



# CAT CARE QUARTERLY

ENRICHING THE LIVES OF PEOPLE AND CATS.

## 2019 Annual Statistics

### LIFESAVING:

- 655 cats and kittens came into our care
- 545 cats and kittens were adopted into loving homes
- 43 cats were returned to their owners as part of our Temporary Care Program
- 8 cats were transferred to partner organizations or trapped, neutered, and released
- Live Release Rate 95%

### ADOPTIONS:

- 296 adult cats were adopted
- 249 kittens were adopted
- Nearly 20% of cats and kittens adopted were either senior cats or had special needs
- The oldest cat adopted from CCS was 18 years old

### COMMITMENT TO CARE FOR ALL:

- More than 100 senior cats came into our care—the oldest intake age was 20 years old
- 202 cats and kittens were transferred to CCS from other shelters where they did not thrive or were not considered adoptable
- 184 stray and abandoned cats and kittens cared for
- 23 cats were provided with a comfortable hospice home and given end of life care

## From Your Executive Director



Cat Care Society continues to be a wonderful, rewarding and challenging experience and I am grateful to be a part of the work that we do each and every day. We have accomplished so much in the past year—significant upgrades in the shelter, improved and increased staffing, increased funding, and most importantly, we have significantly increased our adoptions, kept families together through our **Temporary Care Program** and provided outstanding physical and emotional care to those cats in the shelter still waiting for a forever home. Please make sure to check out our 2019 adoption numbers, particularly our success with older cats and those with health challenges. However, as successful as we have been, staff and volunteers know that there is still much work to be done to fulfill our mission of caring for abused, neglected and abandoned cats and the people who love them.

We don't have 2019 statistics yet, but in 2018, 3,500 cats were euthanized in the metro Denver area. This is a daunting fact, but with your participation, we can chip away at this number, day by day, month by month. All the work that we do at Cat Care Society is driven by this statistic and how to reduce this number. Here are just a few key items that drive our work and are making an impact:

- 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.
- We are here for our community. We prioritize intakes to make sure that we are making a difference in the community where our donors,

volunteers and staff live and work. Colorado cats are our responsibility.

- We value the human-animal bond and are working to expand the **Temporary Care Program** beyond the space limitations of our building. We are marketing and training foster homes—individuals, small businesses, long-term care facilities—to provide the same excellent care that we do in the shelter. As a result an additional 100 cats will receive temporary care until they can be reunited with their families.
- We are expanding the reach and impact of our **Nibbles and Kibbles** program, so when an individual is experiencing financial challenges, rather than surrendering a beloved family member, they are able to get quality pet food, litter and other supplies.
- We are expanding our outreach and adoptions through partnerships with other shelters, care providers, foundations and local businesses.
- We continually search for new and innovative ways to expand our reach.

We are a limited intake facility due to the physical size of our shelter, but we are only limited by our own creativity and imagination on how to help. The staff, volunteers and supporters of CCS are continually searching for new and innovative ways to expand our reach and I believe we are limitless in our vision and passion in creating opportunities to save the life of a cat.

Thank you all for being non-discriminatory in your love for cats!

Sincerely,  
Jan Kelley  
Executive Director

P.S. Please welcome our new CCQ editor, Kayson Cooper, *Manager of Communications and Education*. We appreciate your patience through the last several months of staff transitions. We are back on track for regular publication of the newsletter. 🐾

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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.

## Minka's Magic: Another CCS "Where Are They Now?" Story

Minka Bijou was a magical cat from day one. I met her, a six-year-old polydactyl gray tabby with a beautiful white front and a sweet, sweet face, on a visit to Cat Care Society (CCS) in February 2011. I had been stopping by frequently with the idea of finding a companion for my 2½-year-old cat, Gigi. Minka (not her name at the time) caught my eye—snuggled in a hidey bed, shy yet sweet, welcoming gentle pats and strokes. Other than her sweetness and gentleness, and the fact that she liked to cuddle up with one of her roommates, Shelly, I knew little about her. I often looked at her profile online, and came to see her whenever I was at CCS.

