



Cat Care Quarterly

Joplin Cats Find Their Way to CCS

BY SHARI SHIFFER-KRIEGER

On May 22, 2001, Joplin, Missouri, suffered a large tornado which destroyed portions of the city. It was so sad to see the devastation that so many people suffered. Of course, as an obvious animal lover, I was concerned about the family pets and what would happen to them. There were wonderful stories about families being reunited with their pets. But, I knew some pets wouldn't be so lucky, especially those without microchips.

In August, I was contacted by an animal rescue organization in Joplin, Missouri, asking if Cat Care Society could assist with placement of kittens. What these rescuers were encountering were lots of homeless kittens, probably from homeless mamas that got pregnant once they were outside. Of course, I jumped at the chance to help.

On August 29th, I picked up seven kittens who had

been transported to Denver from Joplin. These babies were approximately 5 weeks old and the sweetest kittens, not a shy one in the bunch, even though they hadn't had a lot of human contact. These kittens came into my house for foster care until they are old enough for adoption.

I named all of them after towns and cities in Missouri. The four boys are Branson, Joplin, O'Fallon and Hamilton and the three girls are Madison, Hazelwood, and Ava. Though all seven have suffered from colds and eye infections, all in all they have been very healthy. They are still the friendliest group of kittens; shoulders are one of their favorite things to sit on and observe the world.

These kittens should be available for adoption in early October. If you are looking for a new addition to your home, please come check them out. 🐾



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Communicating With Your Cat (Part 2)

BY ABBI COLLINS, ADOPTION MANAGER

In the summer issue, we learned the basic vocabulary of cat language, and how the eyes, ears, and tail “talk.” But no language is made up of merely vocabulary. In this issue, we are going to add nuance and inflection to enrich the language.

Cats talk with their whole body, not just certain parts. In addition to the signals emitted by tail, ears, and eyes, head and body position have their role to play as well. An aggressive cat will hold his head low, while a defensive cat will usually pull his head in. A head held to the side is used to indicate either submission (avoiding eye-contact) or lack of interest. The head stretched forward is inquisitive or friendly, and often used in friendly greetings. Head-bumping is a good follow-up to this friendly greeting, and is irresistible to most cat enthusiasts.

The line of the body, from head-tip to tail-tip, speaks volumes. We already discussed the tail and head, so let’s cover everything in between: **THE BACK**. You have no doubt seen a cat arch its back in the “Halloween Cat” posture, and just as you guessed, it is an aggressive posture. This is often accompanied by straightening the legs, fluffing the fur along the back, and sometimes all over the body. This plus the bottle-brush tail are an attempt to make the aggressor look bigger and meaner, so that the other cat will think twice about rising to the challenge. Chester, whom we discussed in the last issue, was notorious for this posture. A submissive cat will crouch to make himself small and unthreatening. Sometimes an agitated cat will twitch the muscles of his back, though a good itch can cause this behavior as well.

CARRIAGE Typically, the higher a cat carries himself, the more confident he is (though in an aggressive cat this may well be a bluff), while the lower a cat carries himself (such as slinking), the less confident he is. A hunting cat will crouch before an attack, both to hide and to build momentum for the strike. A cat’s anxiety level can also be measured by the way he holds himself. A relaxed cat will be loose, such as when your cat sprawls in the sun, belly up and paws in the air. A nervous cat will hold himself tight, with paws and tail tucked as close to the body as possible and belly protected. The tenser a cat’s body is, the more nervous that cat is. The tail is a great indicator here. Next time you see your cat, try “the tensivity test.” Gently pull his tail out straight from his body, and watch what it does. If it stays out, your cat is relaxed, whereas if it pops right back to the body or curls around the

nearest object, your cat is upset or nervous about something. As always, exercise caution when pulling a nervous cat’s tail!

As a prominent feature of the face, **WHISKERS** certainly have their part to play. While more commonly used as “feelers” to judge the proximity of things, such as the edges of a doorway, they also express mood to some degree. The whiskers in their relaxed state are off to the sides and slightly lowered; when perked forward they indicate interest (also used in hunting), and when pulled back they make the face appear smaller and non-threatening.

