Club Making a Comeback

The Crime Cats Mystery Club (CCMC) is back! Our super-powered shelter reading program was created by an alliance between The Cat Welfare Association and Crime Cats author Wolfgang Parker. The program offers children an opportunity to connect with homeless cats in a meaningful way through reading. Some of the shelter cats aren't used to humans and need a hero to help build their trust. When kids read to the cats, it shows them humans can be trusted, and the trust kids build with them gives them the courage to meet new people and find their forever homes.

Readers from grades 1 through 8 are invited to read aloud to cats in the shelter for 15 to 30 minutes at a time. Heroes choose a book from the CCMC's on-site library, pick a spot in the shelter and sit down to read. Logging at least five reading sessions scores an invitation to the wrap-up party on Sunday, July 10. A 45-minute orientation will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 22.

Have a reader who's ready to become a hero? To enroll, send an email to cwacrimecatmysteryclub@gmail.com containing the following information:

- Adult's Name
- Adult's Best Contact Phone
- Adult's Best Email
- Reader's Name
- Reader's Age



Stay Tuned for Cat Caper 5K News

Our Cat Caper 5K will return this fall with a new venue! For details, please keep an eye on our website, catwelfareassoc.org, and our Caper Facebook page, facebook.com/CatCaper5K.

Enter Our Calendar Photo Contest

Cat Welfare's annual online cat photo contest starts this month. All you have to do is enter your cat's photo, then ask your friends and family to vote for your cat's photo and you could win a spot in the CWA 2023 calendar! Contest proceeds help fund CWA's programs to provide needed spay and neuter surgeries in the Central Ohio area and support for homeless cats in our shelter.



More Details

- Entry forms must be postmarked or online entries uploaded before June 30, 2022. See form and complete rules on page 6.
- Online voting ends at midnight EDT on July 31, 2022.
- Winners will be announced at catwelfareassoc.org on August 15.
- Visit my.360photocontest.com/CatWelfare to upload your photo.

Donate to Feed Our Shelter Kittens

It's kitten season, and we need your help! Please consider donating Purina Kitten Chow and Purina Pro Plan Moist Kitten Food to support our smallest shelter residents and fosters. You can find everything we need on our Wish Lists: Amazon at goo.gl/eLNYhd and Chewy at bit.ly/35PLR1s.

You can also benefit the shelter cats through the AmazonSmile program, which allows you to shop as usual while Amazon gives 0.5% of your purchase to Cat Welfare! To qualify your purchase, go to smile.amazon.com and search for The Cat Welfare Association. Click the "Select" button to select it from the list, then shop as usual. It's that easy! Your personal Wish Lists, baby and wedding registries, and other accounts stay the same. Thank you! Every little bit helps!

Our Mission

The 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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Helen DeSantis, Executive Director

Hours

11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Thursday
through Tuesday
11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday

The adoption fee of \$40 (\$25 for senior and special needs cats) includes spay/neuter surgery, initial vaccinations, testing for feline leukemia and FIV, microchip identification, flea treatment & deworming.



Board of Directors

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Thank You, Kind Kumiko!

Kumiko raised \$500 for the cats in our care by selling prints of her art and Valentine baked goods.

Good Sam Fund Helps Otis, Owned Cats in Need



Otis sports a snazzy bow tie from Dr. Cunningham after his surgery.

When Otis began vomiting after every meal and seemed unthrifty, his owners took him to a veterinarian who stabilized him, but the diagnostics the veterinarian suggested were out of their budget. Our Good Sam fund was able to assist the family with Otis's diagnosis and a life-saving bowel surgery. This fund has also been able to assist in several other critical situations in 2022:

- A senior citizen's 15-year-old cat with an upper respiratory infection
- \$150 contributed to a dental cleaning for a much-loved 8-year-old cat
- \$300 contributed towards the expense of a cat receiving emergency medical care for a urinary tract blockage
- Euthanasia funding for a senior pet reaching their end of life, allowing the owner to be present

Your thoughtful donations to our Good Sam Fund allow us to help and support cats and their owners.

Upcoming Sales at The Catique

1005 Mediterranean Ave.
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Thursday through Saturday

April 14-16 - 70% off Sale

April 21-23 - 50% off Sale

May 5-7 - 50% off Sale

Wanted: Catnip Gardeners

Is the warmer weather inspiring you to plan your garden? Would you consider planting catnip to benefit the cats and kittens in our care? The plant is a hardy perennial, and seeds are inexpensive! Just grow them until the flower buds appear, then cut them and bring them to the shelter in paper bags. It's an easy way to help with this ongoing fundraiser. In 2021, our volunteer-created catnip toys raised just over \$3,900 for our mission.

