



Cat Care Quarterly



RETURNS WITH "OWLS OF THE WORLD" FROM HAWKQUEST

What: Cat Care Society's 17th Annual Dinner & Auction
When: Saturday, October 22
Where: Merchandise Mart Terrace Gardens
451 East 58th Avenue (I-25 & 58th Avenue)

The Live Auction will feature:

- 10-day stay for up to 6 at a condo in Maui
- Bronco tickets
- Vacation of your choice at one of 50 resorts
- Limited Edition Sericel:
"For Sent-mental Reasons"
- Jewelry and Artwork

Masters of Ceremonies: Mike Landess of Channel 7 and Catherine Sheehan, Voiceover Specialist

Auctioneer: Don Martin, Martin Auctioneering

FEATURING —
"Owls of the World"
presented by Kin Quitugua of HawkQuest

PLUS: You will have an extraordinary opportunity to have your photograph taken with one of the owls.

The cost is \$15 and will benefit *both* HawkQuest *and* Cat Care Society!

See enclosed flyer for reservations

If your business would like to donate an item for our auction, please call Kathy at 303-239-9680 ext.15. It is a great advertising opportunity as 76% of individuals will support a company that gives.



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Meow Mart

A store for cats and cat lovers!

Inside Cat Care Society you will find a small retail store called “Meow Mart.” You can find a lot of wonderful products including:

🐾 Drinkwell Pet Fountain – this is a great way to get your cat to drink more water which is beneficial for their kidneys.

The Scratching Post

✂ THANK YOU to Terry Whitsel of **AIR DUCT EXTRACTIONS** for giving us a huge discount on having the heating ducts cleaned at 5707 West 6th Avenue, the new home of Cajun’s Closet. Terry is a cat-lover and provides quality cleaning for HVAC systems, dryer vents, and air filters. You can reach him at 303-932-2983 or visit his website at www.airductextractions.com.

✂ **CARS FOR CATS** – If you have a car or truck that you would like to donate to help the cats in residence at Cat Care Society, call 303-239-9680. Not only is this donation tax deductible for you, but Cat Care Society receives 100% of the net profit from the sale of your vehicle at auction. This is the purrfect opportunity to get rid of that old car – call today!

✂ CCS supporter John Kuepper will make a donation to the shelter through his business **cat•man•do** – specializing in custom perimeter fencing and free-standing enclosures for cats. Call John today at 303-905-0328 for a free on-site evaluation or send email to catz@rm.incc.net. If you’re at the shelter pick up a brochure and you too can “relax knowing your cats are safe outdoors.”

✂ We apologize for the tardiness of our membership renewals this year. With a small staff and many projects underway we simply got behind. We’ll work on being more prompt in the future. Thanks for your understanding!

✂ We are in need of a stackable washer and dryer for our veterinary clinic (cost of approximately \$1400). We also will need three small refrigerators and one small freezer (under the counter variety) that will cost about \$100 each. For more details please call Sherri at 303-239-9680.

🐾 A large selection of toys, already tested and approved by shelter residents, including the feline flyer (feather toy), cat charmer, catnip toys (all shapes & sizes), cat dancer, tinsel balls, and MORE.

🐾 Collars, brushes, combs, litterboxes, and cat beds – we carry a unique bed called the “Nap Lap” – it is made of denim jeans and your cat can feel like he is sleeping on your lap!

🐾 Scratching products such as corrugated cardboard scratching posts – cats love these! We also carry “Soft Paws,” which are nail caps that can be glued to your cats nails to prevent them from scratching furniture.

🐾 Pet odor products such as Anti-Icky Poo, Feline Odor Neutralizer, and Fresh Wave pet odor neutralizers include candles, sprays, and a continuous release gel. Fresh Wave naturally eliminates a wide spectrum of odors without using or adding fragrances or chemicals including: mildew, smoke, mold, cooking odors, paint fumes, and pet smells. The gel absorbs odors from basements, gymnasiums, attics, bathrooms, garages, and kitchens.

