

The Feline Forum

Summer 2008



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2008 Open House a great success

Fabulous weather and a wonderful turn out from the community made our 2008 Open House a great success. This year's **Paw Print art raised over \$1,000** for our shelter. Thank you to the talented shelter residents who gave up a little nap time and shared their talents in creating the wonderful paintings.

Many visitors commented on the tasty food offerings and how fun it was to have a Caribbean style band at the event. We greatly appreciate the participation of the vendors who came out to share their products and talents.

Thank you also to everyone who attended and to the staff and volunteers for their hard work that made this event possible. Twelve kitties also were adopted into what we believe will be their forever homes during our Open House.

(Pictured below) Nikki Schock lends a helping hand to cat artist Bushka. Bushka along with the other Cat Welfare residents that worked on the Paw Print artwork would like to thank Nikki for helping them express their creative side while also making the process full of fun!



The above painting was created by Cat Welfare resident Tiger. His painting was one of the first paintings to sell. If you missed out on getting a painting for your home, then be sure to attend next year's Open House so you too can own a unique cat art masterpiece.

New! Cat Welfare now has evening hours

Cat Welfare will now be **open on Wednesdays until 8:00 p.m.!** Unable to come in to the shelter on the weekends or in the afternoon? Then be sure to mark Wednesdays on your calendar as being the perfect time to visit Cat Welfare! The shelter will be open the first Wednesday of each month from 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. only. All other Wednesdays the shelter will be open from 11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.!

Be sure to tell your friends about our new evening hours. Not looking to adopt? Then come in and visit our kitties. They love the extra attention and our staff loves it when people come in to pet the kitties. Petting, grooming, and socializing with our kitties is **the perfect way to help** a shy cat come out of her shell and to give our temporary and permanent residents the extra love they crave.

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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 - 8:00 p.m., other Wednesdays 11:00 a.m. - 8:00 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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Stories from the sun porch

Hello everyone! This is Della. Now that I'm busy being a spokescat for Cat Welfare at events and hosting parties (like my birthday party fundraiser earlier in the year) I've decided to delegate my reporting duties to my friends Agent 61 and Bond. Before I hand over the reigns though, I'd like to thank my special friend Mel Honeycutt for hosting **the best birthday party a girl could ever hope for!** Thanks also to everyone that attended my party and made me feel super special! I hope you'll like the boys reports and be sure to let me know how you think they are doing.

Agent 61 and Bond reporting...

Hello there! My name is Agent 61. I came to Cat Welfare in March of 2005 with my brother Bond. Someone threw us out of a moving car in the shelter's parking lot, but then the loving staff gathered us up and cared for us. We have lived here happily ever since! I'm even one of the stars of the shelter's Guardian Angel program.

In our time at Cat Welfare we have seen a lot of cats and kittens come and go to loving homes. My brother and I like to watch everything that goes on here at Cat Welfare. Doing so makes us feel like real secret agents!

There are countless stories I could tell, but right now I want to report on one special kitty that was recently brought to the shelter. This poor guy must have been outside on his own for a long time having to protect himself from danger. From my secretive look out post, I could see he was very beat up. He had many wounds that were very infected and painful.



Della, 2008 Top Cat

I hurried to find my brother and told him to keep a watchful eye on the new cat. Bond is very good at that sort of thing. It turns out neither of us had to worry for very long. One of our caretakers here took him to our vet to see if they could save him. For several long days we waited, very worried and concerned for our new friend. **With special care from the vet and people here, he recovered.** Bond and I were so relieved and glad the newcomer made it. He was given the name Rusty because his fur is the color of rust.

We, Agent 61 and Bond, the new spokescats, do solemnly swear to spy upon the happenings at Cat Welfare and report them to you. As beloved cats that have been at the shelter for a little over three years, we know a lot of the goings-on. Because the staff love us, we really don't think they will mind too much. Until next time!



Agent 61 and Bond's special friend, Rusty

You see them hard at work now meet and get to know them! Cat Welfare's Employee Spotlight: Meet Robin Moore

When a visitor first walks into Cat Welfare, they pass through the front lobby area. Often they are greeted by a hello from the room just off the lobby where Robin Moore works surrounded by many purring residents.

Robin is the Office Manager for Cat Welfare. For those adopting a cat from CWA, she is often times the one who helps complete the adoption process.

Robin has been with Cat Welfare for over nine years. Although she loves all of the residents, **the elderly and special needs cats are her favorites.** Robin has many cats of her own at home and often takes care of strays in her neighborhood. Robin has been married for 28 years and has two children age 28 and 26.