CWA Happy Homes



We had the misfortune to lose both of our beloved cats, ages 12 and 16, within three weeks of each other. Our house was extremely empty without them. When I saw **Eli**, I was immediately taken by the alert expression on his tiny face.

Then, when he began purring like a little buzz saw the moment he was put into my hands, I was smitten. He has brought incredible joy and delight. He came to us as an extremely well-socialized kitten, so kudos and thanks to whoever fostered him! We look forward to many happy years with him. Thank you, Cat Welfare!

Jane & Scott



A couple of years ago my fiancé and I welcomed **Ophelia** into our home after meeting her at the shelter. She's the most loving cat in the world. Every day after work we nap together and every evening we play together. She loves to cuddle, play with her fish taco toy and lie on her fuzzy blanket. Ophelia has made our little family whole.

Stormie & Dave



In August of 2018, I tragically lost the cat love of my life after 12 years. I didn't think I'd be able to adopt another cat for a long time, but my home felt so empty. So I decided I'd try out fostering for a while. I figured I'd foster fail eventually, but I didn't expect it to be so soon! My first fosters were this lovely trio of

boys, and they were such a comfort and source of joy in such a time of despair. It didn't take long before I knew I couldn't give them back! I still can't believe I adopted three kittens at once, but it was probably one of the best decisions that I've ever made. **Raymond, Roland & Reuben** are just the absolute best and I'm so grateful to Cat Welfare for bringing them into my life!

Kelly



A former shy cat room occupant, **Gryffindor** was terrified of people and needed his own space for upwards of six weeks prior to mustering the courage to leave his private room. Between daily visits from his humans, who read to him for hours at a time, visits from his reassuring brother and sister, and short-term play dates, Gryff slowly learned that love, humans and other cats were his biggest cheerleaders. Fast forward four years of patience, love, reassuring energy, and sibling guidance, and Gryffindor has turned into a big, fluffy lover of being doted on, playing with his favorite toys, catnip, cat treats, being cleaned by his BFF, **Samwise** (an FIV+ rescue from Cat Welfare), and playing around the house with his sister, **Freyja** (also of Cat Welfare). Our terrified little man has quickly become a favorite at our vet (Fifth & Kenny Animal Hospital) and a goofy little man who is into everything at home. He couldn't be happier! See the smile in the picture for validation!

Cort & Jen



Straight out of the shy room, who knew **Gypsy** would become the perfect addition to our family after one of the saddest times in our lives? After unexpectedly losing my first pet (and my wife's cat) Princess in December 2018, we were devastated. But shortly after, my wife found Gypsy's picture

on the Cat Welfare website, and that was all we needed. Gypsy flat out loves her new home. She is constantly chasing and hunting her toys and absolutely insists on being around us at all hours of the day. Her big eyes and her constant chirps have filled our hearts. Gypsy sends her love and wants to thank everyone who helped take care of her for over a year and a half at the shelter. Our now not-so-shy kitty couldn't be more perfect, and she wants to tell everyone to take a chance on the shy ones – they don't disappoint!

Stu & Megan



I'd been eyeing **Luna** for months. When I asked to see her she was on the highest kennel, in a bed, ignoring the world. I climbed a ladder and worked to earn her trust. Once I got a pet behind her ear, I knew she was coming home with me. Here she is, happy, adjusted and spoiled! She's a total lap cat, loves catnip and her tree next to the bay window. It took a lot of patience and work, but she even loves my doggie. THANK YOU, Cat Welfare! I'll take good care of her fur-ever!

Audra



Our happy home started with the adoption of **Lou** a few years ago. Lou was shy at first but quickly warmed up to his new home and family. Two years later, we decided to pop back into Cat Welfare to check out cats. That's where we found

Coconut. Coconut was brought

to Cat Welfare with kittens at a young age and quickly took on being Lou's loving little sister. Thanks, Cat Welfare!

Michelle & Chris



I adopted **Mochi** in 2019. She is such a lovable baby. She loves lying and sleeping on me when she isn't running around or on her cat tree.

Makayla



We adopted **Jinx** three years ago, and she is an amazing addition to our family. She is so loving and made herself at home very fast. We would love to thank all the staff at Cat Welfare for bringing this sweet loving girl into our lives. She is

truly in her forever home, and we can't imagine life without her.

