



CAT CARE QUARTERLY

Open Garden and Daylily Sale

When:

Saturday, July 20, 2002

Time:

8:00am to 4:00pm

Where:

15643 East 35th Place
(near I-70 and
Chambers Road)

This will be the second year that Glenn and Karen Schultz will be donating a portion of their Open Garden daylily sales to Cat Care Society. You can

add some new plants to your garden and help homeless cats with every purchase!

The garden is an official American Hemerocallis Society Display Garden where you will see thousands of daylilies in peak bloom season – a spectacular sight. It is definitely worth a repeat trip as the latest introductions are added to the garden each year.

Directions to the garden:

From I-70 take exit 283 (Chambers Road) south. Turn left at the traffic light at 38th Avenue and go to Helena. Turn right and go to 35th place, then turn

left. Look for two large HAM radio towers and you're there.

We hope to see you on July 20th! 🐾



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16th Annual Plant Sale Recap

A huge thank you to everyone who donated, shopped, and volunteered at our plant sale this year. The first fifteen years of the sale it was a two-day event. This year we made it into a one-day event due to parking considerations at the new facility and it was our best sale ever! Two long-time volunteers, Sally Rehner and Alix Patet, grow about 500 beautiful tomato plants in addition to herbs, vegetables, and catnip. The plants they provide generate about half of the income from the sale. Another long-time supporter, Paula Schadek, who owns "I'm in the Garden," provides our shoppers with a selection of unique varieties of tomato and pepper plants.

Volunteers and supporters who enjoy gardening themselves donate perennials, houseplants, catnip, and a variety of other plants. This year we had a beautiful selection of annual bedding plants thanks to our donating nurseries. Please remember these folks throughout the year for your gardening needs:

Wright's Nursery at 11100 Ralston Road has been donating to our sale since 1990. Shon Wright is always happy to help the cats!

Paulino Gardens at 6300 North Broadway has been donating to our sale since 1990. Mimi Haws always provides some unusual plants for us.

Tagawa Garden Center & Florist began donating to our sale in 1992. Beth Zwinak is the keeper of cats at Tagawa and also volunteers for us.

As you might guess, all three nurseries have "shop cats."

Thank you all! Because of your combined efforts, we raised nearly \$5,500 for the cats! 🐾

Leave a Legacy

The truth is, we all leave our assets behind, but many of us do so without knowing to whom. If you die without a will and live in Colorado, the State decides who receives how much of what you leave behind – you forfeit the right to decide who will raise your children and how to distribute your property. Consider this:

Only 42 percent of Americans die with a will

Only 8 percent of Americans include charitable bequests in their will

It can be simple to create a will and to leave a legacy by contributing to an organization that means a great deal to you

Enormous personal satisfaction results from leaving a legacy

There may be tax advantages for doing so

A gift to charity does not have to be large to make a difference!

Creating a will is an excellent way to ensure that you are able to make your most important decisions – decisions that will impact the people, places, and things you care about most. But in a broader sense, estate planning is a means of transferring your values to future generations. It is a way to support the people, the causes, and the organizations you believe in. As a participating organization in this year's Leave A Legacy campaign, Cat Care Society hopes you will take action today. Your family will appreciate it, the charities you support will appreciate it, and you will appreciate the peace of mind you get from fulfilling one of your most important stewardship responsibilities.

Would you like to learn more about making a will? You can visit the web site at www.leavealegacy-colorado.org, or

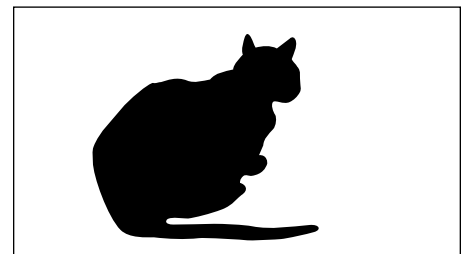
call us at 303-239-9680 ext. 15 and request a Leave A Legacy brochure. Letting us know that you have included, or intend to include, Cat Care Society in your estate plans will help us recognize you appropriately. 🐾

Sponsor A Cat

Thank you to our new sponsors since the last newsletter



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More Letters

After we publish letters from adopters in the newsletter, we always get MORE LETTERS and we just love it – I wish we could publish all of them! I have chosen two letters for this issue that are especially touching and on page 6 there are additional photos of cats that were adopted from us. Keep those pictures and letters coming! We also have a “memory book” here at the shelter where all your great correspondence is displayed.

