



# CAT CARE QUARTERLY

## More Than Just Desserts!

### What

A Silent Auction & Dessert Tasting

### When

Sunday, March 3  
2:00pm - 4:30pm

### Where

Cat Care Society  
Lower Level

### Why

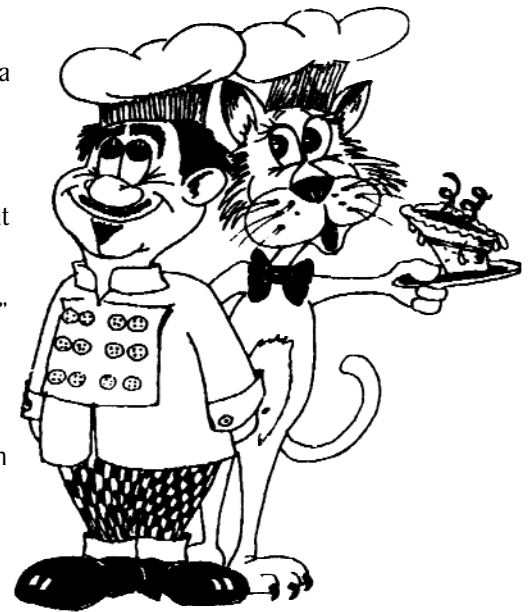
To Benefit the Cats!

### Misc

Admission is a plate of "finger"  
desserts to serve six

This past year we had a large collection of cat figurines donated to the shelter, more than we could use at our annual fall dinner and auction. So, volunteer Pam Davis has come up with a fun idea to give all of you the chance to bid on this wonderful collection, as well as a variety of other cat-related and non-cat items, including Beanie Babies. The price of admission is a plate of "finger" desserts (you don't need a fork to eat them). We'll provide the drinks and the silent auction items! If you plan on coming, please call the shelter at 303-239-9680 ext.20, to RSVP so we'll know how many to plan for.

We hope to see many of you and your friends March 3rd for a real sweet afternoon! 🐾



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## “Mop and Glow”

It's always good to hear the comment “This place is so clean, you can't tell that cats live here.” This is a real testament to our five cleaning staff and the many volunteers who work countless hours cleaning the shelter daily.

Keeping a clean environment is one of the most important things that needs to be done in any shelter. It prevents the spread of disease and helps maintain the health and well-being of the cats. The cleaner it is, the happier the cats (and people) are. It is also one of the first things shelter visitors notice - that first impression can make us or break us. Cleanliness is also a key factor in our annual licensing with the Department of Agriculture. Since they began licensing in 1995 we have been rated as one of the best shelters in the state.

Keeping a cat shelter clean can be a real challenge with what we fondly call the Three-P's (puke, pee, & poop) in addition to upper respiratory infections, ringworm, etc. Every nook and cranny has to be cleaned daily and with more space to clean in the new shelter, it is much more of a challenge. The cleaning crew arrives at 6:30am every day and begin by feeding canned food and monitoring the cats to make sure they are all eating. Every room is cleaned daily which includes sweeping and mopping the floors, cleaning and refilling food and water bowls, replacing soiled bedding, scooping and/or changing soiled litter boxes, washing walls, and cleaning stress cages. Caged cats in

receiving are moved to a clean cage for a different view and everything in their old cage is replaced to be ready for another new arrival. Then there are the weekly and monthly cleaning assignments that include, but are not limited to: cleaning and restocking paper supplies in three bathrooms, washing windows, washing out the refrigerator, and the list goes on.

There are 20 areas in the shelter to be cleaned. We also run 3 to 5 loads of laundry a day, down from 10 to 15 loads, with the new industrial washer and dryer. The dishwasher is also put to work 2 to 3 times daily. With the dishwasher and industrial washer and dryer we use much less detergent, water, and electricity. However, our need for paper products (paper towels, toilet paper, hand towels), mops, trash bags, and litter have increased.

We owe a great deal to the people who take on this huge task. Their jobs are crucial because they not only clean, they are very observant and tell us about the cat's behavior and eating habits that the rest of us don't see so early in the morning. We are fortunate to have Linda Kenner, our Maintenance Supervisor, who has been with us for 5 years (now THAT'S dedication!) and knows all the ins and outs of shelter cleaning. Chris, Leslie, Tara, and Bessie round out the maintenance staff along with numerous volunteers. We appreciate ALL of you - you ARE the Cat's Meow! 🐾



## From the Mail Box

December 7, 2001

Holiday Greetings!

