From the Board of Directors

We want to express our appreciation to everyone who helps CCS achieve all that it does—our staff, our supporters, and our volunteers! April 12 – 18 is National Volunteer Appreciation Week, and we want to say a big shout-out to our dedicated volunteers – without you, we wouldn’t be able to do all that we do!

We’ve also been working on some new things at CCS and wanted to share them with you:

- Our first annual Paws on the Green Golf Tournament fundraiser will be held Monday, June 29 at The Meadows. Breakfast is at 7:30 a.m. and a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. Please join us! We’re seeking golfers and sponsors. Register online (www.CatCareSociety.org) or contact board member Ken Dobrovolny at kdoby@catcaresociety.org.
- We are currently seeking a clinic veterinary technician and a shelter manager. If you know of someone who might be interested in either position, please contact Diane at dstoner@catcaresociety.org or visit the Jobs section on our website (very bottom of the home page, click on Jobs).

Thank you as always for your generous support of CCS!
Diane Stoner, President
CCS Board of Directors
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Individuals Give More than Foundations and Corporations Combined!

BY MARY JO BAKER, DIRECTOR MAJOR AND PLANNED GIFTS

There are many reasons why you donate to Cat Care Society or another charity. You probably want to support a cause that you feel passionate about and want to stay informed about the cause. Maybe you want the tax deduction. Maybe you do it simply because it makes you feel good. Whatever the reason, you are among the largest group of givers in the country: individuals.

It is often thought that foundations and corporations are the largest sources of philanthropic dollars. According to the latest Giving USA report, foundations were responsible for only 15% of the total giving in 2013 (the most recent year for which data is available), and corporations were responsible for only 5%.

Giving from individuals like you was 72% of the total giving for 2013. And if you add in the bequests given for the same year, which are essentially from individuals, you can add another 8%. So, out of the $335 billion dollars given to charity in the United States in 2013, individuals gave 80% of it. Individuals give more annually than foundations and corporations combined!

That 80% includes you, our donors – who care deeply for the CCS mission of caring for and helping homeless and abandoned cats to heal from wounds, eat well, sleep well, learn to play and socialize with people and other cats, and generally be pampered as every feline deserves.

Abraham Lincoln once said that actions speak louder than words. Whatever your reason for supporting Cat Care Society, your action of giving speaks volumes. Thank you!

DID YOU KNOW? It’s impossible to determine how many stray dogs and cats live in the U.S. Estimates for stray cats alone range up to 70 million.
June is Microchip Awareness Month

Every day our team at Cat Care Society receives calls and emails from people who have lost a pet; frequently the pets have not been microchipped, which makes a reunion with the owner less likely.

Is your pet microchipped? If you adopted from Cat Care Society, then he or she is. In fact, most animal shelters will microchip pets at the time of adoption. But not all do.

33% of all pets will get lost or sneak away at some point during their lifetime. A microchip is your cat’s best bet for being reunited with you if he or she sneaks out or gets lost. At CCS, cats who come into the shelter are checked for microchips as part of the receiving process. If there is a chip, then our adoption team contacts the owner associated with that chip and coordinates a reunion. But lots of times pets aren’t microchipped, or the information is out of date, and this means the cat and owner won’t be reunited.

The fire department reminds us to change our smoke and fire detector batteries when we change the clocks. Likewise, we encourage you to microchip your cat or update the microchip information every June!

What is a microchip?
A microchip is a radio frequency identification transponder – RFID – that is inserted by a veterinarian or technician under the animal’s skin. About the size of a grain of rice, the chip is programmed with a code that contains a unique number. A special scanner held over the area where the chip was inserted (typically the scruff of the neck for cats) identifies the number, and the number can be looked up to find the pet’s owners. It doesn’t hurt the animal.

How do I know if my cat is microchipped?
Take your cat to your veterinarian or bring him to our adoption team or our clinic at Cat Care Society. We can scan the cat to see if there is a chip.

