

# The Feline Forum



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June/July 2011

## Jumpy Finds a Home in AZ



At Cat Welfare, we hope all of our kitties find their forever homes, but we never thought our beloved Jumpy's home would be all the way in Phoenix, Arizona! The first time Trisha Neece came to the shelter in Spring 2010, Jumpy was right there to greet her. Over time, they developed a bond, and she'd come by to see him whenever she was in Columbus for her job at Aire-Flo.

By the time September 2010 rolled around, she was taking him to the Aire-Flo office with her when she was in town. That's when she started to wonder if there might be a way to get Jumpy to Arizona.

"I started asking my vet if maybe flying him would work, but you have to take them out of the carrier in the airport to get them through security, so that wasn't going to happen," Trisha says. "It was disappointing, but I thought maybe he was just meant to

be with his friends at Cat Welfare." After a bit more research, though, she found a Cincinnati-based company that transports animals cross country in temperature-controlled RVs and vans—and they were going to be in Arizona soon. She made arrangements with the shelter and booked Jumpy's trip. On April 6, he was on his way, and three days later, he was in his new home with four new feline siblings, spending lots of time peering out the windows at the desert critters and sitting in laps whenever he wanted.

Since Jumpy had been at Cat Welfare for so long and was a Guardian Angel, Trisha knew he would be missed. To help him keep in touch, she created a Jumpy Facebook page, where she posts updates, pictures and even videos. You can find his page at [www.facebook.com/jumpysadventures](http://www.facebook.com/jumpysadventures) and even leave him a message. He definitely would be happy to hear from you!

## Cat Caper 5K

Are you ready to run for our feline friends at Cat Welfare? This year's Cat Caper 5K will be held on Sunday, September 25, at the Ohio Center for Autism and Low Incidence at 470 Glenmont Avenue in Clintonville. Registration starts at 7 a.m., with a Kids Fun Run at 8:30 a.m. and the race at 9 a.m. 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. If you're inclined to stay in bed that morning but still want to support the kitties, donate as a Cat Napper, which entitles you to a T-shirt and a bag of goodies, just like the ones the runners will get. More details, including online registration, will be available in the coming weeks at [www.catcaper.org](http://www.catcaper.org).

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

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### Upcoming Events:

- 6/23 - Happy Hour Event
- 6/30 - Quilt Raffle
- 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.



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## A Letter from Our Director

Whew, how time flies! It's been 90 days since I stepped into Cat Welfare and got whacked by a cage door, causing a black eye on my first day. Through the efforts of many Board members, members, staff and friends, we here at Cat Welfare have done many wonderful things. For instance, thanks to the foresight of the Board, we have a new floor that aids in keeping our cats healthy. We packed the Grange Audubon Center with more than 180 people for dinner and an auction at the Feline Wine & Dine, and Cat Welfare made many new friends. We raised a substantial amount of money to provide loving and healthful care for our feline friends. Check out some photos from the event on Page 6.

Our staff is working hard to improve the level of quality care they give each day to the more than 300 cats that reside in our shelter. Our cats are always looking for loving homes, so let a family member or friend know about our adoptable cats. We have created a Veterinary Advisory Board (VAB) made up of local veterinarians to give us expert advice on caring for our feline friends. The VAB is assisting us in developing comprehensive shelter guidelines so we can run a more effective operation and take better care of our cats.

Thanks to a number of generous people, we secured a new washing machine when our old washer stopped operating. Within days after the word was put out about our need, several people had donated the funds for it. And the generosity of our supporters doesn't stop there: in the last three months, we have had sizable bequests from estates that directly benefit Cat Welfare; we thank those individuals and their families. We encourage all of you to consider Cat Welfare in your estate planning. Should you have questions about how to include Cat Welfare in your estate, please ask me or a member of our Board. We thank everyone who has donated to Cat Welfare. Your dollars make a big difference in how well we can care for the cats. What a spirit of generosity!

Join us and help us in any way you can: visit the Shelter, join a committee, spread the word about our wonderful adoptable cats, donate, talk up Cat Welfare among your circle of family, friends, and associates. Everything you do for Cat Welfare is appreciated.

