



CAT CARE QUARTERLY

ENRICHING THE LIVES OF PEOPLE AND CATS

From Your Executive Director



As I listen to the news each day and see the isolation that people are experiencing during this time of upheaval in our country, I realize that

now, more than ever, we need a little more kindness in the world. One way you can help is by supporting Cat Care Society and the work that we are doing every day.

Though COVID-19 changed the face of adoption, it certainly has not slowed it down. Through foster-to-adopt programs and adoptions by appointment, homeless cats in every corner of the community are finding homes. This year has not been an easy one for anyone, but together we can continue to save lives and help cats who simply want love and families.

One of Cat Care Society's core values is to help cats that might otherwise not have a chance to live a long life or even live out their lives pain free, with dignity and love. So, while kittens are always the fun, goofy and playful adoption, here are a few of the cats that have recently received life-saving treatments and are making amazing recoveries here at the shelter or in forever homes.

> **LARRY**, and his best friend, Paula, were surrendered to the shelter when their owner experienced a stroke and had to move into an assisted living facility. Upon our initial exam, Larry seemed to be a healthy 4-year-old male cat, ready to be adopted. However, after a few days of moving around in the

shelter, the team observed a noticeable limp on his back side. An x-ray was immediately scheduled, and it revealed that Larry had a pre-existing condition – a hip that had been broken, not treated, and healed improperly. Thankfully we were able to call in an orthopedic surgeon that removed part of the damaged joint that was causing the pain. Larry made a full recovery and he and Paula have since been adopted into a forever home.

> **ROXY** was transferred to us through a partner shelter due to chronic upper respiratory infection, which will often clear up when you get a cat out of a kennel. After a few courses of treatment, it was decided that Roxy needed a more extensive exam. She was sedated and a thorough check of her mouth, throat and nasal cavities was done to determine the cause of the on-going infections. It was shocking news when the veterinarian discovered that she had a cleft palate, an exceedingly rare occurrence in animals. Again, we called in a specialty surgeon to do the reconstructive repairs and place a temporary feeding tube to aid in Roxy's recovery. Within a couple of days, Roxy was able to go back home with her foster parents, who are both in the medical profession and can provide the specialty care she requires. It has been 4 weeks since the surgery and Roxy is on the road to a complete recovery and we expect the feeding tube to be removed within a couple of weeks.

> **HANNAH**, another 3-year-old female, was surrendered by her owner who did not have the financial means to care for a chronically ill cat. Hannah was experiencing problems with inappropriate

urinating and needed a specialty diet. Again, during initial exam, the medical team did an x-ray to check for kidney and urinary problems and discovered that one of Hannah's kidneys was very small, malformed and probably causing blockages that resulted in urinary crystals, a painful condition that occurs in cats. The surgery to remove her non-functioning kidney, while expensive and requiring a special surgeon, was completed, solving all her problems and she has also found her forever home.

These three success stories that we had this spring cost over \$4,500 and are just a small representation of the medical treatments we do each year. The shelter has success after success and adoption after adoption, all due to the ability to provide outstanding diagnostics and care for cats, including radiology, cardiology, orthopedic, and surgical specialists.

We want to be able to continue to save these precious lives when they come through our front doors, but we need your help to fund these lifesaving operations. By donating to Cat Care Society, you're providing hope to so many, helping homeless cats of all ages, shapes, sizes and colors who simply want love, families and the home of their dreams.

Thank you for spreading kindness and joining us in supporting our care for cats. Together, let's keep the lifesaving going.

Sincerely,
Jan Kelley
Executive Director



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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.

Kim Miller Volunteer Spotlight, Summer 2020

By Amy Martin, Volunteer Manager

Kim has been a loyal volunteer at Cat Care for several years. She helps out doing a variety of volunteer jobs for us. She is not only part of the volunteer feeding team, she moderates our Foster Facebook Group and helps out at fundraising events. Kim also loves to foster and has fostered adult cats, pregnant moms and weaned litters.