Dear Cat Care Society,

I just wanted to let you know how much my mom and I appreciate your facility. Last year my father passed away and we had to put my cat, that I had since I was born, to sleep. All of this left me feeling very lonely and in great need of a friend. Well, in December of 2001 we decided to make a visit to your facility to see if there was a friend waiting for me to take home. There was. Her name is Trixie and she too had a troubled past and was in great need of a friend. Since then our friendship and love for each other grows more and more every day. Thanks for giving me the opportunity to find my guardian angel.

Sincerely,
Megan Moody (age 14)



Trixie

Dear Cat Care Society,

I'm just writing to thank you and to give you an update on the two kitties I've adopted from your facility. I adopted B.C. almost a year ago, now. He had a very hard time adjusting to his surroundings, and he stayed in the closet for several months. Thank you for all of your help, advice, herbal remedies, etc. that eventually got him out of the closet and acting like a normal cat. He's getting chubby...well, it just seems that way since he was so skinny when I got him. He's turned into a sweet and mellow lap-cat.

I adopted Fatty McGee about a year-and-a-half ago and she's still very fat, very loveable, and full of attitude. She and B.C. are getting along quite well, although Fatty takes no guff from him. Fatty also seems to have gotten over her litterbox issues...most of them anyway. She still doesn't cover it up, but B.C. will come behind her and cover it up for her. I guess we know who's boss here.

I also wanted to donate to the fund to get Bonnie Belle her surgery. It's not much, I know, but I hope it helps.

One of these days I've got to come see the new facility. Everyone I've sent over there has had nothing but great things to say about it.

Thanks again for all of your help with my kitties, and thanks for doing what you do for the sake of the cats!

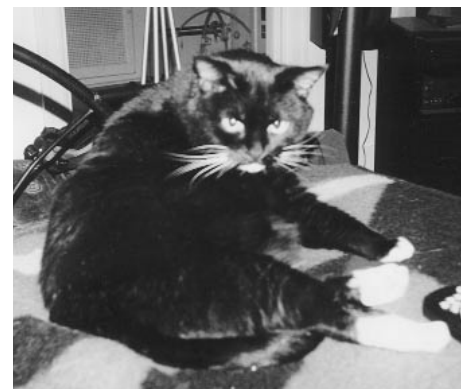
Sincerely,
Charles Hodder

Editor's Note:

This nice, young man adopted Fatty McGee knowing she had been returned two times for litterbox problems. He also knew how shy B.C. was. He was willing to give both cats the love, patience, and understanding they needed to adjust. Success stories like this really make our day. Thanks, Charles! 🐾



B.C.



