

Feline Forum

Cat Welfare Association Newsletter

October/November 2018

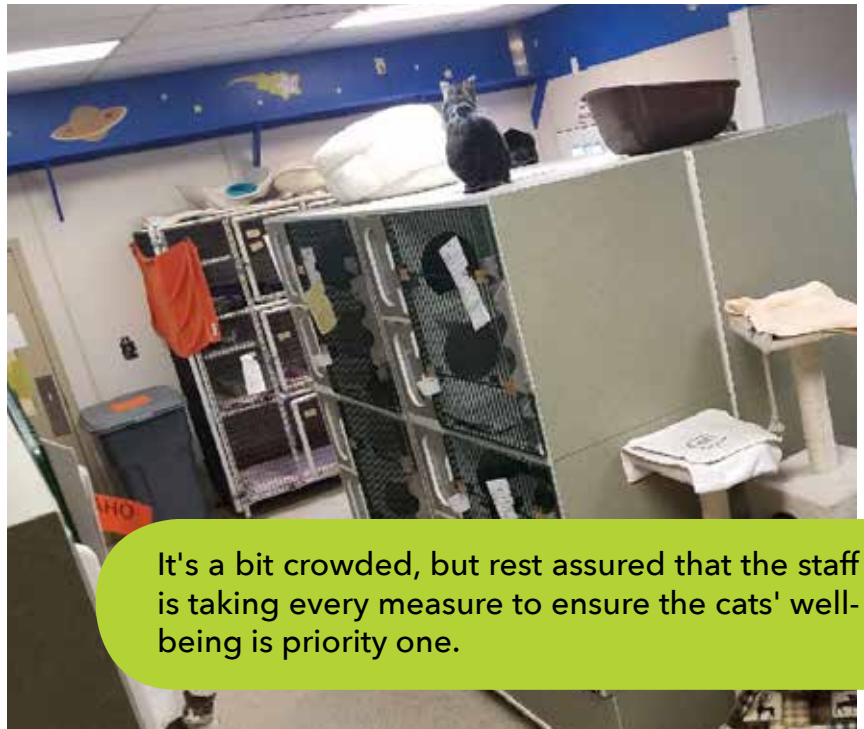
Shelter Closed for Maintenance Project

The deferred maintenance project to refurbish the interior of the shelter is underway. We are so excited about these improvements, which will make the environment healthier for our cats and kittens!

Although the shelter is temporarily closed weekdays and evenings, limited intake and adoption services are being provided. Pregnant, injured stray cats and returned cats adopted from Cat Welfare are accepted by appointment. When possible, the shelter will be open for adoptions on weekends from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

We expect to reopen with full services on or about November 4.

Please check our website, catwelfare-assoc.org for updates.



It's a bit crowded, but rest assured that the staff is taking every measure to ensure the cats' well-being is priority one.

Robin Gets a Fresh Start in a New Home of Her Own



You may remember Robin from her stint as the featured feline in the April/May 2018 edition of the *Feline Forum*. Robin had lived at the shelter since November 2015. She was adopted by Lilli, a very patient college student who lives in a house with her friends in Upper Arlington. This is what Lilli says about bringing Robin home:

Adopting a shy cat does not always mean they are an aggressive or timid animal. They just need time to show who they are around people that care about them and give them the attention they need. Adopting an older cat was also another positive because her calm energy has been easier to handle when life gets hectic and when you just need something to remind you of all the happy moments in life. Because Robin had been at Cat Welfare for so long, I felt she deserved a chance at knowing what it is like to be loved and have her own home to run around in and have a consistent family for the duration of her life. She is the sweetest animal and loves to show her affection through head knocks and wrapping her body around you everywhere you walk. Oh, and she also loves to carry on a conversation with everyone she meets!

2019 Calendar Winners Announced

These photos are more than just another pretty picture because they were taken by ordinary people who show they care about the cats in their lives by making a positive difference in their community.

The entries and voting involved more than 85 people who wanted their favorite

kitty's photo to be one of the 13 large photos in next year's calendar. The voting proceeds and calendar sales benefit all of the programs at Cat Welfare!

In addition to the 13 large photos, nearly all of the photos are still winners because they will be featured on the monthly calendar pages. This fun contest and fundraiser helps support Cat Welfare, while creating awareness about events for cat lovers scheduled throughout the coming year!

Printed 2019 calendars will be on sale this fall at the shelter, at the Catique and on the CWA website, catwelfareassoc.org.