At last I decided I'd like to adopt Minka. I was getting ready to leave work on my lunch hour to go to CCS and confirm my decision; just before I left, I went to the CCS website to pull up her profile once again. My heart sank when I could not find it—her profile was gone! Sure enough, when I arrived at CCS, I was told that Minka had been adopted. That evening I was beside myself with sadness and remorse, realizing that, because of my waffling and drawn-out deliberation, I had missed the opportunity to adopt this sweet soul. "She was the one!" I said through tears.

As I calmed down, I knew it was best to continue visiting cats at CCS, for they still would benefit from kindness, and perhaps I'd find another cat to adopt. So, about five days after Minka had been adopted, I returned to CCS. I mentioned my story to a staff member. "She's back!" The staff member said. "Her owner didn't want a high-maintenance cat." (The adopter had some concerns which, subsequently, did not materialize into any illness or condition.) I immediately said I wanted to adopt Minka, and met with Dave to begin the process. I then only needed to wait a few days until Minka had been checked over; she was given a clean bill of health, and I happily brought her home in March 2011.

Minka settled in easily and quickly. She blossomed, and I had the honor of seeing the fullness of her delightful,

rich personality. I could share so many endearing anecdotes that would take up pages. By not doing so, I realize that I am barely describing the magic of Minka (and maybe I am sparing myself some pain, in this moment, as a result). Suffice it to say that Gigi, Minka, and I had a lovely life together for 7½ years. Minka was charming, playful, affectionate, intelligent, fond of cuddling under the blankets at bedtime, fond of diving into tissue-paper piles in search of toys. She had a clear, melodic, expressive meow. She

was clever with those exquisite polydactyl mitts. She was a bright, engaging spirit. When Minka looked at me, she saw me, with kind, loving, soul-filled, connecting eyes. I smile—and my eyes fill with tears—as I type and remember her. And miss her.

So, you know where this is going. In mid-July 2018, Minka was diagnosed with diffuse intestinal lymphoma. On August 16, her tired little body could manage no more, and I said farewell to my darling, beloved Minka. There was magic even at the moment of her departure. A veterinarian friend came to my home that morning to help Minka along on her journey. My oldest sister, who was there, told me a bit later what she had seen. As my veterinarian friend said softly, "She's gone," and as I leaned close to Minka and stroked her fur, my sister saw a translucent, sapphire-blue light over Minka Bijou, a true jewel, one of the finest beings I have ever met.

Maureen Peck  
Minka's human companion 🐾



## Brenda Johnson *Spotlight Volunteer, Winter 2020*

Brenda readily admits that she was not always fond of cats. Until she was an adult, misinformation and superstition kept her from really getting to know the joy that cats bring. It was not until she and her husband moved to Colorado from Los Angeles that she became a true cat lover. She developed a friendship with a sweet barn kitty while she was taking horseback riding lessons. This is when she became aware of how intelligent and intuitive cats are. She adopted a 6 month old kitten from a Denver Shelter in 2005 -Pixie, her first cat. When Pixie passed away at 12, Brenda said it was very hard on her. But she and her husband Bruce now live with 2 great cats, Mora and Crispie and she has devoted a lot of her free time to supporting Cat Care.

Brenda came to Cat Care as a volunteer in 2011 after a friend recommended it. She quickly became committed to helping the shelter. She started relationships with smaller pet shops, promoting Cat Care. She regularly gets items such as food and toys donated to us. One of the pet shops, Pet World, sets up a Christmas tree where people can pick a CCS cat's name and buy an item for them. She also has a great relationship at Target where she has promoted CCS to the cat lover employees at the store. They donate all kinds of shelter



supplies as well as gift cards. She posts flyers for all our special events at various businesses. In addition, her workplace - she works from home as a business consultant for a major IT firm - matches any monetary donations Brenda gives to Cat Care.

Brenda's family is in Bangkok and when she visits them she buys unique cat themed items. These are very popular at our December Santa Paws Festival. While in Bangkok, Brenda goes to the cat cafes and works to spread the word on the importance of spay and neutering, which is not a common practice there.

Her husband Bruce has also donated his time and skills helping Cat Care on many handyman projects around the shelter.

Brenda's lifelong mission is to learn about cats, observe them and support them. Cats and their wellbeing have become very important to Brenda. She feels cats are very spiritual.

During very challenging times in her life cats have been a great support for her.

