



Cat Care Quarterly



Cars for Charity

Cat Care Society has partnered with Cars for Charity for the past three years to accept donations of vehicles (working or not) as part of our fund-raising program. If you have a 1984 or newer vehicle 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. More than 20 vehicles have been donated to benefit cats. Cars for Charity will tow your car, process the title, auction the vehicle, and forward the net profit to Cat Care Society. Call today! 🐾



When

Saturday, April 28, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Sunday, April 29, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Where

V.F.W. Post #1
at 955 Bannock Street, Denver

What

Huge selection of quality books including: fiction, non-fiction, cookbooks, hard back, paper back, novelty, collector quality, and more!

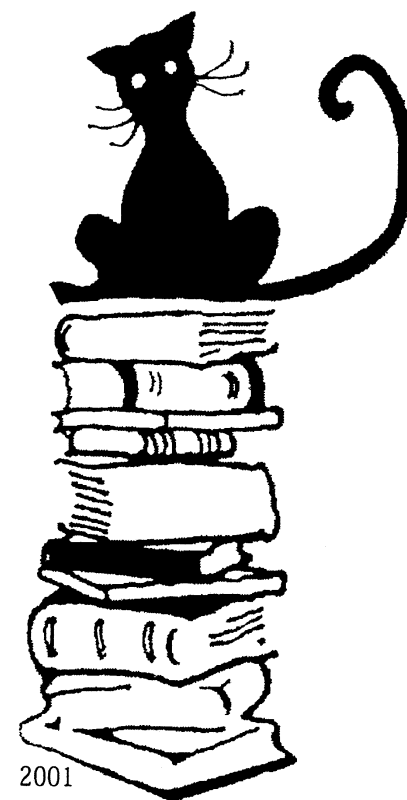
Pricing

Hard Backs - \$2.00

Paper Backs - \$1.00

Why

Proceeds benefit Cat Care Society's Building Fund



2001

Book Sale

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 *Received From*

"Sambolino" Stefan	Mark & Susan Stefan
"Hobbes" Walters	Julie Tinker
Py	Mrs. Richard F. Negri Bernard
Cecily & Sara	Jacqueline Wolber, Ph.D.
"Harold" Tobias	R. W. Culver, M.D.
Penelope & Sabrina	Warren Brown
Calliope	Genevieve Young
Holly	Kim Sawyer
Duchess & Fred (canines)	Mellanie Pitzen
	Catherine Campbell
	& feline sisters Ginger & Molly
Holmes	Nancy Olin
Shin-ju	Joy & Ken Shannon
"Ripple" Bortz	June Campbell
"Grey Kitty" Tagawa	Gloria Surman, Nan Keiper,
	Kristine Psaltis, Rose Lane, Joan Lindquist, Carol Jape,
	and everyone at Tagawa Garden Center
Munchkin	Lisa Hamilton-Fieldman
Bonkers	Vanessa Beca
"Fats" Smith	Cindy Bingham & Cheryl Bort
Lightening	Annette & Meghan Dittmer
"Dixie" Edwards	Carolyn Roberts
Bertram	Pam Scooros & John Van Milligan
"Tiana" Woodling	Katherine Catherman
Mime	Atsuko Plampin
Newt	Bob, Lorraine, Misha, Pan, Deva & Zeb
Baby	Rosemary Macadams
Shakespeare	Jill Mabary
"Spike" Zwinak	Jack & Michelle Martin & James Griggs
Mince meat	Eileen Jaskowski
Fats	Robert Smith
Christe	Mary Ann Snowden
Hobbes	Cindy Bingham & Cheryl Bort,
	Sue Crismon, Wanda Depperschmidt, Jane Dorsey,
	Julie Fortuin, Sally Rehner, Deb Rivera, Mary Ann Schultz,
	Mary Fowler, Kathy Macklem
Neary & Cassidy	Audrey Fulton
"Casey" Mitchell	"Midnight", "Casey" & "Annabelle" Mason
"Pippin" Donaldson	Nancy Hardesty

Skimpy Scamp	Karen Zoltenko
Sugar Bear	Ida Butterworth
Jasper (16 1/2 years)	Richard & Hazel Baker
"Angus" Boswell	"Cajun", Gene Collins, Pam Davies
Jack	Lee A. Trujillo-Lopez

