



# CAT CARE QUARTERLY

## *Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?*



**Taza** – The Indigo Mountain Nature Center's ambassador wolf

We're all excited about our annual dinner with silent and live auctions on October 19th. Sue Cranston of Indigo Mountain Nature Center, Inc. will tell us about the Center's mission of providing a permanent home for abused, abandoned, or displaced captive-born wildlife and promoting wildlife conservation. "Taza," the Center's ambassador wolf, will accompany her. Taza is a timber/tundra mix and was taken from another facility when he was 6 days old. His mother trampled 5 of his littermates due to overcrowding. He is one handsome wolf!

Special guest Senator Deanna Hanna of Lakewood will be on hand and give a brief presentation. She co-sponsored the Westy Bill, which made certain categories of animal cruelty a felony.

Live auction items include the ever-popular 10-day stay at a condo in Maui, Hawaii, tickets to Denver Bronco games, cat-design jewelry, beautifully framed art, unique cat furniture, and much more!

A flyer is enclosed with this newsletter with details. 🐾

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.....Behavior Counseling, Spay/Neuter Assistance  
.....Temporary Care Program, Lifetime Care Program  
.....Perpet-U-Care, Planned Giving, Lost and Found

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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*** ***Received From***

Winston, Agnus Jean . . . . .	Linda Jennings
"Rocky" Ferguson . . . . .	Dennis Bajcar
Puff . . . . .	Debbie Beller
Salem . . . . .	Tony Wilfley
Waif . . . . .	Sarah Russell
Suzi . . . . .	Michelle Bergren
"Albert" Faure . . . . .	Joan Gilmore
"Brutus" & "Orange Julius" Mathews-Schmidt . . . . .	Donna Valori, DVM
Ruffles . . . . .	David Harris
Callie . . . . .	Shirley Ney
Robbie . . . . .	Elsie Schuster
Breezy . . . . .	Saunya Marcello
Bear (dog) . . . . .	Lee Rush
Hillary . . . . .	Jane Jackson
Primrose . . . . .	Kaaren Hardy
"Pierre" Johnson . . . . .	Lynn Carol Johnson
"Locki" Roberts . . . . .	Linda Roberts
Dixie . . . . .	Sharon Edwards
"Harley" Redd . . . . .	Terri Blechar
Poney . . . . .	Claudia & Patrick O'Hara
"Echo" Barbour . . . . .	Barbara Barbour
Murphy . . . . .	Gene Collins

### ***In Honor of Pets*** ***Received From***

Maxwell . . . . .	M. L. Morgenstern
Zorro . . . . .	Laura Von Drehle
Penny (25 years old) . . . . .	Neal Florman
Simon, Reno, Blink, & Gibson . . . . .	Jeneen Klippel-Worden & Paul Worden
Grey Kitty's Birthday (Tagawa Garden Center) . . . . .	Barbara Goldsmith, Laurie Knight, Brian Hartman
. . . . .	Patricia Snow, Allen & Marina Dagenais

### ***In Memory of People*** ***Received From***

Kathleen Sheldon . . . . .	Alecia Self
My sister Janine who loved cats . . . . .	Ann Waite
Freda Wilkinson . . . . .	Betty Wilkinson
Elinor Taff Negri . . . . .	Richard F. Negri
Lynn Cooley . . . . .	Barbara Dodge Bennett
Eugene Bange . . . . .	Susan & William Milligan
Patricia Ann Perkins . . . . .	Karen Koop
Josephine M. Razek . . . . .	Eileen Hawk
Gene Purrington . . . . .	Fairlee Latawic

### ***In Honor of People*** ***Received From***

Valerie LaVay-Borris . . . . .	Cindy Marshall
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David Walker . . . . .	Allyce Card
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Diane Richter (birthday) . . . . .	Kaaren McCarty

## ***Sponsor A Cat***

You can sponsor an individual cat at the shelter, or become a Shelter Sponsor, for a donation of \$15.00 monthly. Individual cat sponsors will receive a photograph of "their" cat and a profile. Shelter sponsors receive a photograph and story of a special cat in the shelter three times a year. For more information, call Gene at 303-239-9680.



