

The Feline Forum



April/May 2011

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Chuck Wolfe Joins Cat Welfare



After many months of searching, the Cat Welfare Board of Directors is proud to announce the arrival of Charles E. "Chuck" Wolfe, M.S., as the shelter's new Executive Director. Chuck's expertise in leadership, fundraising and organizational and fiscal accountability, as well as programming and professional development, will serve Cat Welfare very well as we begin a new chapter in our history.

Chuck brings with him more than 18 years of experience leading medium-to large-scale not-for-profit organizations, including the Boy Scouts of America, Camp Sunrise, the Association for Retarded Citizens of Allen County, and Fairfield County Hospice and Health Services. He earned a Master's of Science degree in Human Service Management from Franklin University.

In addition to these skills, he also counts himself as a satisfied Cat Welfare customer, having come into the shelter with his wife seven years ago to adopt their beloved cat, Allie. The wonderful service they received from the staff stayed with him all these years, and when the Executive Director opening was announced, he knew he wanted to share his expertise with the organization.

Chuck has high hopes for Cat Welfare in the coming years. "The greatest opportunity we face is to greatly enhance the quality of cat care we provide by marshaling all our resources," he says. "By utilizing all the dedication, energy and passion of our Board, staff, volunteers, members, donors, and new friends of Cat Welfare, we can become Central Ohio's premier agency for cat care. I also want to use the very best methods and practices to ensure all our cats receive excellent care and opportunities to find loving homes. We owe them the very best we can give."

Wine & Dine

Excitement is building as plans take shape for the Feline Wine & Dine, to be held from 6:30 to 10 p.m. Saturday, April 30, at the Grange Insurance Audubon Center, 505 W. Whittier St. Don't miss the first event of its kind for Cat Welfare!

Attendees will enjoy "cattail" cocktails with hot and cold hors d'oeuvres while browsing more than 70 auction items, including an official team-used OSU football jersey, a cat quilt, spring lawn services and NASCAR tickets. The dinner menu features Mexican fajita and Italian pasta buffets plus delicious homemade desserts. Throw in music, friends and a beautiful location and it promises to be a fun-filled evening!

Tickets can be purchased online at www.felinewineanddine.org, where you will also find a full list of auction items. Those wishing to mail in an order form can: 1) print the form from the web site; 2) use the order form found in the February/March 2011 issue of this newsletter; 3) stop by the Cat Welfare office and pick one up; or 4) call us at 614-268-6096 to have one mailed.

For more information, contact Carol Smith at 614-206-2793.

Upcoming Events:

4/9 - Kitten Shower

4/30 - Feline Wine & Dine

5/22 - Open House

9/25 - Cat Caper 5K

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.

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cwashelter@sbcglobal.net

A 501c3 non-profit organization.

Monday & Thursday through Sunday

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 kittens includes spay/neuter surgery, initial vaccinations, testing for feline leukemia and FIV, microchip identification, flea treatment & deworming. The shelter has established an Altering Fund to subsidize spay/neuter surgeries for cat owners with limited incomes. Contact 614-268-6096 for an application.



Chuck Wolfe, Executive Director

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A Letter from Our Director

In the past 30-plus days, I have met so many dedicated volunteers, Board members, members, friends and staff who serve Cat Welfare with dedication, excitement and passion. All of you give life and a voice to our mission and programs. I urge each of you to tell everyone you know about the wonderful things we do for our feline friends. More voices mean more people know and support us.

I pledge my experience, expertise, time, energy and passion to help Cat Welfare grow. As part of that growth process, we need to ask ourselves these questions: Where has Cat Welfare been? Where is Cat Welfare now? And, most importantly, where does Cat Welfare want to go in the future? I propose that we undertake a comprehensive strategic planning process to clearly understand and answer those three questions. This process will involve all people associated with Cat Welfare and even those who are not presently connected. It will help us create a focused road map to identify core areas of need, action plans and ways to measure our results. We face many challenges: the health and care of our cats, capacity issues, resource allocation and attainment, staff development and training, building and facilities, and outreach to the community. This process will help us tackle each of these issues with greater clarity and passion.