Robin stated that she loves her Cat Welfare family. "They are the best! The staff, members, Catique crew, and the board have been with me through some rough patches. I cannot thank them enough for believing in me. I am here to serve all of my family, the cats,

the staff, the members, and the board. Anything I can do just dial R for Robin at Cat Welfare!"

Thank you Robin for all of your years of dedicated service to Cat Welfare and its residents.

Keeping the shelter clean and the cats healthy

Along with spring showers and summer sun comes the season for kittens! With the large intake of kittens and their mothers during this season, **the need comes for extra cleaning to keep the shelter clean and the cats healthy.**

Each morning, every cage is cleaned and lined with clean newspapers. Each litter pan is washed and refilled with litter. Brown paper bags are then used to dispose of the trash.

On a daily basis, all of the floors are mopped. The countertops, cabinets, walls and windows are also cleaned daily. Each day, the tops and sides of the cage banks are also cleaned. Paper towels are used to clean almost everything and stainless steel

scrubbies work great on the really tough spots.

To keep the beds for the kitties clean, plush, and smelling good, we do about 8 loads of laundry daily.

Throughout the day, the staff, volunteers, and visitors use liquid hand soap and instant hand sanitizer to keep us from passing germs from cat to cat.

With your support, we can **make this kitten season a clean and healthy one in our shelter.** See our wish list on page 11 for a list of items you can donate to Cat Welfare. All donations are tax deductible. Thanks for your help!

Cruise raffle

Here is your chance to **win a fabulous 5 day cruise** aboard Carnival Cruise Lines for 2 people, including all government taxes, fees, and shipboard gratuities!

Tickets are just \$5 each or 5 for \$20 and can be purchased in the shelter or via our website. The winner will be drawn on November 9th and **all proceeds benefit Cat Welfare.**

Thanks to Brenda Doner, Independent Cruise Specialist for donating this exciting prize!

Thanks to all of our wonderful staff, volunteers, members, and supporters for your continued support and for caring about our feline friends.

Happy Homes for CWA Cats



Pabu (above photo) was adopted by the Maki family. "When I lived with you, my name was Casper. Last spring, my new parents came to visit and picked me to become their new kitty. Now my name is Pabu, which is Tibetan for "ball of wool", because I am a big white puffball. You can see a picture of me here with my "niece" Luka. My family laughs at how talkative I am, and at how I try to get extra treats by every means possible. I am quite the charmer, if I do say so myself. In my leisure time, I chase around my friend Simba, an 11 year old Himalayan who is much faster than he looks. I certainly have made my family very happy. Thank you for taking such good care of me while I stayed with you, and for all the work you do to help kitties. Meow."

Mia (photo right) lives with the Kulbago family. "I adopted Mia (then Amber) from Cat Welfare last summer. I had never had a cat before and was worried that we wouldn't be a good mix. I couldn't have been more wrong. Mia is an absolutely sweet



cat who loves to cuddle and sleep in my bed. After I get home from work, she follows me around from room to room meowing until I give her treats and attention. She loves to play and is very loving. She is friendly to guests, maybe a little too friendly as she ran right up to my visiting sister (who is allergic to cats) and immediately jumped on her lap and started rubbing against her! I would like to thank Cat Welfare for taking such good care of Mia until her and I met! She is the best cat ever! Thank you again."



Smokey (above photo) lived with Mark Jones. "On November 10, 2007, I lost my best friend in the world... Smokey. I adopted Smokey in July of 1991 as a kitten and she lived as my faithful companion for 16.5 years. It was the hardest thing I've ever had to do to put her to sleep forever. Smokey loved to be brushed. I miss her most in the evening when I lay down to sleep... she slept next to my legs every night."

Happy Homes for CWA Cats

“Hi, my name is Lucas! (photo right) My mom came and got me on April Fool’s day in 2006 because she wanted another kitty to keep Banshee, the little girl kitty she already had, company. My Mom looked around at all the kitties at the shelter and decided she wanted me. I wasn’t real keen on getting into the carrier but Mom just wouldn’t give up and kept trying till she finally cornered me. While I was at the shelter I wasn’t real crazy about people handling me (at least that’s what they told my Mom), and when I came home it took me a while to get used to being loved on. Mom wouldn’t give up though. She would pet my head (that was as close as I would get) and every now and then she would grab me up and hold me until I relaxed. Eventually I started to like it when she did and then one day I just decided to get in her lap and see what that was like and I just stayed there as much as I could from then on. I really liked being in my Mom’s lap, it was warm and she would rub my head and pet me and talk to me, it was great.