Fatty McGee

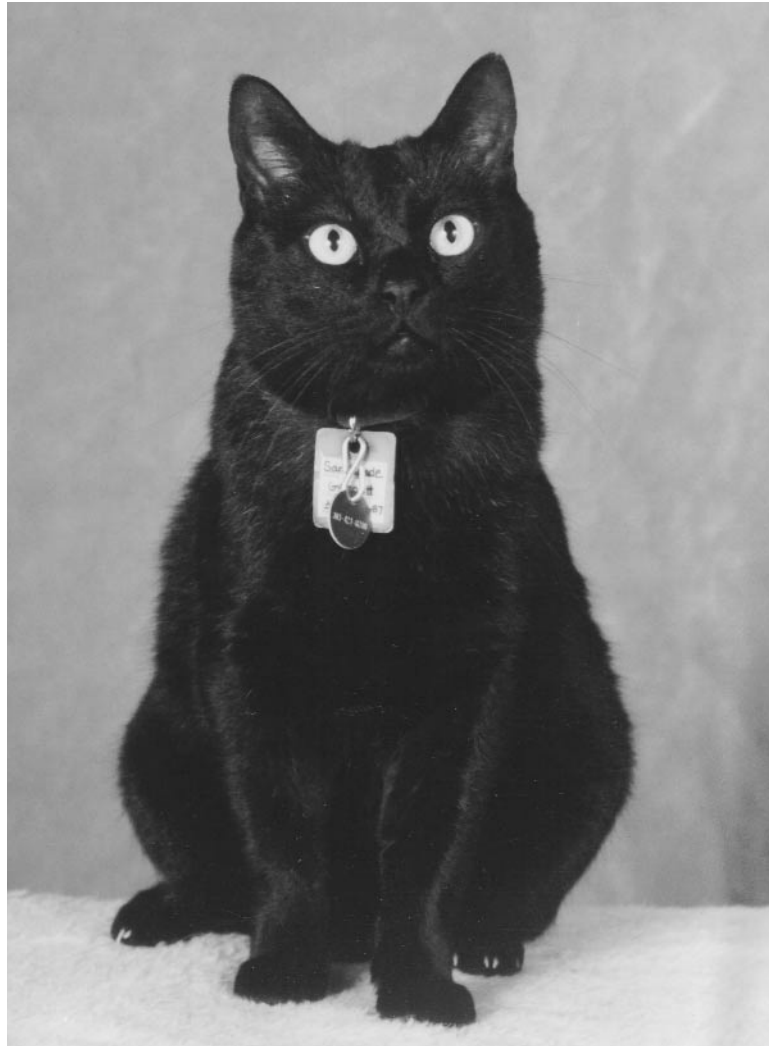
In Memory of Sam Spade

By Dr. Paige Garnett

“Do I have to call him Sam Spade?” I asked, closing the pre-adoption interview with Sherri in 1994? “Well, he comes to it,” was her reply. So Sam Spade came back with me to join my family of furred and non-furred creatures.

I had gone “cat shopping” to pick out a large, low maintenance (short furred), friendly to people and other creatures, no litterbox issues (my husband’s only request) cat. I walked in a room with adult cats and saw a black domestic shorthaired male cat saunter across the room. He was whacked on the head by a large, orange diabetic cat, and he walked on. This was a good sign. Next, he came up to me and flopped on my feet. Convinced that this cat was for my family, I learned he didn’t like kids too much. I had three of those hairless creatures and had brought one of those along as well. Glenn and this cat seemed to get along quite well, so the decision was cinched. I learned that he had been mainly an outdoor cat, which was where he had acquired all of his scars down his back. He also had been shot and carried a couple of palpable pieces of shot as souvenirs. He was unpopular with the owner’s boyfriend, so he had been tossed outdoors to fend for himself a great deal. Still, he was one sweet boy and I thought he was the cat I’d been looking for.

Having done the veterinary work for the north metro area for CCS for many years, imagine my surprise that I had to jump through the same adoption hoops as



Sam Spade
photo by Susan Green

everybody else. I remember thinking that I should have been able to shorten the process, after all, I was a great cat owner. I could even service his veterinary needs. Still, I was asked the same questions everyone else was asked. At the end of the interview, Sam Spade came back to the house to join two other cats.

He lived with my family for eight wonderful years. He taught my daughter that some cats just don’t like it when you go nose to nose, but that with time, a wonderful friend could be made. I could draw blood on him single handed, helping me to look good. He brought joy every day of his life. Kidney cancer took

his life in August 2001, but his legend would fail to die. Having to come up with a name for my “corporation” when I purchased the building my veterinary hospital was housed in, and being directed to not use the name of my hospital, it seemed a fitting tribute to name the corporation “Sam Spade, Inc.” So, weekly, Sam Spade gets mail, and he even has checks with his name on them.

