

The Feline Forum

August/September 2007



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Get Ready To Run! Our Third Annual Cat Caper Set For September 29th

Lace up those running shoes and come join the fun at Cat Welfare's third annual Cat Caper 5K!

The third annual Cat Caper 5K will again be held at the Central Ohio Special Education Regional Resource Center which is located at 470 Glenmont Avenue in Clintonville. This beautiful ravine course is open to runners of all ages and skill levels. Registration begins at 8:30am, the Kids Fun Run starts at 9:15am and the big race kicks off at 10:00am. Leashed and friendly dogs are welcome to attend and even race alongside their owners!

The entry fee is \$18 prior to race day and participants receive a Cat Caper T-shirt, grab bag, raffle ticket and post-race refueling refreshments of fruit &

water. The entry fee goes up to \$25 on race day so make sure you enter early. (You will find your form on page 6.) Back again for those who choose not to race is the Cat Nappers. Same entry fees apply and you may pick up your race goodies at the shelter after September 29th.

There is even more fun awaiting you after the race. Prizes will be given out to the top male and female runners in each age group and new this year is a prize for the first animal finisher. Prizes will also be awarded to the top three fundraisers. ChrisCakes is back to entertain you and your taste buds with a scrumptious breakfast for a small donation to the shelter. Coffee will also be available from Crimson Cup for a small donation. Our great raffle starts at

11:00 am and if you bleed Scarlet & Grey have we got a one-of-a-kind raffle item for you! Add in vendor booths and kids activities and you have fun for the whole family!

Thank you for the amazing support of local businesses including presenting sponsor CD101, who are back for a third time. Other top sponsors include Janie Eckardt of Century 21, Columbus Top Dogs, and WOW! Wide Open West.

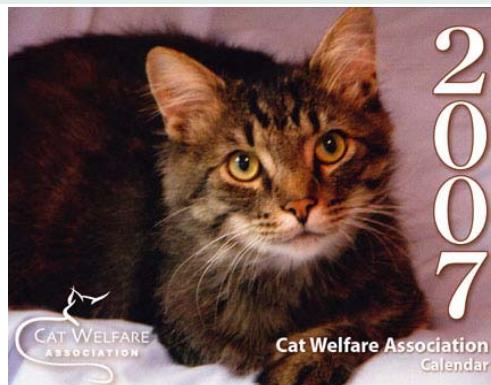
For more event information please contact Megan Snow at megpop123@yahoo.com. To volunteer for the event please contact Gail Harbert at cwavolunteers@gmail.com.



Strike A Pose! 2008 Calendar Contest Update

The 2008 edition of the Cat Welfare calendar is well under way with over 120 glorious photos that cat admirers like you have submitted. The 12 winners of the large photos (as well as over a dozen smaller photos) are about to be chosen. The winners will be announced in the next edition of the newsletter. Due to popular demand, a photo collage of entries will be included again this year.

While the deadline to submit photos has passed for the 2008 calendar; there will be another contest for the 2009 calendar starting next spring. So keep a



keen eye on your kitty in case they are posing for that special photo close-up!

Thanks to Robert Hutchison for submitting this article.

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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**

The shelter is open seven days a week from 11:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. (closed 1st Wednesday for cleaning).

Adoption fee of \$60 for adult cats and \$70 for kittens includes spay/neuter surgery, initial vaccinations including rabies, 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.

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Stories from the sun porch

Hello everyone! This is Della reporting from the shelter.

Ahh...Summer time and the living is easy! Sunny days, starry nights, festivals and parades. Did you hear about my first place win? My good buddy Jonathan Harbert entered me in the **Whetstone 4th of July Pet Parade** and we won the grand prize! Obviously the community recognizes a Top Cat when they see one! (see picture below)

As Top Cat I am in charge of all the correspondence for the cats. We get a lot of fan mail and one of the most frequently asked questions is "What do we cats do when the shelter is closed?". Well I am going to tell you - and you might be surprised at what all goes on after hours! So here is "**The Down-Low from Della**".

It is no coincidence that the shelter closes at 3:30pm every day. We are big fans of the **Ellen show** which airs at 4pm during the week. I know you think that our little TV in the main adoption room only shows birds, squirrels and chipmunks but you are wrong. We love Ellen because she loves cats - I think she has 3 cats now. Another TV show that we watch is Heroes. We have written a letter to the producer telling him that next season they shouldn't save a cheerleader but instead "**SAVE A KITTY, SAVE THE WORLD**". We haven't heard back from them yet, maybe I should send another letter?

Mrs. Biggelsworth has a knitting circle that meets several nights a week. Knitting helps soothe the nerves but sure is hard to do with paws! **Fannie** is a card shark - she has the best poker



Della, 2007 Top Cat

face of any cat here! She has a weekly poker game here in the shelter that many of the cats participate in. Shuffle up and deal!