🐾 Large crystals with cats laser engraved inside on lighted bases are beautiful and make great night lights. A perfect gift for your cat-loving friends and family!

🐾 Bath and kitchen accessories in several different colors and styles.

🐾 T-shirts



The Year in Review: Fiscal Year July 1, 2004 – June 30, 2005

Adoption Statistics

Adoptions	710
Return To Owner . . .	12
Surrenders	716
Returned	113
Euthanasia	48

ADOPTIONS

Rhoda and her five 5-week-old kittens came to us on April 6, 2004 after they were found in an empty house. Rhoda and her kittens went to a foster home until the kittens were big enough to go up for adoption. When Rhoda came back to the shelter on June 16th she became so angry at seeing the other cats that we couldn't handle her. The copy room became her home so she wouldn't have to interact with the other cats. As Rhoda became comfortable in the shelter she would venture out into the hall but because of the other cats she would become agitated and didn't want to be handled - so she became a "bandana cat" (our designation for "handle with caution" cats). In June she was adopted by single woman who only wanted one cat and liked Rhoda's attitude and spunk. Rhoda took over the house, loves to play with feathers toys, and is very affectionate with her new mom (who couldn't believe it took a year for Rhoda to be adopted). We knew Rhoda's temperament would improve once out of the shelter – she just needed that special person to see past her tough exterior!

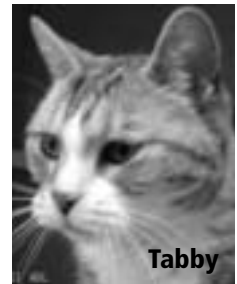


Rhoda

Danny and **Tabby** came to us on January 8, 2005 under our temporary care program (TCP) after their owner was evicted and became homeless. Danny, black, was 18-years-old and Tabby, a silver tabby, was 14-years. In February a couple who had recently lost 2 cats (age 23 and 12) came in to adopt and fell in love with Danny & Tabby. They weren't up for adoption yet but the family told us to call them when they were available. That day they adopted Donna, a 2-year-old brown tabby, and when we called the next day to tell them Danny and Tabby were available, they rushed back to the shelter and took the boys straight home.



Danny



Tabby



Bluebelle

Bluebelle came to us from Texas in September 2003 under our Lifetime Care program. She was 9-years-old when her elderly owner moved to assisted living. The owner's daughter drove to Texas to visit her father bring Bluebelle to us. Bluebelle hated the other cats and was emotionally distraught being away from her home and owner. She found a safe place in Kathy's office and in a few weeks felt more comfortable. In March 2004 a woman, who recently lost a 20-year-old cat, came in to adopt. After meeting Bluebelle and hearing her story, the search was over. At first Bluebelle had a fiesty attitude. Now she sleeps in bed with her new mom - she thought it was better than her own bed. She also lies on her back to get tummy rubs and goes for walks on a leash.

Senior cats that come into the shelter, and cats that are not used to other cats, are certainly more difficult to adopt. They don't "show" well to potential adopters so it takes some special people to see past the "survivor" attitude these cats portray in the shelter.

SPAY-NEUTER ASSISTANCE

Spay and neuter surgeries are provided to low-income families as well as to caretakers of feral cat colonies through the Gladys Bartz Trust. Cat Care Society co-founder, Dr. Linda East, has also been performing spay/neuter surgeries in North Carolina with the help of this fund. With the completion of our on-site veterinary clinic we plan on dramatically increasing these services in the coming year.