I look forward to meeting and working with everyone to make the Cat Welfare Association the best animal shelter of its kind here in Central Ohio. My phone number is 614-420-5245 and my e-mail address is cwolfe@catwelfareohio.com. Please call me anytime about anything. I would enjoy hearing from and meeting you.

Chuck

Kroger Rewards

Are you one of our Kroger Community Rewards supporters? April 1 is the opening date to renew your fundraising commitment to Cat Welfare in the program. If you want Cat Welfare to continue to benefit from your Kroger sales, you must renew your request.

Since last April, this program has raised just over \$6,000 for our kitties! To register or renew, visit www.krogercommunityrewards.com. The NPO# for Cat Welfare Association is 83895.

If you do not have Internet access and would like to participate, you may pick up a barcode form at the shelter or contact Gail Harbert, Program Manager, at 614-268-6096, Ext. 103.

Cat Caper 5K

On your mark, get set, go! Planning for the 2011 Cat Caper 5K, sponsored by Aire-Flo, is underway! This year's Caper will be held Sunday, September 25, at the Ohio Center for Autism and Low Incidence on Glenmont Avenue. Challenge yourself to beat last year's time on our much-loved USA Track & Field-approved course, and then join in the annual raffle and pancake breakfast. More details will be available in the coming months at www.catcaper.org.

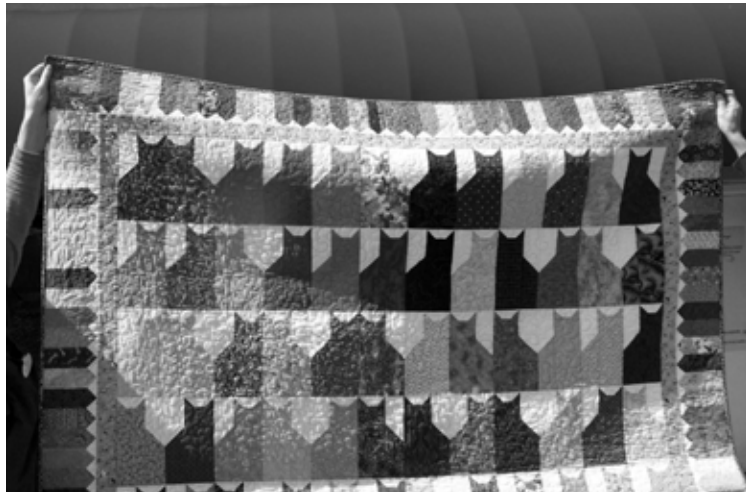
For information regarding sponsorship and donation opportunities, contact Laura Modisette, Cat Caper Chair, at catcaper2011@gmail.com or Gail Harbert, Program Manager, at 614-268-6096, Ext. 103.

New Epoxy Floor Makes the Shelter Shine



Cat Welfare's new epoxy floor is now installed, creating a cleaner, more sanitary environment for the kitties, the shelter staff, volunteers and visitors. We want to thank Board Vice President Paul Calderone for his dedication to this project. Be sure to stop by and check it out!

This Year's Cat Quilt Ready for Raffle



Quilters Elizabeth Bowling and Sharon Warrington have created another gorgeous work of art to raise money for Cat Welfare. The raffle drawing will be held at noon on Thursday, June 30, in the shelter's Main Adoption Room. You need not be present to win. The winner will be notified that evening or on July 1.

Tickets are \$5 for one, \$20 for a lot of five. They can be purchased at the shelter or by mailing in the form at right. Good luck!

Quilt Raffle Ticket Order Form

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

ZIP _____

Phone _____

Number of Tickets _____

Total Cost _____

(\$5 per ticket, \$20 for 5)

Mail to: Cat Welfare, Attn: Quilt Raffle
741 Wetmore Road
Columbus, OH 43214

Happy Homes for CWA Cats

Joey



You may remember Joey, who you cared for until March 2, 2010, when we adopted him. Joey is a wonderful addition to our family and a very helpful little boy. He tries to help with the dishes and loves to explore unusual places.

Two days before we adopted Joey, we adopted Henry from Capital Area Humane Society. The boys are now best buds and play together all the time.

