



CAT CARE QUARTERLY

ENRICHING LIVES OF PEOPLE AND CATS

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UPCOMING EVENTS

CCS PROGRAMS

Adoptions

Telephone
Assistance

Lost and Found

Humane Education
Presentations

Volunteers

Planned Giving

Temporary Care
Program

Cat Behavior
Counseling

Nibbles & Kibbles
Food Bank

Animal Assisted
Visitations



NIBBLES & KIBBLES FOOD BANK

Every 1st & 3rd
Saturday of the month
10 am - Noon
Main Shelter: Back, Lower Level



NOVEMBER ADOPTION SPECIAL

\$10 adoption fees for all
senior cats 10 years & older.



SANTA PAWS FESTIVAL

December 3rd
11 am - 4pm
Main Shelter



COLORADO GIVES DAY

December 6th
Early Giving begins Nov.1 and
ends on Colorado Gives Day.
www.coloradogives.org/donate/
catcaresociety



DECEMBER ADOPTION SPECIAL

Help us get our CCS cats
Home for the Holidays! All
adoptions are 25% off!



Our Mission Statement

Cat Care Society operates a
cage-free shelter for homeless and
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counseling, humane education, and
community outreach services to enrich
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WELCOME EC

BY CAT MILLER

Cat Care Society is proud to announce our new Executive Director, EC Michaels! EC comes to us with a longstanding experience in Shelter Management.

Her caring and cheerful personality is contagious among the staff, always encouraging communication and new ideas.

We are thrilled to have her leading CCS into the bright future ahead.



LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR:

I couldn't be more appreciative and impressed by this amazing community, I am so excited to be part of the future of CCS. While my animal welfare career has taken me to different shelters, working on a variety of different tasks, I am and always will be a cat person. Advocating for cats, who by traditional standards are "less adoptable" or "harder to manage," has always been passion of mine. CCS's continued commitment to these cats and demonstrated success in placing them in forever homes feels like a natural place for me to continue to build this passion.

Did you know that summer is the busiest season in animal sheltering? July and October typically see the highest rates of intake and intake requests. This summer was no different. In October, we adopted out more than 100 cats! These feats couldn't have been accomplished without the generous support of our staff, volunteers and greater CCS community. As we enter the "slower" season, it is a great time to think about all the things that make CCS so unique. I am looking forward to getting to know this fantastic community and, of course, continuing to champion for our cats!

Sincerely,

EC Michaels, Executive Director

ADOPT ME: GREMLIN & LP

BY CAT MILLER

Hi everyone, we are LP & Gremlin. We are two of the sweetest and friendliest 10 year old senior sisters you'll ever meet. We love soft beds, feather and string toys, and all the pets you can give us.

We were surrendered to the shelter due to urinary issues within our former home. After some assessment, LP was deemed to have a UTI with crystals and was put on a urinary diet to prevent any further issues. We have been together our whole lives and would love to be adopted together. Dogs are something we've never been exposed to but based on the fact that we do not do well with any other cats other than each other, it's a good guess we may not enjoy a canine in the home. LP is quite scared of small children so a home without any might also be best. However, a home with calm and gentle older kids would be just fine.

We cannot wait till we find our forever family and we hope to go home with them soon.

**After this issue went to print, Gremlin & LP found their furrever home*



Gremlin



LP

Fosters Wanted

We are in need of foster families for our kittens, pregnant mothers, temporary care cats and cats/kittens who need special attention.

If you are interested in fostering for Cat Care Society, visit www.catcaresociety.org/foster for more information and to fill out a foster application.



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DONATING SOME LOVE:

BY CAT MILLER, PHOTOGRAPHER/DIRECTOR OF DIGITAL MEDIA & COMMUNICATIONS

On the first Tuesday of December since 2010, Coloradans have come together to support the nonprofits that make a difference in our lives. Colorado Gives Day has grown to be Colorado's largest 24-hour giving event, raising more than \$362 million for nonprofits across the state since it began.



Cat Care Society relies entirely on the kindness and generosity of the public and their donations. Last Colorado Gives Day, CCS was given \$120,388 by generous donors like you. That money went towards the care of our shelter cats as well as repairs and updates for the shelter itself, in order to allow for more cats to be accommodated while they look for their furrever homes.

On average, it costs Cat Care Society over \$1 million per year to keep our shelter running and our feline residents provided for. Donating on Colorado Gives Day is a fantastic way to help us continue our work.

Please consider donating some love to CCS this Colorado Gives Day. Donating is open November 1st through December 6th at coloradogives.org/donate/catcaresociety.



