

The Feline Forum

October/November 2009



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2010 Calendar Photo Contest Winners



Announcing the winners of the CWA 2010 Calendar Photo Contest! As in years past, there were many lovely photos that made the selection process very difficult. The 13 large photos were chosen from the top 20 photos with the most online votes. Other photos will be featured on the monthly calendar pages and on the collage page. Everyone that entered the contest was already a winner, because each of your adorable kitties has a loving home. An order form is on page 6.

The Top 13 photos for 2010 are:

Ellie	- "Hello there!" by Debra Fitch
Lucky	- "Now I Lay Me Down to Sleep!" by Mariana Cornell
Mynxi-Josette	- "Striking a Pose" by Bonnie Smithson
Bear	- "I'm a Pretty Boy" by Penny Ellis
Samson	- "Among Flowers" by Carol Schortgen
Muk	- "What 'cha Doing?" by Gail Harbert
Cabbitt Rose	- "Royalty" by Jackie Rose
Momma Kitty	- "Lazy Afternoon" by Anonymous
Mona	- "Off Duty!" by Char Riedinger
Mezcal	- "Sunny Days" by Angeles Borrego
Sneakers	- "On Watch" by Bob Kennedy
Percy	- "Under the Bird Tree" by Kathryn Lane
Wooly Bully	- "Lounging Under the Christmas Tree" by Ross LaGue

Top Cat



Della has strategically modified November's Top Cat Election into a coronation set for 11/05 at noon as part of the celebration during National Shelter Appreciation week. Queen Della certainly appreciates all of the votes she won in past years.

This year Della would like to ask that her loyal fans make a moist can food donation in her honor. Della promises to share her bounty with all of her shelter pals.



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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. (1st Wednesday 4:00 - 7:00 p.m., other Wednesdays 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.).

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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Direct Connect

Friends,

It's hard to believe fall is here already! Although the influx of kittens has slowed down a bit, we are still very busy here at the shelter!

Thanks to all of you who have registered your Kroger Plus card. This past quarter, you helped us earn almost \$1,000 from this program! And to think...all you have to do is shop! If you do not have a card, or if you still need to register your card, please go to www.kroger.com. Our organization number is 83895.

Our annual holiday bazaar is right around the corner and we are seeking new or gently used holiday items to make it a huge success! Did you receive any gifts last year you were thinking about re-gifting this year? How about donating them to the holiday bazaar? It might just be the perfect gift for someone else! We will also have delicious soy candles for sale in yummy scents such as: Sugar Cookie and Spiced Cranberry. Stop by the Catique now if you are need of spooky items for Halloween!

Cat Welfare Association, Inc. bid fond farewells to two special people last month. Kat Cummings, who had been an employee for over a year, was offered a position at The Wilds where she will continue to follow her passion of working with animals. Kelsey Hardin, daughter of employee Jill Hardin, who was a volunteer for three years and an employee for one, is starting her exciting college career at the College of Wooster. We wish them both best of luck as they pursue these wonderful endeavors!

Thanks to all of you who answered our plea in the last newsletter for office supplies! Your generosity was overwhelming! This issue, our critical needs are for wet cat food and for the Adobe InDesign software so that we can

continue to make the newsletter the best it can be!

All of us at Cat Welfare Association, Inc. are so grateful for all the support we receive from our members, volunteers and fans! At a time when the need for our services is increasing, your assistance is needed and appreciated more than ever!

With compassion, *Jill* 


Cat Caper Sponsors

Cat Welfare would like to thank our 2009 Cat Caper Sponsors:

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Antonio

Antonio arrived at Cat Welfare in July of 2009. The 10 week old little guy had an unusual purr and did not seem to have the boundless energy one typically finds in a kitten. Quite the snuggler, Antonio quickly became a staff favorite. Upon veterinarian examination, it was determined that Antonio had a nasopharyngeal polyp. The polyp, located in the back of his throat, was restricting Antonio's ability to breathe. There was some discussion about the appropriate time to perform the necessary surgery but because Antonio was not playing at all and his breathing had become more labored, he was immediately scheduled to have the polyp removed.