In Honor of Pets *Received From*

Sable & Waif	Sarah Russell
Winston, Boris & Guinevere	Linda Jennings
Oreo	Chris & Erin Settje
Maxwell	M.L. Morgenstern
Happy & Diamond	Audrey Fulton
Chaos	Jon & Deb La Nite
Maggie & Savannah	Pam Jordan
Cayman	Glenda Smith
Nutmeg	Lori Bruchis

In Memory of People *Received From*

Kathleen Sheldon	Alecia Self
Mary Cronin	Cynthia Mancinelli
Mary Eloise Palmer	Martha Palmer West
Margaret & Virgil McKalik	Sandy McKalik
Rex Charles Tripp	Esther H. Tripp, Manuel & Phyllis Chavez
	Trina & Tom Stoffel, Jim & Kappy Riemersma
	Jeff, Betsey & Helen Riemersma, Harold & Janet Woods
	Charles & Marjorie Wilson, Katherine Honold
	Nyla, Bill, Derryll, Dallan, BJ, Chick & Liz
Theresa Sedlak	Anne Brown & Pat Loyd
Cleo Vrooman	Ann T. Waite
Sue Cunningham	Erin Cunningham
Peter Duggan	Frank Graboski
Tony Milhollin	Jim & Debbie Phillips
Norma Ryman	Karen Hombs
Mable Kingery	Maxine Oram

In Honor of People *Received From*

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Dr. William L. Saker	The Staff of Alpine
	Plastic Surgery Associates
Timmi Wahl	Craig Wahl
Rev. Sandi Daniel & Molly	Jennie, Julie & Tom Pallett
Mikki Finkelstein	Lee & Arthur Feldman
Amy Foxley	Sandra Foxley
CCS Cats & Volunteers	Joe & Pat Minicz
Danielle Solecki	Christopher Solecki
Mischa Delaney	Caryl Hawkins
Esther Hall	Carol Dietrick
Rick Forester	Mimi Siegel
Victoria Kraft	Co-workers at Denver Main C.O.
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Building Fund Update

The past three months have been exciting as well as frustrating. The most important thing is that dcb Construction Company began work on the new shelter site March 19 with the formal ground-breaking ceremony taking place March 28. FINALLY!

A few other highlights are:

BRICK INSCRIPTION confirmations will be mailed in April. If you have any corrections, please mail them back ASAP. If you made a donation for a brick inscription and do not receive a confirmation by April 30, please call.

WE SOLD our current facility at 5985 West 11th Avenue on February 16, 2001. We signed a lease with the new owner, so we are renting until we move into the new facility. Just in case you're wondering, the sale price was \$167,000. After realtor fees and other expenses we netted nearly \$157,000. Of that amount, \$150,000 was put into the building fund and the remainder will be used to pay rent until we move.

OUR CONSTRUCTION LOAN will be with First United Bank (a subsidiary of United Banks of Colorado) in the amount of \$375,000. We will still accept donations earmarked for the building fund. They will be used to make interest payments during construction and principal and interest payments once we have gone to permanent financing through the Colorado Housing and Finance Authority. The folks at First United Bank have been absolutely wonderful in assisting us.



Ground Breaking Ceremony March 28, 2001 - Kathy Macklem, Executive Director with Cajun; Board Members: Gina Williams, President; Sue Green; Beth Hammer; Jack Maloney; Amy Mueller

FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT

costs for move-in will be high. In the last newsletter we mentioned that we had purchased a mailing list and sent a direct mail piece to approximately 3800 individuals. The purpose of that mailing was to seek donations to furnish the new facility. We are also writing grants for some of the larger items. I'd like to share some of the items and price tags with you. If you know of a business willing to donate any specific items, please give them our phone number, or better yet, give us the business name, phone number, and contact name and we will get hold of them.