She even got a thing that she called a harness and took me outside to walk in the yard with her. Wow! That was so cool. After I proved to her that I was a good boy she let me walk with her and I always stayed right with her like she told me to. I am sooo glad I got to have a real home. I started losing weight though and Mom took me to the vet and they did some blood tests and the vet said I had this thing called FIP and that they couldn’t do anything to make it go away. My Mom was so upset, she cried and cried cause she loved me so much. You see I was really losing a lot of weight, I would eat and eat and then it all just came back out, one way or another, without sticking to my ribs. I was only 5 and a half pounds at the end. Mom took me back home and didn’t want to take me to go to the Rainbow Bridge but I was just getting sicker and wasn’t feeling good at all. She told me about the Rainbow Bridge and how I would feel better and I would be warm and be able to run and play and I wouldn’t be hungry all the time anymore. She finally decided that to make me feel better she was going to have to take me to the vet so she could send me to the Bridge where I can wait for my Mom to come and join me some day. I know I’m going to miss her and she’s going to miss me but she said it’s only for awhile and she’ll be there with me again.”

“Lucas was one of the warmest, loving, sweet kitties I have ever had the pleasure to belong to. I have had a very difficult time sitting down to write this letter, I truly loved that little cat. FIP was something that I knew nothing about previous to this and I was just horrified that there was nothing that could be done. Even though I only had him for a year and a half it was a time just full of love. I am so very glad I was able to give him a forever home even though it was for far too short a time. On October 20, 2007 he went to the Rainbow Bridge to wait for me. I miss him very much. Linda Stokes”

Lucas was one of our Special Adoption cats that was extremely shy while in the shelter. For more photos of Lucas and to read earlier updates from his mom, visit the Special Adoptions section of our website and click on the link that goes to the section where we have Special Adoptions happy homes stories. Note: the Special Adoptions happy homes page has many photos and stories and will take a while to download if you have dial up service. However, the page has many wonderful photos and stories of kitties that most likely would not have been given a chance in another shelter.

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 at our web site: www.catwelfareohio.com.

Happy Homes for CWA Cats



Mrs. Palmer (above left) and Zoey (above right) live with the Tyler family. “Ten years ago we adopted a trio of abandoned young brothers. They grew up to be large, magnificent long-haired boys. Everybody always told me that it would be impossible to add more cats into the house; the cats would be traumatized. But I remembered when we brought in the three kittens. Much older Doulton decided to be a mentor figure to them and wisely and sagely taught them various ways to appreciate fish cat food. Myra, our older female, clearly thought that they deserved a lot of grooming. She took her maternal role seriously. Despite outside opinion, I decided that my boys could be as adaptable as Myra and Doulton were in 1997.

Last August I brought home Zoey, aged 13. Zoey was returned to Cat Welfare by a family who was moving. I cannot begin to comprehend how they could abandon Zoey, when she so very quickly became necessary to me. Zoey is healthy, beautiful, and very grateful to have a home. Zoey loves to watch the humans and she enjoys reading with me. She and Oslo, one of our ten year olds, are nap buddies. They have a strong bond based upon a mutual love of sleeping. Because Zoey came out of her shell when she arrived at my house and became an ideal pet, I was open to adopting again. On October 4th Mrs. Palmer came to live with us. Mrs. Palmer had been at Cat Welfare for a couple months and did not know how to campaign for adoption. Whenever I picked her up, she would purr, nuzzle, cuddle, and chirp with love and longing. The day I brought her home nobody was prepared for slow introductions. Within 45 minutes of her arrival, Mrs. Palmer was kissing and grooming and snuggling with the other cats. At age 7, Mrs. Palmer adds a touch of youth to our home.

I cannot imagine a life without Zoey or Mrs. Palmer. Before I met them I had not realized what a great choice it is to adopt older and shyer cats. Zoey came to us with the wisdom of time and life experience eager to cherish life in a smaller home. How divine for her to trade from almost 300 roommates to only 6! Mrs. Palmer came to us with the excitement of a sailor setting sail on a round the world voyage! Whatever love I have offered them has been compounded weekly, daily, hourly with a vast return of love, trust, and companionship. And my three boys? Their life is better than ever with their two new sisters. If you read this, consider how you, too, might benefit from adopting an older cat. Think about the shy and withdrawn cat. Chances are these cats will come into their own once they are at home and radiate love and devotion in your direction.”