There are a number of **SMALL BEHAVIORS** that can have big meanings. For instance, a nervous cat will often lick his nose frequently to carry scent molecules to the nose.

The seemingly random act of grooming during a cat-to-cat conflict is actually an act of submission or indifference. The dominant cat might start grooming after he has asserted himself, effectively dismissing the loser.

An involuntary message of cats is the third eyelid. If the third eyelid (white inner membrane) is visible, it could mean your cat is sick or just sleepy.

KNEADING, or “making bread,” is the rhythmic stretching and constricting of the paws. The behavior originates in nursing kittenhood, when the kitten kneads the area around the nipple to stimulate milk flow. A female in heat will also often knead. Kneading in a cat is a sign of happiness.

And what about **PURRING**? Purring is one of the great mysteries of the cat universe. No one fully understands where it comes from, how they do it, or why. We do know that cats purr when they are happy and when they are sick. Mothers purr during labor, and kittens learn to purr within days of birth. Mothers seem to use it as a means of communicating with their young, especially before their kittens’ sight and smell are fully developed. Some believe that cats purr to heal themselves. A purr is 25 to 150 hertz (an idling diesel engine is 26 hertz; the bass in your stereo ranges 40 to 150 hertz). These frequencies have been found to improve bone density and promote healing.

Body language is a complicated and often unconscious form of communication. There is no one indicator of your cats’ message. To accurately “read” your cat, you must take in all the cues from head to tail to come to an overall conclusion of what your cat is telling you. 🐾

Can Your Cat Say Cheese? (and look good at the same time?)

BY LYNNE ROOKS, DVM

Dental disease is the most common disease in cats! Reports show that approximately 85% of adult cats have some degree of dental disease. Fortunately this is an easy disease to prevent and treat, especially if caught early. Annual exams can help keep you informed of the dental condition of your pet.

Dental disease can cause various levels of discomfort for your pet leading to drooling, awkward eating habits, and decreased appetite. You also may not be aware that dental disease when left unchecked can lead to bacterial shedding into the bloodstream. Once in the bloodstream, bacteria can reach the kidneys, heart, liver and lungs, causing infection and damage to these organs.

Preventive care in the form of brushing teeth, dental treats and routine dental cleanings can help decrease the amount of tartar on the teeth, preventing plaque build up and progressive dental disease. So check your cat's mouth monthly and call to schedule a dental exam today. We will examine your cat's mouth carefully and give you an estimate for cleaning and dental work if required. Give your cat the gift of a clean, healthy smile today! 🐾



Second Tails of the Painted Cats

Mark your calendars for the second *Tails of the Painted Cats*. Our first Tails of the Painted Cats held in June was such a huge success, that we are doing it again.

Tails of the Painted Cats features 20 exciting fiberglass cat sculptures painted by talented local artists. The event is inspired by the Chicago Cow exhibit, but of course our cats will not be exhibited outdoors; rather, in keeping with our policies, they will be strictly indoor cats. This year, there will be three different sizes of cats in order to accommodate those people who would prefer a smaller cat to display in their homes.

The cats will have their unveiling at the Lakewood Arts Council in May and then will reside at the gallery for the Lakewood Arts Council during the month of May. The cats will then travel to still-to-be-determined locations for the months of June and July. On July 28th, the gala event will be held at the Lakewood Country Club. At that time, all cats will be auctioned off.

The new renditions of the cats painted by the local artists have been picked by our judges and each is a very unique piece of art. The artists participating this year are – Susan A. Becker, Kathy Burton, Ashley Conroy, Liz Cooper, Jane McFadden Dorsey, Gail Firmin, Kathryn Jackson, Melanie Gwendahlin Keyes, Joan A. Lee, Karen R. Mahnken, Shirlee Akemi Miyake, Sara Nevadomski, Carla Pawlewicz, K. Ross, Pam Schmidt, BW Sharp, Bonnie Wilber and Cam Williams.