11 window coverings
@ \$50 each

Paper cutter @ \$160

3-hole punch @ \$49

4 office "packages" (staplers @ \$15, tape dispensers @ \$11, paper clip holders @ \$3, scissors @ \$7, waste baskets @ \$6)

Dishwasher @ \$500

Industrial washer/dryer (for cat bedding) @ \$5,000 each

3 desk/computer work stations
@ \$500 each

6 desk chairs @ \$75 each

Waiting room chairs

Lockers for staff

Postage meter

Phone System @ \$12,000

Security System @ \$20,000

Exam table for treatment room

Steam cleaner for cat rooms

Plexiglass literature display
@ \$300

Four 4-drawer file cabinets
@ \$75 each

Rolling file cabinets for admin
area

6 banks of cages @ \$1,917 each

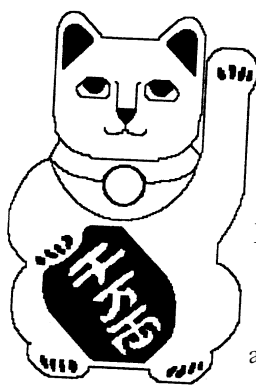
Thank you for your help! 🐾

A Visit to the Cat Lady's Garden

by Karen Schultz

The Cat Lady's Garden contains one of the largest collections of Hemerocallis (daylilies) in the Rocky Mountain Region. We open our garden to the public one day each year during our peak bloom season. Garden visitors have asked us for years to sell daylily plants. We did it for the first time last year and it was quite successful. Since Glenn and I are long-time supporters of Cat Care Society, and selling plants is not a commercial venture for us, we have decided to do it again this year and donate a portion of our sales to the shelter. If it goes well, we will continue to do this. It fits right in with our annual Open Garden.

Mark your calendar for Saturday, July 21st, for the peak of our bloom season. Thousands of daylilies will be in bloom, the latest introductions from the leading hybridizers, as well as many old favorites. A variety of features in our one-acre garden make it a "must see" destination for all garden lovers and cat lovers. Of course, the most dominant of these is the vast size of the collection, more than 3,000 cultivars, greeting you with a virtual sea of colorful bloom. Designated by the American Hemerocallis Society as an official Display Garden, this dazzling array will overwhelm you with its diversity. We have accented our daylily collection with a wide variety of perennials including shrub and hybrid tea roses, lavatera, rubeckia, coreopsis, monarda, and much more. In keeping with our theme, the Cat



Lady's Garden is accessorized by cat statuary and carved river stones, some of which memorialize cherished feline companions.

From the moment you are greeted by a granite Maneki Neko, a Japanese "beckoning cat," you will be charmed by the accents most enjoyed by garden visitors, glimpses of our cats. From their specially constructed outdoor enclosure, a number of our 80 feline friends will be checking you out as you wander the grass paths surrounding the extensive garden beds. Glenn and I have maintained a large, multiple-cat household for many years with our cat family almost as diverse as our daylily collection. Half of the cats are beautiful, high-maintenance Persians. Other breeds in our family are Birman, Egyptian Mau, Bengal, Somali, Maine Coon, Munchkin, LaPerm, Selkirk Rex, Siamese, and quite a few mixed breeds, many adopted from shelters. Yes, you can go inside and visit the cats. Some of them love visitors. The rest will be under the beds.

We look forward to seeing you at our annual Open Garden. Details will be in the next newsletter. Feel free to contact us for additional information at 303-366-9689 or jakiscats@qwest.net. 🐾

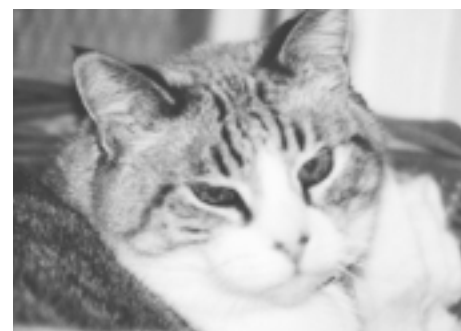
The Scratching Post

✂ We mentioned in our last newsletter that we will be having a sale in Meow Mart, our retail store within the shelter, until we move. Each month we will increase the sale discount 10% until we reach the 50% off mark. Take advantage of this great sale!

✂ Cat Care Society supporters are the best! We make an effort to send thank you notes to all donors at least once per year. Receipts are not sent for each donation unless they are requested. Thank you all for you continuing support!