Spays	80
Neuters	36

The Year in Review *continued*

Volunteer Hours

Shelter	2317
Foster Homes	5637
Fundraising	1214
Nursing Homes	238
Administrative	558
Cajun's Closet	2766
Total Hours	10,723

Visitation Statistics

Number of visits	69
Volunteers	12
Visiting Cats	153
Residents Visited . . .	1,304

Foster Care Statistics

Long-Term Foster Care	
Volunteers	32
Queens	29
Kittens/Teens	305
Geriatrics/Adults	4
Temporary Care	4

Weekend Foster Care

Volunteers	13
Kittens/Teens	56
Geriatrics/Adults	3

VOLUNTEERS

One of the vital components of any nonprofit agency is the support provided by a volunteer program. Cat Care Society's program strives to meet major challenges as we have progressed into the future, sometimes at warp speed! Occasionally the changes we go through create new opportunities in uncharted territory, such as the new clinic. We no longer need volunteers to transport cats for surgeries but we will need some assistance in our own clinic. Also, as a result of moving the thrift shop, there's a lot more space, and more work to do. With such a wide array of tasks, there are many ways to help out and satisfy the need to give back to the feline community.

If you are interested in becoming part of Cat Care's energetic program you are welcome to attend the next New Volunteer Orientation. For more information, please contact our volunteer coordinator Jane Dorsey at 303-239-9680 Ext.16.

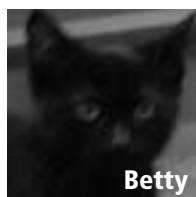
PET VISITATIONS

Cat Care Society has been successfully sending shelter cats to visit nursing home residents for more than ten years. The volunteers who take the cats to the various facilities perform this community service in teams of two or three. Each volunteer is responsible for "their" cat for the duration of the visit, which usually lasts for about an hour. The cats selected for these little excursions are chosen for their social skills, and their tolerance for being physically handled. They must be able to cope with unfamiliar situations and sounds such as squeaky walkers, electric wheelchairs, and occasional floor polishers! The volunteers monitor the cats for stress which determines whether we choose them for future visits. This program brings smiles to many people who are isolated and unable to enjoy pets of their own.

FOSTER CARE

Occasionally we have to ask foster home volunteers to care for cats or kittens with contagious illnesses putting themselves and their own pets at risk. One of the hardest diseases to treat, and one of the most contagious to people and animals, is ringworm. It becomes more complicated when signs of ringworm don't appear for several days or weeks after the cat enters the shelter.

Shasta, a 1 1/2-year-old cat with two 6-week-old kittens, was surrendered on September 21, 2004 and placed in a foster home because her kittens were under the adoptable age. Shortly after we received five 4-week-old kittens that were not eating on their own, so Shasta was recruited to mother them and her kittens were placed in a different foster home. Soon after, ringworm lesions were noticed on Shasta's new charges. Then on October 26 seven-week-old **Tennyson** joined the brood when a teacher at a nearby elementary school found children handling him very roughly - he was covered in ringworm.



Jocelyn and **Betty** came to us on November 23rd and shortly after developed ringworm so both were placed in the "ringworm" foster home with Shasta, the kittens and Tennyson. Continuing to add more kittens with ringworm to Shasta's brood may not have been the best solution, medically, but at the

The Year in Review *continued*

Telephone Statistics

Adoption Calls . . .	6,081
Surrender Calls . . .	2,962
Other Calls	6,752
Total Calls	15,795

TCP Statistics

Cats Boarded	47
Number of Owners . .	29
Returned to Owner . .	34
Surrendered to CCS .	13

Reasons for boarding

Homeless/Transition. .	23
Hospitalization	3
Safehouse/abuse	1
Other	2



Not

Vet. Care Statistics

Spays	209
Neuters	213
Dentals	34

time it was our only option. All came back to the shelter at the beginning of February 2005 for adoption. Each of the “ringworm family” was adopted shortly after their return to the shelter.

TELEPHONE ASSISTANCE

We receive more than 300 calls each week with three administrative staff answering an average of 60 calls each day. We have an extensive reference and referral book that enables us to help most callers with any question or problem they may have. Calls cover a wide variety of topics from renting humane traps to behavior problems.