This year my friends and I decided to donate the money we would normally have spent on holiday gifts for each other. We each researched charitable organizations that we found meaningful, then gathered for a meeting where each person presented his or her chosen organization(s). We voted on the ones we wanted to support, and decided on the percentage of our total donation that would go to each. We also agreed to make our focus largely local, realizing that the local need is greater this year because charitable contributions have been focused on the tragedy of September 11. Finally, we put our contributions anonymously in a covered box, to avoid any one of us feeling pressure about how much to give.

With that as background, then, please accept the enclosed donation. We hope that it can benefit your organization in some small way. Wishing you a safe and peaceful holiday season and New Year.

Rene Howard, Devon Heckman,  
Debbie Nelsen, Erik Nelsen, Marty Rush,  
Noni Strawn, & Paul Texeira

THANK YOU ALL for your thoughtful,  
generous, self-less, gift for the cats! 🐾

# MEOW MART

Meow Mart is our small gift shop located in the shelter. We sell a large variety of cat toys, dishes, collars, beds, and some cat furniture. We also have a nice selection of cat-related gift items for humans, including gift cards. All sale proceeds directly benefit the cats. The next time you need a gift for your cat or a cat-loving friend, please visit Meow Mart! 🐾

## Cajun's Closet

Our thrift shop is named after our semi-retired mascot, Cajun. When you come to visit the shelter plan some extra time to browse through Cajun's Closet. I know there are lots of bargains just waiting for YOU!

The shop is open Thursday and Friday from 10:00am to 5:00pm and Saturday from 10:00am to 4:00pm. We can also accept donations for the thrift shop at the shelter during regular shelter hours. We currently have several nice punch bowl sets available for sale. We also have a clothes dryer in very good condition. Cajun occasionally supervises the goings on at the shop, and he would love to have you visit! 🐾



## One Tough Tabby

I am a wild and crazy guy who doesn't like being in a shelter...whether it's a new shelter or old shelter, it's all the same to me. There's not a sofa in sight and nobody even SLEEPS here at night, which means no BEDS! What kind of life is this for a cat anyway? Everywhere you look there's another cat...and I don't even like cats (except myself)!



My name is GORDY. I look like a descendant of Morris the Cat, but instead of getting a big-deal contract from Friskies, I got a raw deal and wound up in a cat shelter! I'm a handsome beast about three years old, with a bit of an attitude, so they say. I mean when somebody just keeps pestering you, what's a cat supposed to do, anyway?

I'm not a biter or a fighter, I'm just a cat who knows what he likes, and sometimes that's a nap undisturbed, thanks. I also like neck rubs that run down my back, but again, I gotta be in the mood. I would really like a home of my own without a lot of stress (we cats are quite delicate...) and not too many demands on my schedule. I would settle in nicely and look stunning on your couch. 🐾

## Scratching Post

- The Colorado State legislature has passed a law to create the **Pet Overpopulation Fund**, providing a line item for a voluntary donation on the 2001 Colorado state income tax form. Taxpayers can contribute a portion or all of their state income tax refund to this important, lifesaving cause. For more information call 303-722-6435, or visit the website at [www.savecoloradopets.org](http://www.savecoloradopets.org).
- We continue to accept donations of cars and trucks through **Cars for Charity**. We also have brochures available on the vehicle donation program. If you would like a brochure to give to a friend or to your repair shop, please call Kathy at 303-239-9680.

# SHELTER MEWS

by Kathy Macklem



The move to our new facility took place October 4, 2001. (Please make note of our new address on the back page.) For the most part, the move went fairly smoothly. Early that morning the entire staff began loading cats into carriers. One station wagon and one van made two trips with 50+ cats. We were very thankful our trip was only eight blocks as the cats were quite vocal with their cries of distress. After one hour of being in their new home, you could see the cats start to settle in and relax. It took their caretakers MUCH longer to do so!

After being open in the new facility for two weeks, we hosted three grand opening events the last week of October that were attended by more than 500 people. A comment by one of our supporters really sums it up, "Your new facility is very functional without a lot of frills." There are VERY few things that we wish had been done differently in the new building. The years of planning and input from the entire staff, coupled with a very perceptive architect, paid off.