As always, I am available anytime to talk or meet with anyone about Cat Welfare. I can be reached at 614-268-6096, Ext. 101, or [cwolfe@catwelfareohio.com](mailto:cwolfe@catwelfareohio.com).

Hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable summer.

Chuck

## Life Membership Installment Plan Available

With membership renewals at Cat Welfare dropping ~38% over the past year, we are looking for ways to reach out to new members and retain and build membership at all levels. Historically, we have required a one-time donation of \$250.00 for Life Membership. While this lump sum donation is still preferred, we also recognize this payment may be difficult for many people to make all at once. To this end, Cat Welfare is now offering an opportunity to purchase a Life Membership for three monthly payments of \$85.00, for a total of \$255. (The additional \$5.00 is a handling charge to process the payments.) The process is easy:

- When an installment payment option is requested, you are issued a coupon booklet for three payments.
- Each time you pay an installment, send a coupon with a check for \$85.00 to Cat Welfare, 741 Wetmore Road, Columbus, OH 43214.

The installment payments should be completed within three consecutive months; however, longer payment terms can be arranged with CWA in some circumstances. Life Membership includes all the benefits of annual membership with additional acknowledgment of your membership status in the newsletter, on our website and on display in the shelter. Please support our common cause and become a Life Member.

To request more information, call Cat Welfare at 614-268-6096.

# Board Thanks Its Departing Members

Elections for the Board of Directors were held in February, and you may have noticed some new names listed here in the *Feline Forum*. You may also be missing some very familiar names that you've seen for many years.

Several dedicated and long-time Board members left the Board in February as their terms expired. They are RoseAnn Ballangee, Kathryn Hart, Sharon and Steve Hebenstreit, Jennifer Parker and Anne Riley. Not only were they active Board members for years, they all have been very involved in Cat Welfare activities, fundraisers and projects, including the move to the new shelter. The hours they have served number in the thousands, and their years of service span decades. Each one has given time, expertise

and support to Cat Welfare in so many ways, and each one deserves special recognition and a sincere thank you for all they have contributed. Shown below are just a few highlights of their "careers" at Cat Welfare:

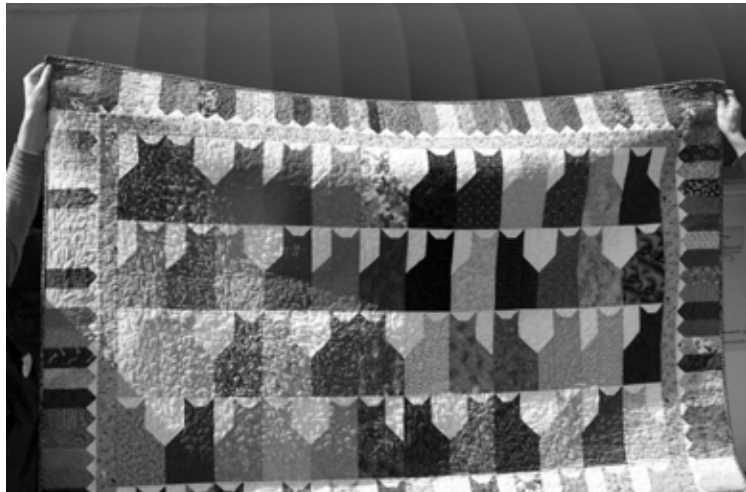
- RoseAnn – Past President, organizes the Holiday Bazaar and ran the garage sale for many years, fosters kittens
- Kathryn – Corresponding Secretary and Board correspondent, Catnipper
- Sharon – Past President, managed the spring flower sale, Cat Caper Committee
- Steve – Past President, former Trustee, legal advisor

- Jennifer – Former Trustee, served on Personnel Committee, co-chair of the inaugural Feline Wine & Dine
- Anne – Past Secretary, Guardian Angel and Adopt-a-Cage coordinator, newsletter writer and editor, website manager

Saying "thank you" only begins to express the gratitude that is due to each of them. I hope the next time you see these special members of Cat Welfare, you will convey your appreciation for what they have done (and continue to do) to improve the lives of stray and homeless cats and kittens in Central Ohio.