TEMPORARY CARE PROGRAM

A man and his three cats were evicted from their home and living out of a van. The cats were brought to us under our temporary care program on May 19th. **Bast**, a 13-pound red-point Siamese mix, was a very competitive male and fought with **Nymph**, a 20-pound mostly white male. **Lakota**, a 2-year-old petite torti female, acted as their referee.



Bast



Nymph



Lakota

Since our Temporary Care Program is for 30 days, the cats owner was fortunate to have friends willing to care for the cats after their one-month stay at the shelter.

In January we received a call from a family moving to California concerned about their 20-year-old cat named **Not**. They made arrangements for him to be flown to California the end of February but there was a ten-day delay between the time they packed their home in Colorado and would be ready for Not to become a California cat. So, Not entered the shelter on February 1st and the next day went to a foster home until his flight to California. Because of Not’s age and a grade 3 heart murmur, we knew it best that he stay in a foster home rather than the shelter. On February 12th he was picked up by PetsFly.com, a pet transport company, and flown to California.. He handled the trip well and was happy to be reunited with his family.

WWW.CATCARESOCIETY.ORG

The internet has enabled us to reach people throughout the world. We have several informational articles on our web site as well as events, newsletters, cats available for adoption, donation options, and a virtual tour of our shelter. Each year we are pleased to answer questions from people wanting to help cats in their own communities.

VETERINARY CARE

The following clinics generously provided quality medical care, surgeries, and dental care to shelter cats throughout the year:

- ~ Tender Touch Animal Hospital, Denver, Apryl Steele, DVM
- ~ Care Animal Hospital, Arvada, Paige Garnett, DVM
- ~ All Cat Clinic, Englewood, Bruce Elsey, DVM
- ~ The Cat Doctor, Aurora, Loraine Parris, DMV
- ~ The Eye Clinic Veterinary, Todd Hammond, DVM

Animal Assistance Foundation also provides an allocation for veterinary services at Harrison Memorial Animal Hospital. We are extremely grateful for the superior care provided by these clinics and are astounded by their continued generosity – THANK YOU!

RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT

CARS FOR CATS



You can donate a vehicle to Cat Care Society and receive a tax deduction for your donation. Call the shelter at 303-239-9680 for a vehicle donation packet.

LEAVE A LEGACY

Nonprofits play an important role in our community providing services for people and animals. To accomplish this, nonprofits rely upon people like you to support their good work. You can support the organizations you love through monthly donations, an annual gift, or by making gifts to your favorite charity in your will. Cat Care Society was honored this past year to received bequests from the following estates: Mary C. MacFarlane, Jeffrey H. Shore, Paul Scherzer, Bernice K. Verlinden, and Gail H. Elgin. We owe a debt of gratitude for the completion of our on-site veterinary clinic to individual donors and to the estate of Mary C. MacFarlane.



COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN



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COMMUNITY SHARES OF COLORADO

We receive donations from individuals through workplace giving (payroll deduction) via Community Shares of Colorado. Please see the "Workplace Giving" article on page 2 for more details.

MATCHING GIFTS

Many thanks to the following companies that have matched employee donations to Cat Care Society this year: Capital Lending, Xcel Energy Foundation, Citigroup Foundation, Oppenheimer, Ball Corporation, Bank of America, ING Foundation, Janus, Gannett Foundation, and Safeco.

TRENDWEST RESORTS

By simply attending a 90 minute "tour" with Trendwest Resorts to learn about some exciting vacations, YOU will receive a \$50 gift card and the CATS will receive \$100 CASH. We began this fundraising venture in our last newsletter and have already received \$800 in donations. We will also work with Trendwest to have some vacation packages for our live auction at our annual dinner October 22. If you are interested in participating in this fundraiser, call 720-747-4570 and be sure to mention Cat Care Society.

