



Cat Care Quarterly

Come As You Aren't — Cat Care Society Kitties Visit Venice

WRITTEN BY JANE DORSEY

The Annual Dinner Auction, “Cat Care Kitties Visit Venice” was held on September 7 at the Denver Marriott West. Our ticket sales were off a little this year – possibly a combination of a slightly higher price and a poor economy. Our auctioneer Don Martin teamed up with our emcee Ernie Bjorkman for an excellent auction and volunteer Jane Sievers presented a wonderful silent auction. Another good source of income was the drawing table which was set up and hosted this year by Lynette Newman, Carol Benzing, and Jesse Cormier. In addition, Tish Gance sold drawing tickets for a beautiful pearl bracelet.

In keeping with the Venice masquerade theme, volunteers and guests wore costumes and masks, and everyone had a great time. Cat Care Society had some incredible handmade masks that were also available in the silent auction and for sale. A big thank you to the creative staff members who made the masks – Abbi Collins, Jane Dorsey and Dawn Larcom. We raised about \$30,000 for the shelter.

Because food costs keep escalating, we had some ideas about keeping it to cocktails and hors d'oeuvres next year. This could drop the price of tickets down to the \$40-\$50 price range. If anyone has comments or ideas about this, we are always open to hearing them. We could also use additional auction committee members, if you are interested, please contact Shari Shiffer-Krieger. 🐾



Organizational Changes at Cat Care Society

Cat Care Society is excited to announce the following organization changes:

Sherri Leggett, Shelter Manager has been promoted to Director of Operations. As many of you know, Sherri has been a part of Cat Care Society for over fifteen years! It is so exciting to be able to diversify some of Sherri's responsibilities, so she can assist Cat Care Society getting to the next level. Some of Sherri's functions will include promotion and marketing, Cat Care Society's representative for the Metro Denver Shelter Alliance and Colorado Federation of Animal Welfare Agencies and other administrative duties. Sherri will move to the Administrative Building once all training has been completed.

Abbi Collins has been promoted to Shelter Manager. Abbi has been associated with Cat Care Society as an Adoption Assistant for over five years. We are extremely happy that she is willing to take the next step and become the Shelter Manager – all of you will enjoy working with her. Sherri will be available for providing Abbi with training and we anticipate that the transition will be completed by May 2009.

Dr. Amy Norton resigned from Cat Care Society in May, 2008 to pursue other interests. Cat Care Society had the honor of hiring *Dr. Heather Reeder* as the Staff Veterinarian. Dr. Reeder worked for both Dumb Friends League and Harrison Memorial Hospital in the past. CCS feels that she will be a great asset to Cat Care Society.

Please join me in congratulating these individuals in their new positions. They will help Cat Care Society become even more successful! 🐾

Leftover Love

WRITTEN BY JOAN C. YEAGER, PIONEER, OHIO

This morning, as I petted the soft fur of our big black-and-white tom cat, it occurred to me that in the four painful, searching years since Jamey's death I had never read anything about the "leftover pets."

Jamey found this abandoned kitten May 22, 1989, in the school yard. He brought it home and declared that keeping the kitten was his "power play" of the year. (Once a year, we gave our two boys permission to override a parental veto, and we are thankful that over the years they had learned to choose wisely.) John, our oldest son, saw the kitten, said, "Lars," and the name stuck.

Lar's disposition left much to be desired. He would not allow any familiarity – no "cute kitty" stuff for him! Jamey loved that cat, and the feeling was mutual, happy, purring, agreeable, he soon came to know Jamey's schedule and followed him to the door each day when Jamey left for school. Lars knew when to wait for him to come home for lunch, after school, too. He would hear Jamey's car coming down the street, or sense when he was near, and wait by the window for Jamey to pull in the driveway. Jamey said that he hoped he would find a girl someday that he loved as much as he loved his cat, and we laughed and agreed with him!