How do I update the contact information?
Obtain the microchip number and go to any number of websites to look up the number. We recommend www.HomeAgain.com or www.petmicrochiplookup.org. There is no charge to register the microchip or update the information. These sites will accept information from any brand of microchip – you do not need to purchase theirs to register your cat.

How long does the microchip last?
The microchip will last your cat’s lifetime. The microchip has no internal battery or power source, so there are no parts to wear out or replace. In fact, it’s inactive most of the time. When the microchip scanner passes over it, the microchip gets enough power from the scanner to transmit the pet’s ID number.

I keep my cat inside, so why do I need to microchip her?
We encourage cat owners to keep their cats inside, but it’s always possible for her to slip out – a guest or a handyman could easily leave the door open, a screen could come loose from an open window, or damage to your home from a storm, flood, or other natural disaster may causing Kitty to run away in fear. Without a microchip, a reunion is unlikely.
Volunteer Spotlight

Thank you, volunteers! Our volunteers donate thousands of hours of time each year. Without them, CCS would not be able to function. Each quarter we’ll feature a volunteer in this column. While we can’t get to everyone, please know that every volunteer is a critical member of our CCS team!

Happy National Volunteer Appreciation Week!
Where Are They Now? Another Happy Outcome for CCS Alumni!

The “feel-good” stories just keep coming, and we love to share them with you – because, thanks to the generosity of our donors, we have been able to give so many cats a second chance at a life of quality, in a permanent loving home. One of our favorite recent stories is about a cat named Lucy (and incidentally, several of her house- and litter-mates).

Lucy spent the first few days of her life in appalling conditions. In April 2010 two kind people, “Bill” and “Linda,” found her and 13 other kittens and cats abandoned in a scrap yard in Monument, filthy and covered in oil. One can only imagine what they had been through. It took three scrubblings with baby shampoo just to determine their real color. Lucy turned out to be a dark brown and white tabby.

Bill and Linda gave Lucy and all the others a good home for several years. When it came time for them to move into assisted living, the couple arranged for all the cats to come to the Cat Care Society; and they gave us detailed notes about each cat’s likes and dislikes, temperament and favorite toys.

Taking in such a tsunami of cats is no small chore for a shelter of CCS’s size. But our staff was up to it, receiving the seven males in the first wave, then the seven females. Full workups, tests, and shots ensued. Since we were past our peak kitten season, our Kitten Room was repurposed as the “Monument Room.” As they settled in, several of the cats were taken downstairs to our Cat Clinic for dental work. Lucy had fourteen teeth extracted.

One by one – or in pairs – the Monument cats were adopted...all but Lucy. That November, a man whose cat had just died took Lucy home, hoping she would fill the hole in his life. But grieving follows its own timetable: the gentleman found himself overwhelmed and not yet ready, and had to bring Lucy back to our shelter. There she stayed for two more years. Then came another unsuccessful adoption – in this home lived another cat that proved too territorial, driving Lucy to hide under a bed for nine days. Once more she came back to CCS.

Finally, nearly five years after her first arrival at CCS, in came the perfect human for Lucy: “Sandy,” who lives in a retirement community that encourages pets for residents who can care for them. Sandy’s daughter had brought her in to select a cat roommate. Sandy and Lucy bonded immediately.

Follow-up calls from staff reveal that Lucy and Sandy are true soul mates. “She belonged here,” says Sandy; “she was made for me.” Lucy uses her scratching post, is comfortable with her litter box, loves to chase balls and play laser mouse – and continues to have a healthy appetite. As an 11-year-old, Lucy was eligible for the CCS Perpet-U-Care program, which pays a good portion of her veterinary expenses each year...an important consideration for many folks living on fixed income.

Clearly this is more than a second-chance story: CCS saw to it that Lucy had third, fourth and fifth chances. And this isn’t just about Lucy and her fellow Monument refugees. It’s also about you – your compassion and support, which has enabled CCS to bring about so many heartwarming outcomes like Lucy’s. We receive no government funding: it’s all up to people like you, who love cats; and there are so many more of them, in need of shelter, expert care, and adoption into a loving home. Can you help us continue this work for the cats, with a gift of financial support?