Kim moved to Denver in 2017 after retiring from a rewarding but stressful career in Washington DC. As the Senior Health Policy Officer for the HIV Medicine Association, she worked for health reform policies by representing the medical profession to the Federal government.

Kim loves Colorado and as an outdoor enthusiast and avid bird watcher, she takes full advantage of what Colorado has to offer. She loves to take walks around Sloan's Lake, checking out all kinds of birds and other critters.

She grew up on what she calls a gentleman's farm and there she gained experience with all kinds of animals, including cats. This is also where she began her lifelong love and appreciation for nature.

Kim loves to travel, especially now that she is retired. Her travels have included Argentina, Mexico, Ireland and Scandinavia, to name a few. Kim especially loves to visit Scotland – and has been there 5 times. She travels with small groups, where along with a guide, she can really explore the country she is visiting.

With a passion for animal rescue, Kim also volunteers at the Denver Animal Shelter. True to her advocacy nature, she outreaches as a champion for animal welfare to local legislators and policy leaders. She also serves on the policy committee for the Colorado Consumer Health Initiative. It is clear that retirement is not an idle time for Kim!

Kim came to visit Cat Care after her 18 year old cat passed away. She was looking for a new forever friend. She was impressed with how well the shelter was set up and run, how well the shelter cats were cared for, and how welcoming the staff was. She signed up to be a volunteer right after that.



Kim now has 2 cats. Jilly, a brown tabby at 2½ and Minka, a black short hair at 1½. With the foster mom and kittens that Kim is taking care of right now, she sure has a full house! She regularly posts wonderful videos on Facebook of her foster kittens, to the delight of everyone.

Kim says that cats are beautiful, magical creatures and they truly make your house a home.

Kim is always pitching in to help whenever we need it. She is also a wonderful advocate for Cat Care Society. Kim has recently accepted a position on the Cat Care Society Board of Directors. We are thrilled to have her!

Her bright smile and cheery disposition truly makes our shelter a better place! We are so grateful to have her as a volunteer.

Our condolences to the family and friends of Angels with Paws, on the passing of founder, Jean Aussenbaugh, a fellow advocate, champion, and lifelong lover of cats.

Thank You!

Your continued support for Cat Care Society and our shelter cats is greatly appreciated.



**Our shelter is open
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY
during this time.**

If you would like to adopt one of our amazing kitties, visit our website, catcaresociety.org and fill out an application. You will be contacted by one of our Adoption Counselors shortly after receiving your application, to set up a time for you to come in and visit the cat(s).

**Our events for the near future
are CANCELLED at this time.**

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Summer Safety

Summer is here, and along with longer days, warmer weather, and a burst of new life there also lies new dangers for our pets. The following tips can help you and your feline friends enjoy summer free from harm.

DECORATIVE DANGERS

As you break out your trowels and vases keep in mind that many plants and flowers commonly seen both indoors and out are highly toxic to cats. Easter lilies, rhododendrons, and azaleas all top the list of popular plants that can be fatal if consumed by cats. Beyond the plants, many fertilizers, insecticides, and pesticides are toxic to pets and should be stored safely out of reach.

KILLING WITH KINDNESS

Warm weather means BBQ season, and all those delicious grilled meats, buttered corn, and icy beverages can tempt your cats taste buds. It can be hard to resist the urge to share a bite or two with your cat companions, but it's in their own interest if you resist that temptation. Greasy, fatty foods can wreak havoc on their digestive tracts, and they're so much smaller than us that a single potato chip packs an enormous amount of calories for their body size. Do them a favor, and offer cat specific treats instead.

GONE WITH THE WIND

We've been waiting all year to open all of our doors and windows and let the fresh summer breeze flow through our homes. With cats patrolling your house it's important to double-check that all windows have screens and that they are in good condition. A curious cat can squeeze through a surprisingly small hole. Once outdoors they are subject to endless dangers and the potential of contracting diseases from other neighborhood cats. If you want your cat to enjoy the summer weather with you look into harnesses, backpack carriers, or adding a catio to your home.