VERA  
Sandy McKalik



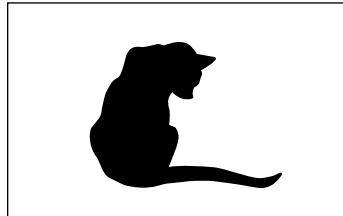
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PRINCE  
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LOVEY  
Donna Herman



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SOLOMON  
Dale Tinnemeyer



JEEPERS  
Mary Rogers

# The Year in Review: Fiscal Year July 2001 - June 2002

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## ADOPTION STATISTICS

Adoptions 862  
Return to Owner 7  
Surrenders 850  
Returns 91  
Euthanasia 50



Cora and Florence



## VISITATION STATISTICS

Number of Visits 71  
Volunteers 166  
Cats 166  
Residents 1754

## TELEPHONE STATISTICS

Adoption Calls 7571  
Surrender Calls 9208  
General Info Calls 3478  
Events 205  
Total Calls 20462

## **ADOPTIONS**

Exceptional adoptions make our day! The adoption of Cora and Florence was just one of those extraordinary events this past year.

Cora, a one-year-old, pregnant, black cat came to us in April of 2001. The people who brought her to us thought that her owners had moved and left her behind. After being spayed, she was integrated into the shelter but did not like the other cats. She was very sweet with people but needed to be on "calms" (an herbal soothing remedy) to remain partially content with the other resident cats.

Florence, a two-year-old brown tabby came to us in September of 2001 with 2 three-week-old kittens. She was shy and not very trusting of people or other cats. She didn't like to be picked up and held, but she loved to play!

After we moved into our new facility in October of 2001, Cora and Florence began running up and down the hallway and chasing rubber balls. They would run into each other, then growl and hiss. After awhile they both decided it was more fun to chase each other than wait for us to throw the balls for them. They became friends! We have seen some unusual pairing over the years, but having two dominant female cats pair up was one of the most unusual and wonderful matches we have seen. Kristin, a young lady who at first only wanted Florence, adopted them together in April. She comes into the shelter occasionally and tells us of the girls' most recent antics and how glad she is that she has both of them!

## **PET VISITATIONS**

Personality outweighs looks when we choose the shelter cats that would enjoy accompanying our volunteers to nursing homes. Take a tough looking gray tabby with raggedy ears named Gideon who resides in the shelter Red Room. Gideon looks tough, but when he's placed in a lap he rolls on his back and purrs! Think how Gideon's special cat charm brightens the day of an elderly person who can no longer care for his or her own pet. This program is a win-win situation. Cat Care is able to coordinate a worthwhile community service that allows the nursing home resident, the volunteer, and even the cat to benefit.

## **TELEPHONE ASSISTANCE**

Cat Care Society's staff strives to provide high quality and personal assistance to people calling for a variety of reasons. We are now receiving e-mails from people around the United States and abroad who have visited our web site and have questions or request information. We are able to either directly help a caller or provide numerous resources for behavior problems, renting humane traps, information on caring for cats, lost and found cats, and surrendering cats to name a few. We receive an average of 80 phone calls daily and on Tuesdays that number doubles.

**VOLUNTEER HOURS**

Shelter 2077  
Special Projects 1197  
Pet Visitations 248  
Administrative 780  
Cajun's Closet 3497  
Foster Care 4643  
Total Hours 12443

**LONG-TERM FOSTER CARE**

Volunteers 20  
Queens 28  
Kittens/Teens 264  
Geriatrics/Adults 18

**WEEKEND FOSTER CARE**

Volunteers 14  
Kittens/Teens 113  
Geriatrics/Adults 3



**Cowardly Lion**



**Oz**



**Scarecrow**



**Toto**



**Tinman**



**Poppy**

**VOLUNTEERS**

Although Cat Care Society's volunteers come from all over the Metro area, and each is motivated by their own inner drive, they all have one thing in common. They are able to nurture their souls by helping animals in need. We offer a myriad of tasks to achieve this end, ranging from hands-on shelter work to special projects on and off the premises. There is no question that we would not be able to provide such a wide array of community services without the help of our dedicated volunteers. We are always interested in talking to people who want to offer their time, skills, and/or services for the benefit of the cats. Since moving to our new facility last year, our need for volunteers has increased and total volunteer hours jumped from 9,483 during fiscal 2001 to 12,443 this past year. New volunteer orientations are scheduled periodically to help potential newcomers decide if they want to support us in this very special way. Please call Jane Dorsey at 303-239-9680 for more information.

**FOSTER CARE**

Cat Care Society volunteers generously open up their homes and their hearts to under-aged kittens, momcats with kittens, or geriatric cats. Without their commitment we would not be able to accept kittens less than 8 weeks of age.

Dorothy, a one-year-old, gray and white, pregnant female stray was taken into Adams County Animal Hospital in July of 2001 where one of our foster volunteers works. Dorothy was near term with her pregnancy so the veterinarians took X-rays to determine how many kittens she was carrying with one showing nine! Marci, our volunteer, called us right away to say she would foster mom and kittens if we could take the brood when they were old enough. Well, of course, we said yes!