Don't tell the staff but we use the computer in the staff room a lot after hours. I am also in charge of email correspondence. I answer email every night from the cats that are no longer here in the shelter. Sometimes it can be quite an adjustment to go from the shelter to your forever home so we keep in touch through email. They let us know what it is like to be adopted and have a home and we keep them posted on all the gossip and goings on here at the shelter.

So that is just a sample of some of the things that go on after hours here at our shelter. Remember - keep it on the down-low!

Well - Fannie's dealing the next hand so I have to run!

Until next time, Della



Jonathan and Della after their big win!

Cat Welfare Cats featured on mugs, magnets, mouse pads and more!

If you have visited the shelter recently and wondered about the guy with the Nikon camera sitting on the floor trying to get our residents to say “cheese” let us fill you in.

Brian Gryphon has been producing photographic images for over 30 years. A high school yearbook assignment inspired a life long love of photography and a part time business. Although Brian’s main photographic subjects are floral (you can view these at his website www.RosesThatLast.com) and animals are difficult to photograph he admits that he “could not resist the charms of the CWA residents.”


A regular visitor to the shelter Brian has adopted two CWA alumni - Nikolaus in 2006 and Thumper in early 2007. He

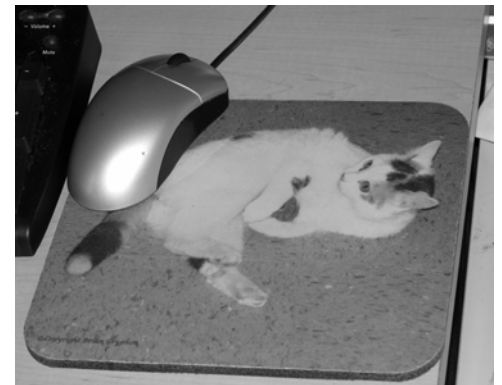
offered to lend his photography skills to benefit Cat Welfare. Thanks to Brian you can now order CWA cats on a variety of merchandise that include magnets, mouse pads, journals, mugs, ornaments and ceramic tiles. Some of the cats featured are favorites such as **Della, Lia, Apache, Hattie and Fannie**. Fannie is pictured below on a mousepad that is available to order.

This is a great opportunity to not only help raise money for CWA but to bring your favorite shelter cats into your home or office when you are not able to adopt them. With the holidays soon on their way these items make great gifts for any feline lover.

To order these products simply visit our website www.catwelfareohio.com and

click on the Shopping Partners tab. Click on the banner for Brian’s products and you will be directed to a safe and secure website where you can make your purchase.

A selection of magnets will be available for purchase in the shelter in early August. We thank Brian for this wonderful fund-raising opportunity and for his contribution to this article. 



What if CWA Had A Penny For Every Time You Searched The Web?

For those of you who spend your days working on a computer or your evenings and weekends surfing the web we have found a way for you to help Cat Welfare!


Never Google again - instead use GoodSearch! Every time you use GoodSearch you help the cats in our care. When you search the web using www.goodsearch.com money from Yahoo advertisers will go to CWA without you spending a dime!

It is easy to set up on your computer. Just go to www.goodsearch.com and choose Cat Welfare Association Incorporated (Columbus, Ohio) as the charity that you search for. It’s that easy! You can even make GoodSearch your homepage or add GoodSearch to your toolbar.

As of this writing, over \$100 has already been raised for Cat Welfare just by changing how you search for information on the Internet. Please use this site



honestly as fraudulent searches will result in Cat Welfare being delisted from this program.

So remember, next time you sit down in front of that computer don’t Google but instead GoodSearch and help raise money for the cats in our care! 

Spay and Neuter: Cat Welfare Helps Control The Cat Population

Article submitted by Gail Harbert

Cat Welfare continues to help the residents of Central Ohio and the cats in their care by offering a nominal fee spay/neuter clinic each month. This year the NOMAD mobile unit, owned and operated by Dr. Laura Miller, has increased the number of months it will come for clinics at CWA to February

through November. In May of this year, Cat Welfare partnered up with SOS Ohio, directed by Dr. Melanie deHann, to increase the number of surgeries completed each month. June’s clinic was outstanding; 30 males were neutered and 34 females were spayed. Thanks to the following spay/neuter volunteers:

Karen Lee, Diane Boyer, Gail Maier, Eve Catus and Karen Paige. *Dr. Melanie deHann is shown here with a feline friend who is grateful to receive her services.*

