

# Feline Forum

The Cat Welfare Association Newsletter

June/July 2019

## Wesley Glen Residents Fall in Love with Former Cat Welfare Foster, Mr. Chow

In 2011, Julie Carmona took in a foster kitten named Harper. Eventually she and her son adopted him and changed his name.

"Over the first few months he became Mr. Chow and then, most recently, the Night King," she says.

Julie's father is a resident of Wesley Glen Retirement Community, and it wasn't long before she started to notice that Mr. Chow had the perfect temperament to be a therapy cat for the residents at the facility.

"He has the ability to look into your eyes, and he can take all of your worries away within seconds with his baby blues," she explains.

So every other Thursday night, she takes him there. He's become something of a celebrity, and he expects the red carpet treatment. At each visit, he climbs into Julie's dad's wheelchair and insists on being rolled through the halls to spend time with his devoted fans. For an hour or more, they go from room to room, and he sits happily as everyone showers him with affection. He has never once tried to jump down.

Julie thinks he was just born for this work, though she's always watching to make sure his feelings about it haven't changed.

"My foremost concern is for Mr. Chow and his health and stress level being a support cat. I truly believe that he was found in the dumpster, saved by Cat Welfare and put into my life for one purpose. His purpose was to serve and bring joy to those who need it most."



# Shimmies -FOR- KITTIES 2019



Join us for a Bellydance Fundraiser Show on Saturday, July 27 in support of The Cat Welfare Association. For a \$10 donation, see fabulous performances, join in the open dancing, and just hang out and have fun! We will be having amazing raffle prizes, too!

**Doors Open:** 7 p.m.

**Show Time:** 7:30 p.m.

Thanks to Bartelt Dancers at 3590 Riverside Dr. in Columbus for generously hosting this event, and to all of the performers for sharing their art!

## Become a Cat Welfare Volunteer



Cat Welfare offers a wide variety of volunteer opportunities at a range of commitment levels. Find out more at [catwelfareassoc.org/volunteer](http://catwelfareassoc.org/volunteer), then sign up to attend an orientation:

- Thursday, June 13 - 6 p.m.
- Thursday, June 20 - 6 p.m.
- Thursday, July 18 - 6 p.m.

## Our Heartfelt Thanks to Erik Diekmeyer, Steve Hebenstreit & Anne Riley

for their service and leadership on  
The Cat Welfare Association Board of Directors.

## 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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[catwelfareassoc.org](http://catwelfareassoc.org)

[facebook.com/catwelfareassoc](https://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

Rose Ann Ballangee • Sue Godsey  
• Brenda Martin • Claudia Plumley •  
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## Make a Big Difference in the Lives of Our Tiniest Fosters

Our adoption successes could not happen without the dedication of our spectacular foster team! 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, once approved for shelter intake, go into foster care if they are not old enough to be spayed or neutered when they arrive. Some litters have a mom, 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.

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 until they are fully vaccinated and have been approved for interaction by our shelter veterinarian. This important requirement is not only for the sake of the foster but for your fur babies, too. We will provide you with food, litter, a litter box and any required medications for the fosters. Our foster care commitment and application form can be found online at [catwelfare-assoc.org/volunteer](http://catwelfare-assoc.org/volunteer). A new foster training session will be held on Wednesday, July 17 at 5:30 p.m.

## Get Your Favorite Furry Faces in This Year's Calendar

There is still time to make your kitty famous! Calendar submissions are being accepted at [catwelfareassoc.org/calcontest.htm](http://catwelfareassoc.org/calcontest.htm) through June 30. 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, but sorry, no humans are allowed in the photo. Once you've entered your submission, encourage your family and friends to vote! Votes are only \$1 each, and their donations assist the cats and kittens in our care.

# CWA Happy Homes



**Walt** came home in October 2016. He took a few months to come out of his shell, but has been the happiest kitty! He loves his new Mom and Dad, and he sleeps on our pillows or at our feet every night. He usually doesn't mind the kids, either, and is the gentlest little buddy out there. Walt will cuddle up with our 5-year-old, and tolerates loving from the 3- and

1-year-olds, too. When he gets annoyed (usually by too much toddler loving!) he'll just get up and walk away. He's crazy about his new home, and loves cuddling up or getting right in the middle of whatever we're doing. He's a chatty boy, too, and gets so excited when Dad gets up in the morning (breakfast!), when Dad goes to bed (dinner!), or when I get home from work (somebody is awake!). He's the perfect mix of obnoxious, loud, loving and gentle. We couldn't have a better family cat than our Walt.

**Bailey**



Nick came in looking for a cat to adopt on Valentine's Day, and Clancey recommended Foxy. Upon picking him up, he instantly started nuzzling Nick, and soon enough, was on his way to his forever home. **Laphicet** loves his catnip toys, and tormenting his three new brothers' tails. He loves nothing more than cuddling up with his humans at night time and lying in the sun during the day. Happy, healthy and friendly, he spends every day making those around him better with his presence!

**Nick and Christina**



**Zooney** was in the shy cats' room, which is normally where I hang out when I volunteer. I love those cats so much. I fell in love, brought her home and within a month, she's gotten so affectionate and comfortable. I'm so happy I have her!

