

The Feline Forum

June/July 2007



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5th Annual Open House Event a big success

Cat Welfare held our 5th Annual Open House on Sunday, May 20th and once again the community turned out to show their support! From 1:00-3:00pm the sun shone down brightly on Cat Welfare. Not a raindrop or rain cloud could be found to dampen the spirits of all who joined in the celebration. Attendees enjoyed the blue sky and warm sunshine while dining on fresh off-the-grill burgers and listening to the sounds of the Piano Peddler. A selection of items from the Catique were a big hit with guests as were our famous cat nip pillows!

16 of our felines participated in our biggest cat art exhibit ever. Their artist bios were featured on a large display for all to read before heading down to the cat art gallery to see their work. Once again the feline masterpieces flew off the gallery shelves!

A winner was drawn for the beautiful cat quilt and a large gift bag filled with goodies from Trader Joe's was raffled off as well as a cat lover's gift basket created and donated by Jean Jay. Inside the shelter it was standing room only as many said hello to our beautiful cats. Several cats were adopted into their forever home during our celebration.

All in all it was a great day for Cat Welfare with much money raised to support our wonderful programs.

A successful event does not happen without the participation of many

individuals. Cat Welfare would like to acknowledge all those who contributed to the success of our Open House.

A big thank you to **Angel Gravitt of Whole Foods Market** who made our cookout meal possible. Angel - you were the "angel" Cat Welfare needed to make this event happen. A big thank you also goes out to our other contributors - **Trader Joe's, Jean Jay, Sunflower Market, Cheryl & Co., Wild Oats, and Leo Piko of Michaels at Easton.** A special thank you to **Craig Derstine** for donating 12 bags of mulch and to the **Yard Artists** who worked their magic. Thank you to **Anne and Wilma** for the use of their facility for cat art prep. **Don Wentz** made our beautiful banner! Your donations and discounts made our Open House a very special day!

Cat Welfare has the **best volunteers** in the community and your hard work is very much appreciated! Thank you **Sue Kasson, Brenda Martin, MaryJane Ryan, Lisa Wolfe, Jennifer Parkevich, Doug Purtee, Christie Wasson, Jane D.C., Julie Smith, Kelly Dodds, Judy Laber, Kevin Cutshall, Jonathan Harbert, Robert Hutchison, Sheila Zirkle, Peg Wentz and Sue Godsy.**

A special thank you to board members **RoseAnn Ballangee, Rita Burns, Joan Derstine, Cathi Eisley, Nancy Flanagan, Kathryn Hart and Doug Laber** for all your hard work and help at the event!



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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.

Wow! Things have been really busy here at the shelter! We have a new staff member - it is really hard to find someone who speaks "cat" but luckily for us our new marketing coordinator is very fluent. She works primarily out of her home office with her two cats but she comes in weekly and makes over all of us here at the shelter. She says that she loves us all but please, I am Top Cat so you know she loves me the most!

I hope you were able to come to our 5th Annual Open House! It was one of the happiest days of the year here at the shelter. We really squeaked by on the weather. I looked at my watch and it was rainy and cloudy right up until about 30 minutes before the Open House started. Then the clouds parted and the sun came out and everyone came to see us! When it was all over the rain and clouds came right back.

Everyone who came was so nice. We did our paintings again this year and all the guests oohed and aahed over them and then took them home. Each of us got an artist bio on this giant board out front for all to see. We got to list our artistic influences and all the paintings that we had done this year. There were 16 artists this year - I think that is the most we have ever had. Our paintings raised a lot of money for our shelter programs. Thanks for buying them!

Did you see us on the Channel 4 news in May? Bob Nunnally came out to visit us on May 9th and we were so glad to see him! He played laser light toy with all of us and talked about our paintings and the altering clinic that happens every



Della, 2007 Top Cat

month. Butch hogged the limelight by laying on the table the whole time Bob was here but many of us made it on camera. Everyone gets so excited when he comes to visit. We hope he comes back very soon.