Thank you for taking such good care of Joey. We're so glad that he's now in his forever home with us. Thank you for keeping him safe as we battled to try to cure our beloved cat, Marion. Marion died on February 18, 2010, but Henry and Joey have once again brought us the joy that only kitties can bring.

Adopted by: Darin & Teresa Plummer

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. View these and many more "Happy Homes" stories on our website: www.catwelfareohio.com.

Carl & Carrie Anne



Hi, this is Carl, and I want to tell you my story. In July 2009, this family came into Cat Welfare looking for a cat to take home. Carrie Anne and I weren't really friends at Cat Welfare, but when this family walked in, she really started schmoozing with them. We competed to be the cutest and the friendliest. Carrie Anne gave me a run for my money, showing off the fact that she was "different" because she has no tail. I was worried that they wouldn't like the fact that I had a runny nose, so I really turned on the charm. In the end, the family chose us both! Since then, I have gotten to know Carrie Anne and she is okay. I pretty much tolerate her like any brother does his sister, but I am thankful to live in this nice home. The smallest one in this family, Olivia, really loves us. She carries us around and plays with us all of the time. The boy, Clay, is pretty cool. We have a little deal worked out. When it is time for him to do his chores, I sleep on him and he tells his parents, Karen and Dustin, that he can't move and disturb me. He likes it when I help him out like that. I still have my stuffy nose and I make some noise when I breathe. I sometimes even make a mess when I sneeze, but I can tell that this family loves me anyway, which is really cool. Your friend, Carl

Adopted by: The Petersen Family

Mia & Sparkles



I adopted Mia and Sparkles back in July 2009. Both are doing extremely well, though Sparkles still hides when there are strange noises or she sees another cat besides Mia. She loves to roll around on the couch, and one of her favorite toys is a Taco Bell wrapper. I'll toss it off the couch and she'll bring it back to me. She is one of the loudest purrers ever and is very kittenish, especially at 4 a.m. She'll find a mouse toy and begin to play on top of me. Several times I have awakened to cat toys in my bed.

Mia is almost the opposite of Sparkles in terms of being scared of the other kitties. She loves to go out and explore the house. Unlike Sparkles, Mia just ignores the other cats, and they ignore her, too. Mia also loves to bang cupboard doors, and she loves to play. She is very affectionate and will sleep next to me or on me at night. She has gained a few pounds because she loves to eat. Anytime someone puts food into a bowl, she has to try it, even if she was eating out of another bowl with the same food in it.

Both girls are very beautiful and people are amazed when they realize that they only have one eye each. These two are probably the most affectionate cats I have had, and I am glad that I got them even though they were not kittens.

Adopted by: Sara Rynski

Catnip Season's Almost Here



Do your kitties have one (or several) of Cat Welfare's famous catnip pillows? They sure are popular among the shelter residents! Last year, we sold more than 1,500 of them, thanks to the dedicated volunteers who grow, harvest, dry the catnip and make the pillows. Their hard work made more than \$3,000 for the shelter.

If you are interested in growing catnip for this year's batch, let us know! We're even happy to come harvest it for you. Contact Gail Harbert, Program Manager, at 614-268-6096, Ext. 103.

Open House & Membership Campaign

Keep your social calendar open for our annual Community Open House from 12 to 3 p.m. Sunday, May 22. The event will feature great paw print art by our kitties, gifts for sale in the Catique, live music and a tasty lunch.

The Open House will also serve as the kickoff for our membership campaign, which runs through August 31. Our goal is to increase our membership by 20%, but if each member invites two friends, who knows how much support we could get!

We hope to see you there!

Fridge Needed

Cat Welfare's refrigerator stores everything from vaccines and medicine for sick kitties to special cat food and staff lunches. Unfortunately, shelter's current model is on its last leg and needs to be replaced. Can you help? Contact Gail Harbert, Program Manager, at 614-268-6096, Ext. 103.



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Kitten Shower

Shower our new kittens with the things they need: moist and dry kitten food, kitten milk replacement and toys!

1 to 2:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 9

CWA 2012 CAT 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 2012 Calendar, which will be on sale this fall!