Sheila Zirkle  
President, Board of Directors

## Cat Quilt Raffle Set for June 30



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

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

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

# Happy Homes for CWA Cats

## Lacey



I adopted Lacey from Cat Welfare when she was 9 weeks old. I was in the office to pick up calendars and she was there in a carrier. When I asked about her they said she was waiting to go home with Cathy, her foster parent. I already had three cats and wasn't looking for another one, but it was love at first sight.

At first my three cats acted afraid of her, but before a week was over they were all playing together. It's such fun to see them chasing each other.

Lacey talks to me. It's not a meow but a funny little sound from her throat. She does it especially when I call her name and she comes running. Lacey loves to play and also help with making the bed and folding laundry. In fact, she likes to help with almost everything.

Thank you Cathy and Cat Welfare for this wonderful kitty. I can't imagine life without her and my other three kitties.

*Adopted by: Donna Salzgeber*

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](mailto:catwelfarecats@yahoo.com). View these and many more "Happy Homes" stories on our website: [www.catwelfareohio.com](http://www.catwelfareohio.com).

## Abby



I adopted Abby on December 26, 2009, at Cat Welfare. The first time Abby sneezed was on my arm. She wouldn't get out of the box so we had to carry her out. My family always follows Abby and wouldn't let her explore her new home. She was very shy at first. She just needed to get used to it. We showed her where her litter box was and her food and her water and her bed. The next day she came upstairs and went in my little club house, which I don't use anymore, and that is her favorite spot. At night I showed her my bed. The next day we just snuggled with her. After that night I started one to-do list, and we did everything on it. After that day I went upstairs to see what she was doing and she was just sitting there. After that I carried her downstairs and just then my grandma scared her out of my arms. It looked like she was playing tag with me. Abby didn't eat at first, but then she started eating. After that she hid under the Christmas tree and she wouldn't come out. That night my dad came home and tried to get Abby to come to him. The morning after that I woke up and checked if Abby was awake. Then I carried her downstairs. She jumped out of my arms and went upstairs. From that point on she's been acting like a dog. She doesn't like to be petted on the body. That point on she's been the best cat ever.

*Written by: Tyler Yee*

*Adopted by: The Yee Family*

## Chip



I would say that I adopted Chip, but he chose me! At first we gave him the nickname "Zen Cat," because he seemed so calm, sleepy and lovey all the time. Once he had been here for a few weeks, though, he changed. He has times of running around like a mad cat, playing with everything, then he will zonk out and sleep wherever he can! We have to keep all our desktop pictures secure or he knocks them all to the floor when we are gone! He is now our snuggle kitty and he brings so much joy to us all.

*Adopted by: Crystal Pepin*

## Sirius Black



In August 2009, I came to Cat Welfare to look for a kitten and came home with little Jose (now Sirius Black, after a character in *Harry Potter*). SB won me over with his very loud purring. He is a very sweet and playful cat, though sometimes mischievous. He loves to cuddle, especially with his best friend, our dog Millie. He will often drop his favorite little red ball at our feet to play fetch. He has been known to unravel a roll of toilet paper, and has a collection of our pens under the couch. Sirius is a great addition to our home, and we love him dearly! Thank you Cat Welfare!

*Adopted by: The Sagar Family*

# Help Us Recruit New Members

Donations to non-profit organizations have been impacted by the overall economy at a time when more local animal rescue shelters and national non-profits are competing for donations. The members of Cat Welfare are the life blood of our organization. Your annual membership dues put food in the kitty bowls and pay for spay/neuter procedures that reduce the stray feline population. We are grateful for our core group of loyal supporters and long-time members. However, in 2010 the number of membership renewals dropped every month, for a 38% total loss of renewals. This dramatic downturn in membership renewals is a serious concern. We need your help to recruit new members and to retain our membership support at all levels.

Do you tweet? Are you on Facebook? Are you LinkedIn? Or are you more comfortable having an old-fashioned conversation with your friends and neighbors? Whatever your preference, turning to our friends and social networks for help is a powerful tool.