Thanks to everyone who has adopted a cat from Cat Welfare! Be sure to share your happy homes story with us soon.

Happy Homes for CWA Cats

Missy (photo right) lives with the Rice family. “Hello! This is Missy. We adopted Missy on January 5, 2007. My 4 year old son and I were at Cat Welfare for a couple hours. Quite overwhelmed and having a hard time choosing. Missy came in while we were there. She had just been returned because someone in her family was allergic to her. We opened her cage and she came right out to my son and let him hold her. I noticed the sign on the wall that said they do not adopt kittens to homes with children under the age of 5. But I think the staff members could tell that this was a true friendship beginning. They told us it would be okay to adopt her.

Missy was a little frightened upon first arriving at home. Shortly after we got home, a friend stopped and had a new puppy with her. The puppy loved to chase pant legs and accidentally nipped my son’s leg. As soon as he started crying, Missy was all of a sudden fearless! She leaped off the chair and went after the puppy! And when the baby cried, she was right there making sure he was okay. She doesn’t like to see her kids sad at all! Missy is absolutely perfect! She shares her home with Mom, Dad, 2 wonderful boys, and 2 dogs. She plays and cuddles with them all. She is the most patient kitten. She would let the baby do about anything to her. She has never scratched him. I am pleased that we got a kitten to grow up with the boys. She plays with them during the day and at bed time she is snuggled up with one of them (I think she thinks the portacrib was set up for her?).

Thank you so much for our new family member. I think that she helped our son with the transition of having a new baby brother. There was someone to give him their constant attention.”



New column: Dear Phoebe

Hello fellow felines! I am Phoebe, an Abyssinian cat who lives at Capital Veterinary Referral and Emergency Center. I have great knowledge of veterinary medicine because I have been listening and observing since I was a small kitten adopted and brought to the practice. It is a great place to live - there is always someone home with me because they never close and even though I have one Mom I also have a huge extended family of other veterinarians and vet technicians. I pretty much rule the hospital and everyone in it! Recently Della came to see one of our doctors and, as Top Cat, she asked for my help with the newsletter. She said a lot of other cats don’t understand much about medicine and surgery so she wanted me to start a column for all the cats out there that may have questions about their medical problems. So if any of our cat readers have questions I may be able to help with please send them to:

Cat Welfare
Attn: Dear Phoebe
741 Wetmore Rd.
Columbus, OH 43214

Oh, I have a new little brother Spencer who may help out on occasion with the kitten perspective, although he is very immature and barely knows anything compared to my superior intellect.

Cat-A-Lack Chow Club formed

Did you know **Cat Welfare goes through 40 pounds of dry food and 40 cans of canned food every day**, 365 days a year? Ever plan to drop off cat food at the shelter but time slipped away and you never made it?

For all of us whose time-sensitive schedules stand in the way of good intentions - join the club.... the Cat-A-Lack Chow Club, that is. The club form is on page 9 of the newsletter and can also be downloaded from the CWA website, www.catwelfareohio.com. For an annual contribution of \$10 or more, you can **do a lot to help the fabulous CWA felines all year long!** Just send in your check payable to CWA with the completed club membership form.

Kudos to the 21 Cat-A-Lack Chow club charter members who kicked off this new cat chow cash kitty with \$635 in donations: Vivian Lermond (club founder), Pat Stover, Carol Brown, David Grant, Lois Sellers, Janet DeTorre, Susan Moran, Nanci Whiteman, Val Dicicco, Kathi Hess, Lisa Schneider, Sue Walker, Jane Campanizzi, Sara Trepanier, Clay Cormany, Frankie Hale, Vanessa Arnold, Steve Shipp (& Pete), Dorothy Proffitt, Mary Hayes, and Mary Woods!



Super Sunday Silent Auction news

Raise funds for the felines and have some fun! Here's your chance to do all your holiday shopping early at opening bid prices even old Scrooge would love! Mark your calendar. The Super Sunday Silent Auction is October 19 from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. at The Shamrock Club, 60 W. Castle Road (off S. High Street, a half mile south of Frank Road) - a location easy to get to from everywhere.

There will be a complimentary Nibbles and Nosh buffet and a cash bar in the downstairs pub (complete with a wide screen TV available for Sunday sports fanatics to watch). Tickets are only \$10 and are pre-event only. Only 150 tickets will be sold and currently fewer than 50 tickets remain available. All reservations will be on a first-come, first-serve basis upon receipt of payment.