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 online at: <http://catwelfareohio.com/calendar.htm> beginning in March. You, your friends, and family may vote as many times and apply as many votes to each photo you want. You may purchase one vote credit for every \$1 donated to support CWA. Voters must purchase a minimum of 5 vote credits for a \$5 donation. Forward your pet's CWA photo page to your friends and family and then ask them to donate to vote for you pet!
- A panel of judges selected by the Cat Welfare Association will determine the winning photos from the top 20 as well as 3 photos chosen from all entries. The CWA judges decisions are final. Winners will be notified via the August/September 2011 issue of the *Feline Forum*.
- To enter the contest, starting in March, follow the steps at <http://catwelfareohio.com/calendar.htm> by uploading your JPG format photo, and then vote for your favorite entries. You may also enter by sending in this form. **Entry form(s) must be postmarked and electronic entries must be submitted before June 1, 2011. Voting for the contest ends at midnight EST on Friday, June 10, 2011.** Be sure to include a 100-word story or description along with each photo.

Your Name: _____ Kitty's Name: _____

Street: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Photo Title: _____ Photographer's Name: _____

Number of photos enclosed: _____ Entry Fee enclosed: _____ (\$10 for each photo)

By signing, I accept the disclaimer below

**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, limitation, or compensation. All submitted photos are property of CWA, who may do with the photo(s) what they please. If you want the photo returned, you must enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope with your photo. CWA is not responsible for any errors, loss or damage regarding the photo entry/entries. All contestants agree to release and hold harmless CWA, all sponsors, and representatives from all claims or actions, they, their heirs, executors or assigns may have arising directly or indirectly from the contest. Winners consent to the use of their

Ishie Memorial Fund

for care of long-term shelter residents

Janyce Katz, "In honor of what would have been the 65th anniversary of Lou & Ida Katz"
Janet Wilson, "In memory of Sable, Gibson & Pesky"
Patricia Groseck, "In memory of Myrna & Rosalie"
Mary Liff, "In memory of Peachie"
Bob & Janet Fortkamp, "In memory of Paws, Duma, Blanca & Bubba"
Ruth Ann Branoff, "In memory of my beloved feline, D.J."
Wanda Rogers, "In memory of Jezabel"
Judy Malenick, "In memory of Max & Alexander"
James & Joyce Smith, "In memory of Kevin D. Smith"
Miranda Cline-Bourassa, "In honor of Janet Sue Wilson"
Anita Knoechel, "In memory of Kitze"
Deb Lipkowitz, "In memory of Zoe, sweet soul that you were"
Deb & Jeff Chenault, "In loving memory of Kit"
Vicky Lee Schmarr, "In memory of our feline friends, Cali & Chessie"
Linda Schellkopf, "In memory of Tina Rice's kitty, Sarah"
Tom & Holly Burkhard, "In memory of 4 great cats: Darcy, Bennet, Bingley & The Little Girl"
Craig Lewis, Nancy Betz, James & Mary Criswell, Wesley Wedell, Patricia Eiben, Barbara Moseley, Inge Holway, Judith Kress and Richard Austin

Willard's Village Babies Fund

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

Regina Peacock, Susan & Doug Edwards, Earl & Linda Riley, Rita Burns, Norman Booth, Gail Zink, Margaret Munch and Timothy Thompson

Vincent Fund

for emergency care for shelter cats

Patricia Groseck, Jeff Moore, Linda Schellkopf, Ramona Sietsma, Richard & Susan Litfin, Angela Gerald Ferraris, Jeanie Kelly, Anne Riley, Anthony Baird, Karen Poplar, Mary Liff, Dorothy Cobbs, Martha Montgomery, Patricia Eiben, Andrew Sheppard, Roger Norfleet, Barbara Moseley, Julianne Hunter, Martha Montgomery, Linda Randolph, Katie Binzel, Judy Malenick, Steve & Margaret Ranft, Irina & Boris Pittel, Elizabeth Miranti, Anita Knoechel, Margaret Madden, Barbara Gaddis, Rebecca & Jack Miesmer, Joan Lehr, Sandra Stansbury Myers, Peggi & Michael Mizen, Jenn & Joe Malpass, Roxanna Rubinic, Mary Lou Bean, Michael Gleason, Alice Kimbell, Connie Ostrove, Carl & Joyce Rybak, Alison McLeskey, Anne Humphries, Betty Lue Moore, Dick & Linda Hamilton, Robert & Patricia Ferrey, Jane Velzy, Nikki Langworthy, Ramona Sietsma, Kenneth & Victoria Krupnick, Dale & Janice Hoover, Linda Burling, William & Shirley Waclo, Darin & Teresa Plummer and Mary Popowski