CAJUN'S CLOSET

If you're a bargain hunter a visit to our thrift shop, "Cajun's Closet," is a must! Cajun's doubled it's space in June and is packed full of treasures. It is open at 10am Thursday through Saturday so you can shop and help cats, too.

MEOW MART

This little store, located in the shelter, is full of cat necessities and gift items. Please see the article on page 2.

MEMBERSHIP

You can help the cats through an annual membership. There are different levels to choose from and you will receive a reminder when it is time to renew your support for the cats. Membership levels are outlined on the enclosed envelope.

LIFETIME CARE PROGRAM

You can be assured your cats will be cared for when you are gone through our Lifetime Care Program. Call the shelter at 303-239-9680 for more information about this invaluable program.



Denver Employees' Combined Campaign



Memorial Donations

Just a note about our Memorial column. The cut-off for donations listed here is generally one month before the newsletter is printed. If your donation is not listed, and you question that we received it, please call us at 303-239-9680 x15.

In Memory of Pets

Received From

"Morgan Preston" Reynolds	.....	Melissa Williams
"Pimy Lap Cat" Baumstark/Lupton	.....	Pam Davis
Nick & Spider	.....	Deidre St. Louis
Cleo	.....	Elaine Patnoi
"Saturn" Brook	.....	Stacey Moyer
Blackie & Ricki	.....	Gregory & Dorothy Vinciguerra
Tammy	.....	Linda & David Mullen
Morgan	.....	Roselyn Reynolds
Beethoven (Shih-Tzu Mix)	.....	Charlene Smith
"Eric the Cat"	.....	Mary Norbury-Glaser
"Gracie" Haynes	.....	Joyce Comin
Bernadette	.....	N. J. Matthews
Sputnik	.....	Dana Franklin
Tasman	.....	Kristin & Robert Lile
"Mr. T" Moore	.....	Kathy & Mike Balog
Nikki	.....	Roberta Albi
Fuzzy	.....	Kyla Duffy
"Chaz" Asker	.....	Sue Bland
Merlin (23 years old)	.....	Sally & John Mc Innes
Miss M.	.....	Sharon Balzano
Conan	.....	Tom & Kathy Nielsen
"Henry" Tenhulzen	.....	Judy Eberwein
"Denise" Davis	.....	Jim Carlson, Beth & Doug Hammer, Pam Davis
Puss M. Cat	.....	Tom & Kellie Battaglia
Smokey	.....	Joyce Ostrowski
Kevy	.....	Melodie & Larry Castillo
Callie	.....	Lyla Delano
Jaws	.....	Louise Medina
Tuggers, Chatter, Blossom & Clyde	.....	Nancy Munser
"Bonkers" Neverdahl (A Precious Treasure)	.....	Joan Enget
Sylvester	.....	Toni & Frank Gee
"Isabeau" Snody	.....	Donna Valori, DVM
"Lacy" Alberts	.....	Jefferson Animal Clinic
Gus	.....	Jeff & Cindee Barrett
"Dakota" Hammer	.....	Pam Davis
Molly & Gracie	.....	Anne Thompson
Gracie (beloved, sweet cat!)	.....	Douglas Madison & Wilhelmena Haynes
Jack, JD & Data	.....	Jose Lopez & Lee Trujillo-Lopez
Sarah "Sarz"	.....	Rhoda Dye & Gloria Trujillo
Lady	.....	Tracie Monson

In Honor of Pets

Received From

All our cats, dogs, a burro, 2 parrots & wildlife	.....	Sally & John Mc Innes
Creole	.....	Brian Wilson
Our Cat Family	.....	Bonnie Olson & Carol Lord
Ollie & Jake Junior	.....	Trish Kvidahl
Maisy	.....	Stephanie Wehrung
Hermione Payne (CCS Alumna)	.....	Catherine Payne
Zach	.....	Julie Broen
Alice	.....	Ronald Abel
Carrie	.....	Rena Cameron
Tasha	.....	Margaret Leander
Zorro	.....	Laura Von Drehle
Boo Kitty	.....	Patricia Mueller