Ticket sales are now open and reservation forms are available in the CWA lobby and can be downloaded from the shelter website. Note: tickets will not be mailed and you will be checked in at the door. All payments for tickets must be received by October 15.

If you'd like to join the event team, donate an item, or sell tickets, then contact the silent auction event chairperson, Vivian Lermond at: lermond_778@hotmail.com.

If you'd like to donate a "forkless" food item, then please contact Heather Fletcher, Nibbles and Nosh captain via: cwavolunteers@gmail.com.

We hope we'll see you there!



The Catique Corner



Article by Alice Lahrmer

This newsletter I send a special thank you to Adina Pelletier at PODS Columbus. She has generously supplied CWA with two PODS (portable on demand storage) units at a discounted rate. These units have **helped alleviate some of our problems of storage** and she has been absolutely wonderful to work with.

Also, I want to thank Kathy Menendian at K.A. Menendian Rugs for the donation of seven beautiful oriental rugs that we sold for a good profit through the Catique.

Pam Wogan is someone else I send a very special thanks to. She donated her husband Ron's collectible knives for Catique to sell on Ebay. My sympathy to her as her husband recently passed away. She said **he would want Cat Welfare to profit from his collection.**

Recently, I received a box of books for us to sell from Carole L. Malone shipped all the way from Alpharetta, Georgia. She said her heart is still in Columbus and Cat Welfare! She now fosters kittens and does rescue and

adoption work in the Atlanta area.

And lastly, Bill Hullivan here in Columbus has been instrumental in donating numerous medical carts. One of the carts is being used in our shelter surgery suite and front office exam room. They also make excellent storage units for tools or crafts and we have sold several in the Catique. We will have more available for sale soon. He also sent me an interesting article he found in the New York Times about the pope (during his recent visit to the US) who is a lifelong lover of cats. It is on display in the Catique. Thanks for everything Bill. Meow for now!

Be sure to stop in the Catique to see how one of our oldest and most popular fundraisers continues to be a big success. You may find something you've been looking for. Thanks to our dedicated group of volunteers who keep this important fundraiser going, to all the people that donate items for us to sell, and to our loyal customers.



Cat-A-Lack Chow Club

Your annual tax deductible contribution of just \$10 or more will help offset the cost of feeding the 250+ wonderful felines at Cat Welfare!

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Please check the amount of your donation:

\$10___ \$20___ \$30___ \$40___ \$50___ \$60___ \$100___ Other ___

Please make your check payable to:

Cat Welfare Association, 741 Wetmore Road, Columbus, Ohio 43214

Check memo line: Cat-A-Lack Chow Club

Join us for our 4th annual Cat Caper 5K

The fourth annual Cat Caper 5K will again be held at the Central Ohio Special Education Resource Center which is located at 470 Glenmont Avenue in Clintonville. This beautiful ravine course is open to runners and walkers of all skill levels. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m., the Kid's Fun Run starts at 9:15 a.m., and the 5K commences at 10:00 a.m. Leashed and friendly dogs are welcome to attend and race alongside their owners.

The entry fee is \$18 prior to race day and goes up to \$25 on race day. Participants receive a Cat Caper T-shirt, grab bag, and post race refreshments. Prizes will be given out to the top male and female runners in each age group and to the first animal finisher. For those who choose not to race we have the Cat Napper option. The same entry fee applies but you "nap in" on race day and pick up your race goodies on or after October 6th at the shelter.

Watch for updates about the event on our web site at www.catwelfareohio.com. For information about corporate or individual event sponsorship opportunities, please contact the shelter.

We hope we'll see you there!





2008 Cat Caper 5K Registration Form

Get ready to run! Registration for the 2008 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 October 4th 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

Count me as a Cat Napper.

How to Register (Registration opens August 1st)

1. Fill out and return this form to: Cat Welfare Association
c/o Premier Sports
401 Charmel Place
Columbus, OH 43235
2. Online - www.premierraces.com
3. 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!

