



# Cat Care Quarterly

The Cat Care Society Newsletter: Enriching the lives of people and cats.



## From Your Executive Director

I have just finished my first three months with Cat Care Society and what a wonderful time it has been. I

consider myself very lucky to wake up every morning knowing that I am going to spend my day with wonderful, committed team members; all dedicated to the mission of improving the quality of life for homeless, injured and abused cats in the Denver metropolitan area, not to mention some of the best cats in the city!

Cat Care Society is very fortunate to have donors, board members, volunteers and staff that understand the importance of maintaining and improving the shelter to ensure that we provide the finest environment possible for our cats until they are placed in their forever homes. Beginning in early November, we are embarking on a series of improvements that will take us into 2019 in style! Here is what you can expect to see:

**New flooring, benches and paint throughout the shelter.** High-traffic, heavy grade laminate flooring will be installed that will handle the wear and tear of traffic, daily cleaning and cat activity. New visitor benches will replace the existing wooden seating, and the walls in the rooms will be painted to coordinate with the color names of the rooms.

**A new reception desk.** The large green counter will be removed and replaced with a welcoming and functional reception area.

**A new cat room.** With the new reception area, a glass-front room will be installed to provide guests a visual cat

experience when they walk in the door.

**Perches on the "catios".** An Eagle Scout candidate is making weather-proof and washable cat perches that can be placed on each of the catios so that our residents can enjoy the Colorado sunshine year-round rather than sit on the chilly ground floor.

**Calming music for each room.** Volunteers held a barbeque fundraiser to purchase iCalmCat music machines for each of the rooms. The music was created by a team of animal behaviorists and veterinarians to provide a relaxing and stress-free environment for the cats.

**Kuranda cat towers.** We continue to receive donations of these wonderful cat towers that provide multi-level perches for our cats to sleep, play and observe their surroundings.

**Pet-Point Data Management System.** We are going paperless on November 1 with the full implementation of our new shelter software. Our adoption coordinators will be better able to coordinate the purrfect cat or kitten match.

**And last, but not least - a working elevator.** The final repairs and inspections are scheduled and we will have a working elevator soon.

I have had the pleasure of meeting many of you, and I will look forward to meeting many more over the next few months. Please plan to stop by the shelter and let us give you a tour of the improvements. Keep watch for an announcement in the "Mewsletter" of our open house when all the work is finished. 🐾

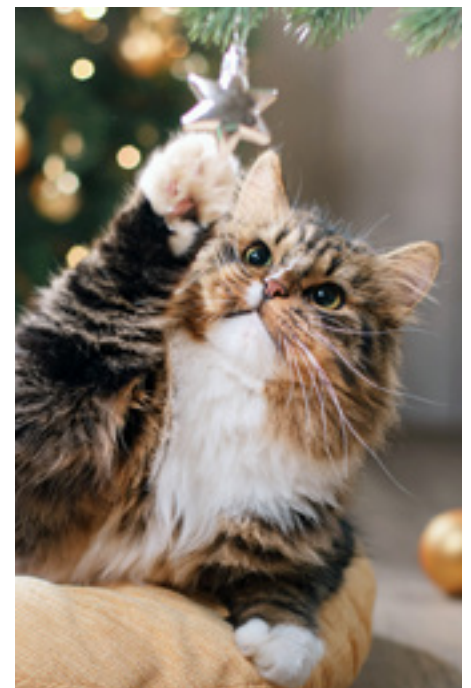
Sincerely,  
Jan Kelley  
Executive Director

## Santa Paws 2018

Our annual Santa Paws Festival will be held Saturday, December 1st from 10 am - 3 pm and Sunday, December 2nd from 11 am - 2 pm at the Cat Care Society Shelter.

This year our Holiday Bazaar will again include beautiful handcrafted items in Helena's Holiday Market along with our regular cat themed gift items! Sue Sioux's Silent Auction will feature several themed baskets and a variety will be offered both Saturday and Sunday for bidding. Santa Paws wouldn't be complete if we didn't include our raffle baskets for clinic services at The Cat Clinic and a family fun basket. Raffle Tickets are only \$10 each

Downstairs we will have our Annual Bake Sale and Champagne Punch with loads of scrumptious treats available this year. Of course jolly ol' Santa Paws himself will be making his annual visit handing out candy canes and beanie babies to all of the children. 🐾



## Cat Care Quarterly

is the official newsletter of Cat Care Society,  
published each season of the year.