Cat Welfare would like to thank Dr. Melanie deHaan for performing the surgery and returning to us that same day a bouncing, wiggling kitten who wanted to play and whose purr sounded like music to our ears. Antonio, now quite the spitfire, was adopted into a loving home on September 6th. 



Kitty Warriors!

Beyond the comforts of home, Rusty, a "kittypet" or house cat, finds adventure when he finds himself outside and is offered the chance to join the ThunderClan, a gang of feral cats in the area. Jumping at the chance, he is

renamed Firepaw and begins his training as a warrior.

Harper Collins publishes this exciting set of children's books in three series. The first, Warriors, starts with "Into the Wild." The second, the New Prophecy, begins with a book titled "Midnight," and lastly, Power of Three, starts with "The Sight." They are recommended for grades 5 and up, but adults like them too.

The author, listed as Erin Hunter, is actually three women! Cherith Baldry, Kate Cary, and Victoria Holmes collectively write the Warriors stories. When the ladies were asked in an interview how they came up with the ideas in the stories, they said that Kate and Cherith have always loved cats - and writing fantasy stories! Cherith is particularly interested in the stories of King Arthur, with all those glorious battles, knights, and courtly code of behavior. You can see all of these themes in Warriors.

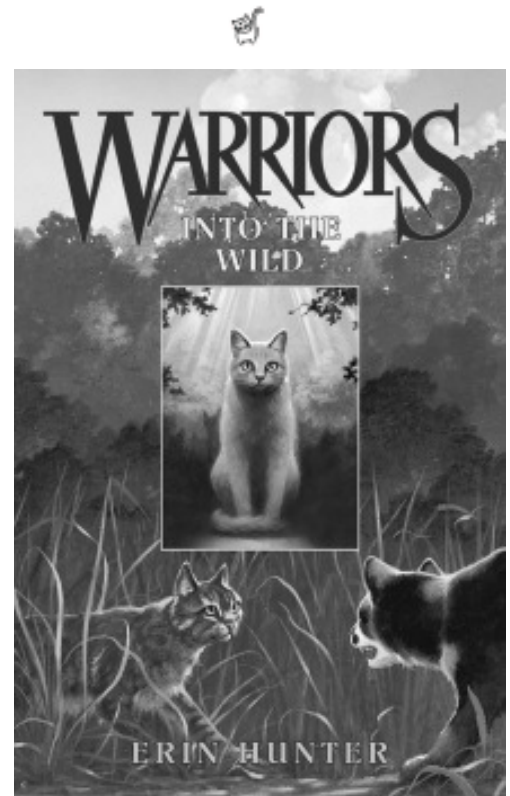
Kate is fascinated by animal interaction, and the way you can read all sorts of hidden motivation into what cats do. She's not afraid of describing the goriest scenes!

They are both very interested in ancient forms of worship, such as

astrology and stone circles, and use their knowledge to give depth and richness to the cats' own mythology. They also believe whole-heartedly that cats are perfectly intelligent enough to come up with this sort of complex belief system!

You can find these books at most bookstores and online.

The official website can be found at www.warriorcats.com.



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Quality new and gently used items that have been donated to the shelter are priced to move. We have collectibles, seasonable merchandise, treasures and more!

100% of the proceeds will benefit our shelter.

Happy Homes for CWA Cats

Oliver



This was the adorable little kitten we brought home from Cat Welfare two years ago. The name he had at Cat Welfare was Ron. We now call him Oliver and he has been so wonderful. He isn't as cuddly as our last kitty, but does like to snuggle next to me at bedtime. He is very smart and has some dog-like traits. He will fetch his toys and bring them back to us to throw again, he eats all of his food in one sitting instead of nibbling all day and things like that. We love him very much!!! He is long and lean and is much bigger now. We were amazed at how much he grew in just a couple months!! Wow!