We are all resting up because there are so many things that are going to be happening here. June is Adopt-A-Shelter Cat Month and we are getting new cage cards and a whole new way of matching up the best cat for each person who is looking to adopt one of us. The cards that will be on our cages are really bright and colorful. I can't wait for everyone to see them.

Have you signed up to be an Adoption Ambassador? If you do you get to hang out with all of the cats in the main adoption room! You get to groom us, play with us, talk to us and say nice things about us to the people that come in to adopt us. I don't know which cat thought up this idea but I think it is brilliant!

Well, stop by and see us soon! I am going to sign off and find a nice patch of sunshine to take a nap in.

Till next time,
Della



Calling all volunteers: Volunteer Open House set for June 24th

If you are a current CWA volunteer or someone thinking of becoming a volunteer then please join us at the shelter for our **Volunteer Open House on Sunday, June 24th from 2:00 - 4:00pm.**

Cat Welfare is at an exciting crossroads as we have a new full time marketing coordinator and are moving in new directions with new programs to roll out. There are many current and future volunteer opportunities in both existing and new areas. We need volunteers of all ages (some age groups require adult accompaniment) for both on site and off-site programs.

For those of you seeking hands on contact with our wonderful cats there


are openings in our new **Adoption Ambassadors** program. Volunteers groom, play, and interact with our cats while assisting the public with information on shelter policies and cage cards.

If you want to help spread the word about Cat Welfare's wonderful programs and mission then **off-site** volunteering may be for you! Represent Cat Welfare at events that support adoption, awareness and fundraising. There are also fundraising opportunities available at popular local events where volunteers work concession booths serving food and drink.

Want to help solve the homeless pet population here in central Ohio? Then volunteer for our **monthly altering**

clinics held at the shelter. Help is needed with paperwork and cat care to keep these clinics running smoothly.

Come join us to learn more about our current and future volunteer opportunities. This is a great opportunity to meet your fellow volunteers and share your experiences. Share your ideas for fundraising, events and volunteering with staff. There will be free food and drink and one lucky volunteer will be taking home a beautiful all natural kitty gift basket donated by Wild Oats!

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 e-mail message to Gail Harbert, volunteer coordinator, at cwavolunteers@gmail.com to register. We hope to see you there! 


Attention Shoppers! - Great finds at The Catique

Shop for a cause at Cat Welfare's Catique! The Catique is located at the end of the shelter and is open every Saturday from 9am-3pm. Formerly known as the Garage Sale the Catique is **the** place to shop for one-of-a-kind items at great prices. And since all our items are donated our inventory changes weekly. We have had everything from a snowplow blade to collectible baskets. Come check out the books, cds, dvds, games, housewares, clothing, crafts,

jewelry and much more!

Is this the year you reorganize your home? Bring your unwanted items to the Catique! Donations are very much needed and are tax deductible. The best time to bring your donations are on Saturdays from 9am - 3pm. Donations are also accepted on Thursdays and Fridays from 11:30am - 3:00pm. The Catique happily accepts all items except for computers, printers, scanners, large

appliances and exercise equipment. The items that sell best are books, cds, dvds, candles, clothing and cat related decor or items. Items that we are unable to use in the Catique are donated to other charitable organizations.

Help support Cat Welfare's largest fundraiser by making the Catique your donation destination and weekly shopping excursion! 

New Marketing Coordinator for Cat Welfare

We welcome Kindra Hill to our staff as the full time marketing coordinator. She comes to us with 20 years marketing and management experience. Kindra has a passion for our mission and will be assisted in her position by Tori, a 7 year old tuxedo and her sister Samantha, a 7 year old tiger - both adopted rescues.

Kindra is shown here with Della, Top Cat 2007, who has approved of Kindra's hiring!