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## — Volunteer of the Year 2018 —

### Kay Higgins

*Started in December of 1994*

#### BY AMY MARTIN, MANAGER OF VOLUNTEERS

Kay Higgins has volunteered for Cat Care Society for the past 24 years. She has done just about every job there is to do, switching around as needed to keep herself useful, busy and interested. She has been a tremendous asset over the years. Always enthusiastic and cheerful, Kay's sense of humor and upbeat attitude is a positive force in the volunteer program.

Kay and her husband are retired from Shield Services, a company they owned and operated together. Husband Bill is well known and appreciated around Cat Care Society too as he is an expert locksmith, coming to our rescue many times.

Over the years Kay has been involved in:

Nursing homes

Cat shows

Plant sales

Mailings (CCQ mailings)

Cajun's Closet Thrift shop

Book sales

People's Fair

Holiday Food & Gift shows

Cajun's Fashion show

Cat transport (extensive)

Channel 9 (Petline 9)

Adoption Assistant

Tattered Cover

Kay also regularly drives for the Colorado Association for the Blind, and finds it very gratifying volunteer work. We at Cat Care Society are extremely grateful to have had the pleasure of Kay's company all these years! We are happy to recognize her as not just Volunteer of the Year, but rather Volunteer of the Decades!

Congratulations Kay!

Holiday Feeding

Transporting cats

Shelter birthday parties

Reading to the Cats

Volunteer Orientation Presenter

Tails of the Painted Cats sponsor

Paws on the Green-Committee

Santa Paws-Committee



### *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.*

## News from the Shelter and Clinic

We finished up the summer and moved into fall with a wonderful few months of adoptions. Sixty-three cats found forever homes in August and we followed that up with fifty-two for the month of September. With the new management system being implemented in early November, we are confident we will be able to maintain this momentum through the end of the year and into the start of kitten season beginning in 2019.

The wonderful stories of rescued and rehabilitated cats that come through our doors are never ending. Imax is just one of the cats that really pulled at our heart strings and put our medical team to work.

Imax came to us through a fellow cat lover and friend of CCS. She is not sure of his complete history, but knows that he had been abandoned by at least two families. Imax was significantly underweight, suffering from chronic infection, had some pulmonary and heart issues and was in desperate need of dental work. An appointment was scheduled with the Cat Clinic and Imax immediately received a complete medical exam, cardiac and lung testing through our partners at VRCC and a dental cleaning with a few extractions from our Cat Clinic doctors. He is now back in the shelter, gaining weight, making friends and looking for someone to call his own.

We welcomed two new adoption coordinators to our team, Jet Stoner and Chastity Banner. They come with a wealth of experience in animal welfare and we are excited to have them join us in finding forever homes for our cats.

Our Temporary Care Program continues to grow and thrive. More than half of the calls we receive each day are requesting help and temporary shelter for cats until owners are able to bring them back home. We have applied for grant funding to grow this one-month temporary stay program and plan to expand beyond our shelter walls by recruiting foster homes and small businesses to participate in care. 🐾

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## How to Support Cat Care Society

Sponsor a cat or a shelter room by purchasing a **holiday ornament** beginning **December 1**

Join us on **December 1 and 2** to do some Cat Christmas shopping at the **Santa Paws Festival** (see page 1)

Purchase your groceries using your refillable Cat Care Society - **King Soopers shopping card** (see below)

Use **Amazon Smile** to make purchases and designate Cat Care Society as your charity partner

**Mail in your donation** using the attached envelope or **donate online** at [catcaresociety.org](http://catcaresociety.org)

Donate through your **Community Shares** workplace giving campaign (see page 5)

Donate through **Colorado Gives Day** on **December 4** or schedule your donation now by visiting [coloradogives.org](http://coloradogives.org) (see page 6)

Bring in or purchase through **Amazon** any or all of the items listed on our **Wish List** (see page 8)

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## King Soopers Has Donated More Than \$59,000 to Cat Care Society

It's true! Cat Care Society started the King Soopers Reloadable Gift Card Program in June 2011. CCS has received over **\$59,000** from King Soopers thanks to supporters who use their King Soopers Gift Cards (purchased at CCS) to buy their groceries. As of this fall we are averaging about **\$1,000 each month** in revenue from the King Soopers Cat Care Society Reloadable Gift Card. The CCS Cats cannot thank you—and King Soopers—enough!