Lars saw Jamey leave for the last time, April 27, 1991 – never again to appear at the window to play tapping games with him, never again to cuddle him in the night. For weeks after that, I don't know who took care of Lars. I imagine he was here; I might have taken care of his feeding. I don't know. I don't know anything about the month or so that followed.

Lars mourned, too. He was lost....waiting at doors, looking out windows, barely eating, obviously grieving. I'd find him in Jamey's bedroom, sitting on the bed, looking at the wall

of pictures. (I found out later that cats are supposed to be able to discern photographs, TV and mirror images.)

Lost in my own misery, I took little notice of the unpredictable cat. We coexisted in the same house but in different worlds.

Slowly it became noticeable that when I was having a bad time, when despair took over my will to go on, this strange, normally unlovable cat would jump on my lap and purr and nestle a little. Eventually, he would lick the tears away.

Very slowly, he became my comforter, whether I was crying in the bathtub or housecleaning. No matter what I was doing while crying, he would be with me, demanding attention, patting my face, rubbing against my legs. I know animal behaviorists probably won't go along with my theory that cats can comfort...but they don't know Lars.

Since last winter, Lars has taken to cuddling against me at night, purring, even gentle, with the female cat my husband adopted last year, a calico named "Detu".

I wonder if other parents have had "leftover pets". I hope they get as much comfort from them as I do from Lars. I firmly believe that a little part of my sweet, loving child is guiding Lars, comforting me when I need it, just as Jamey always sensed my moods. Maybe, in a way, Jamey is guiding Lars. I really think so.

We hope Lars lives many, many years, but if his time is over before ours, we plan on cremating him, and lovingly burying him on the right side of Jamey's monument, right under the etching we had put there – of a blue-eyed cat, looking at the person he loved most.

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Chip Your Cat

Did you know that only 5% of lost cats in shelters are returned to their families?

If you share your heart and home with one or more felines, it is time to **CHIP YOUR CAT**. As a responsible pet owner, you can give your lost cat the best chance of being identified and returned safely to you.


That's why the Denver Area Veterinary Medical Society (DAVMS), Dumb Friends League and participating members of the Metro Denver Shelter Alliance (Cat Care Society is a member) have launched the CHIP YOUR CAT program to provide 150,000 free microchips and lifetime registration for cats residing in the six county Denver metro area (Adams, Arapahoe, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas and Jefferson counties). Free chips will be available until the 150,000 goal is reached or through September 2009, whichever comes last.



Microchips give the extra level of protection if your cat gets separated from his or her collar and tags. The microchip procedure is simple, routine and virtually painless, and it doesn't require any anesthesia. The microchip is the size of a grain of rice and is injected just under the loose skin between the shoulder blades. The procedure is similar to a routine vaccination.

Cat Care Society will host their free chip clinics on the 3rd Thursday of every month in the Cat Clinic at Cat Care Society. The time for these clinics will be from 12 noon to 2 p.m. If you can't make it to our clinic, please go to the website www.ChipYourCat.com for information on other shelters and veteri-

narians providing this procedure. Or you can call our clinic at (303)237-0914 to schedule an appointment.

HomeAgain is the proud sponsor of the chips utilized by Cat Care Society. 

THE SCRATCHING POST

In order to offset some of the costs associated with our clinic, **we are now accepting any cat into the clinic**, rather than just cats of qualifying low-income cat owners. So, if you are need of medical services, please feel free to contact the clinic. The number to reach the Clinic is (303) 237-0914.

The **gold and silver bricks** have been completed and are now installed. If you purchased a brick, please feel free to visit the Shelter to see your inscriptions.

The **Halloween Book Sale** was a success! Cajun's Closet made over \$1,000 that went directly to the cats. Thanks everyone that attended or helped with this event. A special thanks to Dawn Larcom and her staff for all their hard work!

A big thank you to the **Lucille Drinkwater Allen Trust** for the grant they provided to Cat Care Society. This will help a lot of cats!