There are several ways to give your gift: send a check, or authorize a credit charge, using the enclosed envelope; drop off a check at our Lakewood shelter; or donate online at catcaresociety.org. CCS can use ongoing monthly gifts as well as one-time donations.

Here’s how your contribution helps:

- $5,000 feeds 60 cats for 9 months.
- $1,000 cares for 30 kittens, including shots, neutering, microchips, food and litter.
- $500 provides medical care for one geriatric cat for a year.
- $125 buys blankets, cat toys and food dishes to equip one of our cat rooms for six months.
- $50 provides antibiotics for a sick cat.

Please help CCS today, with the most generous gift you can give for the care of the cats. You mean so much to the “Lucies” of the world.

Thank you,
The Cat Care Society staff, volunteers and directors
**Upcoming Events**

**Note:** Seminars and orientation sessions are held in the CCS shelter lower level conference room. Seminars are now free, but please RSVP to reserve a seat.

### April

**Wed., Apr. 22:** Earth Day! Adoption Special! In honor of Earth Day, we’re having an adoption special. Adoption fees for any CCS shelter cat age one year old or older will be $4.22. Help celebrate our purrfect planet. Every cat adopted saves the lives of two cats – the one who was adopted from CCS, and another cat we can take in because the adoption made room in our shelter.

**Sat., Apr. 25, 10:30 – noon:** Monthly Seminar: How to Play With Your Cat/Get Your Cat to Play
- Cat behavior specialist and certified trainer Billie Reynolds discusses ideas for getting your cat to play, and increase their physical activity (and yours!). Free, but please RSVP via phone (303.239.9680) or via email (FrontDesk@CatCareSociety.org). Seating is limited; guests who RSVP are given first priority for seats.

**Sun., Apr. 26:** National Hairball Awareness Day
(Who knew?)

### May

**Sat., May 9 and Sun., May 10, Shelter Hours:** Adoption Special! In honor of Mother’s Day, we’re having an adoption special. Adoption fees for any cat age one year old or older are $10. Come see our wonderful cats; even if you can’t adopt one, feel free to come by and socialize with them. They love the attention! Whenever one cat is adopted, two cats’ lives are saved – the adopted cat, and the stray or abandoned cat we can take in because the adoption made room in our shelter.

**Sat., May 9, 12:30 – 2:30 pm:** Volunteer Orientation
An overview of the origins of Cat Care Society and its current policies. Required for new volunteers. Please RSVP via phone (303.239.9680 ext. 16) or via email at CCSVolunteer@CatCareSociety.org. Cat Care Society lower level conference room.

**Wed., May 20, 4:40 pm:** See one of our shelter cats on 9 News’ Wednesday afternoon Petline 9 segment.

**Sat., May 23 and Sun., May 24, Shelter Hours:** Adoption Special! In honor of Memorial Day, any retired or active duty Armed Services member or their immediate family members can adopt a cat one year old or older for $25. Whenever one cat is adopted, two cats’ lives are saved – the adopted cat, and the stray or abandoned cat we can take in because the adoption made room in our shelter.

**Sat., May 30, 10:30 – noon:** Monthly Seminar: Physical Therapy for Your Cat – Kerry Muhovich, DVM, will show us how we can help our cats with physical therapy techniques specific for felines. Free, but please RSVP via phone (303.239.9680) or via email (FrontDesk@CatCareSociety.org). Seating is limited; guests who RSVP are given first priority for seats.

### June

**June 1 – 30:** Adoption Special! In honor of Adopt a Shelter Pet Month, adoption fees for all cats age one year old and older will be “name your price.” Whenever one cat is adopted, two cats’ lives are saved – the adopted cat, and the stray or abandoned cat we can take in because the adoption made room in our shelter.

**Thu., June 4, 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm:** The Painted Cats for our Tails of the Painted Cats fundraiser make their debut at the Lakewood Arts Council Gallery, 6731 W. Colfax Ave., Lakewood (Lamar Station Plaza, near Casa Bonita). Join us for a first look at this year’s Painted Cats, and enjoy refreshments and beverages.

