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Our Mission Statement

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.

Upcoming Events

Art From the Heart

February 14-28 Online Art Auction

Cat Care Society's 40th Anniversary

July 2021 - Watch our Mewsletter, Facebook
and website for updates.

Nibbles & Kibbles Food Bank

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Virtual Yoga with the Cats

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FROM YOUR DIRECTOR

BY JAN KELLEY
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



As I reflect on the past year and the challenges we all faced, including a global pandemic, economic uncertainty, and social upheaval, we are so grateful for your loyal support and belief in our work.

Despite the many challenges, our cats continue to receive excellent medical care, a clean and safe space to live and thrive, and loving attention from staff and volunteers. In spite of closing our doors to visitors for 6 weeks last spring, 560 cats were adopted in 2020 surpassing our 2019 numbers.

While January is a time of reflection and celebration for what has happened, it is also a time of excitement and energy as we look forward to the future and all that we can do in the coming months. We are moving ahead at full steam in preparation for all that lies ahead and here are just a few of the things that we are working on.

New partnerships and outreach opportunities - We realize that Cat Care Society provides specialized services and resources to help cats in need in our community. We are unique in our dedication to cats in that we care for ALL cats and are non-discriminatory in our love for them. None are the wrong color, size or gender; none are too old or too young; none are too ill to be valued, loved and treated with dignity. We want to share this message with the larger front-range community and partner with rescue groups and shelters to help with adoption services and special need medical care. We will also be expanding our educational resource outreach to support owners with behavioral challenges, thus allowing families to maintain ownership of their cats.

Expanded intake space – We will be adding additional kennels which will allow us to respond more quickly when individuals are searching for a place to relinquish a cat or are in need of our Temporary Care Program.

Continue expansion of our Temporary Care Program – The economic challenges associated with the pandemic have resulted in a record high need for the temporary care of cats. We have limited shelter space to accommodate all the requests that we receive for

assistance. We continue to recruit, educate and fund our foster care network to help more individuals in need.

Sue Sioux's 20th birthday! – No matter what else we do this year, the celebration of our favorite Calico Cat will be on the top of my list. Sue Sioux is disappointed that she can't greet all of her loyal subjects one-on-one just yet, but keep your eyes open for the announcement this summer of when she will be holding court and receiving guests. In the meantime, she is busy at work answering cat questions in her "Ask Sue Sioux" column and interviewing shelter friends so that she can provide expert testimony and find them a forever home.

Art From the Heart – This is a first time event and it is sure to be a big hit! Many of our artist friends have generously donated amazing works of art, including quilts, pottery, photography, watercolor and acrylic paintings, to help us raise funds to support shelter activities. The online auction will go live on February 14th and continue through the end of the month. If you would like to see the artwork in person, please contact the shelter to schedule a time to visit. Prices will start at 40% of retail value in recognition of Cat Care Society's 40th Anniversary.

Cat Care Society's 40th Anniversary – The official 40th anniversary date of Cat Care Society is July 6, 2021, but we will be building up to a celebration with articles and information sharing. We have come a long way since opening the doors in a little house on Harlan Street and 11th Avenue. It is going to be an exciting year! Watch for details as we navigate the next few months of the pandemic.

Tails of the Painted Cats – Mark your calendars for our largest fundraising event of the year on September 11, 2021! We continue to reach new record sales with each event and I am sure that this special anniversary year will not disappoint the artists, collectors and cat lovers.

Keep up to date on all of these programs and events through our "Mewsletter", website, Facebook and other social media sites. We miss each and every one of our cat loving friends and can't wait to open our doors wide and welcome everyone back in for some serious cat love!

Sincerely,





CCS'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY!

2021 is Cat Care Society's 40th Birthday! Take a look back with us through the years.



Cageless Shelter Celebrates 20 Years and a New Building Assists 1,000 cats annually



Kathy Macklem has an amazing love of animals and a lifelong career caring for them. In 1992, Macklem was appointed Executive Director in 1992, after being a volunteer and board member for many years. Macklem has witnessed the Cat Care Society grow from an all volunteer group assisting 100 cats each year, to a paid staff of 12 and a volunteer staff of 125

serving more than 1,000 cats annually.

The Society long outgrew its current 1700 square foot facility, so Macklem led a grassroots effort capital campaign that launched in 1995. Now, this month the Society's loyal volunteers, staff and supporters will see the fruits of their efforts with a move to a newly constructed 7,000 square foot building. The cageless shelter was specifically designed to reduce stress for shelter residents, increasing adoptability. "This is the culmination of so many people's hard work and generosity," Macklem said, "I am personally overjoyed and extremely grateful."

The new facility has six different rooms, allowing for fewer cats per room — grouped according to personality. Adjoining doors between rooms allow the feline population more paw room. Meow Mart, a cat-theme retail store at the shelter, is the perfect place to shop for your cat or cat-loving friends.

The Society's work includes accepting stray, abused and abandoned cats and facilitating adoptions. However, they also provide spay/neuter assistance for low-income families and feral cat caretakers. There is also a kitty road

show visiting nursing homes and schools. A temporary care program assists cats whose owners are homeless, hospitalized, or in safehouses. Telephone assistance on a wide variety of cat issues is available, with more than 70 callers daily.

The shelter is located at 5787 W. 6th Ave. (north service road between Sheridan & Wadsworth) and the hours are Tuesday 10:00 a.m. -5:30 p.m., Wed-Fri. noon - 5:30 p.m., Sat. 9:00 a.m. -3:30 p.m..

For more information, call (303) 239-9680 or visit online at www.catcaresociety.org.

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Dear Sue Sioux,
Why do cats love catnip so much?
Sincerely,
Anonymous

Dear Cat Lover,
Because it makes us feel extra happy. The catnip plant is part of the mint family and contains an oil called nepetalactone. When us cats smell nepetalactone, it stimulates special receptors in our bodies that sense pheromones. This gives us a sense of euphoria that makes us feel an overwhelming sense of happiness. Even larger cats, like lions and tigers, enjoy catnip! Not all cats react to catnip the same way and some don't react to it at all. It's believed to be hereditary and that we inherit our love of catnip from our parents. Pretty cool huh?

Send in your questions to suesioux@catcaresociety.org



Shop Meow Mart Online at : catcaresocietymeowmart.square.site



SUE SIOUX'S 20TH BIRTHDAY COMMEMORATIVE PORTRAITS

In honor of Sue Sioux turning the big 20, we will be selling 12x12 canvas prints of our lovely girl. Visit catcaresociety.org for updates.



SUE SIOUX'S 20TH BIRTHDAY

BY CAT MILLER
PHOTOGRAPHER & COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR

Meet Sue Sioux, the queen bee of Cat Care Society. She is 20 years old and came to Cat Care Society from a hoarding situation. Due to her beautiful coloring and charming personality, she was quickly adopted and was loved and adored by her new owner. Sadly, her owner had to have surgery and was unable to make a complete recovery so Sue Sioux was returned to the shelter.

Over the next three years, Sue Sioux was adopted three more times and returned each time. It seems that she did not care much for dogs and due to some inconsistent training and removal of her front claws, she had developed some very inappropriate urination habits. Her favorite spot to tinkle was a pile of clothes on the floor or a nice area rug.

After a thorough medical work up, she was diagnosed with urinary crystals. This medical condition combined with no claws, which is a leading cause of many behavioral and litter box challenges, made her a challenging candidate for adoption. Adding to the challenges of her behavior, at about the age of 12, she developed kidney disease which requires special food and daily IV fluids. All of these issues did not alter this special calico's personality and she became the unofficial mascot of the shelter. She is a true beauty and never tires of having everyone gush over how photogenic and special she is.

In early 2018, the shelter staff decided that Cat Care would be Sue Sioux's forever home and she was permanently taken off of the adoption list and moved to the administration building where she could be one of a few cats who roam freely and are treated to lots of one-on-one attention – it is also carpet and clothing free so



no accidents. She gets to sun herself on the screened in porch, has at least three or four cat trees and beds spread through several offices and a full staff of servants willing to answer to her every wish and desire.