**Steph**



**Cooper** came home in June 2016. Linda asked us if we would consider an FIV+ kitty, and we did. We were blessed with the most loving cat ever. He's loved more than words, and I know he loves us right back! Please consider an FIV+ cat. Cat Welfare is an incredible supportive provider. These are normal cats. They just need the right care. Our life is better because Cooper's in it. God bless you, Cat Welfare!

**Charles & Becky Farris**

Got a Happy Homes story? Upload it at [catwelfareassoc.org](http://catwelfareassoc.org) or mail it to Cat Welfare, 741 Wetmore Road, Columbus, OH 43214.

# The Catique

Resale Shop



**70% off  
storewide  
Sale\***

Thursday–Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
July 4, 5, 6  
1005 Mediterranean Ave 43229  
\*excludes furniture and catnip toys



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## Feline Friendly Fundraiser at Seventh Son Brewing

1101 N. Fourth St., Columbus  
5 to 8 p.m. Thursday, August 8

Come drink a tasty beer to support the cats and kittens in our care. We'll bring some adoptable cats and, of course, you can always visit with Assistant Manager, the shop cat, who is always on duty at the venue.

## Thank You, Wish Listers and AmazonSmile Shoppers!

Amazon offers two ways to support Cat Welfare by shopping online. The first way is through our Amazon Wish List, which allows you to purchase exactly what we need. Find it at [goo.gl/eLNYhd](http://goo.gl/eLNYhd). We update it often, so be sure to check it frequently! Every can and every bag of cat food we receive is much appreciated as we work together to support our mission.

The second way is by setting up your Amazon account to contribute directly to us. Through the AmazonSmile program, you can shop as usual, and Amazon will give 0.5% of your purchase to Cat Welfare.

To qualify your purchase, go to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and search for Cat Welfare Association. Click the "Select" button to select it from the list, then shop as usual. It's that easy! Eligible items are labeled "Eligible for AmazonSmile donation" in the box where the "Add to Cart" button is located on each product page.

Thank you for shopping on behalf of the kitties in our care!



## Sign Up Early for the Cat Caper 5K

Construction at last year's venue gave us the opportunity to move the Cat Caper to the Grange Audubon Center, and we could not be more excited. This location provides ample parking and the race course will be our best yet. Participants will have a chance to connect with nature while running or walking the 5K along the beautiful Whittier Peninsula.

You can get an early start by signing up at [runsignup.com/Race/OH/Columbus/CatCaper5K](https://runsignup.com/Race/OH/Columbus/CatCaper5K). The registration price for our September 22 5K remains at \$25. Register five or more people for the 5K and everyone in the group gets \$5 off their entry! Each member of the group

needs to register in the same "cart," and the discount will automatically appear when you check out. We can't wait to see you at the race!

## The NOMAD Spay/Neuter Clinic Returns to Cat Welfare



CWA is happy to welcome back Dr. Laura Miller and her first mate Layla, who will bring their mobile spay and neuter services back to our shelter on June 24, July 22, August 19, September 23 and October 21 this year.

If you have a cat who needs to be spayed or neutered, and you would like to bring it to one of our NOMAD clinics, please call the shelter and speak with Doug regarding availability. The spay

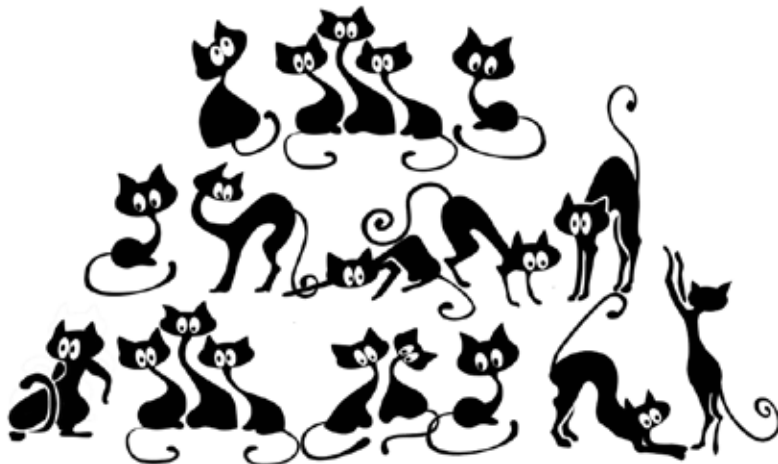
surgery with two vaccinations is \$65, and the neuter package is \$55. You can learn more about our spay/neuter services at [catwelfareassoc.org/altering](http://catwelfareassoc.org/altering).