Congratulations to **Heather Reeder, Staff Veterinarian** for being elected to the Board of Directors for Colorado Federation of Animal Welfare Agencies.

Cat Care Society is looking for both **Board members and Auction/Event Committee members**. If you are interested in volunteering for either of these positions, please contact Shari Shiffer-Krieger for additional information.


PET LOSS SUPPORT GROUP – A free group open to all who have lost or anticipating the loss of a companion animal. This group meets every Thursday from 7-8:30 p.m. at DAVMS office, 789 Sherman Street, Denver, 1st floor conference room. For additional information visit www.humananimalbondtrust.org or call (303)318-0447.

Don't forget to donate you car or truck to "**Cars for Cats**"! Call us at (303) 239-9680 for additional information or you can go to www.carsforcharity.net to sign-up online.

Become a Sponsor

Are you a cat-crazy person, but really can't have another cat in your home? How about sponsoring a cat in our shelter? For only \$20 a month, you can sponsor a cat or sponsor one of the cat rooms. Either you can pick the cat or we can pick one for you, if you desire.

Your sponsored cat(s) will send you a welcome letter telling their story and a picture. Then throughout the year, you will receive periodic letters and pictures. If your cat is adopted, of course, you can sponsor a new kitty.

This is a great way to help the shelter, plus the personal satisfaction is wonderful! This can be a great gift for that hard-to-buy person we all know and love. If you wish to become a sponsor, please contact Sherri Leggett, Shelter Manager at (303) 239-9680, extension 14 or email – ccsmanager@catcaresociety.org. 

Santa Paws Festival Just Around the Corner


The yearly Santa Paws Festival will be held at the shelter on Friday, December 5th from 12 – 5 and Saturday, December 6th from 9 – 2.

This year there will be events planned in all three buildings. The very popular bake sale will be held in the Clinic area (downstairs in the Shelter). Come in and buy all kinds of goodies or if you are the baking type, we can always use LOTS of baked goods.

Meow Mart, the retail store located in the shelter will once again have great Christmas presents to buy for all the cat lovers and even the cats. Of course, while you are upstairs, don't forget to play with the cats – that is probably the best fun of all! The Cat Care Society Cookbook will also be available for sale.

Cajun's Thrift Store has planned some special sales for the two days. Dawn and staff have been busy decorating Christmas trees with all kinds of unique Christmas ornaments. Plus, there all kinds of holiday decorating items for you to buy.

There will be stockings and cat toys available for purchase in the Administrative Building. These "paw print" stockings can be personalized and filled with all kinds of goodies for your cats.

Of course, Santa Paws will be here to hand out treats and refreshments will be available to help you keep your energy up for all the shopping! 

UPCOMING EVENTS

Cat Care Society's Cookbook Sale

Available in November

Santa Paws Festival

December 5th and 6th

The Cat's Pajamas

February 7th and 8th

The Pet Projekt

Spring 2009 (details coming soon)

Cat Rods – from Mild to Wild

Summer 2009 (details coming soon)

Annual Auction/Dinner

September 12th

How Old Is Your Cat

Actual Age of Cat	Age in People Years
1	7
2	13
3	20
4	26
5	33
6	40
7	44
8	48
9	52
10	56
11	60
12	64
13	68
14	72
15	76
16	80
17	84
18	88
19	92
20	96
21	100
22	104
23	108
24	112
25	116

*Information Gathered by MWI Veterinary Supply and IDEXX Laboratories



notes from PARIS



Happy Holidays! My name is Paris. I am writing this article because Daveeda tells me she is too busy chasing Poppy to write her normal article. Of course, Daveeda is my big sister, so I listen to everything she tells me.

I am so excited that the holiday season is almost here! Last year, was my first Christmas and it was wonderful. I am hoping that this year will be as much fun.