The shelter staff waited anxiously, starting a pool of bets on when and how many kittens Dorothy would have. On July 24, 2001, ten days after Marci took her home, Dorothy had NINE kittens. How was she going to feed nine kittens with only eight spigots? Marci had her hands full by supplementing the smaller kittens twice daily with Kitten Milk Replacer for about six weeks. Dorothy and her chubby eight-week-old kittens returned to the shelter for adoption. Thanks to Marci for going the extra mile for Dorothy, Oz, Toto, Cowardly Lion, Tin Man, Scarecrow, Lollipop, Glenda, Poppy, and Munchkin.

**HUMANE EDUCATION**

Moving to the new shelter has opened up a fresh venue for humane education by giving us the opportunity to give shelter tours. We begin with a presentation in the lower level in which we discuss who we are, what we do, and why we do it. A cat "handling" demonstration follows this. Then the kids are escorted to the main level and with adult supervision can visit the cat rooms in groups of five or less. We still also provide classroom presentations, but due to limited staff time, our resources are better used when groups come to the shelter. Plus, this hands-on experience makes a lasting impression.

**TCP STATISTICS**

- Cats Boarded 56
- Return to Owner 32
- Surrendered to CCS 23
- Euthanized (Cancer) 1

**REASONS FOR BOARDING**

- Homeless/Transition 24
- Hospitalized 3
- Safehouse/Other 7



Kali and Peggy



**TEMPORARY CARE PROGRAM**

Your donations enable us to provide temporary housing and veterinary care for cats whose owners are homeless or hospitalized. Through our Temporary Care Program we can provide peace of mind to people in crisis situations by caring for their cats while they regroup and recuperate. Here is the story of just one person we were able to help this past year.

Kali is a Blue Point Siamese mix that was adopted from us in January 2000. Kali and her owner, Peggy, had lived a wonderful and uneventful life together until July 2001 when Peggy learned she needed major heart surgery. She called us as her only hope in keeping Kali because of needing about one month to recuperate from the surgery. Kali took a little while to readjust to shelter life but became very friendly and loving to staff and visitors. She loved to be held and would fetch small balls. Luckily, Peggy was able to take Kali home after only three weeks. Then she called a few weeks later to say that she needed an additional surgery. After the second surgery Peggy's recovery was much slower. But, happily, she and Kali were reunited after four additional weeks.

**BEHAVIOR PROBLEMS**

One of the main reasons cat owners want to surrender their cats to animal shelters is because of behavior problems. The top problem is failure to use the litterbox. This could be not using the box for urination, defecation, or both. Spraying is usually a problem in multiple-cat homes with one or more dominant cats. We currently counsel only those people who have adopted cats from Cat Care Society due to staff limitations. However, the Denver Dumb Friends League offers this service to the general public.

First and foremost, when a cat discontinues to use the litterbox, the possibility of a medical problem must be ruled out. If this is a urination problem it is absolutely necessary to have a urine sample analyzed. Once a medical problem has either been treated or ruled out, it can then be worked with behaviorally.

**VETERINARY STATISTICS**

- Spays 287
- Neuters 228
- Dentals 69

**VETERINARY CARE**

It is only through the generosity of the veterinary clinics who agree to work with us that we are able to provide quality medical care for the cats entering the shelter. A huge thank you to the following clinics for their help this past year: South Penn Animal Hospital, The Pet Doc, Chatfield Veterinary Hospital, Care Animal Hospital, and Animal Clinic at the Festival.

Huron Animal Hospital also provides care for kittens fostered by one of our volunteers. Dr. Todd Hammond at the Eye Clinic-Veterinary has been very generous this past year in what our Veterinary Technician is calling "The Year of Eyes." In addition to Bonnie Belle, we have had many cats under Dr. Hammond's care. As an update, as of August 12 Bonnie Belle's procedures have been completed and she came into the shelter for adoption.

Also deserving of recognition is Harrison Memorial Animal Hospital. Through an "allocation" made possible by Animal Assistance Foundation, they provide veterinary care for cats needing more extensive care or surgical procedures. THANK YOU all very much!



## RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT

### MEOU MART

is a small retail store within the shelter for cats and cat lovers. It provides adopters with a resource for some of the best cat toys and supplies for their new family member.

### CAJUN'S CLOSET

is a unique experience for thrifty shoppers. Bargains galore are packed into our little shop with donated items arriving weekly. The Closet is open Thursday through Saturday but donations for the thrift shop can be dropped off anytime during regular shelter hours.

### VEHICLE DONOR PROGRAM –

Klode Salvage created Cars for Charity to receive donated vehicles for local nonprofit agencies. We began participating in the program in 1999 and have received nearly 50 vehicles from generous donors. We are now able to accept ANY make or model vehicle for donation.