Make checks payable to Premier Sports

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Ishie Memorial Fund

for care of long-term shelter residents

Shari Stone Mediatore "In memory of Arlo"
Helen Mohler
Carl Palmer
Norma Hermann "The Hermann cats"
Maryann B. Gall
Amy Rae Bashforth & Allan MacDonald "In memory of Sharona"
Michael Bonaventura
Barbara Bates "For Joan Borger's birthday"
Central Office Employees of APSI "In memory of Susan Donley's mother"
Mary Liff
Sharon McArdle "For Joan Borger's birthday"
Margaret Youngblood "For Joan Borger's birthday"
Marie Ziegler "In memory of Kathleen West"
Elizabeth Gildemeister "In memory of Mittens"
Veronica Keyser "In memory of Ronald Routzah"
Arlene Eis "In memory of Tigger, my precious friend"
Carol Sullivan "In memory of Moon"
Elsie & Paul Blei "In loving memory of Three Cat & Arrakis"
Megan Strathman "In memory of Frances McCarthy"
Carl & Colleen Clark

Spay/Neuter Fund

for assistance with the spaying/neutering of cats

Phil & Janice Arnold, Elsie & Paul Blei, Ruth Breslin, Catherine Ferrari, Margaret Lelko, Lee & Debra Martin, Lois Schultz, Claudia Speakman, & Beth Swick

Altering Fund

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

Northarlington Animal Clinic, Robin Smith, Antonia Carroll, Dick & Linda Hamilton, Mary Jane Ryan, Barbara Beavans, Ralph Littler, Kelly Leonard, William Estler, Ju Northerner, Susan Dean, Leslie Fraley, David Beckman, Arminda Kindall, Charles Wilson, Neva Ryan, Emily Slage, Dana Thompson, Panda Evans, Yvonne Holland, Sherry Johnson, Martha Kinch, Betty Lamb, John Stefanek, Amy Tipton, David Mahr, Leigh Freter, Sharonda Bailey, Jazaline Campbell, Kristie Gresens, Susan Cusato, Geraldine Pekarek, Donald Burgett, Laurie Denney, Elizabeth Baxter, Kathryn Kirn, Joyce Meyers, Nancy Noble, John Pierce, Lorrie Young, Michelle Johnson, Shirley Hiles, Ray Meyers, Maresa Fanelli, Mary Jane Dunlap, Char Massie, Melanie Lutheern, Angela Martin, Kelley Naples, Richard Howbert, Holly Dryden, Betty Lee, Chad Mast, Brigid Kinney, Susan Leshner, Jessica Patridge, April Rodgers, Melissa Walling, Najum Wani, and Judy Winters (*more donor names will be in our next issue*)

Vincent Fund

for emergency care for shelter cats

Mary Liff, Michele Orzano, John Layman, Elsie & Paul Blei, Steve Spearman & Javier Ortiz "In memory of Dewey", Lauren Kimmel "In memory of Todd Hofmann", Lisa Dutton "In love and kindness from Willo", Leann Birko, Paul & Monica Dawson, Melissa Dean, Nancy Flanagan, Robert Huntley, Sue Lape, Marjorie & George Obrist, Janet Parady, Boris & Irina Pattel, Anna Teichmoeller, Robin Smith, and Angela Ferraris

Important Shelter Information

Between January and the end of June, we **adopted 429 cats** into loving homes.

Between January and the end of June, we **subsidized 955 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, volunteer coordinator, at cwvolunteers@gmail.com.

NEW! Evening hours - Cat Welfare will be open until 8:00 p.m. on Wednesdays. The first Wednesday of the month the shelter will be open 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. only. Other Wednesdays hours will be 11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.!

The "**Catique**" (aka garage sale) is in need of **clean, gently used items for resale**. This includes (but is not limited to) clothing (in season), books, house wares, pictures, jewelry, candles, bedding, towels, and gift items. We do not accept computers, exercise equipment or other large, heavy items. Any questions on donating to the Catique can be directed to Alice Lahrmer 882-5561.

Shelter Wish List:

Brown paper bags, Windex, clean newspapers, plastic cat toys, clean towels for bedding, clay litter, dryer sheets, bleach, liquid dishwashing soap, instant hand sanitizer, Clorox wipes, Mr. Clean Magic Eraser pads, liquid hand soap, laundry detergent, large sponges, stainless steel Chore Boy scrubbies, and Mr. Clean with Febreze.



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Neville (#28943)

Neville is a very handsome, 4-5 year old neutered male. He has unusually large mitten paws and a fine black and white tuxedo coat. His unique paws made him quite the artist this year for our paw print cat art show that was held at our annual Open House. Neville first came to Cat Welfare in June 2007 with a small injury on his leg. He was adopted once but unfortunately had to be returned due to his owner having allergies. Neville has a nice, fun loving, easy going personality and an undying love of the outdoors. He wants nothing more than to find a forever home with a loving owner who will bask in the sunshine with him in the summer and keep him cozy when it's cold. Come visit Neville today. You may be just the one he's looking for.

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