Brenda and Bruce are substantial supporters of Cat Care, both in donations and their tireless volunteer work promoting our mission to the community. We are proud to have them in our volunteer community!

## Animal-Related Legislation in Colorado

### EXPECTED IN THE 2020 SESSION

**Puppy Mill** bill would prohibit retail sales of dogs and cats in pet stores and additionally limit the number of dogs and cats breeders can own to a combined total of 25. The law would further restrict breeding mothers to once every 12 months, and they could not be bred more than six times total. The law would also require that reasonable attempts be made to rehome the animals when they are no longer suitable for breeding.

**Socially Conscious Animal Sheltering** would specify an additional standard of care for cats and dogs in the care of shelters and rescue groups and ensure placement for every healthy and safe dog and cat. Healthy means the animal has no signs of disease or when an illness or injury is present the animal has a good or excellent prognosis when treated. Safe means the absence of behavior that could result in severe injury or death to another animal or person.

**BAP (Bureau of Animal Protection)**. Existing statutory language does not give BAP agents authority to conduct investigations, nor take away an animal in danger, but they can issue summons. The proposed change would give agents the authority to conduct investigations, and impound authority when an animal's life is in danger.

**Cat Declaw Prohibition** would prohibit the declawing of cats unless medically necessary; may be introduced as a late file or held for the 2021 session.

**Anti-tethering**, a late file or 2021 bill, would address the length of time a dog could be kept on a tether as well as require protection from the elements in extreme weather conditions: below 32 degrees or above 90 degrees.

**Pet Overpopulation Fund** tax check-off is set to expire after the 2019 tax year and needs to be reauthorized this year. 🐾



**CommunityShares**  
Colorado's Community Giving Fund

### 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.



# Gifts Made with Love: April 2019 – July 2019

Many thanks to everyone who has made donations in memory of or in honor of someone special! Gifts not listed here will be credited in the next issue of CCQ. (We run about one quarter behind.) Questions? Please call Terri Terry at 720-221-8295 or email her at [tterry@CatCareSociety.org](mailto:tterry@CatCareSociety.org).

**NOTE:** we have switched to a new donor database and will catch up on all memorial and tribute posts in the Spring 2020 edition of Cat Care Quarterly.

## From In Memory of Pets

Anonymous ..... Rajah  
 Jarl Anderson ..... Muggins  
 Sandie Birlauf ..... Teenie Babie  
 Virginia Black ..... Seeker  
 Fred Blackwell ..... All our Pets  
 Carol Blair ..... Gomez  
 Janette Borel ..... Judy  
 Marilyn Browne ..... Mama Kitty  
 Connie Burke ..... Karma  
 Toni Ciarlelli ..... Rosie  
 Melissa Colzman ..... Julius  
 Michael Como ..... Gina Marie  
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 Suzanne Crase ..... Mama Kat  
 Sharon Crosby ..... Betty  
 Phil Czajkowski ..... Cleo  
 Anthony DiManna ..... Penny  
 Patricia Donovan ..... Lulu  
 Merrily Duncan ..... Jake  
 Erin Ellebracht ..... Cookie  
 Mary Fairbanks ..... Kittensky  
 Martha Fisher ..... Malakai  
 Janet Fletcher ..... Edmond & Ty  
 Maryann Fox ..... Midnight, Willow & Zoomie  
 Rose Geary ..... Andy  
 Shirley Giauque ..... Mr. Bigglesworth  
 Carolyn Glider ..... Noah  
 Jo Ann Greenwood ..... Jazmyn  
 Joyce Haen ..... Spike  
 Judith Halverson ..... All My Beloved Pets  
 Kaaren Hardy ..... Primrose  
 Robert Hays ..... Gonzo  
 Kathleen Heymans ..... Ponco  
 Jackie Hoke ..... Ash & Citrus  
 Charlene Holt ..... Tom  
 Susan Hopkins ..... Chelsea Rose  
 Darlene Howell ..... Kittyboy  
 Glenda Hower ..... Gino  
 Wally Hunt ..... Morris  
 Robert Jirschele ..... All my Pets  
 Pamela Kaiser ..... Bailey & Simon  
 Lisa Kenny ..... Gabby & Sadie  
 Wendy Kent ..... Fancy  
 Pamela Kirby ..... Tuxedo  
 Kaloea Kizzar ..... Mr. Sox