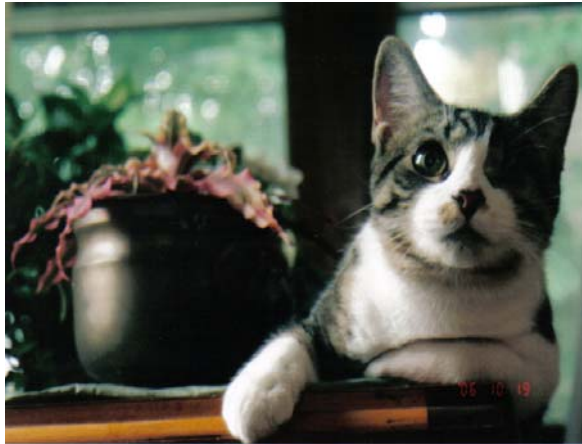


Happy Homes for CWA Cats



Both **Oliver** and **BeaBea** (pictured above) were adopted by the Hunt family in February 2006. The Hunts were kind enough to let us know that they are both doing great in their forever home!

Domino was adopted by the Cummings family. "Domino is now 8 months old and the loving sister of big brother Cloud and black lab, Apollo. It took about two weeks for everyone to get along, and the running and wrestling are nonstop. The kind caregivers at Cat Welfare and the volunteer vets nursed her through an infected left eye that had to be removed. She is now healthy and bouncy, and the princess of the house. We want to thank all those at Cat Welfare for giving us our 'one eyed wonder' and for all the work they do for our cat community."



Smokey (pictured above) lives with the Olewnik family. "He adopted us in September 2006 by calling us to his cage and reaching out for us. We were told that he was just returned because he would not use the litter box. We are so happy that we did not pass him up because someone else returned him! He has not had ONE accident and has used the litter box since the day we brought him home! So don't give up on them - give them a chance in your home. They deserve that since you don't know what the other home was like. He is so sweet and has brought so much joy and fun to our family. Thank you for all your work."

Thanks to everyone that has given a Cat Welfare cat a happy home!

Tara is shown here with the oldest child of the Spriggs family who report "Tara is a 13 year old Turkish Angora who adopted me at Cat Welfare about 11 years ago. I couldn't possibly thank you guys enough for her!!"



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The Miller family adopted **Chancellor**. “On November 4, 2006, we adopted from Cat Welfare the black & white kitten in this picture. His name is Chancellor and he is a happy, growing boy. He’s snoozing with his best friend, our cat Ash. He also gets along well with our 16 year old senior cat Fred. Just wanted to share some happiness!”



Maddox (pictured above) lives with the Kravitz family. “We came to Cat Welfare in July 2006 looking for the perfect addition to our family and a “best buddy” for our first cat, Gus. Maddox won us over with his affection, friendliness and beauty, and we knew he was the cat for us. Maddox has been a joy, and seems to adore life with us as much as we do him. He loves to sun himself by the window, relax in a comfy pair of arms and become everyone’s friend. Maddox is a wonderful part of our lives, and we are so happy to provide him with a loving home.”



Gracie was adopted in September of 2004 by the Wheaton family and is healthy and loving. **Cricket** was adopted November 1st of 2005 and passed away in December 2006. “She will be greatly missed by our family and friends.”

Tiger (pictured right) lives with the Smith family. “We adopted Tiger as a wonderful new member of our family on March 2, 2006. We have since become very attached as he has such a loving personality. He has also become a special friend to our other cat Groucho. They run and play all night long and sleep all day. They are definitely on the “night shift”. Tiger has been a true blessing to our family and we love him very much. We would like to give a special thanks to Cat Welfare for doing such a great job.”



Send your “Happy Homes” photo(s) and short story (200 words or less) to the editor at “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 at our web site: www.catwelfareohio.com.



2007 Cat Caper 5K Registration Form

Get ready to run! Registration for the 2007 Cat Caper 5K opens on August 1st. Read on to learn how to register. There is also space for you to collect pledges to further support the shelter and its kitties. Remember, if you collect at least \$25 in pledges, your race registration fee is waived!

We look forward to seeing you on September 29th for a morning full of fun benefiting our feline friends!

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____
 Age: _____ Gender: M F Shirt size: S M L XL

How did you hear about the Cat Caper 5k?

- Race Sponsor WBNS 10TV
 Premier Sports CD101
 Cat Welfare Association Poster / Flyer
 Other _____

Count me as a Cat Napper.