Happy Homes for CWA Cats



Tabbio lives with the Cole family and is the second cat that they have adopted from Cat Welfare. "He choose the Year Round Room as his day room and at night he sleeps at the foot of the bed with his new friends and masters. Tabbio's new friends are three other rescued cats and a rescued American Eskimo named Snowy. Tabbio is a real joy to us. He is smart and knows how to let us know what he needs. He became my Christmas present from my husband."



Here is **Patches!** "She has grown up since we adopted her in 1994. Cat Welfare was in the little building then. With the kitty cat mailbox! She was adopted the same day we got Buffy. You said Buffy was wild, but he became a loving friend the moment we got him home. He raised little Patches, and taught her to hunt and play. She drinks upside down out of the toilet! She is loved as much as a person could love anything in life."

"You knew me as "Tito" but my new mommy named me **Jack**. It took about 2-3 weeks for my "sisters" to really get used to me but they love me now. I'm fitting in very nicely with my new family. As you can see by my picture, I have toys to play with. I'm extremely spoiled and very happy. Thank you for caring for me until I found my new home."



Comet lives with the Patteson family. "Comet came home with us today! He is so busy exploring his new home. He met his new brother, Pee Wee, and ran right up to him and said hello! Pee Wee was very curious about Comet. He has another brother, Big Papa and their mother Smudge. I think Comet will do just fine! Thank you for all you do for our feline friends."



A picture of former Cat Welfare cat, **Sumo** in the sink. "Sumo was picked out by Mary's nephew Steven, whose only criteria was "I'm going to pick out the largest cat available". It turned out to be a wise choice: we've had Sumo about 2 years and he's provided much joy to our household. Our cat Jake likes him and Sumo recently was buddies with Buster, a dog we were dog sitting."



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

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Scarlet was adopted by the Cuff family. “We adopted Scarlet in December 2005.

She is our oldest cat daughter and is most always the perfect big sister to her younger brother and sister. Scarlet talks to us all the time. She loves to hunt and makes a hilarious howling noise when she’s made the kill of a vicious poofy ball,

cat nip mouse, fish or other evil toy from the cat’s toy box. Scarlet waits patiently every evening for treat time and loves her treats. She will get on her back legs and take them right from your fingers! She is a gentle spirit, will give kitty hugs at her discretion, does not like to be on laps, enjoys laying on the back of the computer chair and loves to lay down beside her Mommy for naps.”

Beanie was also adopted by the Cuff family. “Beanie is our cat son and he was adopted August 12, 2006. We had planned on adopting a cat near Scarlet’s age and we were shown a little guy who had just come back from a volunteer’s house and was about 7 weeks old. He is named after OSU’s football player Chris “Beanie” Wells. After about a week, Beanie and Scarlet started interacting and playing together. We wanted Scarlet to have company when we were away and Beanie fit the part! Beanie is a Daddy’s boy and will only lay on Daddy’s lap. He also watches football occasionally to Daddy’s delight. Beanie loves to run and jump sporadically. Most of the time he is a quiet young man, rather observant of situations and not quite as sociable and friendly with strangers as his sisters. Beanie’s favorite toy is any kind of ball, especially ping pong balls. This month alone Mommy has brought him four 6 packs of ping pong balls and somehow, they all disappear! We think we may have a ping pong ball troll in the house!



Abbey lives with the Carpenter family. “Hi, you probably don’t remember me. I left Cat Welfare on July 13th. I was called Callie and I had a bad leg. My new name is Abbey and I live in Westerville. They really appreciate me and I am in complete control here. I heard about Christmas and I am waiting under this tree to see if even a mouse may be stirring on Christmas Eve!”



Chessie was adopted by the McKinney family.