We are currently looking for sponsors for each of the cats and corporate sponsors. For more information on sponsorships, please contact Jane Dorsey at 303-239-9680 extension 16. More details will follow in this newsletter and on our website at www.catcaresociety.org. 🐾



October 29th

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Dear Supporters of Cat Care Society,

For many reasons, I am leaving my position as Executive Director for Cat Care Society. The Board of Director's Treasurer, Clyde Dawson, will be interim Executive Director.

Though I am excited about new opportunities in my personal life, it is also bittersweet leaving this wonderful organization. I couldn't have asked for a better staff than I worked for these past five years – they are incredible! Also, I was able to work with a very hard-working, supportive Board of Directors and dedicated volunteers. I can't even begin to describe my love for all the cats at the shelter – I wish I could take them all home with me! It was such a pleasure meeting so many of you supporters. It was so fun to see I wasn't the only cat crazy person in the world.

Because CCS has such a great group of staff members, I don't even think I will be missed. CCS will continue providing love and support to all the lucky cats that find their way to our shelter. Also, please provide Clyde with all the support you have given me over the years.

I will continue to support CCS and continue providing foster care (I can't give up those baby kittens!), so I am hoping I will see many of you at the various events scheduled throughout the year, so I won't say good bye. I just want to say again – thank you for all your support of our cats and for me personally. CCS is still the best place! I wish CCS continued success in the many years to come.

*Shari Shiffer-Krieger
Former Executive Director*

NEW HOURS FOR CAT CARE SOCIETY!



**Cat Care Society is now
OPEN ON SUNDAYS
12:00 noon – 3:00 p.m.**

Cat Sitters Needed!

While the staff's away,
we still want to play and eat.

We need your help in the shelter when it's a holiday for the staff but not for us. Bring the whole family and come play with us and feed us while you're here. The more people that can help means more time playing with us!

See the holidays listed below. There are two shifts available – 8am and 2pm. Call Abbi Collins at 303.239.9680 ext.12 if you'd like to help us out.

Remaining 2011 Holidays:

- Thanksgiving Day – Thursday, November 24
- Christmas Eve Day – Saturday, December 24
- Christmas Day – Sunday, December 25
- New Years Day – Sunday, January 1, 2012

Notes from Daveeda

Mom and I have been very busy this summer with foster care kittens, gardening, and making cupcakes! Actually, I supervise the cupcake making because Mom won't let me get near the kitchen. She doesn't want cat hair in the cupcakes, but frankly, what is a few cat hairs among friends?

Cupcakes are the hot, hot, hot, item to purchase – who doesn't love a cupcake? So I told my mom that she should sell the cupcakes to raise money for the cats at the shelter. The money raised could help feed all my friends at the shelter.

My mom thought it such a great idea that she got the Board of Director's approval and soon Suellen Scott, CCS Development Director, and my mom were thinking about nothing but cupcakes. Five fantastic bakeries in the Denver metro area generously donated 600 cupcakes and my mom said she would even make some cupcakes. Of course, she had to have a name for her cupcakes and decided that Daveeda's Delights was an awesome name. I totally agree with that, as I am quite the Diva!

Anyway, on September 16th the Cupcakes 4 Cats events was held at the 16th Street Mall in downtown Denver. The event was a huge hit, and we had lots of people buying cupcakes. Mom even brought our foster kittens to the event so people could meet them. And best of all for me was that two television stations covered the event and MY CUPCAKES WERE ON TV!

Mom and I want to thank the bakeries that donated the cupcakes. They were Happy Cakes, Cake Crumbs, Lovely Confections, Maggie and Molly's Bakery, and Butterfly



Confetti Cakes.

Mom bought some cupcakes to share with Dad and they

were really yummy! My

brother, Mungo, tried to lick the frosting off all of them.

We also want to thank the volunteers who helped – Christina Taylor, Linda Langsted, Kay Higgins, Rita DeRuntz, Barb Ellis, Barb Kane, Dana Gengenbach, Kathy Husband and Teresa Crago. And a special thanks to Suellen for getting this event up-and-running and making it such a success!