Molly Brown Adoption Update

Molly Brown, age 15, told her story in our last newsletter. She sold herself well because one week after the newsletter went out, Lois Andreassen came into the shelter to meet her. Lois had previously adopted a cat from CCS, Roxanne, who is now ten years old. It must have been love at first sight, because Lois took Molly Brown home the same day. During the adoption follow-up call Lois said she is thrilled and just loves Molly Brown. Molly and Roxanne were getting along "ok." Molly is much more active than Roxanne and loves to play with mice and lie in front of the window. Good work and congratulations, Molly Brown! 🐾



Working with “Shy” Cats

by Sherri Leggett

Shy cats come into the shelter from all kinds of situations. These cats may be feral (wild), semi-feral, or come from a large variety of home environments. Sometimes it is difficult to determine if the cat is feral or just very frightened. In all cases, we give the cat the time it needs to feel comfortable with us and the shelter. It can take anywhere from overnight to 4 weeks or more for a shy cat to adjust to the shelter. We can usually determine if the cat is feral within a few days because ferals are fearfully aggressive or unresponsive to handling. Semi-feral cats have been around people but have not been well-socialized. Abused cats can be shy and afraid of people because of the abuse they suffered. Owner surrendered cats are mainly afraid of the new environment. It is an especially difficult transition for cats whose owners have died, as they are afraid as well as grieving for their owner.

The shelter can be a very frightening place. There is a lot of activity and many other cats to get used to all at once, in addition to a changing population. No matter what the cat's disposition, shy cats need to be treated differently than cats who adjust more easily to the shelter. We have two rooms set aside specifically for “shy” cats and cats who don't like being around a lot of other cats. These are smaller, quieter rooms with few hiding places so the cat can feel more comfortable. It is also easier for us to work with the cat, one on one, in a



Some cats feel more secure in cozy beds.

smaller room. The cat feels more secure and is easier to handle. We can also monitor more closely their eating and litter box habits as it is not uncommon for a shy or frightened cat to stop eating or have diarrhea.

We spend extra time with these cats every day. We go into the room and talk to them at first. If they don't want to be handled, or hiss and hide when approached, we use a back scratcher to stroke them and get them used to being touched. We use string toys to entice them to come out to play. We also use Bach Flower remedy combinations specifically to help them adjust more quickly to the new environment. The remedy is put in their water bowls, a few drops in their canned food, and if they are receptive, it is also put directly in their mouths. We never try to force attention on these cats because that will make the situation worse. When a cat feels comfortable enough to be petted, we try to hold it. But we let the cat determine when and for how long. For cats that like to be brushed, grooming can bring back good memories which we can expand upon. Another technique is to wrap the cat in a towel, including its head, so it

will feel more secure. It's amazing how fast a cat will come around when you are patient and compassionate.

When we adopt “shy” cats, we recommend that the cat be kept confined in a small area with few hiding places. This is very important because it gives the cat a chance to adjust to the new home at his or her own pace. Some cats who are very shy in the shelter may blossom in the new home because they feel more comfortable in that environment, or they may act as they did in the shelter and the process will need to be repeated. Giving any cat too much space too soon can be very frightening and cause the cat to find the smallest space to hide. If the cat is allowed to hide and not kept confined, it may never get used to the new home or owners and will most likely be returned to us eventually.

“Shy” cats make wonderful companions. They may disappear when company arrives but will love being around you. So the next time you're searching for a new cat, don't overlook the cats who are labeled “shy.” We put a lot of time and effort into making these cats more “adoptable” and extra TLC in the new home will be rewarded many times over. 🐾



Ears back means approach slowly.

Book Review

by Sallie Papp

Cats for Dummies by Gina Spadaflori and Paul D. Pion, DVM

Cats for Dummies was written for your cat...but, of course, he can't buy the book for himself...(but, then, why would he? That's what he has servants for!). Don't tell him this, but kitties can't read, either. Nor can a kitty make wise decisions regarding veterinary care, show you how to keep his claws in fine shape, or choose safe toys and equipment. He can't even tell you what you've done wrong with the litter box so it's just not the place to go when a cat has to...er, go. He can't, but his book can!

Cats for Dummies is much more than a primer for cat lovers. If you know nothing about our furry friends, you'll get a first-rate education in an easy-to-read and reference format. If you're a seasoned veteran, your knowledge will be challenged and expanded and occasionally you might have one of those "Ah So!" moments. My "Ah So" moment came on page 309, when I was informed that my cat doesn't eat plants because they are an important part of his diet (and all those "barf-fests" should have given me a clue about that notion) but simply because he LOVES to. For a cat, "just because" is reason enough.