### Why spay or neuter?



**An unspayed female cat, her mate, and their offspring producing an average of 2.8 surviving kittens per litter at a rate of two litters a year adds up quickly.**



- 1 year: 12 cats**
- 2 years: 67 cats**
- 3 years: 376 cats**
- 4 years: 2107 cats**
- 5 years: 11801 cats**
- 6 years: 66,088 cats**
- 7 years: 370,092 cats**
- 8 years: 2,072,514 cats**
- 9 years, 11,606,077 cats**

**Spaying or neutering one cat saves many lives.**

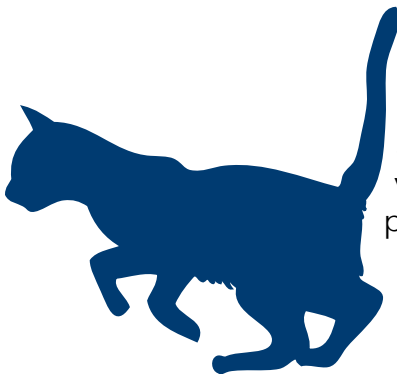
# We Love Our Donors

## Ishie Memorial Fund

for long-term care of shelter residents

Judy Hicks "In memory of George"  
Alice Kelley "In memory of Lily, long term shelter resident"  
Courtney Schoenwald "In memory of Ginger"  
Tom, Linda, & Brian Kreger "For the benefit of my furry brothers and sisters - Libby (WeeBo)"  
Ashley Roberts, Joseph Henderson, Monica Masure, Adam Green, Susan Otten, Abigail Smith, and Linda Meinelt "In memory of Rebecca Gill"  
Chi-To Lin "In memory of Suelee Austin's mother"  
Victoria Klementowicz "In memory of Beth Ann Stevenson"  
Art Exline "In memory of Dusty"  
Pierrette Pena "For Maurice (MoMo)"  
Edward Detwiller "In memory of Sadie"  
Charlotte Zmyslo, Chandra Padia, & Rosemarie Beggin "In memory of Rebecca Gill"  
Karen Brook & Beverly Tyler "In memory of Marcia Huffman"  
April, Kyle, Sasha & Scarlett Katz and Patricia Brunton "In honor of Connie Reef"  
Richard & Lynne McWherter "In memory of Martita Dougherty"  
Anita Knoechel "Wilbert, Sushi, & Checkers"  
Karen Thimmes "In memory of Daisy"  
Annette Cox "In memory of Baxter"  
Michelle Davis, Janice & Jerry Noltemeyer, Steven Comeau, Lisa Levine, Darri Picoult-Hart, Paul Monti, Roger Keyser, Lisa Leaper, Richard Austin and Pamela Holladay

From January through April 2019, we adopted **314 cats** into loving homes, and **subsidized 622 spay and neuter surgeries** through our various Altering Fund programs.



## Altering Fund

to subsidize community low-cost spay/neuter surgeries

Annie Lach, Andrea Johan "In memory of Molly," Sue Lape, Lynn Straley, and Brenda Martin & Jeanne Masoni

## Vincent Fund

for emergency care for shelter cats

Janice & Jerry Noltemeyer, Penny Popper, Linda Schellkopf, Sue Godsey "Happy Birthday Jeanne Masoni," Joelle Knazek, Edwin & Ulla Wagers, Judy Hardy, Nancy Fraker, Mark Pearson, Marjorie Obrist, Geraldine Rousculp, Irina & Boris Pittel, and Leon & Patricia Cohan Jr.

## Joey's Good Sam Fund

for medical care of owned cats

Randall Hertzler "In memory of Doug Buhner and Jasmine Boots," Shannon Markiewicz, Colleen Nye, Molly Watts "In memory of Ivan," Judy Hardy, Ruth Raven and Kathryn Kim

## Willard's Village Babies Fund

for care of feral cat colonies

Juanita Woods "In memory of Dora, who died April 5, 2019," Annie Lach, Anne Riley & Wilma Wabnitz "In memory of Willard and the Village Babies on the 10 year anniversary of their tragic loss," Susan Edwards "In memory of sweet Brandi and all her kitty friends," Juanita Woods "In memory of Willard", William Hout "In memory of Lily, Baxter, and Hazie," Juanita Woods "In memory of our Godkitty, Squeak, who died Wednesday, May 1, 2019, following his sister Dora to the Rainbow Bridge," and Richard Austin

## Cat-A-Lack Chow Club

for food for the shelter residents

Shana Garrett "In memory of Jane Oakley, a devoted cat lover," Leslie Bothast, Colleen Nye and Pedro Velasquez



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## Shelter Wish List:

Purina Cat Chow, Kitten Chow, brown paper grocery bags, Windex, clean newspapers, clean towels, clay litter, dryer sheets, bleach, Mr. Clean Magic Eraser pads, laundry detergent, stainless steel Chore Boy scrubbies, and Mr. Clean.



## Hello, Bo

Bo was returned to us in February 2019 after his owner passed away. The transition back into shelter life was understandably difficult for Bo, but he now is content here as he waits for another family to love. This fella is a gentle giant. He gets along just fine with other cats and is affectionate with people who allow him some time to make their acquaintance. Bo is intelligent and playful; the feather toy is his favorite object to chase. We like happy endings – might Bo be your next family member?

*Cat Welfare has nearly 270 cats available for adoption. Find your new feline friend by visiting [catwelfareassoc.org](http://catwelfareassoc.org) or stopping by our shelter. The kitties would be happy to see you!*