If you haven't yet visited the new shelter, PLEASE DO! We wouldn't be here if it weren't for the many loyal supporters

who contributed to the building fund AND the general operating fund. To my knowledge, this is the only custom-built cat shelter in the United States - thanks to YOU, our supporters.

I would also like to thank a few of the businesses and individuals that have contributed to getting us here:

#### COLORADO HI TEK MOVING

- for providing three men and a truck for the move.

#### HALE SECURITY PET DOOR

- for donating and installing the pet doors for access to the habicats in four cat rooms.

#### PLATTE VALLEY SIGNS

- for donating ALL the signage, exterior and interior.

#### CAMELOT DESIGN

- for donating our landscape plan.

#### JENNY REINKE

- who worked tirelessly designing the grand opening invitations and seeking media coverage for us. (Jenny and her husband have adopted two semi-feral cats from us.)

#### ROBERT GARNER

- for donating the wonderful "CATS" poster you'll see on the wall in the stairway to the lower level.

#### JUDY LATUDA

- for donating the framing of the "CATS" poster.

#### BETH AND DOUG HAMMER

- for sponsoring the V.I.P. grand opening event.

#### THE BRIDGESTONE/FIRESTONE TRUST FUND

- for their generous support of our building fund the past three years.

This is just a partial list of the many folks that we are indebted to!

We are pleased to be able to provide quality care for the cats entrusted to us because of your generous support.

Thank you! 🐾

Since the move we have a few larger items we are in need of.

Your donations towards a specific item are much appreciated!

#### Supply Cabinet Unit

\$2500

(HVAC ductwork eliminated some originally planned cabinetry)

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#### Wall Shelves for Cat Rooms

\$2500

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#### Balance of Industrial Washer/Dryer

\$3200

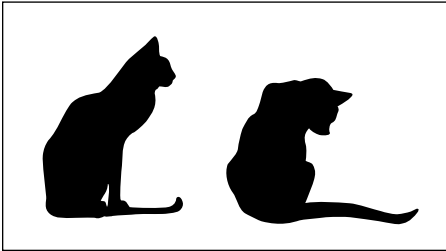
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#### Cage Banks for Quarantine

\$4000

## 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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Julie Haugen



MS. O'NEAL  
Mary Johnson / Jim Leonard



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Kathy Neville / Teressa DeRaad & Shawn McGowen



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HILLARY  
Robert Ostrowski



MATAI  
Lee Rush



LUCY  
Beth Zwinak



KITTY  
The Bonarelli Family



KELSO  
Julie Scott

## Animal Assistance Foundation Awards Service Grant

Animal Assistance Foundation was established many years ago through a generous bequest from Louise Harrison, a Coors descendent. This bequest has allowed the Foundation to help animals across the state of Colorado. One of the most visible accomplishments of the Foundation was the construction of Harrison Memorial

Animal Hospital (HMAH). HMAH is the only non-profit veterinary hospital in Denver providing services at three different levels: (1) low-cost spays and neuters are provided for the general public, (2) low-cost veterinary services are provided to qualifying low-income families, and (3) spays, neuters, and veterinary services are provided for animal shelters and rescue groups.

That's where we fit in. We have received a "Service Grant" from Animal Assistance Foundation to be used at

Harrison Memorial Animal Hospital. What that means is that we have a specific dollar amount, \$2900, of services that we can utilize to provide veterinary care for cats that enter the shelter. We choose to use this grant for the more involved procedures such as bone fractures or more complicated surgical procedures. With the low prices at HMAH, our Service Grant goes a long way. THANK YOU to Animal Assistance Foundation and Harrison Memorial Animal Hospital for their generosity and aid to pets across the state. 🐾