How to Register (Registration opens August 1st)

- Fill out and return this form to: Cat Welfare Association
 c/o Premier Sports
 401 Charming Place
 Columbus, OH 43235
- Online - www.premierraces.com
- Race Day at the Registration Tent

Registration is \$18 prior to race day, \$25 on race day

Waiver and Release: I agree that by participating in this physical activity, or event (the "Event") or the use of any event facility/premises, I do so at my own risk. I assume all risk of injury, illness, damage or loss to me or my property that might result, including without limitation, any loss or theft of personal property. I consent to medical treatment in the event of injury, accident, and/or illness during the Event. I agree on behalf of myself (and my personal representatives, heirs, executors, administrators, agents, and assigns) to release and discharge the organizers of this event, its principals, its officers & directors, its employees, all sponsors and their representatives and employees from any and all claims or causes of action (known or unknown) arising out of their negligence. I acknowledge that I have carefully read this Waiver and Release and fully understand that it is a release of liability. By my signature below, I am waiving any right that I may have to bring legal action to assert a claim against any and all Event sponsors for their negligence.

I hereby grant full permission to any and all of the foregoing to use my name and likeness in any broadcast, telecast, video or print media reporting or advertising of the Event without compensation.

Signature (parent or guardian if under 18) _____ Date _____

Collect at least \$25 in pledges and no registration fee is required!

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Ishie Memorial Fund

for care of long-term shelter residents

Cynthia Egan "In memory of Basil, a very special cat who lived in San Francisco"

Rosemary Bringardner

William & Gloria Adams

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Sharon Lewis for Peggie Guthry

Janice Berry "In loving memory of Ginger, who was our first Cat Welfare kitty 18 years ago, and Georgia who had lived at Cat Welfare eight years before joining our home"

Jeanne & Barry Hanks "In memory of Faye West"

John Layman "In loving memory of Lucy"

Robin Moore "Elf, companion to Ms. Kim Hainge"

A new look is coming to the next issue of the Feline Forum! After numerous requests from our members, staff and volunteers we will no longer use glossy paper and we will make the switch back to high quality traditional paper stock! No more glare or hard to write on forms!

The Vincent Fund

for emergency care for shelter cats

Debra & Lee Martin, Maryann B. Gall, Diana Fisher, Rosemary Dassel, Grace Shillinger, Linda Zoundas, Eileen & Jason Koler "In the name of Jane Briggs-Bunting", Sue Lape, William & Shirley Waclo, Robin Smith, and Beth A. Swick.

Spay/Neuter Fund

for assistance with the spaying/neutering of shelter cats

Mary Neymeyer

Robin Smith

Phillip & Stephanie Peters

Phil & Janice Arnold

Dorothy & Robert Kell

Special Thanks!

Thank you to **The Catholic Foundation** for their check from the Ethel Rita Seiler Endowment Fund.

A special thanks to **Emma Kitsmiller** who donated food, litter, toys and money to Cat Welfare after her 6th birthday party! Happy Birthday and a big MEOW from the cats!

A big thank you to **Jim Sullivan** for his very generous donation of 2 laser printers and extra ink cartridges to the shelter office.

Thank you to **Louise Guthman** for donating another shipment of paper dishes. The cats appreciate it!

Thanks to **Melvin Honeycutt** for his donation of paper towels, Mr. Clean and grocery bags. Della says hello!

A special thank you to **Molly Marek & Brenna O'Sullivan** who donated the proceeds from their Kool Aid stand to Cat Welfare! Another inventive way to help the cats of CWA.

Thank you to **all the volunteers** who came to the Volunteer Open House event in June. Your participation made the event a great success and we look forward to more group activities in the future!

Important Shelter Information

Between January and June, we adopted **393** cats into loving homes.

Between January and June, we subsidized **731** spay and neuter surgeries through our various Altering Fund programs.

Interested in volunteering for Cat Welfare? Join us on the **third Saturday of every month at 10am** for an introductory volunteer session. Please RSVP at least five days prior as seating is limited. Call or mail your name and

contact information to the shelter, or send an email message to Gail Harbert, volunteer coordinator, at cwavolunteers@gmail.com to register. We hope to see you there!

Shelter Wish List: *Purina Kitten Chow, canned and dry cat food, plastic cat toys, tall kitchen trash bags, clay litter, baby food (chicken or turkey), paper towels, bleach, brown paper bags, liquid hand soap, KMR formula, Clorox wipes, and Mr. Clean Magic Eraser pads.*



We make
friendships
for life!

Sci Fi (#28931)

My name is Sci Fi and I am looking for my forever home. Cool name for a cool cat. Some say I look like I have a Darth Vader mask or alien markings which is how I got my name. I came to Cat Welfare with a bad hip injury. I even had a pin in my leg for awhile! But I am all better now - I don't even limp! I am a 2-3 year old short haired little boy and I am already neutered. I still have my claws and I am really friendly. I am what they call a lap cat - big time. Since I have been through so much with my hip and leg it would be best for me to be the only cat - I need a lot of extra love and attention. Come see me at the shelter and take me home today!

Visit other Special Adoptions cats online at www.catwelfareohio.com.

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