“This once shy, skittish cat now sleeps on my pillow at night and is my constant companion when I am on the computer, watching television, or pretty much doing anything in my home. Chessie is, in short, safe, happy and healthy, and never alone. She has been my best friend and constant companion for almost fourteen years, and my goal is to keep her that way for many years to come. An adoption from your organization nearly fourteen years ago has been, and remains to be, in a word, perfect. I love Chessie. There’s no better way of putting it, no better decision I’ve ever made than adopting her, no other facet of my life so full of joy without a single regret. No thanks to your organization will ever be enough, but I am sending my thanks all the same.”

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.

Ishie Memorial Fund

for care of long-term shelter residents

Chad Reed "In memory of Nutella"
Jason Rylander & Vanessa Justice "In memory of our dear friend, Justin Isom"
Eileen Richardson
Anna Teichmoeller "In memory of a best friend & dear heart - Riptide"
Debra & Lee Martin "In memory of Jackson & Sam"
Mary Jane Farrell "In loving memory of Prissy"
Stephanie Vecozols
Eloise Richards "Kitt Richards"
Katie Potterf "Alexis Newman"
Rosemary Bringardner "Remember the Rainbow Bridge"
Stephen & Melissa Clines
Norma Hermann "The Hermann Animals"
Jill Fenstermaker "For Laurie Troiano In Memory of Floppsey"
Judith Laber "In memory of Olive Ann"
Curt Cain
Elsie & Paul Blei "In loving memories of Arrakis & Three Cat"

The Vincent Fund

for emergency care for shelter cats

Eileen Richardson, Elsie & Paul Blei, Janet Brookbank "In memory of Amber a sweet kitty who passed away at the age of 20 years", Cheryl Lamasa, Virginia Atkinson, Maryann B. Gall, Burton Allen Binckley, Alan Ritzert, Grace Shillinger, and Patricia Eiben

Spay/Neuter Fund

for assistance with the spaying/neutering of shelter cats

Elsie & Paul Blei
Dick & Linda Hamilton
Holly W. Roby
North Kenny Veterinary Hospital - This money was raised in conjunction with Merial, makers of Frontline & Heartgard

Special Thanks!

Thanks to **Aidan Matulich** of **McCord Middle School** for creating four fun pillows for the cats as well as two feral cat homes.

Thank you to **Savanna Henkle** of **Girl Scout Troop #1026** who went around her neighborhood gathering donations of litter, food and treats for our kitties as her service project.

Thanks to **Girl Scout Troop # 869** for their collection of shelter wish list items of litter, food and cleaning supplies.

A big thank you to **those who take the time to deliver aluminum beverage cans to CWA** for our recycling fundraiser. Also thank you to our **transportation volunteer** who reported her haul the first week of May as weighing in at 148 pounds earning Cat Welfare \$99!

A special thank you to **Bob Nunnally** from NBC Channel 4 for his broadcast from our shelter on May 9th. Bob highlighted our Open House event and also our spay/neuter clinic. Come back soon Bob!

The cats would like to thank **Denise Yost**, Managing Editor for www.nbc4i.com for placing some of our adoptable cats in the Pet Corner feature!

Important Shelter Information

Between January and April, we adopted **262** cats to loving homes.

Between January and April, we subsidized **490** spay and neuter surgeries through our various Altering Fund programs.

Interested in volunteering for Cat Welfare? Join us on **June 24th, 2007** for our Volunteer Open House Event or on **July 12, 2007** 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 e-mail Gail Harbert, volunteer coordinator, at cwavolunteers@gmail.com. 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!

BONNIE (# not available)

“Nobody knows the trouble I have seen”.

My name is Bonnie. I am 19 pounds of fun and love. I am 6-7 years old and am declawed and spayed. My previous family didn't love me anymore and abandoned me to the streets. A kind member of CWA brought me to the shelter. The people here are very kind and they try hard but I need my own person. I may be higher maintenance than most kitties. Grooming is essential. It would be best for me to be the only cat so I can get comfortable in my new home and start a new life.

My eyes are the windows to my soul. Just look at me and you will love me forever.

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

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