## 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*

Catnip	Maggie & Jim Cox
Spenser	Alice & Mark Palmer
Rambo	Robert Allen
Murphy	Lee Rush, Pam Davis, Gene Collins
"Stevie" Crismon	Pam Davis
"Sam" Hightower	Elaine, Lesley, and Susan of Cold Nose Warm Heart
Myingyan	Glenn & Karen Schultz
Never	Glenn & Karen Schultz
"Perseus" Hudson	Lynn Evans
D.C.	April Johnson
Sugar "Bear"	Betty Sullivan
Minerva	Dennis Bajcar
Tato & Bill	Mark & Connie Hintz
Chuanlu	Lloyd Kiefer
"Chester" Johnston	Karen Hickey
Jack & Data	Lee Trujillo-Lopez
Py	Mr. & Mrs. Richard Negri
"Jumanji" Cesko	Glenn & Karen Schultz
Phinny	Barbara Dodge Bennett
Muffin & Pandora	Mary Sanford & Mary Sassatelli
"Taylor" Campbell	Dr. Donna Valori
"Missy" Nyarady	Dr. Donna Valori
Zephyr	Karla Kuzmich
Timothy	Marj Mack
"Never" & "Myingyan" Schultz	Marj Mack
"Banjo" Watchous	Carol Bohnet
Banjo Louis	Betty Watchous
Pixie	Martha Crawford
Becky	Mary & Terry Cordes
Osiris	Glenn & Karen Schultz
Nod	Sandra O'Meara
Mouse	Mellanie Pitzen
Bubble Puppy	Glen & Lynn Rowe
"Banjo" Watchous	Barbara Schultz
Rudy	Charles & Deborah Brackney
"Smokey" Linnen/Brasel	Kathy Scott, Dean Gonyea
	Chandra Leeper, Pam Payne
"Yo-Yo" Fife	The Ippen Family
Sebastian & Jolene	Barbara Horan
Fluffy	Margaret Eichers
Lily	Dana & Deborah Kelly
Houdini	Nancy Munser
Tati, Murphy, & Angus	Gene Collins
Lisabelle	Tawna Wilsey
Dixie	Sharon Edwards
"Maverick" Valdez	Janis Green
Sylvester & Tasman	Kristin & Robert Lile
Mattie	Joan Snyder
Freya & Sappho	Elizabeth Leigh
Betelgeuse	Amie & Benji Durden
Grizzly	Richard Combs
Phineas	Barbara Dodge Bennett
"Molly T. Brown" Macklem	Pam Davis
Tammy	Linda Mullen
Felix	Judy Schmid
Elsa	Pam Jordan
"Rudy" Brackney	Anja Boyd, Pam Cybyske, Patti Dahlberg Sharon Eubanks, Mona Heustis, Kathy Zambrano
Angel	Tammy Barto
"Banjo" Watchous	Paulene Jones
Missy	Roger & Ceci Rose
Molly T. Brown aka Goofy	Kathy Macklem & Crystal

### *Received From*

Bailey-Bob	Linda Poletti & J. Madden
Pepper, Goofus, Scraps & O'Brien	Robert Coleman

### *In Honor of People*

Neal Florman - 75th Birthday	Jack Kennedy, Rolf Asphaug
	Marla Lien, Roger Kane, Dana Mumej, Jim Stadler
	Erica Weber, Pat Chastain, Debi Drewes, Jessica Schmitt
Marilyn Lucas	Antonia Banducci
Dave Walker	Jean Buscherhof
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Negri - 50th Wedding Anniversary	Robert & Allison Waters
Teresa & Doug - Wedding	Paul Freshour, Darrel Schultz
	Juliet Leckenby, Peggy Zimmerman, Lori Eronymous
	Fabrizio Siracusa, Will Jordan, Kelli Linville
Rosa Bielec - Birthday	Marcia Adcox
Mikki	Lee & Arthur Feldman
Kevin Pietsch	Laura VonDrehle
Muriel Mudge - Birthday	Dian Gray
Mike & Tamie Harlan - Wedding	Gina Tafoya & Anthony Fitzgerald
Leah Stresemann	Her Colleagues at DHCPF in honor of her retirement
Marcia Skene - Christmas	Shirley Cervene
Penny Hart	Linda McGowan
My Co-workers - Christmas Gift	Patricia McGavran
Dr. Donna Valori, DVM	Joan Snyder
Dr. Linda East	Bryan & M.J. Morgan
Laura Landwirth	Victor Crain
Victor Crain	Laura Landwirth
Barbara J. Noone	Leslie Noone
Nancy Stanton	Marianne Evans
Dr. Ramona Reed - Retirement	Mary Wilkie
Dixie Vice - Christmas	Maggie Denning
Shari Wilkins & Debra McNair - Christmas	Jim & Scotty Wilkins
Robert Shaw	Kim Shaw McGregor
Marilyn Miner	Jamison McGregor