The CWA Membership Committee is asking each member to consider helping in three ways:

1. Renew your own membership, and if financially possible, consider supporting Cat Welfare at either a Patron or Life Membership level.
2. Each One, Reach One: Ask a friend who is not currently a member to join at any level. Cat Welfare offers a senior level membership at only \$10, and a pet can also join the organization for a \$5 membership.
3. Ask a second friend to join, or consider purchasing gift memberships for two of your friends.

If each one of our current members renewed his or her membership and brought in two new members, our membership level would triple in the next 12 months! Every time we turn to our members for help, you come through. You bring in items for our wish list; you bring in Kitten Replacement Milk during kitten season; you attend and support our events. We're turning to you today to help increase our membership. Bring in two and grow Cat Welfare's membership rosters.

In the spirit of caring, thank you from the Membership Committee.

## Happy Hour, Networking Event

Want to meet other Cat Welfare supporters, make some new connections and enjoy pizza and a drink? Come on out to Big Woody's Columbus, 165 Vine St. in the Arena District, from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, June 23, for our Happy Hour and Networking Event. Your \$10 ticket gets you a pizza dinner, and drinks will be available at Happy Hour pricing. Tickets will be available at the door or by sending in the form below. For more information, contact Gail Harbert, Program Manager, at 614-268-6096, Ext. 103.

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# Feline Wine & Dine a Tremendous Success



**Kimmy White and Steve Alexander**



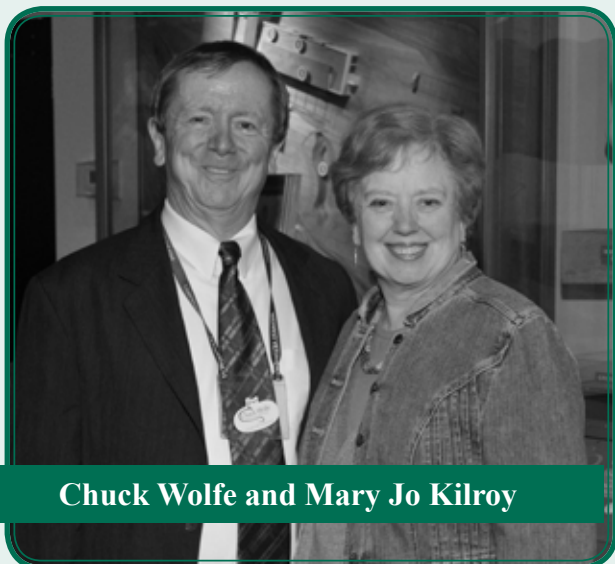
**Auction Co-Chairs Jennifer Parker and Stacey Stein and Event Chair Carol Smith**



**Michele Childs, Norm Childs, CWA Board President Sheila Zirkle and Paul Dodsworth**



**Lori and David Whitacre**



**Chuck Wolfe and Mary Jo Kilroy**



**Mel Honeycutt and Fred Osterman**

Thanks to Roland Millington for photographing the event.

## Ishie Memorial Fund

*for care of long-term shelter residents*

Maureen McCormick, "In memory of Cedar"  
Holly & Edward Fitch, "In memory of Mr. Roper and all like him that have touched our hearts"  
Debbie Taft, "In loving memory of Friday. Friday was a treasure and will be missed by all, especially by Aunt Debbie."  
Mark Pearson, "In memory of Rachel"  
Pamela Holladay, "For Cleopatra"  
Richard & Susan Litfin, "In memory of Max 'Bubba' Litfin"  
Ann McDowell, "In memory of John Ingalls"  
Judith Devicentis, "In memory of Candy"  
Christine Mannix, "In memory of Doc, who loved and was loved by every-one he met"  
Kathleen Edwards, "In memory of LeRoy Wittemire"  
Kathleen Seeger, "Rocky, loving tiger cat who died Dec. 2010, age 18"  
Melissa & Stephen Clines, "In memory of the Penn kitties"  
Judith Mead, "In memory of Elaine L. Strang, animal rights advocate & lover of cats"  
Judy Hardy, "In loving memory of Boots"  
Bill & Rosemary Bringardner, "Bob-Whimpy, Tiger, Still Missed"  
Janice & Dan Bailey, Robert & Norma Conrad, Annie Dixon, Mary Lou Bean, Betty Fox, Patricia Johnson, Mary & Jack Crabbe, Joann Sadler, Dale & Marty Keener, Joy & Ed Weiler, Dr. Brenda Dervin, John & Nancy Sue Irwin, Alice Kimbell