Altering Fund

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

Esther Humbertson, Bonnie Lucas, Ruth Ann Branoff, Martha Montgomery, Steven Puckett, Nancy Preston, Lynne Bonenberger, Arlene Eis, Jeremy Alltop, Julia Williams, Steve & Margaret Ranft, Annette Boer, Georgeann McCall, Ann Lanata, Rebecca & Jack Miesmer, Joan Lehr, Judy Everett, Elizabeth Krick, Barbara Catto, Tom & Holly Burkhard, Peg & Donald Wentz, Sam Marvit, David & Bette Vanscyoc, Juanita Woods, Mary Lou Bean and Dick & Linda Hamilton

Important Shelter Information

From January through February 2011, we **adopted 94 cats** into loving homes and **subsidized 415 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 or call her at 614-268-6096, Ext. 103.

Shelter Wish List:

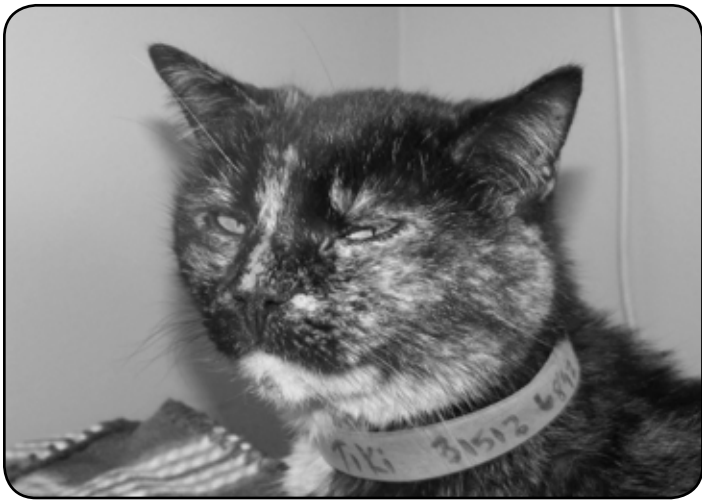
Purina Cat Chow, Kitten Chow, moist cat food (non-fish flavors), brown paper grocery bags, Windex, clean newspapers, clean towels, clay litter, dryer sheets, bleach, liquid dishwashing soap, Clorox wipes, Mr. Clean Magic Eraser pads, laundry detergent, stainless steel Chore Boy scrubbers, and Mr. Clean with Febreze.

Cat Welfare would like to thank:

All outgoing Board members for their dedication to the mission of Cat Welfare. Special thanks to Steve Hebenstreit for serving as Board president.

All of the volunteers who helped during the flooring project.

Linda Griffin for all of her assistance with laundry, not only during the flooring project but for the week after, as we awaited washer repairs.



We make friendships for life!

Hello, my name is Tiki, and I have been at Cat Welfare since January 2010. I am a very sweet, quiet 13-year-old girl, but don't let my age scare you. I still have some spunk and lots of love left in me. I used to be someone's pet, but a kind person found me wandering around outside and brought me to Cat Welfare. It's much better here than outside, I can assure you! I

am spayed, declawed, microchipped and up to date on all of my shots. I currently can be found in the office at Cat Welfare, where I see many cats come and go. The office staff gives me lots of attention and hints about how I might get myself adopted. So far, I haven't had much luck, but I would love to find my forever home with my own space and a lap to sit on. Maybe with you?

Cat Welfare has nearly 300 cats available for adoption. Find your new feline friend by visiting www.catwelfareohio.com or stopping by our shelter. The kitties would be happy to see you!

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