Barbara Klein ..... Samantha  
 L Gene Lasater ..... Boo Cat  
 Robert List ..... The Goomba  
 Marjorie Mack ..... Many Loved Cats  
 Deborah MacNair ..... Jasper  
 Sarah Makarechian ..... Jasper Kitty  
 Amy Martin ..... Blackie  
 Natalie Massaro ..... Allister  
 JoAnn Maxner ..... CCS Cats  
 Michelle McAdams ..... Cabo-Cat  
 Tracy McCubbin ..... Metz Tillman  
 Tracey McCullough ..... Lucias  
 Tony Mendralla ..... Charles  
 David Meyer ..... Donovan  
 Patricia Muniz ..... Maxie  
 Emily Nakamura ..... Bugsy, Lily, Rose & Stubby  
 Gary Olsen ..... Lynx, Oisyn, Ondine,  
 ..... Panda & Taptin  
 Karen Ostrowski ..... Mocha  
 Margaret Phillips ..... Casey, Cow Cat, Gomez,  
 ..... Sadie & Sider, Chiffon, Denim,  
 ..... Petunia & Rayon  
 Judith Potestio ..... Snow Nose  
 Carolyn Reed ..... Tucker  
 Sarah Russell ..... Maggie  
 Kari Sanders ..... Chloe  
 Kim Schouten ..... Saffron  
 Diana Scott-Cool ..... Daisybell  
 Anna Serdyuk ..... Benji  
 Steve Sewald ..... Sassy  
 Joyce Shannon ..... Baby Cakes  
 Lorraine Sides ..... Samson "Sammy"  
 Robin Smith ..... Coco  
 Lynda Surlles ..... Smokey & Thomas  
 John Thibeault ..... Kimchi  
 Sue Uyeda ..... Penguin & Seal & Shasta  
 Donna Vinson ..... All Cats  
 Lisa Ward ..... Mollie, Robbie & Tyler  
 Wil Westerlund ..... Amber  
 Suzanne Westgaard ..... Conor & Corey  
 Alice White ..... Spud  
 Claudia Wiley ..... Zachary  
 Cordy Womack ..... Blossom & Miles  
 Dianne Wood-Nicoletti ..... Ajax  
 Edward Wood-Prince ..... Enzo  
 Jean Wulf ..... Wulf Cats  
 Audrey Zarr ..... Joey

## From In Memory of Person

Korman Family ..... Linda Mae Eichman  
 Don Anderson ..... Cyndy Adams  
 Sallie Baierlein ..... Elizabeth & Lou Cilento  
 Wendy Bartlett ..... Lyman Rhoades  
 Norman Bell ..... Sheri D Bell  
 Rosalind Bescheinen ..... Crue Baldwin  
 Virginia Black ..... Jimmy Black  
 Barbara Brannen ..... Becka Obenchain  
 Emily Burns ..... Violet Georgia Tyler  
 Tony Carlton ..... Sandy Carlton  
 Gregory Caruthers ..... Lyman Rhoades  
 Cathy Cloepfil ..... Mary Ann Cloepfil  
 Jessica Comerata ..... Camarata Family  
 Jessica Comerata ..... Pat Bowlen  
 Marsha Crest ..... Alan Hull  
 William Crismon ..... Susan Crismon  
 Eileen Doherty ..... Chuck Doherty  
 Peter DuPree ..... Ceres Harner  
 Jeffrey Dye ..... Gary Morrison  
 Thomas Frerichs ..... Jean Frerichs  
 Monica Glickman ..... Lyman Rhoades  
 Roger Guzman ..... Judy Guzman  
 Pat Harper ..... Dorothy E Hill  
 Trudy Hilton ..... Linda Mae Eichman  
 Marcia Ketchum ..... Nancy Marks  
 Sharon Kozak ..... Barbara Orkild  
 Cindy Kraft ..... Ariel Kraft  
 Amy Martin ..... Gerry Martin  
 Ryan McGee ..... Gary James "Goodheart" Morrison  
 Joey Michaels ..... Joe O'Connor  
 Craig Miller ..... Terri L. Miller  
 Heidi Miller ..... Barbara Orkild  
 Sharlie Morel ..... Lyman Rhoades  
 Kay Oliver ..... Roger Moore  
 Paul Orkild ..... Barbara Orkild  
 Judith Penland ..... Mary Penland  
 Dawn Rabick; Dorothy Hanson-Zidel; Karen Hood  
 ..... Brett Bathey  
 Kate Rittler ..... Chopper Clevinger  
 Lowell Rothenberger ..... Violet Georgia Tyler  
 Mary Schmit ..... Mary Lou Hansen  
 Abigail Scott ..... Stella Vincent  
 Carrie Shaw ..... Luna Scarborough  
 Kathryn Shaw ..... Terri L. Miller  
 Jim Stevens ..... Lyman Rhoades  
 Diane Timothy ..... Susan Cole