With Love,

The Delightful Daveeda of Daveeda's Delights

P.S. Hah, hah, Poppy! (Poppy is the PPS in our house – Princess Purebred Snob.) Mom loves me best because she named her cupcakes after me, me, me!

P.S.S. My sister, Paris, always thinks she is the diva in this house – but again it is me, me, me!



Memorial Donations

Just a note about our Memorial column. The cut-off for donations listed is generally one month before the newsletter is printed. Gifts not listed here will be credited in the upcoming issue of CCQ. Questions? Please call 303-239-9680.

In Memory of Pets

Received From

Val	Nancy Davis
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In Honor of Pets

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In Honor of Pets (cont.)

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Bobby the Cat	Joan Gilmore
May	Samantha Ayers
Miss E.	Martha Fouse Ohrt
Bernie's Birthday	Christina Komeshian
Tank	Gloria Pinelli
My Three Cats	Marcia Dyrland
Pumpkin and Bodi	Susan McCaffery
Mittens	Janet Boom
Eddie's Birthday	Leslie Minna and Lucas Budman
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In Honor of People

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Stephen Schoenfeld	Carol Slack
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Alan Hulls Birthday	Sandra Osborn
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Damask, our Meow Mart resident, thinks every cat should have DA BIRD so this month's special is GO CAT's Original DA BIRD. We have in stock Da Bird wand with Turkey Feather and Cat Catcher Mouse on a wand. We have refills of Kitty Puff, Kitty Sparkler, Guinea Feather, and Mouse. Purchase a wand for \$7.00 and choose a refill for free. Save up to \$3.95. Go Cat is made in the USA. Your cat will thank you, and have hours of enjoyment and exercise.

To receive the discount, tell them you read it in the Cat Care Quarterly.

THE SCRATCHING POST

In order to reduce the cost of postage and printing, Cat Care Society can now email this newsletter. Please contact Clyde Dawson at ccsdirector@catcaresociety.org if you wish to receive the Cat Care Quarterly via email. Please consider this option as all cost savings will benefit the cats!

Thank you, **El Pomar Foundation**, for the grant we received for our Temporary Care Program! Lots of meow thank you's from our cats!

Don't forget that Cat Care Society is now open on Sundays.

The **Nibbles 'n Kibbles food bank** is getting empty! Please help us fill the shelves for those under-privileged cats. Donations can be dropped off at the shelter. Please specify that you want this food to go to the food bank.

Santa Paws is Coming to Town!

Friday, December 2nd and Saturday the 3rd, Cat Care Society will be having the annual Santa Paws Festival at our shelter. The basement of the shelter will be filled with delightful baked goods for sale made by our very own volunteer elves. Cajun's will be filled with awesome gifts and holiday decorations to make your home festive. Meow Mart will have lots of gifts for even the hardest-to-please cat.

In addition, Cat Care Society will be holding a craft show. There will be several vendors selling their unique creations. So not only can you complete your Christmas shopping in one stop, but you will still have time to play with the shelter cats.

Of course, Santa Paws will be here to greet everyone with a special treat.

Please join us in our festivities. We look forward to seeing you!

Crafters: There is still some limited space for craft booths. Please contact Jane Dorsey at (303) 239-9680, extension 16 for more information. 🐾





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| paper towels | automatic dish detergent | white-out tape |
| 5-inch paper plates | toilet paper (double rolls) | Q-tips |
| baby food: turkey and chicken | rubber-backed rugs | Post-It notes |
| canned cat food: Whiskas, Friskies, Fancy Feast (preferably no fish flavors) | bird seed | fast digital thermometers |
| dry cat food: Science Diet, Iams Original | postage stamps | Batteries, 9V and AA |
| Purina Kitten Chow | food and litter for Nibbles 'n Kibbles Food Bank | masking tape* |
| hooded cat beds | cord protectors (to prevent chewing on cords) | packing tape* |
| | copy paper, color and white | lawn and leaf bags* |
- *for Cajun's Closet

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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Shelter hours

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