While having a permanent home in the shelter is the exception, not the rule, it is a perfect example of the value that Cat Care Society puts on each cat's life. At another shelter, Sue Sioux might have become an unfortunate statistic in the pet overpopulation crisis, rather than a beloved family member – even if this family looks a little different than most.

Sue Sioux is a living testament to our belief that we care for ALL cats! We are non-discriminatory in our love for cats: none are the wrong color, size or gender; none are too old or too young; none are too ill to be valued, loved and treated with dignity.

All of the lives that we save each year would not be possible without generous support from donors like you.

Please consider making a birthday gift donation in honor of our beloved Sue Sioux and help make her wish of providing loving and caring homes – no matter what those homes may look like – to every cat that comes through the doors of Cat Care Society.

Please use the enclosed envelope to make a donation, donate online at catcaresociety.org or drop your gift off at the shelter.

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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

BY AMY MARTIN & JET STONER
VOLUNTEER MANAGER SHELTER MANAGER

Our usual spotlight is on an individual volunteer that helps us keep the shelter running smoothly and the cats healthy and happy. However, as we wrap up the year of 2020, we feel that it is appropriate to honor ALL the volunteers who worked with us throughout the year.

In mid-March the pandemic caused us to shut down our volunteer program for several weeks, limiting our care to only staff members. However, this didn't stop our volunteers who found a way to volunteer from home by providing loving and safe foster homes for our shelter cats.

During the first six weeks of the pandemic, while the shelter was closed and operating on a skeleton crew, more than 70% of the shelter cats were sent into foster homes.

We currently have a waiting list for foster homes and are working daily to get them trained and ready to go as we move into a new kitten season.

By early summer, with strict safety guidelines in place, a

few volunteers were able to return to work at the shelter. These volunteers have been doing all kinds of work that helps keep our costs low and our adoptions high.

They do afternoon feedings and socialize our quieter cats and kittens. They answer the phones, return messages and follow-up on adoptions.

They help distribute food and supplies through our Nibbles and Kibbles program to cat owners who have fallen on hard times, even going as far as providing contactless delivery service.

Volunteers weigh the cats weekly and help transport cats to appointments with medical specialists for tests or treatments. They help with laundry, gardening, and general maintenance of the building and grounds.

Volunteers also help us set up and run our virtual and socially distant fundraising events – the Kitten Shower last spring, the Pride Fest booth at the shelter, Santa Paws, the Jewelry Boutique and other events.

We are forever grateful to all the volunteers who supported us in so many ways last year and continue to support us each day. We could not do what we do without all of you.



THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!



ARTSY CATS

BY JANE DORSEY
EVENTS DIRECTOR

We have marked our calendar and hope you do too! Tails of the Painted Cats is scheduled for September 11, 2021 at the Wellshire Inn. While this year has been full of uncertainties, we have plowed ahead with the TOPC project, and there are 32 artists happily painting cats and dogs, as well as 24 artists painting Flat Cats. With the current projections of life getting back to (somewhat) normal by next fall, we are optimistic that everything will go as planned and this will be the best fundraiser ever! Keep your fingers crossed.



We still have one artist sponsorship available which may be purchased with or without event tickets. For more info contact jdorsey@catcaresociety.org.

Meanwhile, Art from the Heart, an online art fundraiser, will celebrate Cat Care's 40th anniversary. This auction will run from Valentine's Day through the end of February. It will feature works of art with bidding starting at 40% of their selling price. Participating artists who have generously donated art include Cheryl St. John, Jackie McFarland, Mary Clark, Tanis Bula and many more. The link to connect for bidding will be published on our web page and in the Mews newsletter prior to the start of the auction, so stay tuned.



Art From the Heart



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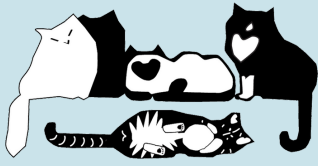
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