**From In Memory of Person (cont.)**

Marion Turner Dawn Turner  
Mallory Weeman Sharon Berger  
Annette Womeldorf Evelyn Barome Johnson  
Cynthia Yergler Violet Rudin

**From In Honor of Person**

Mary Borchers Mike Ferguson  
Ellen Buchanan Kay Higgins  
Theresa Jouett Dan Moore  
Lisa Miller Masslich Tish Masslich

Michelle Rabatin  
Phyllis Saphra  
Wendy Shattil  
Beverly White

Lee French  
Rachelle Naishtut  
Karen Flant  
Katrina Bracken

**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, online at catcaresociety.org, or by email kcooper@catcaresociety.org.

**RECURRING MONTHLY EVENTS:**

**Nibbles & Kibbles Food Bank**

**EVERY 1ST AND 3RD SATURDAY OF THE MONTH**  
10 am - 12 pm; CCS Lower Level

Nibbles 'n' Kibbles is Cat Care Society's program to offer free cat food and cat litter to people who are experiencing temporary financial challenges. This helps them continue to care for their cats, who may be one of their few comforts during this time. It also helps prevent them from turning the cats loose on the streets, neglecting them, or taking them to a shelter.

**Catty Hour**

**EVERY 2ND FRIDAY OF THE MONTH**  
6:00 pm-8:00 pm; CCS

Join your friends and relax with the cats at an evening of wine and snacks. RSVP to sscott@catcaresociety.org.

**Yoga with the Cats**

**EVERY 3RD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH**  
5:00 pm-6:00 pm; CCS

Come stretch with the cats at this instructor led yoga program for all fitness levels. RSVP to sscott@catcaresociety.org.

**Movie Night with the Cats**

**EVERY 4TH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH**  
Doors open at 6:30 pm,  
Movie starts at 7:00 pm; CCS

Come enjoy a cat themed movie and light snacks with family and friends. RSVP to sscott@catcaresociety.org.

**MARCH**

**Foster Orientation**

**MARCH 7 AND 15**  
10:30 am - 12 pm; CCS Lower Level

An overview of fostering for CCS. Current and new foster parents are encouraged to attend to learn more about policy updates and changes to the program. RSVP to jstoner@catcaresociety.org

**Volunteer Orientation**

**MARCH 14**  
10:30 am - 12:30 pm; CCS 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 to amartin@catcaresociety.org

**Behavior Seminar: Cat Introductions**

**MARCH 28**  
10:30 am - 12:00 pm; CCS Lower Level

Learn how to successfully introduce a new cat to your multi-cat family. This free seminar is taught by feline behaviorist Billie Reynolds of Good Kitty Behavior. RSVP to kcooper@catcaresociety.org

**APRIL**

**Earth Day Celebration**

**APRIL 18**  
11:00 am-5:00 pm; Lakewood Heritage Center

Join the cats of Cat Care Society for this free community event celebrating sustainability.

**Behavior Seminar: Cats and Litter Boxes**

**APRIL 25**  
10:30 am - 12:00 pm; CCS Lower Level

Learn how to set your cat up for litter box success and alleviate common behavioral issues. This free seminar is taught by feline behaviorist Billie Reynolds of Good Kitty Behavior. RSVP to kcooper@catcaresociety.org

**MAY**

**Kitten Shower**

**MAY 17 12:00 pm-3:00 pm; CCS**

Join us as we celebrate the beginning of kitten season. Hang out with the cats at CCS and help us get stocked up on the essential supplies we will need to take care of the kittens throughout summer. Light snacks provided.