Adopted by: Cheryl Hill

Pandora



When I started visiting the shelter around June 2008, I was not planning on adopting immediately, but I absolutely fell in love with a quiet, shy kitty, Lucille (now Pandora). I talked to someone and they said she had been at the shelter for 6 months and really was unhappy with all the other cats. I ended up taking her home the next day, and it was one of the best decisions I've ever made. Little did I know, Pandora was a rambunctious talkative (very, very talkative!) kitty! She likes to climb into cardboard boxes and can open cabinets, and soon earned the name Pandora for her curiosity! Pandora now enjoys back scratches in the sun and pretends to help do the laundry. Her favorite thing to do is to sit in the window and watch the birds outside. I'm very grateful to Cat Welfare for my kitty, and for all you guys do! Keep it up!

Adopted by: Brittany Jones

Roxy



My boyfriend and I adopted Roxy in October of 2007, and she has been our spoiled little girl ever since! When she first came home, she was very scared and shy, and hid under a desk for almost a week. Eventually she adjusted wonderfully, and now she follows us around, rubbing on our legs and making quirky little chirping noises. Most of the time I call her "RoxySoxy" or "Socksface," due to her penchant for munching on socks. She always gives us a laugh by contorting herself into ridiculous positions to sleep in, and by finding her way under the covers at night to snuggle us. She is a fantastic addition to our family and we wouldn't trade her silly fluffy face for the world! Thank you Cat Welfare for taking care of her until she found us.

Adopted by: Leah Kolbe

Send your "Happy Homes" photo(s) and short story (200 words or less if possible) 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 on our web site: www.catwelfareohio.com

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Board Elections

Do you have special skills in organizational management, finance, law, computer programming, or other areas? Do you enjoy fundraising? Then consider being a board member of Cat Welfare. Board members are required to attend scheduled meetings, work on committees, fundraise, and be ambassadors for Cat Welfare.

Prospective board members must be a CWA member for a full year prior to the election. The Board of Directors will be voted upon at our meeting in February 2010. If you are interested, please contact Jill Lee at 614-404-2287. The deadline for applications is November 15, 2009.



Dollars and Scents

CWA is partnering with the Candle Lab for this fundraiser to sell 8 oz. soy candles that burn for 60 hours. These candles are made with top quality fragrant oils and would make wonderful holiday gifts. The candles come in a variety of scents: Pine Needles, Sugar Cookie, Cinnamon Stick, Pumpkin Pie, Spiced Cranberry, Hot Cocoa, Vanilla, Lilac, Coconut, Blackberry, Buckeye and Lemongrass

The deadline for placing a paid in advance order is 10/25/09. Candles will be available for pick-up on 11/07/09 and 11/08/09 between 12:00 PM and 3:00 PM. Help us turn scents into dollars. This sale will benefit the Joey's Good Samaritan Fund. An order form for the candles can be found on page 6 of this newsletter.



We Need Elves!

Our shelter elves are hard at work from Black Friday thru Christmas Eve raising funds for the residents' needs by wrapping gifts at various Barnes & Noble locations. Last year this fundraiser, orchestrated by Brenda Martin, raised just over \$1,200 for the shelter.

Would you like to be a part of the merriment this year? Shifts range from two to four hours, and we always have two representatives covering each shift. If you would like to learn more about this fundraiser or are ready to sign up to help, please contact Gail Harbert at cwawolunteers@gmail.com or 268-6096, ext. 103.



Tiger and Princess Nutmeg

COSMO Campaign

Community Shares of Mid Ohio connects workplace campaign donors to local non-profits working on the issues and causes they care about most. Cat Welfare is one of fifty member agencies that will be participating in several workplace campaigns in 2009.

You can help by remembering Community Shares and Cat Welfare in your workplace giving campaign. It's easy to give and easy to help when you give through payroll deduction. If you receive a bi-weekly paycheck, then just \$2 per pay period ensures that one cat gets spayed or neutered!



Tiger Update

In February you were introduced to Tiger, a senior kitty with Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia, and Princess Nutmeg, his beautiful sidekick, who live in the south end offices at our shelter. We thought you might enjoy an update.

Tiger is doing well and his recent blood work indicates that he is in remission. He is active, boisterous and demanding. Princess Nutmeg has become quite comfortable in her daily routine and has grown into an extremely loving cat. Princess Nutmeg will groom the person she shares her office with and has also become quite the chatty cat.