Last year, Mom put a tree in every room of the house. I loved to climb them and play with all the toys hanging from the branches. I loved to climb them some of those toys broke – I thought they were there for me to play with. One of my favorite things to do was to pee underneath the trees. It really wasn't my fault that I promised my mom that I wouldn't do that again. When I was little I was confused on what a litter box was to be used for, but I am not confused anymore, so outside, I guess I am still a little confused.....maybe I am supposed to use the tree as my litter box – hmmm!

On Christmas Day, my brothers and sisters and me got all kinds of presents – beds and toys and even kitty treats! Again, I was a little confused and still am - I am not sure what to do with the kitty treats – sometimes I eat them and sometimes I just look at Mom and Dad for answers on these treats. Mom and Dad tell me that it is okay if I am a little confused in life because I am really, really, really cute!

Anyway, my older brother and sisters told me that Christmas happens once a year. I am wishing for all kinds of nice presents – I want new toys, a new collar and bed (pink only, because I am a princess) and lots of wrapping paper!!!!

Last year, my best Christmas present was that Oberon (my brother) and I got to become full-fledged members of the Krieger household instead of just foster kittens (yes, my Mom is known as a foster failure!). My wish this year, is for all the other homeless cats and kittens to find a "forever home" just like I did!

I hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season!

Paris

Note from Daveeda: *Humph – that Paris is just too darn nice. Santa, I still would like for you to find another home for PPS (Poppy, the Princess Purebred Snob). I know that probably won't happen, but I have been a really good girl this year and have only chased Poppy around the house when she deserved it.*

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

In Memory of Pets

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Tucker	Sarah McMahan
Tucker	Rocky and Radar Custer
Tucker	Claudia O'Hara
Karma	Claudia O'Hara
Abby	Barb Klein
Dante	Carolyn Malaby
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Precious, Poco, Charmine, Missy	Roger and Cecilia Rose
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Sieglinde	Eileen Hawlk
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Sweetness	Patricia and Tom Senyeri
PJ and Phoebe	Joan Marin

In Honor of People

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CCS wishes to make the following corrections from the Fall Newsletter. We apologize for any inconvenience.

In Memory of

Elphia Florman Neal Florman

In Honor of

Noruzi Sharon Ballard

In Memory of

Faraji Sharon Ballard



...Coming in February!

The **Cat's Pajamas**, a new fundraising event for Cat Care Society, will be held on February 6th and 7th. What is the Cat's Pajamas? It is a "sleep-in" benefiting the cats. Last year, when a survey was sent to all the readers of this newsletter, many of the respondents suggested we have a *walk-a-thon* to support our cats. But most cats don't like to walk...and they do LOVE to sleep. The premise for this fundraising event is very simple – get pledges and sleep in on Saturday, February 7th. We will be sending the entry and pledge forms in the mail in the next few weeks. These forms will also be available on our website.

In addition, CCS has acquired great prizes to motive you even further. Here is the breakdown:

- \$5,000 Cat stroller with goodies + everything below
- \$2,500 Throw + everything below
- \$1,000 Cat Neck Warmer + everything below
- \$500 Alarm Clock + everything below
- \$250 Slippers + everything below
- \$100 Nightlight + everything below
- \$50 Nightshirt or t-shirt & boxers

There will also be some special events planned for the evening of Friday, February 8th. There will be a pizza/slumber party at the shelter and pajama parties at some of the local nightclubs. We are still working out the details on these events, but these details will be posted on our website – www.catcaresociety.org, or you can contact Shari Shiffer-Krieger at (303) 239-9680, extension 15.

We are also still in the process of gathering corporate sponsors. If you are interested, please call Shari Shiffer-Krieger.

Please join us in this fun event and help the cats!

CAT CARE SOCIETY

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Shelter hours

Tuesday	10:00am - 5:30pm
Wednesday - Friday	Noon - 5:30pm
Saturday	11:30am - 4:30pm
Sunday & Monday	Closed

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Wednesday - Friday	10:00am - 5:00pm
Saturday	10:00am - 3:30pm

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