The 13 large photos for the 2019 Calendar are:

- **Leonardo DiCatrio** - *Leo* - by Kelli and Sean
- **Bob Katz (left) and Waldo Grogan (right)** - *Bob and Waldo* - by Mark H.
- **Roxy** - *Bird Watching* - by Angelica M.
- **Mr. Minx** - *The Infamous One Eared, Toothless, Minx* - by Zoe K.
- **Mush / Kitty / Sir Napsalot** - *Relaxing Caturday Afternoon* - by Mark M.
- **Kitty** - *Take the Time to Smell the Flowers* - by Susan D.
- **Leonidas** - *Leonidas the Brave & Very Lucky Cat* - by Melissa S.
- **Raz** - *How's This for a Close Up?* - by Jill F.
- **Penny** - *Penny - A Perfect Present Every Day* - by Jeff D., photo by Alan V.
- **Lauren and Alexis** - *Bird Watching Beauties* - by Heidi S.
- **Gracie** - *Who Me?* - by Kristin R.
- **Bella** - *Just Another Day in the Garden Center* - by Pat W.
- **Cover: Ester** - *Day Dreaming* - Roger N.

Also this year we will have a tribute to the best rescue story:

- **Louis** - *To Everyone Who Thought I Wouldn't Get Adopted!* - by Teresa

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.



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CWA Happy Homes



Kosmo is absolutely adored by the family. He's super affectionate and loves cuddling. Out of all the toys he has, toes seem to be the object of choice. He always greets me at the door and loves to follow me around the house. I couldn't ask for a better pet! Thanks, Cat Welfare!

Katie Jones

I volunteer at Cat Welfare, and while volunteering there I ended up falling in love with **Goldie**. My husband and I weren't looking at adopting a cat for several years, but I brought him down to the shelter, and he fell in love with her, too! She was a friendly but shy cat at the shelter. After adjusting to her new home, she is now the princess of the house, and her personality has blossomed! We could not be more happy to have adopted such a sweet and loving cat! She has brought so much joy into our lives. Thanks for bringing us together, Cat Welfare!

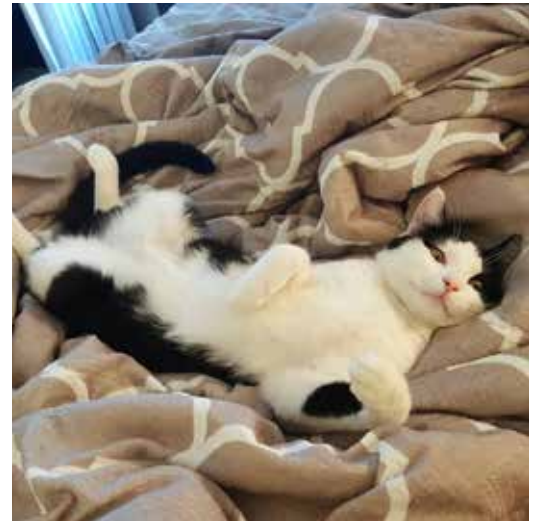


Rabeea & Motaz



We went to Cat Welfare looking for a new furry member of the family. We were looking at all the cats and couldn't pick one out until a volunteer told me about "**Large Marge.**" We needed to see why they called her this. As soon as we saw this 20-pound cat, all three of us instantly fell in love. We brought her home, where she now enjoys long naps on the couch and all the love she could ask for. She is currently on a diet and is now down 2 pounds and counting!

Katie, Hannah & Jasmine



They say that you don't adopt cats, they adopt you. Well, **Remy** was the first cat I saw at Cat Welfare, and as soon as I tried to go visit another cat, he pressed himself against the cage and began yelling at me. The rest is history. Remy is an amazing friend and companion, an incredible athlete, and a hilarious presence all around. He enthusiastically chatters at me throughout the day, never shy to vocalize when he's getting hungry. Closed doors are a no-go around the apartment, as this guy gets absolutely heartbroken if you shut the door to go to the bathroom. Plus, he needs the wide open space for his expansive galloping and playing around the house. And once he's tuckered out from all the showing off, there's no better cuddler or nap buddy. Remy fills my days with laughter, and I can't wait to see what the future has in store for us!

Todd

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





Cat Caper Runs at Griggs

Many thanks to all who came out to support our 12th annual Cat Caper at Griggs Reservoir. Fun photos can be found on our Facebook page.