Tiger and Princess Nutmeg would like to thank all of the Cat Welfare supporters for giving two cats, discarded from their homes, a place where they know love and security.



Critical Need: Wet cat food & Adobe InDesign Software

Ishie Memorial Fund

for care of long-term shelter residents

Megan MacRae, Anna Teichmoeller, Charles Minshall, Pamela & Robert Huggins, Melissa Price, Don Harper, Sue Lape

Kimberly Lundy, "In memory of Bubba"

Shainna Sticklen, "In loving memory of Starlight"

Renee Yurovich, "In memory of Gypsi"

Dawne Brooks, "In memory of Princess Violet 6/94 – 8/3/09"

Estella Gallutia, "In loving memory of Mosby"

Albert & Kathleen Johnson, "In memory of Baby, beloved friend of Greg, Sue, & Angela Johnson"

Mary Sheppard, "Remembering Buster with love"

Janet Vanburen, "Yahcee – a handsome old gentleman"

Willard's Village Babies Fund

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

Laura Mailloux, Sara Moser, Sue & Cappy Victor, Albert & Kathleen Johnson, Marjorie Obrist, Dorothy Howard Flynn, Paul Calderone, Anne Riley

Julie Cecutti, "In memory of Cora Mae Bellknap"

Travis Fund

for spaying/neutering kittens

Joyce Russell, Chris Fort

Cat-A-Lack Chow Club

for food for the shelter kitties

Meredith Lewis, Carol Ann Bradley, Shirley Ann Hiles

Vincent Fund

for emergency care for shelter cats

Dorothy Cobbs, Barbara Moseley, Robert & April Matthews, Anita Dean

Joey's Good Samaritan Fund

financial assistance for owned cats in need of medical care

Karen Pierce, Nancy Hile, Karen Dietch

Julie Cecutti, "In memory of Cora Mae Bellknap"

Altering Fund

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

Emma Jean Haycook, Richard & Lynne McWherter, Roberta Yarnell, Celia Forker, Mary Darlene Papin, Paul Calderone, Barbara Weinstock, Juanita Woods, Willis Gibboney, Jean Collier, Mary Jane Ryan, Paula Mathew, Scott Butler, Molly Muth, Jill Williams

Thanks for supporting Cat Welfare and our feline friends. Your support is greatly appreciated!



Important Shelter Information

From January through August 2009, we **adopted 579 cats** into loving homes and **subsidized 1,685 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 268-6096, ext. 103.

Shelter Wish List:

KMR (kitten milk replacement), Kitten Chow, dry cat food, moist cat food, brown paper grocery bags, Windex, clean newspapers, clean towels, clay litter, dryer sheets, bleach, liquid dishwashing soap, instant hand sanitizer, Clorox wipes, Mr. Clean Magic Eraser pads, laundry detergent, stainless steel Chore Boy scrubbies, and Mr. Clean with Febreze.

Special Events

Volunteer Orientation - 11/01 at 4:00 PM

Cat Tales - 11/04 from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Westerville Public Library. Family orientated story time with a visit from a CWA furry friend.

Pet Photos with Santa - Dec 12th, 13th, 19th and 20th, 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM at Complete Petmart, 5030 N. High Street. \$10, \$3 additional for e-mailed digital copy. Proceeds to benefit our Vincent fund.

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We make friendships
for life!

Hopalong (#30862) Hi! I'm Hopalong. I was brought to Cat Welfare in May 2009. Upon veterinarian examination, it was determined that my leg injury was an old break that had already set and healed in a peculiar manner. It was decided that it was not a necessity to remove the limb so I look a little different than the other cats here. I get around quite well though. I move fairly quickly and I like to wander over and ask visitors for affection. Some people walk away and are no longer interested in me when they see my leg. I am hoping one day someone will look past my leg and give me a forever home. It would be great if I could live in a home where I don't have

to utilize stairs to reach the litter box. I would do just fine in a home with other cats as I certainly enjoy being just one of the gang here at the shelter. The staff also believes that a home with carpet in the majority of rooms would be ideal for me. In this picture, I'm enjoying a stroll out in our outdoor enclosure while trying to get some loving from one of my special friends. Hope you'll come in and see me soon.

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

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