CATS ARE THE BEST AMBASSADORS FOR HAPPINESS

BY AMY MARTIN, VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

For many years Cat Care volunteers regularly visited local assisted living or "nursing homes." The volunteers would bring our most chill shelter cats to visit the residents. These visits were eagerly anticipated by the residents at the homes.

The same volunteers always went to the same locations and got to know the residents well. It was a wonderful community outreach program, benefitting both the residents and the volunteers.

Then came the pandemic and all these visits were put on hold for the safety of the nursing home residents. As you can imagine, this came as a disappointment to both the volunteers and residents. Unfortunately, this has lasted almost three long years now.

Excitedly, a few months ago we received an inquiry from the Director of the Applewood Our House memory care facility. They were curious if Cat Care could start bringing kitties to visit their three facilities.

Each residence houses 16 individuals and are located in Arvada and Lakewood. According to the Director, when a resident holds a cat, it can spark a memory of a beloved pet from their past.

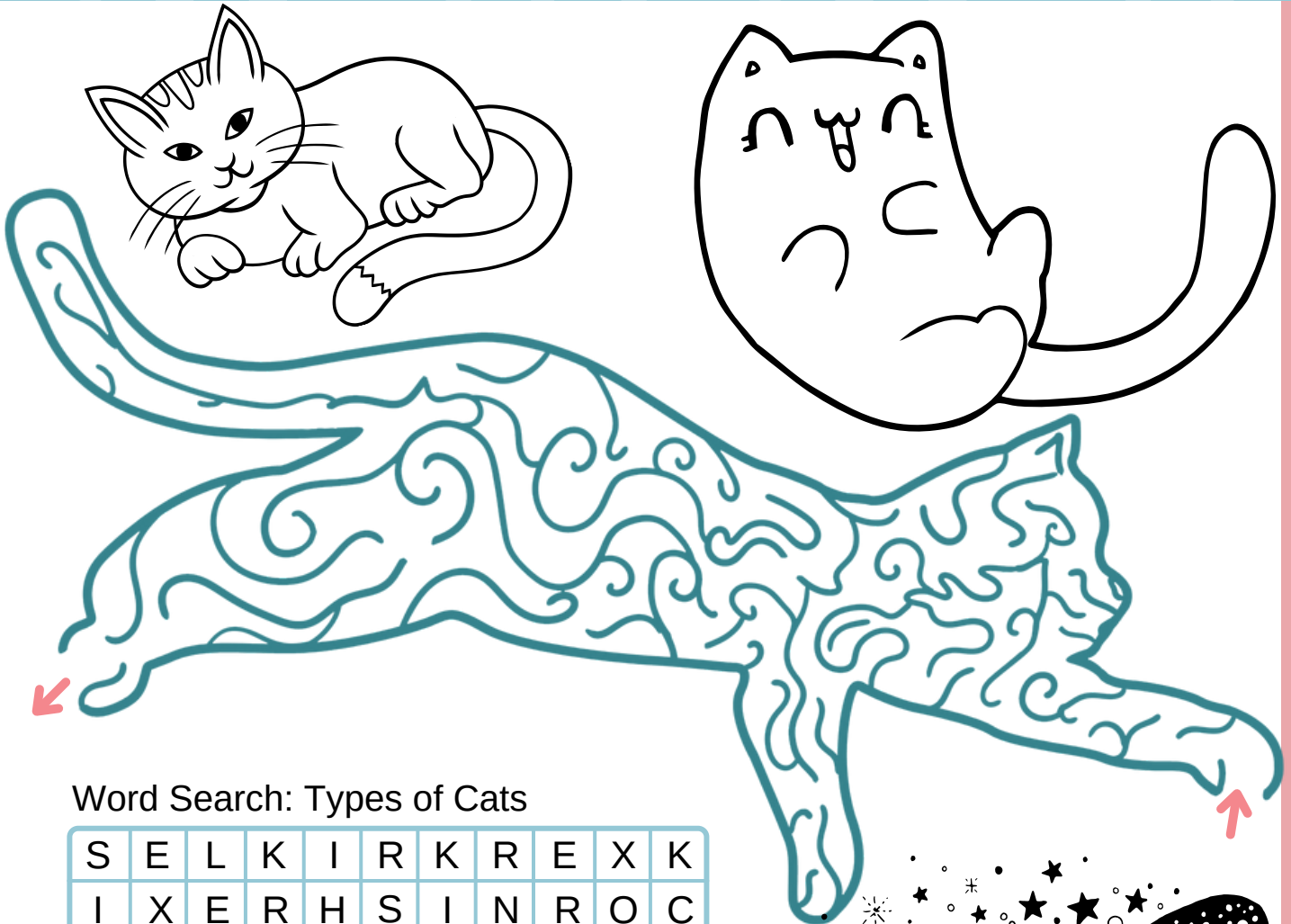
Our volunteers responded very quickly to sign up for these visits. They are scheduled to take our shelter cat to each of the three facilities at least once a week for visits.