Thanks to Cat Care Society for giving shelter to a very well deserving cat who gave my family and me more cat love and kindness than we could have ever imagined. 🐾

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

"Christopher" Ransom	Terri Thaler
"Missy" Corcoran	Sarah & Roger Neuscheler
Whitney – 18 years	Suzie deDisse
Kelso & Tibet	Mary Fowler
Chester	Gaye Faulkner
"Toby" Mack	Karen Schultz
Dolly	Glenn & Karen Schultz
Sammy	Brian McReynolds
"Nina" Mason	Virginia Stiponovich
Gertrude	Elizabeth Murray
"Basia" Whelan	Tammi Scroggin
Socks	Bob Allen
Ella	Cathy Cloepfil
Mama Cat, "Big Belly" & Baby	Kendra Fehner
Cecilia & Indica	Jackie Hoke
Pearl, Spike, Golda Berzac & Masha Jollensten	Susan Berzac & Ralph Jollensten
Maxwell	Steve Adams
"Skippy" & "Spike" Zwinak	Jack & Michelle Martin
"Buddy" Thaler	Reba Ransom
Tai	Laura Von Drehle
Snow	Diana Hills
Spaz	Lilly Martin
Cashmere	Lauri Langdon
Angus	Connie Davis
Honeybear	Mary Costello
Mischief	Neldean Monroe
Toby	Marj Mack
"Sandy" Hall	Stacey Moyer
Ginny, Oscar, Fritz, Nermal & Virginia	Rick & Donna Albin
Sam Spade	Dr. Paige Garnett
Jasmine & Jessica	Judy Anders
Chloe	Christina Ivany
Baer	Anneliese Mize

In Honor of Pets

Received From

Maggie Sunshine	Nancy Leckenby
Chinny Choppers	Rosemary Moya
Dakota – 13 years	Rhonda Castro & Paul Kovach
Tess	Stephen & Peggy Topel
Studley	Sheila Ryan
Orion – 1st Birthday	Laura Devries
Ozzie	Lorena Soares
My Girls	Carole McKee
Cooper	Steven Duran
Shelby	Terra & James Gee
Isis	Tera Slawson
Winston, Boris & Guinevere	Linda Jennings

In Memory of People

Received From

Richard Boyd Baker	Irving & Marilyn Ritchie
Catherine Pitzen	Mellanie Pitzen
Richard Baker	Jeanne & Mark Atkinson, Maxine Witham
Laura T. Thompson	Audrey Fulton
Jesse Fowler	Mary Fowler
John Monroe	Neldean Monroe
Everett V. Hester, Jr.	Betty Watchous
Elthea Florman	Neal Florman

In Honor of People

Received From

Dave Walker (pet sitter extraordinaire)	Dr. Jean Buscherhof
Pam Davis	The Molholm Elementary Kindergarten Team
Linda Scherrer – Birthday	Florence Phillips

Memo from the Manager

By Sherri Leggett

Here we are starting another kitten season (May through December). It is a lot of fun playing with and getting to know all the kittens that come into the shelter. And as we have become better known, we receive more calls regarding kittens. Our kitten adoptions have steadily increased over the past three years with an average of 400 per year. Last year we adopted over 450 kittens and I expect we will surpass that number this year. Since January we already adopted 100 kittens and currently have 54 in foster homes. So it is only a couple of months into the season and we've taken in one-third of the kittens we received last year.

During this season our adult cats get overlooked. People adopt adults but more than half our adoptions each year are kittens. Almost everyone wants a cute, cuddly kitten who can be "trained." Perhaps they don't know that cats train us, not the other way around! Anyway, why not take home a cat that may only have 4 or 5 of its nine lives left, with an established personality, and just say no to that pesky kitten stage?

Take Mrs. Ippi. She is a wonderful, 8-year-old, spayed female who came to us in December 2001. She was abandoned at a cat kennel over three years ago. Mrs. Ippi



loves to play with all kinds of toys (string and feather toys are her favorite). She will sit in your lap for as long as you'll let her. And even though she can be a little timid in new surroundings, she is very talkative and quick to tell you what's on her mind. She probably wouldn't even mind sharing a home with another cat or two. Perhaps you know someone, maybe even yourself, who would have room in their heart and home for Mrs. Ippi or one of our other special adult cats? 🐾

Strategic Planning Retreat

This past year the Cat Care Society Board of Directors has grown by leaps and bounds. Whether the new facility was a drawing point for our new members or not, this expansion has come at a key time. Because we operate with a skeleton staff, support from the governing body is essential for us to develop on many levels. Recognizing the need for some solid direction, we contacted the Community Resource Center and scheduled a strategic planning retreat that was facilitated by Linda Duhon. We are grateful for the support of the Animal Assistance Foundation for a grant to fund this development opportunity.