### LIFETIME CARE PROGRAM –

Should you become unable to care for your cat, either through disability or death, our Lifetime Care Program will assure you that your cat will be taken care of and placed for adoption in another loving home. Call the shelter at 303-239-9680 for more information.

### MATCHING GIFTS

is a great opportunity to double your donation to help the cats. Contact your employer's human resource department to see if they have such a program. This past year matching gifts were received from the Gary Williams Oil Company, First Data Corporation, Citigroup Foundation, Janus/Stillwell Financial, ING, Xcel Energy, and Computer Associates.

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COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN

### LEAVE A LEGACY –

Through thoughtful estate planning Cat Care Society received bequests this past year from the following individuals: Katherine A. Taylor, Mary Anna McKenzie, and Amy L. McCoy. Please call the shelter at 303-239-9680 if you would like a brochure about planned giving.



COLORADO  
COMBINED  
CAMPAIGN

### COMMUNITY SHARES OF COLORADO

is a federation of more than 100 diverse nonprofit organizations that raises funds through payroll deduction at your place of work. Membership in Community Shares also allows us to participate in the following campaigns: Combined Federal Campaign, Colorado Combined Campaign, and the Denver Employees' Combined Campaign. If your company doesn't currently offer this benefit we can assist you in making the opportunity available.


### MEMBERSHIP

in Cat Care Society is one way to support the work we do to help cats. Four levels of annual membership, in addition to lifetime membership, provide a choice for your support. Purchasing a CCS membership as a gift is a unique way to introduce a friend to Cat Care Society's work.



Denver Employees' Combined Campaign

### WEB SITE –

Located at [www.catcaresociety.org](http://www.catcaresociety.org), our web site has been an excellent educational tool for cat owners. In addition, adoptable adult cats at the shelter are featured. You can even take a "virtual tour" of our facility. 

# UPCOMING EVENTS

October 19

Annual Dinner plus Live and Silent Auctions  
at the Arvada Center – see the enclosed flyer for details

November 3 & 10

Picture Your Pet with Mrs. Santa – Have a professional photograph taken of your pet with Mrs. Santa (or with you). Call the shelter at 303-239-9680 for a reservation and details. Thanks to Sue Green of The Whole Cat for donating her photography expertise.

November 7-10

Holiday Food & Gift Festival

December 6-7

Annual Open House / Gift / Bake Sale at the shelter

community shares


Member Agency

## Scratching Post

There is a new radio show "All About Animals" on KLZ 560 AM on Sundays from 5-6pm. Sunday October 13 the entire show will focus on cat behavior with Dan Estep, Ph.D. and Suzanne Hetts, Ph.D. of Animal Behavior Associates. Cat Care Society will also be featured. *Don't miss it!*

The Colorado Pet Overpopulation Fund provides resources to support collaborative efforts between veterinarians and animal welfare groups by subsidizing spay/neuter services primarily in under-served areas statewide. The purpose of the Fund is to award grant monies to applicants thereby enabling animal shelters and rescuers, veterinarians, and local communities to curb unwanted pet births. If you donated to this fund on your tax return in the voluntary check-off box, we thank you!

## PetsMart Promotes Adoptions

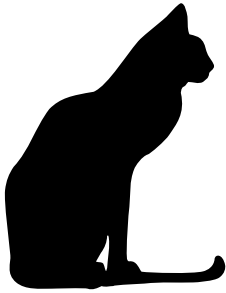
Cat Care Society recently received a \$5000 grant from PetsMart Charities that will help promote the adoption of shelter cats age 12+ years. As we began to take in older cats, primarily from elderly owners who were no longer able to care for them, the shelter staff realized that the increased cost of vet care for these cats was a prime consideration for adopters. Through the Perpet-U-Care Program, kind-hearted people who adopt cats age 12+ years will be reimbursed up to \$250 annually for veterinary care (excluding annual wellness exams and vaccinations). We thank PetsMart for their support of innovative adoption incentive programs and ask YOU to refer friends and family to the shelter if they are considering adopting a senior feline. Perhaps the activity level of these "experienced" cats would just fit YOUR lifestyle! 



Bussch (above) and Varona (right) are available for adoption under our Perpet-U-Care Program

# *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](http://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**

5785 West 6th Avenue  
(North Service Rd) • 303-202-6642

### Thrift Shop hours

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

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**W A N T E D !** The following items are on the "CCS needs" list **W A N T E D !**

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Dry cat food (Excel, AvoCat, Natures Recipe,  
Natural Choice, or other premium foods)  
Canned cat & kitten food  
Stamps

Liquid dish detergent  
Automatic dish detergent  
Paper towels  
Laundry detergent

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

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