Besides the nuts and bolts...oh, excuse me, kitties...the claws and scratches of picking out your cat (not only the type of cat, but where to get

one - shelter vs. pet shop vs. breeder), creating a multi-cat family, choosing a vet, grooming, feeding, and, well...basically becoming a slave to your cat, Cats for Dummies includes such educational and entertaining topics as: Ten Cat Myths Debunked, Ten Things to Know in Case of a Disaster, Ten Cat-Related Attractions on the Information Superhighway, Ten Common Household Dangers to Your Cat, Ten Ways to Make Your Indoor Cat Happier, and Ten of the Best Things Ever Said About Cats.

Clever, entertaining and crammed full of cat facts, Cats for Dummies is a must-read for anyone thinking about starting a cat family or anyone maintaining one. Buy it, read it, and refer to it often! 🐾

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No Doubt:


CATS NEED MEAT!

Just like humans, cats need protein in their diet to survive. But we are not all created equally. While a human can meet its protein needs by consuming plant-based proteins in the right combination, cats must meet their protein needs by eating meat. In fact, cats need meat to supply essential nutrients like taurine for heart function and vitamin A for their keen vision.

Cats are true carnivores. From their teeth right down to their cellular structure, cats are made to eat meat. The cat's teeth and jaw structure are perfected for meat consumption. While their jaws can't move from side to side

for grinding, their teeth are designed for catching prey, tearing muscle and breaking down tissue. So, it's no wonder that today's cats need canned food in their diet every day — a great source of meat and other essential nutrients which provide 100 percent complete and balanced nutrition.

Further down the digestive highway, cats have a stomach designed to hold small compact "mouse-size" meals. A cat's pancreas is unable to produce digestive enzyme levels necessary for diets high in carbohydrates, and his intestinal tract is meant for protein absorption, not carbohydrate absorption. Cats can also easily digest high levels of fat such as that found in animal tissue.

With all this evidence that cats need meat, should a cat owner consider doing all their pet-food shopping in the meat section of the grocery store? Although a necessary component of the feline diet, meat, when fed alone, is deficient in minerals such as calcium for proper growth and body function...Instead, open a can of well-balanced, nutritionally complete meat-based canned cat food for your feline friend. Feeding real meat canned cat food will give your cat what he craves and help him stay healthy for a long and happy life. 

Written by Dr. Sandi Sawchuk,
DVM for Friskies PetCare
Company, March 6, 2001.

Cat Care Capers

Ongoing Until We Move!

Meow Mart Sale

Take advantage of our moving sale to find some great bargains and help cats, too! In April everything will be 40% off. In May we increase the discount to 50% off until we move.

April 14-15

Cat Show

Foot of the Rockies Cat Club will donate \$1.00 from each admission ticket to benefit Cat Care Society's spay/neuter program. The show is from 9 am to 4 pm each day at the National Western Complex, 4465 Humboldt Street (I-70 exits 275B & 275C).

April 28-29

Book Sale

Join us at the VFW Post #1 at 955 Bannock Street from 8-4 Saturday and 10-3 Sunday for a great sale!

May 18-19 - Plant Sale

Tell your neighbors and friends about our annual plant sale where they'll find annuals, perennials, vegetables, herbs, and the best tomato plants in Denver!

July 21

The Cat Lady's Garden

Cat Care Society supporters Glenn & Karen Schultz will share proceeds of their daylily plant sales with our cats. Watch for details in the next newsletter or visit our web site at www.catcaresociety.org for more information.

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SHARES** 

Member Agency

Cat Care Society's purposes are...

- To sponsor educational programs that promote responsible pet ownership and humane treatment of all animals and reduce pet overpopulation.
- To shelter cats in a cage-free, healthy environment and provide compatible and responsible adoptions.
- To provide community outreach programs to better the quality of life for cats and people.
- To be a friend to all cats.

CAT CARE SOCIETY

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Shelter hours

Tuesday	10:00 am - 6:00 pm
Wednesday - Friday	Noon - 6:00 pm
Saturday	9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Sunday & Monday	Closed

CAJUN'S CLOSET

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(North Service Rd) • 303-202-6642

Thrift Shop hours

Thursday & Friday	10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Saturday	10:00 am - 4:00 pm

WANTED! The following items are on the "CCS needs" list WANTED!

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

Canned cat & kitten food
Stamps
Bleach

Liquid dish detergent
Paper towels
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Volunteers
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