The day began with some historic background on Cat Care Society, which was helpful for the new Board members. We reviewed current programs and activities, environmental and industry impacts, and discussed the critical issue of stabilization because of the significant accomplishment of constructing a new facility this past year.

One of the action items from the retreat was to revise our mission statement. A joint effort by Board, staff, and volunteers resulted in the following:

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.

In addition, the following Board committees were formed:

Board Development:

Objectives are to review and revise bylaws; develop job descriptions for officers, committee chairs, and board members; revise board manual; revise policies; and develop and implement a board/board and board/staff communications plan.

Fundraising:

Activities include developing a fundraising plan with diversified sources

in conjunction with Marketing and Finance committees.

Marketing:

Effective communication with adopters, supporters, and the general public will help everyone understand what we do and why we do it.

Finance:

This committee is assigned to revise internal controls systems and financial management policies.

These are the tasks at hand for this year. It will require a lot of time and dedication from the current Board members, which will ultimately strengthen the organization. Perhaps you have a special expertise in one of these areas but cannot commit to being a Board member. We welcome volunteers who are NOT Board members to assist in any aspect of this development process. If you would like to help in any of these areas, please call Kathy Macklem (303-239-9680 ext. 15) and she will direct you to the appropriate committee chairperson. 🐾

More Photos – see letters on page 3



Dickens is Mr. Mom to Sasha and Lexi Peters



Tumble Weed



Spirit Howard



Chief with Hope and Hogan Matzke

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 20

Open Garden & Daylily Sale – see front page

September 28-29

Foot of the Rockies cat show

October 19

*Annual dinner plus live and silent auctions at the
Arvada Center*

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

Many purrs to The Whole Cat's cats: Mrs. Anderson, Blake, Sandy Man, and Petunia for the barrels of grass in each of the four habitats. The shelter cats are enjoying eating and sleeping in the grass!

Thanks to Josh Arnold at Diamond Vogel Paint at 6559 West Colfax for donating 20 gallons of paint for the lower level activity room and to Tom Gamble for doing the painting.

A round of kitty-paws to volunteer Nancy Kapp for the donation of additional window blinds from Hunter Douglas. They make our evaporative cooling system work less, which helps save energy. That seems quite appropriate in a cat shelter – cats **MUST** be the ultimate energy-saving animals!

Bonnie Belle Update

Nearly 100 people have made generous donations toward Bonnie Belle's eye surgery. Thank you! Her first surgery was completed May 22 by Dr. Hammond with a recheck on May 28. Dr. Hammond was pleased with the results. Additional rechecks will determine if another surgery is needed. We received many notes along with the donations, and I'd like to share one with you. 

Hi,

May 7, 2002

My name is Ellie Patterson, and I am almost 9 years old. I read the article about Bonnie Belle. I feel so sorry for her, and I want to help her.

I am sending you my allowance of \$5 to help with her surgery. I am really anxious to get a picture of her and updates about her.

I hope when Bonnie Belle is well again, I can come and see her. I visit Cat Care Society once in a while with my Grandma. I just love it there. All the cats and kittens are so cute. They are very lucky to have you guys take care of them.

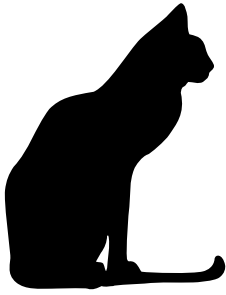
Hope to hear from you soon. . . Ellie



This photograph was taken the day after Bonnie Belle's surgery. Although it looks a little gruesome, it means she is on her way to a less painful life. Thank you again to everyone who made this possible!

Cat Care Society's Mission Statement

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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
(North Service Rd) • 303-202-6642

Thrift Shop hours

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

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

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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