In Memory of People

Received From

Henry Everding, III, DVM	.....	Dr. Lisa Costello
Herb Hawik	.....	James & Sheryl Bowen, Ralph & Ann Carol Smith
Chad Ferguson	.....	Gregory Daurer
Esther Tripp	.....	Bert & Bev Maich, Manuel & Phyllis Chavez
Lois & Lowell Burgener, Anita & Francine Larson, Nyla & William Schowe	.....	Mary Ann Lueckel
Mom Welch (who first put cats in my life in 1944!)	.....	Camille Eggen, Arvada West Dental Care
Chuck Butto	.....	Esther Hall
Chester L. Hall, II	.....	Joyce Anson
Barbara L. Roberts	.....

Workplace Giving

Each fall many workplaces offer employee giving campaigns. Employees are able to donate a dollar amount per paycheck to the charity of their choice. Donating through payroll deduction is a simple and efficient way to support the issues you care about most.

Cat Care Society is a member of Community Shares of Colorado (CSC). CSC supports Cat Care Society in addition to more than 100 other Colorado nonprofits through payroll deduction campaigns. Please look for Cat Care Society in the fall giving campaign at your workplace. We are also listed in the Colorado Combined Campaign (CCC), Denver Employees Combined Campaign (DECC) and the Combined Federal Campaigns (CFC). Also, if your company runs a United Way Campaign, you are able to write in Cat Care Society as a "donor choice" option on the pledge card.

When we work together individual giving creates an enormous difference. Last year Colorado donors pledged over 1.2 million dollars through Community Shares of Colorado workplace giving campaigns! If you are interested in bringing a workplace giving campaign to your company please contact Tara Friedman, tara@cshares.org, 303-861-7507 or 800-808-4038. 🐾

Pet Loss Support Group

A free group open to all who have lost or are anticipating the loss of a companion animal. Meets every Thursday from 7-8:30pm at the DAVMS office, 789 Sherman Street, Denver, 1st floor conference room. For additional information call 303-318-0447 or visit www.humananimalbondtrust.org. 🐾

Larry Wegrzyn Beth & Doug Hammer
Lorraine Lombardi Nancy Lou Stanton

In Honor of People

Received From

Renee Emeson	.....	Elise Lubell
Mr. M. Filkoski & Dr. J. Richard	.....	Naomi Richard
Patty Bisant's Birthday	.....	Karyn & Michael Hasselbring
Nanette Prater	.....	Leslie Moran & Mac the Cat
Linda Pratt	.....	cat•man•do (John Kuepper)
Naomi Richard's Birthday	.....	Jonathon Richard
Ron Corwin	.....	Donna Albin
Don & Catherine Sheehan	cat•man•do (John Kuepper)
Wendy Howell	Margaret Collins
Claudia O'Hara	Connie Souders



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Canned cat & kitten food

Cat litter
Stamps
Powdered laundry detergent
Automatic dishwasher detergent

Toilet paper (double rolls)
Rubber-backed rugs
Hooded cat beds
Thrift Shop donations

*Cat Care Society's
Mission Statement*

Cat Care Society operates a cage-free shelter for homeless and abused cats that provides adoption, counseling, humane education, and community outreach services to enrich the lives of people and cats.



CAT CARE SOCIETY

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www.catcaresociety.org

Shelter hours

Tuesday 10:00am - 5:30pm
Wednesday - Friday Noon - 5:30pm
Saturday 9:00am - 3:30pm
Sunday & Monday Closed

CAJUN'S CLOSET

5707 West 6th Avenue
(North Service Rd) • 303-202-0455
www.cajunscloset.org

Thrift Shop hours

Thursday & Friday 10:00am - 5:00pm
Saturday 10:00am - 3:30pm