It's so easy to obtain and use this card...

- 1) Purchase the King Soopers Gift Card from Cat Care Society at our front desk. It costs \$25 and has \$25 of credit on the card.
- 2) Take the card to King Soopers. Either at the Customer Service Desk or at the

checkstand, before you pay for your groceries, you can add any amount from \$2.50 to \$500 to your gift card.

- 3) Pay for your groceries using the CCS King Soopers Gift Card. King Soopers donates back to CCS 5% of the value of the groceries you buy each month.
- 4) When you use up the money on the Gift Card, you just reload more. You may pay for reloading the card by cash, check, debit or credit card. (Note: Don't let your balance stay at zero for more than 30 days; you may need to buy a new card at CCS if your card remains inactive too long.)



- 5) The CCS KS Gift Card may be used at King Soopers or City Market Fueling Centers. It can also be used at most Kroger affiliated Stores throughout the U.S.

These include: Kroger, City Market, Fred Meyer, Ralphs, Fry's and Fry's Marketplace, Dillon's, Smith's Food & Drug, QFC, Food 4 Less, Owen's, Foodsco, Hilander, Pay-Less, Cala-Bell, Baker's JayC, Fred Myer's Jewelers, Littman & Barclay Jewelers.

If you haven't picked up your CCS King Soopers Gift Card, please stop by the front desk at the CCS shelter this week to get one. They make wonderful gifts, especially for cat lovers! 🐾

## Where Are They Now? – *Another Happy Outcome for a CCS Cat*

The work of the Cat Care Society continues day and night, all year round: Housing and caring for homeless, neglected and mistreated cats in the bright cage-free CCS shelter; fostering kittens (and other cats needing special nurturing) in our growing network of private homes; providing expert veterinary care to our shelter cats, and cats owned by the general public, in the state of the art Cat Clinic at Cat Care Society. And, of course, finding loving adoptive homes for as many kittens and cats as possible.

This work would be impossible without you, and other generous donors like you. That's why, in every issue of the Cat Care Quarterly, we like to share success stories about cats that have come our way – stories that you bring about, through your financial support. You have helped us give so many cats a second chance at a life of quality, in a permanent loving home.

**One of our favorite recent stories is about a cat named Gomez.**



We first met Gomez in January 2015. He was twelve years old and had been living with an elderly man for ten years. They were best buddies. "He just showed up on my porch one day," said Frank. He described Gomez as a one-person cat, shy but friendly and playful. At six-and-one-half pounds, Gomez was small, but in good health for his age.



Frank was enrolled in the Cat Care Society's Nine Lives Legacy Society – our program through which supporters can include CCS in their estate planning, and can also provide for their cats when they can no longer care for them. (You can find out more about this convenient option on our website at [catcaresociety.org](http://catcaresociety.org).) When that time came for Frank, Gomez came to live at CCS. We are so grateful to Frank for choosing to include CCS, and providing for Gomez' care, in his will.

As you can see, Gomez is a handsome fellow – medium-to-long red hair, beautiful green eyes and the most adorable ear tufts. He loves to sit in laps and be brushed, and he quickly became a favorite of our staff and volunteers.

For Gomez, adoption into a new forever home had to wait, as he had begun to have some health challenges. He had to have several teeth extracted and was diagnosed with both hyperthyroid and elevated kidney readings. We moved him to our renal diet room and gave him thyroid medicine twice a day, along with subcutaneous fluids to treat dehydration. He also received extra wet food since his weight was fluctuating.

In April of this year we moved Gomez to our administrative offices (the white house to the south of the shelter). Cats are sometimes relocated there if they need extra care or have specific health issues. And Gomez did get a lot of attention from volunteers and staff there. Then a few weeks ago a long-time

visitor and volunteer, who had spent considerable time with Gomez since he first came to us, walked in and said, "I'm here to take Gomez home." Gomez had found his new adoptive home with Briana, her mother, and two thirteen-year-old cat sisters.