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Laila Bee: Another CCS “Where Are They Now?” Story

One of the things that makes Cat Care Society special is that we never give up on the cats in our care, no matter how long it takes to find them the perfect home. We are nondiscriminatory in our love for cats and accept and care for cats of all ages, sizes, and medical history. Many cats that come to us are transferred in from other organizations where they were less likely to be considered adoptable for age-related, medical, or behavioral reasons. Laila Bee was one such cat. Laila Bee came to Cat Care Society in 2018, transferred from Best Friends Society after being confiscated from a hoarding situation. The sweet 7-year-old arrived at Cat Care Society with two other cats from the same situation. Laila Bee's friends were quickly adopted, but the sweet round-faced tortie was consistently looked over, in part because of her special needs. Laila Bee suffered from asthma and required daily medication. Though overall very sweet, medication time was never Laila Bee's favorite; it quickly became apparent that an inhaler wasn't going to be an option and an alternative medication was prescribed. Though Laila Bee's health improved and many CCS guests commented on her cute face and beautiful coloration, her shy nature, and resistance to being medicated scared away potential adopters.

Two years passed, and Laila Bee became Cat Care Society's longest stay cat and a favorite among staff and volunteers. Time after time staff's hopes would rise as a guest pointed out Laila Bee as a potential candidate for their family, only to fall once again upon the potential adopters learning about her medical requirements. Thanks to our many supporters Laila Bee had little to fear, she was relatively happy living in the spacious, sunlit hallway of our shelter where she was cared for by our skilled medical team and provided with a nutritious diet and plenty of comfortable beds. She enjoyed playing with the other cats and had volunteers and staff who sought her out to make sure that she got plenty of attention. She was living the best life that any cat in a shelter could possibly live.

Then one day, Laila Bee caught the eye of a long time Cat Care Society supporter and active volunteer. She had recently lost one of her cats to cancer, and something about Laila Bee stood out. To the absolute joy of CCS staff and volunteers, Laila Bee quickly went from one of the least likely cats to be adopted to sleeping in her forever home and meeting her new furry siblings.

In an observation that many people who have adopted shelter cats may have experienced, Laila Bee's personality was completely different in a home and her



true character began to shine. Laila Bee's mom wrote that “The moment she got out of her carrier the day we adopted her, she was purring and rolling around all happy. She has the loudest purr, which I hear every night when I have some time (either watching tv or reading) for her to sit on my lap, which she's become used to expecting. Sometimes she sleeps at my head at night and it's like I have a lawnmower rumbling next to me.” The family had never adopted a senior cat before and were surprised by how playful and adventurous Laila Bee was, a stark contrast to the shy cat they had met at the shelter. Little was known about Laila Bee's history prior to her years at Cat Care Society, but despite not seeing a dog in over two years, if not more, Laila Bee quickly ventured into the “dog zone” and befriended her new canine siblings almost at once.

Most animal shelters are unable to care for older cats with health conditions such as Laila Bee's, and without Cat Care Society Laila Bee could have become another unfortunate statistic in the pet overpopulation crisis rather than a beloved member of a family. None of this would be possible without generous supporters like you.

Here are some ways that donations help cats like Laila Bee find loving homes, and enjoy the second chance they all deserve::

- **\$1,000** - Covers the cost to care for a senior cat for one year
- **\$500** - Covers the cost of a lifesaving dental surgery for a cat
- **\$200** - A year's worth of medications for a cat such as Laila Bee
- **\$100** - Covers the cost to run senior bloodwork for one cat
- **\$50** - Covers the cost to place a feeding tube and save a cats life
- **\$25** - Provides a month of prescription food for one cat

CCS can use recurring monthly donations as well as one-time gifts.

Use the attached return envelope, donate online at catcaresociety.org, or drop your gift off at our shelter. 🐾



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