## Cat-A-Lack Chow Club

*for food for the shelter kitties*

Ann Barrett, Judy Malenick, Dayna Chessin, Ann Barrett, Barbara Garcia, Dorothy Howard Flynn, Becky Oberholtzer, J.H. Liberator, Shirley Ann Hiles, Joy & Ed Weiler, Karen Ouellette, Frank & Pamela Wheeler

## Joey's Good Samaritan Fund

*financial assistance for owned cats in need of medical care*

Paul Frazier, Carol Ann Bradley, Diane Boyer, Gail & Blake Harbert, Arlene Eis, Brian & Christi Young, Joan Shkolnik, Heidi Sherer, Mike Weingard, Joy & Ed Weiler, RoseAnn Ballangee, Judy James, Doris Buker, Cathi Eisle, Mary Jane Ryan

## Willard's Village Babies Fund

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

Anne Riley, Joy & Ed Weiler, Dorothy Rowland, Amy Pfeiffer, Jen Nims, Judy James, Richard Austin, Sue & Cappy Victor

## Vincent Fund

*for emergency care for shelter cats*

Catherine Ridenbaugh, Irina & Boris Pittel, Andy Hathaway, RoseAnn Ballangee, Charles & Mary Babcock, Jacqueline Gutter, Mary Popowski, Shawn Willis, Jason Craig, Michael, Pam, Tammy, Gayle, Jackie, Zach, Zareah, Emma Jean Haycook, Lennis Green, Helen Southall, Marjorie Obrist, Marion & Mark West, Ilisa Nodelman, Paul Hinson, Mary & Jack Crabbe, Patricia Eiben, Dorothy Cobbs, Dorothy Myers

## Travis Fund

*for spaying/neutering kittens*

Kimberly Richardson, Norman Booth, Gail Zink, Abbey Sciarini Heys, Timothy Thompson

## Altering Fund

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

Andrea Johan, Charles & Mary Babcock, Mary Jane Ryan, Sam Snedaker, Gwenneth Allen, Alice Tully, Mary & Jack Crabbe, Patricia Eiben, Dick & Linda Hamilton

## Important Shelter Information

From January through April 2011, we **adopted 196 cats** into loving homes and **subsidized 866 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](mailto: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:

Marty Montgomery for purchasing a new refrigerator for Cat Welfare and to Barbara Ruppel, Brenda Finfgeld, Linda Schellkopf, Julie Karovics, Phyllis May (in memory of Deborah Kirk), Lois Jean Patchin, Penny Ellis and Frank Eck for helping the shelter purchase a new industrial-grade washing machine.

Neverland Dance Parties and Circus for hosting "A Saturday Carnival" in April and raising \$680 for the shelter!

Susanne Canale for donating a much appreciated new digital camera.

The estate of Mary Jo Harrison for their generous gift.



# We make friendships for life!

They call me Bud here at Cat Welfare. I look a little frowny most of the time, but it's because my life hasn't been all that easy. I am listed in the Cat Welfare database as a stray cat, but in truth, I wandered here from who knows where. I was abandoned outdoors quite some time ago, and in the course of my wanderings, I found a free handout of food and a place to get

out of the weather just outside Cat Welfare. For a very long time, I stayed outdoors and was not too eager to get close to the people I saw. One day, though, I let one of the women who work here touch me, and then I decided they were OK. Before I knew it, they brought me inside, which was a good thing because it was starting to get cold. Since then, I have been learning how to be a proper gentleman. I am doing a very good job of it, if I do say so myself! I am a rather large guy, approximately 5 years old, almost all black. I am neutered and declawed. I definitely like the people I have met here and enjoy sitting on laps and sending warm purring vibrations to anyone who needs them. I would like to become a member of a nice family someday. Maybe yours?

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

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