**Thu., June 4 – Fri., June 26:** The Painted Cats for our Tails of the Painted Cats fundraiser are displayed all month at the Lakewood Arts Council Gallery, 6731 W. Colfax Ave., Lakewood (Lamar Station Plaza, near Casa Bonita)

**Sat., June 13, 12:30 – 2:30 pm:** Volunteer Orientation
An overview of the origins of Cat Care Society and its current policies. Required for new volunteers. Please RSVP via phone (303.239.9680 ext. 16) or via email at CCSVolunteer@CatCareSociety.org. Cat Care Society lower level conference room.

**Mon., June 29, 7:30 am breakfast, 8:30 am shotgun start:** Join us for our first annual Paws on the Green Golf Tournament to raise funds for Cat Care Society! Sign up online at www.CatCareSociety.org. We’re seeking players and sponsors. Email kdoby@catcaresociety.org for more information.

### July

**Sat., July 11, 12:30 – 2:30 pm:** Volunteer Orientation
An overview of the origins of Cat Care Society and its current policies. Required for new volunteers. Please RSVP via phone (303.239.9680 ext. 16) or via email at CCSVolunteer@CatCareSociety.org. Cat Care Society lower level conference room.

**Fri., July 31 – Thu., Aug. 27:** Our Painted Cats will be at Main Street Fine Art Gallery in Evergreen. Come by to see this year’s lovely painted cats.
Many thanks to everyone who has made donations in memory of or in honor of someone special! Gifts not listed here will be credited in the next issue of CCQ. (We run about one quarter behind.) Questions? Please call Mary Jo Baker at 303-239-9680 or email her at mbaker@CatCareSociety.org.
In Honor of Pets Received From

Annabelle .......... Larry E Hoyle
A-Zee .......... Nancy G Olin
Bianca & Camilla .......... Evie L. Verderber
Blu .......... Susan Carrick
Bobbie .......... Margo J Garske
Bogie & Isa .......... Chad Coonrod
Buddy Cat .......... Dianne G Norris
Buttons & Raven .......... William & Amy Doty
Cal ...... J Claudette Hamilton
Chancery .......... Henry & Heidi Ammons
Catmandu "Du" .......... Virginia & Mark Belland
Chez .......... Teresa Bloxham
Clara .......... Betsy Glesner
Corporal Reggie .......... Margaret E Holben
Daisy .......... Ruth Work
Duncan & Tig .......... Cynthia L Place
Ebon & Relik .......... Shirley R Kovar
Fluffy .......... Shirley M Ellerby
Fraikus .......... Jill L Epstein
George, Sophie, Toby, & Tootsie .......... Dena Hokanson
Griffin .......... Lisa Diebold
Happy & Chewy .......... Audrey J Fulton
Hello Kitty .......... Margaret E Holben
Inki .......... Sheldon Real & Don Derrick
Jasper .......... Susan Calhoun-Stuber
Katie & Suki .......... Eric Chin
Kit Carson & Sidney .......... Dianna C Lyons
Lizzie .......... Pamela Patrick
Lola .......... Muriel J Ewing
Lovey, Tara, & Kato .......... Joel R Klein
Luke Skywalker & Princess Leia .......... Sally Blanchard
Lyle .......... Dawn D Denero
Madd Maxx & Simba .......... Marty Ann & Michael O'Neill
Maggie & Smudge .......... Timothy E Toohey
Maggie, Marco, & Geno .......... Sarah A Russell
Mandy & Sammy .......... Paul W Lipinski
Mary, Maple, Pooh, Tigger, & Chance .......... Mina B & Richard Littler, Jr.
Mia .......... Kathryn W Adams
Micah & Luca .......... June M Hansen
Mickey & Nemo .......... Mary L Van Deusen
Misty .......... Andrew Schiavoni
Momma Kitty .......... Antonia L Banducci
Mr. Bigglesworth .......... Shirley Giaquie
Murphy .......... James P Steiner
Nala & Tucker .......... Jennifer Bertino
Oliver & Phoenix .......... Tammy Brown
Passionate .......... Anonymous
Pebbles .......... Marjorie L Morgenstern
Phoebe & Pi .......... Joan Marin
Pumpkin .......... Susan J Hamilton
Ralphie .......... Melanie Feddersen
Rita .......... Margaret E Holben
Robbie & Molly .......... Lisa A Ward
Roxy .......... Susan G Green
Sassy .......... Harold L Newville
Scotch .......... Sarah A Craig
Spike .......... Joyce J Haen
Sweetie Pie & Punkin .......... Lois M Cady
Tannin .......... Devorah R Tennyson
The Angel Lady .......... Diane Allison
Tinkerelle Box .......... Janice Drickey
TK McPoopers .......... Diane A Dunn
Toby aka Hunter .......... Gwen M. Miller
Wanda .......... Anonymous
A. Hassan Makarechian
Yoshi .......... Patricia Stromberg
Zeke .......... Diane D Dozer