### *Received From*

### *In Honor of Pets*

Bijou & Agnes	Julia Davis
Ambiguity	Jeff Saussier
Boo Kitty	Patricia Mueller
Gray, Precious, & Blackie	Phyllis Moser
Blacky	Patricia Edwards
Willie	Sandy Heinzelman
Margo & Hemingway	Joan Marin
Misty	Annette & Maurice Chaffee
Luka	Marilyn Doscher
Ripley	Shannon Garland & William Everham
"Sneakers" & "Mitsuu" Weber	Karen Baker

### *Received From*

### *In Memory of People*

Dr. Robert Stanton	Dale & Lynda Szymanski
	Gina & Kevin Gore, Barbara, Dee, Rick & Janet Orrison
	Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Clabaugh & Family, Wanda Depperschmidt
Sandra L. Feroe	Athiest Alliance, Inc., Lucille Falk
	Rose Hanson, Athiests of Northern Colorado, Miriam Basart
Shawn Weber	Karen Baker
Kathleen Sheldon	Riki Shakelford
Joanne Sandler	Susan Becker
Elthea Florman	Neal Florman
Those who Loved Animals	Nancy Jones
E. A. Anderson	Carolyn Deering
Ruby Alexander	Diane Sontag, Judith & Maurice Mitchell
Josephine Razek	Eileen Hawlk
Eleanor Bilohrud	Evelyn Fisher
Corinne Stockton	Alexe Stockton-Beran
Berniece Lujan	The Weaver Family
Joe Lewand	Prudence Lewand
Mae Bartlett	Ron Bartlett
Mitch A. Patterson	Randy Patterson, Ruby Patterson
Zelik Leybenzon	GraceAnne DeCandido
	for The Yellow Submarine

# CAT CARE CAPERS

January 31 – February 1, 2

*Cajun's Closet 7th Anniversary 1/2 Price Sale*

You may receive this newsletter AFTER the sale, but our prices are bargains even when they're not 1/2 price!

April 20, 21

*Book Sale*

at the shelter, lower level. Donations of books in good condition can be dropped off at the shelter. We are unable to accept business procedural manuals or textbooks.

March 3

*"More Than Just Desserts"*

Silent Auction and dessert sampling — see details on Page 1.

May 18

*Plant Sale*

One-day only this year due to parking considerations at the new shelter.

**COMMUNITY SHARES**

Member Agency

**ING** 

Cat Care Society would like to thank Security Life of Denver Insurance Company for their generous donation to print and mail our Holiday 2001 Newsletter.

## In Memory Of Figaro



"Figaro", a rather large, sturdy, gray tabby, adopted my wife and I over eighteen years ago. A toothless stray, he would magically appear and disappear on

the roof of our house or in our driveway looking for a handout. After several weeks of bribing him with cans of salmon this disheveled cat decided to make our home...his. Over the next eighteen years "Fig" lived the "Life of Riley." For a mere two cans of salmon a day and a daily rub down he gave us all his love.


Figaro was tough! His ears showed signs of "turf wars" with other cats. He defended our house against the neighbor's over-exuberant Airedale (good thing for the dog there was a fence between them!). Fig lost one of his eyes due to a tumor. He came through the operation like a champ. He looked like a toothless pirate!

He lived all his nine lives to the fullest before an inoperable liver tumor began to take its toll. As with all his other

problems, we fought his illness together. My wife and I fought for our furry friend, trying to beat the inevitable.

Finally, Figaro, with his own green eye, told us that he had no more lives to live. With many tears, never knowing his true age, we had to put the old, one-eyed, toothless fighter, down. Like with the neighbor's Airedale, Figaro refused to give in without a fight.

We miss him. Steve & Mimi Haws

(Editor's Note: Steve Haws is a CCS volunteer. His wife, Mimi, is the granddaughter of the founder of Paulino Gardens, who generously donates to our plant sale each year.) 

*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  
(North Service Rd) • 303-202-6642

Thrift Shop hours

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

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

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

Canned cat & kitten food  
Stamps  
Bleach

Liquid dish detergent  
Automatic dish detergent  
Paper towels & Handi-wipes

Volunteers  
Outdoor spotlights  
Thrift Shop donations

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