This new program launched in early October and we are hopeful it will be a long and wonderful relationship that is mutually beneficial to all!

We are so grateful to have volunteers who are willing to give their time to this project. It just reinforces what we already know - cat people and cats are the best ambassadors for happiness!

Kiddie Corner

Fun for the whole family! Enjoy cat themed games and kitties to color!



Word Search: Types of Cats

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A	N	A	V	H	S	I	K	R	U	T



Word Search: Birman, Chartreux, Cornish Rex, Exotic, Korat, Selkirk Rex, Turkish Van, Wirehair



CARING FOR A CAT WITH DIABETES: IT'S EASIER THAN YOU THINK

BY AMANDA HUGGETT & JILLIAN ROSILE,
JUNIOR BOARD MEMBERS



Many families looking to adopt a new cat often pick young, healthy companions. While some may worry about the cost, time commitment, or prognosis of a cat with a chronic health condition, we're here to tell you to think twice. Cat Care Society's diabetic cats are often in our care the longest and can be the hardest to adopt out.

While these cats can be just as sweet and cuddly as any other cat, we don't want to sugarcoat it: Diabetic cats do need daily care, but managing it is probably easier than you think. Danielle Swain, CCS' adoption assistant manager, says it's one of the easier conditions to care for! "As long as you can handle a needle, you can handle a diabetic cat," she says.

Generally, with vet care following AAHA guidelines and a caregiver willing to test glucose at home, it is no more costly or difficult than managing any other condition that requires daily medication. While treatment plans vary depending on the severity of symptoms at diagnosis, age, lab values, and concurrent conditions, typically the cat will need an appropriate low-carb canned food diet given at set times, glucose tests, and insulin injections. Doses are adjusted up or down depending on values reported to the vet. In the long run, many cats go into diet-controlled remission, but for those who don't, once they reach the right dose, it quickly becomes routine, often taking no more than 10 minutes per day.



If you already have a cat and suspect they may be developing diabetes, watch for weight loss, ravenous appetite or loss of appetite, increased drinking and urinating, and weakness in the hind legs, which are typically the first symptoms of diabetes mellitus in cats. However, it can't be diagnosed on symptoms alone, as many cats with hyperthyroidism, chronic kidney disease, or even a particularly rampant UTI can have similar symptoms. It's important to get a full senior blood and urine panel, including a thyroid panel, done at the time of diagnosis, along with a fructosamine test to confirm diabetes if their blood glucose is elevated. The latter will help determine if it's truly diabetes vs. a spike in blood glucose due to stress, infection, or pain.

There is actually a hidden benefit to doing regular glucose tests at home: High numbers can be an early warning sign that something else is going on before symptoms show up. If you see a spike, visit the vet; it could be a sneaky UTI or toothache in hiding!

One other thing to be aware of is that some other conditions are more common in diabetic cats, including pancreatitis, exocrine pancreatic insufficiency, and chronic kidney disease, so it's helpful to learn about these to be on the lookout for symptoms. Additionally, some cats may be diagnosed with diabetes and not responsive to insulin until it gets to extremely high doses; after ruling out common concurrent conditions, these cats should be tested for insulin resistance or one of several rare endocrine disorders including feline acromegaly. These have varying treatment options including long-term high insulin dosing. If your cat's doses are getting higher without getting into target glucose ranges, be sure to ask your vet about testing for these other conditions.

Diabetic cats can live healthy, happy lives for years after diagnosis. Come see us at the shelter to visit some of the current diabetic cats up for adoption!



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Colorado's Community Giving Fund
www.cshares.org or call 303-239-9680

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Check with your employer to see if they accommodate payroll deductions or if they participate in Community Shares of Colorado. Cat Care Society has been a member of the organization of Community Shares of Colorado since 1997



CCS participates in the Combined Federal Campaign annually, as a Community Shares member organization.



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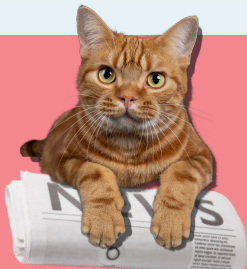
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D1	Lou Lin	Sierra
D2	Margo	Smokey
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