**EVERGREEN GOLF COURSE**



**PAWS ON THE GREEN**  
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Our front desk staff will be happy to assist you!

If you want to support cat care society, **DON'T HAVE A LOYALTY CARD**, you can get one from king soopers anytime.

**Thank you!**

# Fostering: Expanding Our Capacity for Compassion

As a limited admission shelter, Cat Care Society's ability to shelter cats and give them every chance possible at finding a loving home can be limited by our physical space. We provide shelter for approximately 100 cats and kittens at any given time. In 2018 alone 20,000 cats were surrendered to animal shelters in the Denver Metro region. If you do the math, you'll quickly see that we can only help a small fraction of the cats that we would like to. Luckily, our dedicated foster parents come to the rescue each and every year. By opening their homes to cats in need they effectively expand the walls of our shelter.

Many people tend to think of kittens when they think of fostering, and while we are eternally grateful to our dedicated foster parents who take home endless litters of abandoned kittens and care for them until they are adoptable, one of our greatest needs is for foster parents willing to take adult cats. Adult cats need foster homes for many different reasons, highlighted below are some of 2019's most inspiring foster success stories featuring adult cats.

## INDRI

Indri came to Cat Care Society in 2015 after she was surrendered to a local veterinary hospital. Despite her unique looks and irresistible charm Indri was consistently overlooked by potential adopters for years because of multiple health conditions. To make matters even more challenging, in 2019 new veterinary tests confirmed that Indri needed a new prescription diet that wasn't suitable for any other cats in the shelter. In a case of sheer serendipity, a couple on a work visa from New Zealand reached out to Cat Care Society. They missed having a cat, but were unsure of where they would be living after their 3 year visa expired. They met Indri and fell in love. Indri comes back to Cat Care Society once a month for a check up, and to get restocked on her prescription diet and medications. Her foster parents are providing her with an extended break from life in a shelter.



## ROSE

A foster "home" isn't always a house, and in the case of Rose (above) it was High Pointe Assisted Living Center. High Pointe reached out to us with the intention of fostering kittens; however, due to the time of year no kittens were available

and they agreed to try out an adult cat. Rose had been at Cat Care Society since Fall of 2018, and returned once for inappropriate defecation. At the shelter she was bullied by the other cats, and she didn't feel safe using a covered litter box. Rose moved into the memory care unit at High Pointe and settled in right away. Without the stress of the other cats her defecation issues were no more, and within the first week she had an adoption application submitted by a guest to the center. Since Rose, two additional cats have been adopted during their time at High Pointe, exemplifying the way that a local business can make a lifesaving difference by giving cats a new environment and exposure to new audiences.

## TAZ, DAISY, OTIS, AND SYLVESTER

Escaping domestic violence and finding a new home is daunting enough, and nearly impossible with four cats in tow. When Stephanie reached out to Cat Care Society requesting assistance via our Temporary Care Program we knew we had to help, but taking in four cats wasn't an option due to our full population of shelter cats. We had immediate space for one cat, while Stephanie kept another, and the remaining two stayed with a friend who agreed to keep them for a few weeks. However, as anyone who has experienced such a situation knows, it takes more than a few weeks to piece your life back together after such a hardship. This is where a foster family stepped in to save the day. They agreed to take Otis and Daisy into their home until Stephanie was back on her feet. Cat Care Society continued to shelter Taz, and provide food, litter, and medical care for all four cats. Stephanie kept us in the loop, and provided the proper forms for us to extend her Temporary Care Agreement past our typical 30 days. In less than three months Stephanie and all four of her cats were reunited in their new home. Without dedicated foster parents it is very likely that Stephanie would have been forced to permanently part ways with her beloved cats due to a temporary hardship.

Cat Care Society is proud of our beautiful shelter and the excellent care that we provide for our cats, but no shelter is equal to a home. Whether you have a

small business, a home office, or a whole house that could use the charm of a friendly feline consider fostering an adult cat and helping us expand our ability to save lives beyond the walls of our shelter. Visit [catcaresociety.org](http://catcaresociety.org) to learn more about fostering and fill out an application, or stop by the front desk during our normal business hours and meet the cats yourself.