As part of our usual follow-up with newly adopted cats, we learned from Briana that Gomez (whom she has renamed Sir Gawain, after the knight of the Round Table), is doing well, following her around and head-butting her until she pets him. And Cat Care Society's commitment to Gomez/Sir Gawain does not end there: as a senior cat, he is enrolled in our Perpet-u-Care program, which provides up to \$250.00 in veterinary care per year for life.

So, though it took a while, Gomez did receive his second chance at a good life, in an adoptive home full of love. Again, it's your generosity, and the support of donors like you, that have made this outcome possible. But there are so many more cats like Gomez out there, in need of their own second chances – safe shelter, compassionate care, adoption into the perfect forever home. Since we receive no government funding, we must depend on our donors in order to write more happy-ending stories. Can you help us continue this work for the cats, with a gift of financial support?

There are several ways to give your gift: send a check, or authorize a credit charge, using the enclosed envelope; drop off a check at our



Lakewood shelter; or donate online at [catcaresociety.org](http://catcaresociety.org). CCS can use ongoing monthly gifts (very easy and convenient to set up!) as well as one-time donations.

**Here are some of the ways your contribution will help:**

- \$1,000 will take care of 30 kittens through the kitten season, including their shots, spays/neuters, microchips, food and litter.
- \$500 will cover a month of canned cat food for the shelter cats (we go through 435 cases of canned food annually).
- \$250 will pay for 13 bags of dry cat food, to be given away at our Nibbles & Kibbles cat food and litter bank, which helps needy community members care for their cats.
- \$100 will buy 3 bags of Renal Prescription Food for our shelter cats with kidney disease.

Please help us today with the most generous gift you can give for the care of the cats. Thank you so much for your past and ongoing support. Gomez (a.k.a. Sir Gawain) thanks you too! 🐾

From the Cat Care Society Staff, Volunteers and Directors



**Workplace Giving**



**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 organization of Community Shares of Colorado since 1997.**



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



**[www.cshares.org](http://www.cshares.org)  
or call 303-239-9680  
and select option 2**

**You Decide:  
Email Newsletter  
or Snail Mail**

Cat Care Society is constantly reevaluating our resources and expenditures, trying to find the best way to use your donations to keep our mission going strong. To that end, we are looking at changing the delivery of the Cat Care Quarterly from USPS Mail to e-mail. There are several advantages to switching to email delivery. You will help us redirect funding to areas where more resources are needed. In many cases you will get your newsletter faster. And you'll get it in color. (The pictures of the cats look so much better!)

So, if you are open to changing how you read the Cat Care Quarterly, and agree with the migration to e-mail delivery – saving postage – please send our Executive Director the following message: Please change my delivery of the CCQ to e-mail instead of USPS. Please direct this to Terri at [mail@catcaresociety.org](mailto:mail@catcaresociety.org).

**If you don't want to change, then you don't have to do anything.**

If you want to forgo e-mail and USPS all together, you can read the CCQ on our Website ([www.CatCareSociety.org](http://www.CatCareSociety.org)), by clicking on Tab 8 under the pictures cycling at the top of the home page. Thank you for helping us to put more of your support dollars directly toward our mission – saving homeless and abused cats! 🐾



# Upcoming Events

*Note: Seminars and orientation sessions are held in the CCS shelter lower-level conference room. Seminars are free, but space is limited, so please RSVP at 303.239.9680 or email [frontdesk@catcaresociety.org](mailto:frontdesk@catcaresociety.org).*

## NOVEMBER

### November 1-30

#### Adoption Promotion

- All cats 1-year and older are available for the price of \$35 or \$50 for a pair

Come pick up an early holiday gift.

### Saturday November 3 and 17, 10am-12pm Nibbles & Kibbles Food Bank

CCS offers free cat food and litter for Jefferson County, CO. residents who are temporarily unable to provide food and litter to their cats. This helps prevent abuse, neglect, or abandonment of cats when their owners encounter temporary hard times. Recipients must have a food voucher from The Action Center (Formerly Jefferson County Action Center). Not a public event. This event is every first and third Saturday of each month.