Thank you to 2018 Cat Caper Chair Karen Ramey, Vikki Smith and Jennifer Wiley for orchestrating the raffle and Lisa Johnston with her crew for making the pancake breakfast happen. Additional gratitude to the Ultra-Fit team and our talented photographer Saraharrington216.





CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

November 17, 2018
10 am - 5 pm

Ideal Party Room
1039 Mediterranean Ave 43229
9 doors down from The Catique

Sign Up To Volunteer

The next new volunteer orientation will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday, November 15. Sign up on our website. There are a wide variety of volunteer roles available.

Already a volunteer? Here are some current areas of need:

- **The Crime Cat Mystery Club** needs an additional group leader to acclimate new members, record reading hours and plan club meetings.
- **More off-site ambassadors** are needed for public events.

To express interest, contact Jenny at volunteers@catwelfareassoc.org

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on Instagram:**

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Cat Welfare 2019 Calendar

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone _____

Number of calendars _____ at \$16.92 each

_____ Total cost

Cost includes tax and shipping
Make checks payable to Cat Welfare Association



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We Love Our Donors

Ishie Memorial Fund

for long-term care of shelter residents

Michelle Davis

Richard Austin

Irina & Boris Pittel

Monica Shaner "In honor of Spooky from The Associates"

Joann & John Sadler "Bart, Oscar, Apache, Calhoun, Thackery"

Sharon McKibben "In memory of Chester McKibben lover of all animals"

Jennifer Stiffler

Jim Taylor, Benjamin & Mia Stormer, and Amy Gallagher "In honor of Zosia Garratt's 10th birthday"

Whitney Kyle "In celebration of Roger Norfleet's 50th birthday"

Deb & Jeff Chenault "In loving memory of Tiki"

Richard & Lynn McWherter "In memory of Martita Dougherty"

Catherine Zitko "In memory of Sweet Pea"

Steven Puckett

Altering Fund

to subsidize community low-cost spay/neuter surgeries

Pamela Snyder, Kathryn Kim, and Patricia Eiben

Vincent Fund

for emergency care for shelter cats

Linda Schellkopf, Leon & Patricia Cohan Jr., Anna Teichmoeller, Deanna Bukovec, Marjorie Obrist, Patricia Eiben, Sue Lape, and J.G. Kassel "From Button, Ralph, Calico, Oliver, Polly and Stormy"

Joey's Good Sam Fund

for medical care of owned cats

Randall Hertzler "In memory of Doug Buhner"

Willard's Village Babies Fund

for care of feral cat colonies

Juanita Woods "In memory of our precious Godcat, Belle, who died July 8, 2018," Richard Austin, Darin & Teresa Plummer, Juanita Woods "In memory of precious Willard," and Jennifer Schleppe

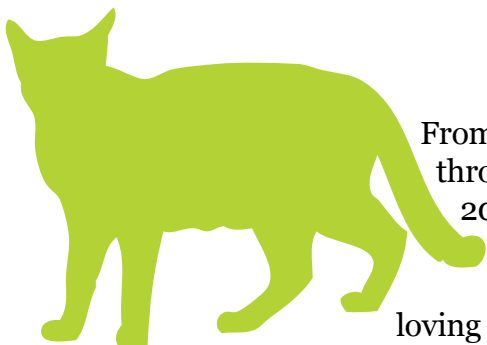
News and Thank Yous

Thanks to Columbus State Day of Service volunteers. We appreciate your return to CWA.

Much appreciation to Mike Rohde for transporting post-op cats/kittens back to Cat Welfare every week!

Welcome back to Phi Kappa Tau.

Gratitude to all of those who respond to our call for help by purchasing items from our Amazon Wish List.



From January
through August
2018, we
adopted
748 cats into
loving homes.



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Shelter Wish List:

Purina Cat Chow, Kitten Chow, moist cat food in tuna flavors, 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.



Hello, Lucy

My name is Lucy, and I need a new home. I was originally adopted as a kitten eight years ago, but my owner couldn't take care of me any longer and brought me back to the shelter. I am a beautiful girl and keep myself in tiptop shape at all times. I was a little nervous after being returned, but I have a sweet, outgoing personality and am adjusting well to meeting the other cats here. I get along with them and don't cause problems. I love it when people pet me and give me their attention. I would be a loyal friend and would appreciate everything you do for me. Please give me another chance at a forever home.

Cat Welfare has nearly 270 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!