Gayle, David & Family

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

Cat Welfare: 2023 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 2023 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 on-line at: <http://www.catwelfareassoc.org/> beginning in March. You, your friends, and family may vote as many times as you like for each photo. 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 photos with the most votes, as well as 3 photos chosen from all entries. The CWA judge's decisions are final. Winners will be announced online at [catwelfareassoc.org](http://www.catwelfareassoc.org) on August 15.
- To enter the contest, starting in March, follow the steps at <http://www.catwelfareassoc.org/> 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 30, 2022. Voting for the contest ends at midnight EST on July 31, 2022. Be sure to include a 150 word story or description all about your cat's rescue, adoption or favorite things to do, 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,

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Ishie Memorial Fund

for long-term care of shelter residents

Rebecca & Larry Loudon, Barbara Chester, Richard Austin, Art Exline and Wallis Harsch
ASC Career Success Arts & Sciences "In memory of James Richard Ford who recently passed and was passionate about cats and the mission of Cat Welfare"
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Ann & Dan McDowell "In memory of Wallie Putz"
Janette Zeger "In memory of Trinity Burton"
Molly Watts "In memory of Mischa & Ivan Watts"
"In memory of Betty White" - Susan Roy, Lisa Lantagne, Dr. Bradley Clymer & Mr. Douglas Grotegeer, Jane Ayers & Whisper and Erin Nance

Altering Fund

to subsidize community low-cost spay/neuter surgeries

Kathy Ebersbach, Andrea Johan "In memory of George the cat," Deborah Harvey, Sonja Humeny, Jennifer Howell "In memory of Dan Howell," Susan Willis, Lauren Metcalf, Adrienne DeGrands, Annie Lach, Jen Johnson, Jennifer Howell "In memory of Pauline 'Polly' Dyer," William Hout "In memory of Doug Buhner," Amy Crawford "In memory of James Car," and "In memory of Betty White" - William Hout, Linda Schellkopf, Mitch Chaney, Laura Jenkins, Theresa Collins and Jennifer Calvin

Vincent Fund

for emergency care for shelter cats

Linda Schellkopf, Kow Abundant, Leon & Patricia Cohan Jr., Betty Maynard "In memory of Betty White," E. Gail Kalbus, Richard Austin, Craig Lewis, Catherine Zitko, Leon & Patricia Cohan, Jr., Dale & Marty Keener, Susan McKinley, Cassandra Clancy and Ramona Bussard "In memory of Betty White"

Joey's Good Sam Fund

for medical care of owned cats

Randall Hertzner "In memory of Doug Buhner and Jasmine Boots," Margaret Tabor, Kate Fortkamp, David Davison "To honor the memory of Sandy Whitten," Jane Wright & OSU Extension Publishing "In memory of Sandy Whitten," Joe McDonald, Roberta Durbin and Susan Graham

Willard's Village Babies Fund

for care of feral cat colonies

Juanita & Rita Woods "In memory and love of Willard," Yini Hu, Susan McKinley, Annie Lach, Lisa Leaper, Richard Austin and Penny Popper

Cat-A-Lack Chow Club

for food for the shelter residents

Allison Haedt, Travis Damicone, Leslie Bothast, Claire Smith, Betty Maynard "In memory of Betty White" and Susan McKinley



From January through February 2022, we **adopted 132 cats** into loving homes and **subsidized 279 spay and neuter surgeries** through our various Altering Fund programs.

See Us in the Pride Parade

10:30 a.m. June 18

Stepping off from Broad and High





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Shelter Wish List

Purina Cat Chow, Purina Kitten Chow, moist cat food, Temptations treats, brown paper grocery bags, clay litter (non clumping), bleach, Clorox wipes, Mr. Clean Magic Eraser pads, laundry detergent, stainless steel scrub pads.

Order directly from our Amazon Wish List at goo.gl/eLNYhd or our Chewy Wish List at bit.ly/35PLR1s.



Hello, Sid

What's up?! My name is Sid, and I want to be the cat that you tell your friends is the best cat you've ever met! I spent time in a colony of cats where there was always some squabble going on to determine the pecking order. I'm done with that life. I'm ready for a cozy home with love from humans, food that I don't have to fight for and toys to entertain my playful nature. I'm a good boy, and the staff believes I will be a professional snuggler once I find my forever family. I love catnip, and can I please have a tunnel? I think they're really fun. Also, I'm really good about using a cat scratching pad. Please come say hello. My adoption fee is only \$40 and believe me, I'm worth every penny.

Cat Welfare has nearly 270 cats available for adoption. Find your new feline friend by visiting catwelfareassoc.org or making an appointment to visit our shelter. The kitties would be happy to see you!