### Saturday November 10, 10:30am-12:30pm Volunteer Orientation

Cat Care Society Lower Level

An overview of the origins of CCS and its current policies. Required for new volunteers. Please RSVP via Phone (303-239-9680 ext. 34) or via email at [amartin@catcaresociety.org](mailto:amartin@catcaresociety.org)

## DECEMBER

### December 1-31

#### Adoption Promotion

- \$45 for Adult Cats 1-9 years, or \$70 for a pair
- \$25 for all Senior Cats 10 & up
- \$70 for Kittens under a year, or \$120 for a pair

### Saturday December 1 and 15, 10am-12pm Nibbles & Kibbles Food Bank

Cat Care Society Lower Level

(See November 3 description)

### Saturday December 1, 10am-3pm & Sunday December 2, 11am-2pm

#### Santa Paws Festival

Come to our annual family-friendly bake sale and craft bazaar, just in time for the holiday season. The Santa Paws Festival, one of Colorado's most beloved feline fundraisers, returns this December for two days only.

### Tuesday December 4, All Day Colorado Gives Day

Cat Care Society will once again participate in Colorado Gives Day. The annual statewide movement celebrates and increases philanthropy in Colorado through online giving opportunities benefiting local nonprofit organizations. Like so many nonprofits, CCS depends on the generosity of the community and encourages donations throughout the month of December.

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## Support Cat Care Society on Colorado Gives Day – Tues., December 4

Colorado's largest one-day online giving event is coming up and we need your support. Colorado Gives Day is an annual statewide movement to celebrate and increase philanthropy in Colorado through online giving. Donations are accepted through [ColoradoGives.org](http://ColoradoGives.org).

On Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2018, thousands of donors will come together to support Colorado non-profits like ours. Last year, a record-breaking \$20.9 million was distributed to Colorado non-profits via Colorado Gives.

This year, thanks to Community First Foundation and First Bank, Colorado Gives Day features a \$1 million incentive fund, one of the largest gives day



incentive funds in the country. Every non-profit receiving a donation on Colorado Gives Day receives a portion of the incentive fund, which increases the value of every dollar donated. Please help us by marking your calendar for Dec. 4 and making a donation on Colorado Gives Day. Beginning

Nov. 1, donations can be scheduled ahead of time to be made on Dec. 4.

To access the Colorado Gives Day site and direct your donation to the Cat Care Society, click on the link below, or copy and paste it in your browser:

To access the Colorado Gives Day site and direct your donation to the Cat Care Society, please visit [coloradogives.org](http://coloradogives.org), click "donate" on the main menu then "Find A Non-Profit" on the drop down menu. Enter Cat Care Society in the search field and follow directions to make your donation.

Thank you for your support! 🐾



Happy Holidays!  
From Cat Care Society



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### CAT CARE SOCIETY

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303-239-9680 • [www.catcaresociety.org](http://www.catcaresociety.org)

#### Shelter hours

Tuesday - Friday	Noon - 5:30pm
Saturday	11:00am - 4:30pm
Sunday	Noon - 3:00pm
Monday	Closed

### THE CAT CLINIC AT CAT CARE SOCIETY

5787 West 6th Avenue (lower level) • Lakewood CO 80214  
303-237-0914

Full-service veterinary care for all cats!  
Discounts for qualifying low-income pet owners.

#### Clinic hours

Tuesday - Friday	7:00am - 6:00pm
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## Wish List

We can always use the following items for the Shelter...

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Clay, non-scoopable litter     | <input type="checkbox"/> Canned cat food* (cat, kitten, grain-free) | <input type="checkbox"/> White copy/printer paper                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Scoopable cat litter           | <input type="checkbox"/> Dry cat food: Science Diet, Iams Original  | <input type="checkbox"/> Cat-safe sanitary wipes                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Paper towels and toilet paper  | <input type="checkbox"/> Purina Kitten Chow                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Litter & food donations for the Nibbles & Kibbles Food Bank |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Paper plates (6" dessert size) | <input type="checkbox"/> Trash bags (12-, 20- and 45-gallon sizes)  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lysine (500mg capsules)        | <input type="checkbox"/> Hand sanitizer refills                     |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baby food (turkey and chicken) | <input type="checkbox"/> Bleach                                     |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tuna, canned in water          | <input type="checkbox"/> Liquid laundry detergent                   |  |

**\*Premium brands:** Wellness, Natural Choice, Natural Balance, Science Diet, Blue, Royal Canin and Pro Plan. Authority (available at Pet Smart) is the best quality for the price.