In Honor of People Received From

Alli Andress .......... Nicole O'Reilly-Barash
Ann Duplika .......... Ellen Terwilliger
Anne Brumbaugh, volunteer .......... Anonymous
Susan J & Thomas W Littlefield
Beth Rooney .......... Jeanne M Rooney
Cameron Lavelle .......... Renato Contreras
CCS' great Facebook posts .......... Loralee S Sturm
CCS Staff .......... Larry E Hoyle
CCS Volunteers .......... Larry E Hoyle
Dave Makarechian & Family .......... Sarah J. Makarechian & Trevor Alyn
David Martinelli .......... Anonymous
Deb Aylsworth .......... Christina Walter
Dennis & Jane Froman .......... Shirley J Cervene
Diane Stoner .......... Dona Moody
Gavin Lump .......... Sunshine Lump
Harley Vlieger .......... Ashleigh Pickett
Hassan Makarechian .......... Sarah J. Makarechian
Hayley Somers .......... Charlotte Somers
Hilary Emmet .......... Anonymous
Jim & Linda Langsted .......... Celeste G Lavender
Junior Lange .......... Chris Lange
Karl Means .......... Margaret R. Means
Kate and Claire Tsai .......... Anonymous
Kathie McKinney .......... Michael Daniels
Kelli Hines & the babies .......... Leonard M Marsh
Liam Sonke .......... Susanne Sonke
Lynn Elliott .......... Susanna Ald
Maggie Chamberlin Holben .......... April Giles
Margaret Phillips .......... Larry E Hoyle
Melanie Barr .......... Roger Clark
Michael Graetz .......... Larry E Hoyle
Morgan Bergson .......... Mary L Van Deusen
Nancy Mueller .......... Peggy Linn
Penny Jokerst .......... Molly Spradley
Sam Smith .......... Anonymous
Shirley Leahey .......... Kelli L Hines & Len Marsh
Stephanie Gilmore .......... Rachel Bailey
Tammy Fey Gance .......... Tish Gance
We could use the following items:

- clay, non-scoopable cat litter
- paper towels
- 5-inch paper plates
- L-lysine 500 mg capsules or powder
- baby food: turkey and chicken
- premium* canned cat food
- canned cat food (non-fish flavors)
- dry cat food: Science Diet®, Iams® Original
- Purina® Kitten Chow®
- hooded cat beds
- trash bags: 12, 20, and 45 gallon sizes
- automatic dish detergent
- bleach
- laundry detergent
- rubber-backed rugs
- bird seed
- cord protectors (to prevent chewing on cords)
- white copy/printer paper
- elastic safety collars
- white-out tape
- fast-read, digital thermometers
- Batteries: 9V and AA
- litter and cat food donations for Nibbles & Kibbles Food Bank

*Premium brands: Wellness, Natural Choice, Natural Balance, Nutro, Authority, Weruva, Avoderm, Royal Canin, Science Diet, Blue, and Pro Plan. Authority (available at PetSmart) is the best quality for the price.