**No room for an additional cat?** Consider supporting Cat Care Society financially so we can provide every cat that comes to our shelter the second chance they deserve. 🐾



## We Care for Cats, Indoors and Out

Cat Care Society firmly believes that cats will live longer, happier, and healthier lives if they are kept as indoor pets. However, some cats have lived their entire lives outdoors with little to no contact with humans. For truly feral cats, a life inside a house is simply not an option. For these cats, Cat Care Society subscribes to the TNRM method, or Trap, Neuter, Release, and Monitor. For years a colony of feral cats has lived in the foliage and among the automotive shops behind the shelter. Staff and volunteers feed and monitor the cats, and when a new one joins the group humane traps are set and the cat is altered, vaccinated, and examined to ensure good health before being released

in the same area it was trapped. Besides food and water, CCS provides shelter for these cats. Until recently, using 55 gallon drums converted into cat houses. Stuffed with straw, these makeshift homes were effective for sheltering from the cold and wind, but they had never looked very nice, and were starting to show their age.



When Boy Scout Nick Sprinkle reached out to Cat Care Society and expressed an interest in finding a way to help cats while working on his Eagle Scout project, we knew just the task. Nick designed new outdoor cat houses, complete with insulated walls for Colorado's cold winters and a large hatch that could be opened to replenish straw as needed. He also thought to raise the houses off the ground to prevent pests from entering as easily, and outfitted each house with a front porch where food can be placed safely out of reach of neighborhood skunks who like to frequent the area. Together with friends and family Nick raised the funds and gathered supplies to complete the project, built the houses, and leveled the ground outside to allow for secure placement. Since the completion of the project a new cat, Habanero, moved into the homes. He was trapped, neutered, vaccinated and after a few days of recovery was released. He quickly bolted away from the shelter and back to his outdoor cat home, and with houses that nice we don't blame him. We are incredibly grateful to Nick for choosing to spend his time and energy helping cats in need, and honored that he chose to partner with Cat Care Society to complete his project. Congratulations to Nick on his achievement of earning the rank of Eagle Scout. 🐾

## Shelter Leadership

2019 saw continued growth and success as Cat Care Society strives to help as many cats in need as possible. In 2019 we adopted out 100 more cats as compared to 2018, and nearly twice as many temporary care cats were returned to loving homes. As our organization continues to grow and find new ways to improve the lives of cats in Denver and beyond, we are excited to introduce our new shelter leadership team who have been working hard to make advancements in the day to day operations of the shelter and provide the absolute best care for the cats who temporarily call CCS home.

### MOLLY DAWSON – DIRECTOR OF ANIMAL HEALTH

A familiar face to many visitors to Cat Care Society, Molly has been working as one of Cat Care Society's dedicated vet techs since early 2017. Molly has been fascinated by science and medicine for as long as she can remember and has been surrounded by cats all of her life. First venturing into the professional world of animal welfare over seven years ago working at the Dumb Friends League, Molly was drawn to the unique level of care provided to cats at Cat Care Society. Always fighting for the underdog, Molly has overseen the expansion of Cat Care Society's hospice program and enthusiastically educates adopters about the happy lives that cats with chronic conditions can live. Molly ensures that all cats at the shelter are carefully examined for health, placed in the room most suitable for them, fed an appropriate diet with supplements as needed, and treated with daily medications when needed. She also assists with surgery and oversees the foster care program. When she's not hard at work at CCS Molly enjoys spending time with her husband and their family of cats, dogs, goats and turtles among others. She is an avid reader and enjoys expressing herself artistically.



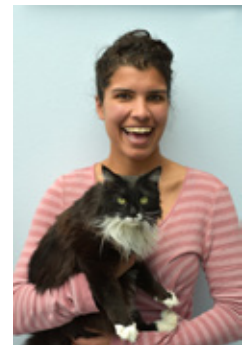
### JULIA FREEMAN – ADOPTION MANAGER

Julia joined Cat Care Society as a member of the animal care team in Summer 2019. With an extensive history in management and marketing, it wasn't long before

Julia was cross trained in adoptions. She became the obvious choice when the Adoption Manager position was created. Although new to the position, