



CAT CARE QUARTERLY

16th Annual Plant Sale

When:

Saturday, May 18

Time:

8:00 am – 3:00 pm

Where:

Lower Level of the shelter

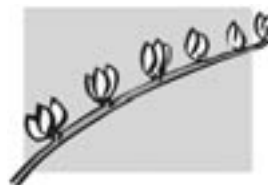
Due to weekday parking considerations at the shelter, the plant sale will be one day only this year. It will be held in the lower level of the shelter, which means we don't have to be concerned about rain! There will be many varieties of tomatoes and peppers plus unusual or hard-to-find plants. There will also be a wide selection of

vegetables, herbs, bedding plants, houseplants, patio pots, bird feeders and houses, and accessories.

Plants are generously donated by Cat Care volunteers and supporters including: Sally Rehner, Alix Patet, Tagawa Garden Center, Paulino Gardens, Wright's Nursery, and I'm In The Garden. If you have additional plant needs after our sale, please keep these garden centers in mind.

Because spring means an influx of kittens as well as flowers, we will also be having our annual kitten shower that day. You can help us care for hundreds of kittens by donating dry and canned kitten food, strained meat baby food, trash bags, and paper towels.

We hope to see you at the plant sale! 🐾



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Memo from the Manager —

Sherri Leggett

Wow, do we like the new shelter. It is so bright and airy with the skylights and vaulted ceiling. And, we have sooo much room. The cats are really enjoying the additional space to romp, not to mention sharing litterboxes with only five or six other cats instead of ten or twelve per room.

What was it like moving from a 30-year-old makeshift shelter to a state-of-the-art facility? After six years of waiting, it was a dream come true. Even though it took two months of planning, delaying, preparing, delaying, packing, delaying, etc. On Friday we anticipated moving on Monday. On Monday we thought we would move on Tuesday. We FINALLY got the go-ahead on Wednesday. We were off and running.

Looking back, I have to admit that it was frustrating, backbreaking, exhausting, and at the same time fantastic, fantabulous, and fun. If you haven't been to the new shelter, you can visit our web site at www.catcaresociety.org to take a virtual tour.

Just for fun, here are some of the things we DON'T miss from the old shelter: Ceiling tiles falling down, cats getting into the ceiling, having to wait to use the copier or get office supplies until Jane finished a volunteer interview, finding used washers and dryers to replace the broken down ones every eight months, storing cat food and shelter supplies in our homes and garages, an alarm system and alarm company that didn't work properly, checking five answering

machines for messages throughout the day, four people sharing two desks, getting into the crawl space to fix the furnace and plumbing, fixing the plumbing, neighbors complaining about parking, listening to the neighbor's yippy dogs all day, patching the habicats every spring, yellow and smelly floors and base boards, bumping into each other each time we turned around, setting up fans in every room during the summer, listening to a noisy swamp cooler, sharing one bathroom, lack of parking for staff and visitors, hunting for cats in their ever-new hiding places, jumping over the spring runoff that created a lake in the driveway, replacing cat room door screens frequently, patching linoleum floors which were worn through from scrubbing, THE OLD SHELTER!!! 🐾



Bonnie Belle

After the first of the year a very cute, little white kitten was brought into the shelter. The people surrendering her had rescued her from a barn when it appeared that the mother cat had abandoned her. Her eyes were closed

shut with matter. After two months of nursing the little orphan, they were no longer able to care for her. It was obvious this four-month-old had some severe eye problems. We initially thought it may be entropion, where the eyelids curl toward the eyes and hair constantly rubs them. However, after examination by Dr. Todd Hammond of The Eye Clinic – Veterinary, we were told she was born without upper eyelids. To repair this will require a series of surgeries to reconstruct the eyelids. Because of her young age and potential liver damage from anesthesia, the series of surgeries cannot be started until she is at least six months old.

Many of you may remember the similar

story of a kitten named Muffin several years ago. Muffin had a series of three surgeries that were very successful. The Eye Clinic has given us an estimate for Bonnie Belle's surgeries that ranges from \$800 to \$2000. This wide range is because it is impossible to know how many surgeries will be needed until after the first one.

If you would like to contribute to help pay for Bonnie Belle's surgeries, please just write "Bonnie Belle" on the memo portion of your check. We will send you a photo of her and updates on her surgical progress. We want to give this little girl the chance for as normal a life as possible and appreciate your help in enabling us to do so. Thanks! 🐾

Looking to adopt a cat? Pick up a mouse...

...to visit our web site at www.catcaresociety.org to see some of the adult cats that are available for adoption. For those of you who don't have Internet access, here are profiles of just a few of the adoptable cats at the shelter:



Catalina —

Female • 10 Years Young

Domestic Short Hair • Siamese Mix

I'm a lap sitter and very sweet and loving. I'd be best as an only pet because I have a tendency to experience litter box problems when I'm around other cats. I mean, who likes to share toilets, right? I hope you'll give me a chance to share your life, though.



Maizie —

Female • 4 Years Old

Domestic Medium Hair • Black and White

Am I cute, or what? My elderly owner died and Cat Care was kind enough to take me in. I'm sweet and shy and would like a quiet home. You don't have to worry about the furniture because I've already been declawed.



Ming —

Female • 10 Years Young

Domestic Short Hair • Siamese Mix Seal Point with White

I was an office cat for three years, then abandoned by my owner when the business closed down. I have a bit of arthritis, but I'm still very sweet and noble.



Cora —

Female • 3 Years Old

Domestic Short Hair • Black

I'm very energetic and playful. In fact, I'd like to have my own personal playmate so I can slim down a bit. Actually, lately, I've started playing with Florence. She's about half my size and kind of a twit, but it is fun to chase her. If I had to, I might be able to share a home with her!



Maggie —

Female • 8 Years Old

Domestic Medium Hair • Orange Tabby and White

I came to Cat Care when my owner's health started declining. I guess this is an okay place to be, but I'd sure like my own home – without any other cats. I'd keep your couch warm for you!

Spay/Neuter Program

Cat Care Society receives a small amount of funding monthly from the Gladys Bartz Trust to provide spays and neuters for cats that will never enter the shelter. Some people who are caring for multiple strays are very grateful for the help we are able to provide as the following letter indicates:

Thank You,

To all of you who have had any part in the care of my adopted cats. All 15 are doing good, except one who has neurological problems still, walks like he's drunk, etc. I lost 3 of his kin. But for the rest, all are doing very well. Thank you.

I still have 10-20 more to be "fixed" eventually. Not mine, really. I only feed them and allow them my 2 acres to play. It is the neighbors whose breeding cats have changed my whole world. They say "nature" will take care of them! Strange?

Thank you once again for your kindness and concern.

— Marty Mathews

If you know someone needing help with spaying or neutering their cat, or a stray they are caring for, please have them call us at 303-239-9680. 🐾

Pet Loss Support Group

Free group open to all who have lost or are anticipating the loss of a companion animal. Thursday evenings 7:00pm to 8:30pm, 1st floor conference room, DAVMS office, 789 Sherman Street, Denver, CO 80203. For additional information call 303-318-0447

Don't Believe All Myths About Cat Food

By Dr. Robin Downing

This is a column that first appeared in the Denver Post and is reprinted by permission of the author.

Dear Dr. Robin:

A friend of mine insists that cats never should be fed canned cat food because it shortens their lives and gives them tooth problems. He also says that cooked meat is bad for them. He says dry food is OK because it contains enzymes. Please tell me what you think.

— E.F., Buena Vista

Dear E.F.:

Be careful of your information sources!

First of all, let me assure readers that canned food does NOT shorten a cat's life! This is probably another example of an "urban legend."

It IS true that canned food can contribute to plaque and tartar on a cat's teeth, but canned cat food does not CAUSE dental disease. Dental disease in cats is a complex combination of variables including genetics, oral pH, diet, and oral hygiene.

It IS true that cooked meat is not a good choice for feeding cats as an exclusive diet. A bite now and then of cooked (never raw) chicken or beef as a treat is fine. A meat-only diet is not balanced with the correct nutrient profile to provide what a cat needs.

While a good dry cat food is fine as the major component of a cat's diet, it is NOT true that dry food "is OK because it contains enzymes." I am not sure

where a piece of information like this comes from. The latest data demonstrate that a combination of dry and canned cat food makes the best choice for most cats.

Cats are descended from desert creatures and typically do not drink much water, making their urine concentrated. In some cats who have an imbalance in their metabolism, this can lead to problems in the urinary tract including the formation of crystals or even stones in the bladder. Feeding canned food as a significant portion of the daily ration provides more fluid intake than the average cat would consume on its own.

Another way to increase most cats' water intake is to provide them with a circulating water fountain. Most cats are attracted by flowing water and will thus tend to drink more. There are cat water fountains available that use an aquarium pump with a filter (be sure it doesn't have a plastic reservoir as plastic dishes can give cats acne on their chins). Small tabletop "relaxation" fountains will do, as long as they are disassembled and cleaned out at least monthly.

A pet guardian's BEST source of nutritional information is that pet's veterinarian. Unfortunately, many veterinarians still do not practice preventive medicine and wellness healthcare. If your pet's veterinarian is not interested in talking about nutritional issues, it is probably time to seek another caregiver. 🐾



Dear Cat Care Society,

I just wanted to drop you a quick note of thanks. My husband and I adopted a cat from you in November of 2000. We were newly married and greatly in need of a furry companion. Having always been a "dog person," I was a bit reluctant to adopt a cat. My husband, Neil, was confident a cat would do the trick. We adopted a black and white kitty, then named Chyna, but now affectionately called Kumpa. She has been an absolute joy. After a brief adjustment time (both hers and ours) she is content to be the queen of the house. We have never had any behavioral problems with her and are very grateful she has joined our family. Thanks again and keep up the good work!

Sincerely, Adrienne & Neil Sanchez

To All at the Cat Care Society,

We adopted Shaggo on 10-09-01 and renamed him Shadow. We absolutely



love him! He is affectionate and talkative and very social. He is kind of a food snob, actually preferring dry food. He refuses to be manipulated!

He refused to eat when we first got him home and he hid in the basement for several days. The look in his eyes said, "I know you're going to kill me." I guess we convinced him otherwise and he is a healthy, happy kitty that we love!

With many thanks!

Ron Shifens & Linda Hayes

Morgan's Big Adventure

If only Morgan could talk. Since he can't, we'll have to tell you what little we do know of his big adventure that began on November 1, 2001 and ended February 27, 2002.

Morgan escaped from his home's balcony. His owners' attempts to locate him were unsuccessful. On February 20 of this year one of our supporters called about a stray cat that came to their door and they had been taking care of for one month. Upon arriving at Cat Care Society the cat became so upset that we could not begin to handle him for nearly one week. At that time the first thing our Veterinary Technician, Peggy Lyon, did was to scan the cat for a microchip. When a number appeared on the microchip scanner she was surprised! A call to AKC, which maintains all microchip registrations, gave us the name and phone number of the owner.

With a second phone call and 24 hours, Morgan was reunited with his owner. Interestingly enough, the kind people who had been feeding this cat for one month had been calling him "Morry" – awfully close to his given name of "Morgan."

This past calendar year we were able to return 10% of the cats entering our shelter to their owners. That is a very small percentage primarily due to the fact that most people do not put identification on their cats. Whether it is a collar and I.D. tag and/or a microchip, your cats need identification. Morgan was a very lucky cat to be reunited with his owner after four months. In addition, he was being cared for only four blocks from home!

Morgan's big adventure reminds us:

- Keep a collar and I.D. tag on your cat at all times.
- Have your pets microchipped.
- If your cat slips out and becomes lost, DON'T GIVE UP. Put up signs,

contact local shelters, put ads in the newspaper, go out looking for your cat, and keep looking for several months!

Kudos to Elizabeth Bartoeson for microchipping Morgan! 🐾



Elizabeth reunited with Morgan

Scratching Post

We will be discontinuing our book inventory in Meow Mart. All books currently in stock will be sold at 50% off. Take advantage of this great sale!

Because of the processing necessary for your membership renewal, please allow 2-4 weeks for your membership card to be mailed to you. Thank you for your patience!

We have received an estimate to install a system that will allow us to play music over our paging system. The cost is nearly \$600. Because we know music can soothe the savage beast, we feel this will be a worthwhile investment. If you are interested in donating toward the taming of the felines we would appreciate it! For now, we will use the more primitive system of a radio in each room.

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*

All our Animals	Donna Payne
All our "Kids"	Thomas Poggi
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Duncan	Michael & Edith Savage
Tigger, Tishy, Veronica	Bill & Sue Milligan
All our Dear Babies	Rick & Donna Albin
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Taz	Rich Urbanowski
Magic	Ben & Helga Juskiewicz
Cinder	Jane Kelley
Purl	Muriel Reny
Cleo	Dottie Gehrke
"Lizzie" Yonts	Noreen Matsuura
Lizzie my tortie cat	Mary Grace Yonts
"Cleo" Gehrke	Rosie Reynolds
"Bob Cat" Goecke/Lochery	David Pickett & Peggy Rowlett
"Misha" Rehner	Kathy Macklem
Tabitha	Sally Boyson, M.D.
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Me Too	Robert W. Smith
"Cephus" Bingham	Robert W. Smith
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"Jasmine" Lee	Susan Lee
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Cayman	Glenda Smith
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Baxter	Kay Wells
"My Girls"	Carole McKee
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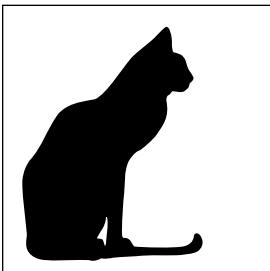
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Sponsor A Cat

You can become a shelter sponsor or sponsor an individual cat at the shelter with a monthly donation of \$15.00. If you would like more information on our Sponsor program, please call the shelter at 303-239-9680 and ask for Gene. Thank you to our new sponsors since the last newsletter:



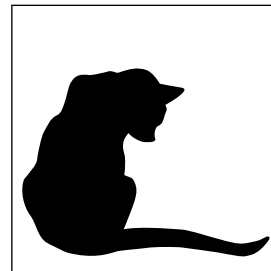
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UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY 18

Plant Sale

See front page for details.

JUNE 8


Grey Kitty's Birthday

Tagawa Garden Center celebrates one of their resident cats' birthday by inviting several animal shelter/rescue groups to distribute information about their work. Cat Care Society will have an informational table between 11am – 2pm at Tagawa Garden Center, 7711 S. Parker Road. Stop by and visit us and see the wonderful selection of plants available at the Center! Tagawa Garden Center has been a generous donor to OUR plant sale since 1992.

OCTOBER 19

Annual Dinner & Auctions

Mark your calendar now to attend our annual dinner with live and silent auctions.


community shares 

Member Agency

www.catcaresociety.org

"Having adopted several strays and caring for and feeding ferals in our neighborhood (in Tampa, Florida) I have had a lot of questions regarding their care – your web site is wonderful – it is obvious that you really understand. I thank you and our little cat community thanks you!"

— Diane Spoden

This was a recent e-mail we received about our web site. If you have a chance, visit our site and refer other cat lovers to it. A huge thanks to web master Dave Sparks for maintaining the site and to volunteer Julie Peters who updates the photos and stories of adopted cats. Julie recently created a "virtual shelter tour" on the site for those of you who haven't been able to come and see our new facility. 




Annual Open Garden and Daylily Sale

We invite you to visit the Cat Lady's Garden where we specialize in daylilies. We are an official American Hemerocallis Society Display Garden and will be open to the public from 8am until 4pm on Saturday, July 20. So, plan now for a daylily treat! You will see thousands of daylilies in the peak bloom season – a spectacular sight. Plus you can admire the latest introductions from leading hybridizers as well as many old favorites. For those who have visited us before, do come again as we are continuing to improve our display. We have many of


the newest and best daylilies available on display for you to see and hundreds of fine container-grown varieties for you to purchase. A portion from our sale of potted daylilies will be donated to Cat Care Society. Add some new plants to your garden and help homeless cats with every purchase.

We are located near I-70 and Chambers Road in Aurora. If you are not able to join us July 20th for flowers, food, and fellowship, you may see the garden by appointment on another day.

For more information, please call Glenn & Karen Schultz at 303-366-9689. 



Arriving Soon...

Kitten season will be upon us shortly and we are always in need of loving foster homes. If you have a spare room in your home that you would be willing to open up to care for a litter of kittens, with or without mom, please let us know. Call our Shelter Manager, Sherri Leggett, and she'll be happy to fill you in on the details. 

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 10:00am - 5:30pm
Wednesday - Friday Noon - 5:30pm
Saturday 9:00am - 3:30pm
Sunday & Monday Closed

CAJUN'S CLOSET

5785 West 6th Avenue
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Thrift Shop hours

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

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
Simple Green
Liquid dish detergent
Automatic dish detergent

Paper towels
Laundry detergent
Toilet paper (double rolls)
Rubber-backed rugs

Hooded cat beds
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lawn mower



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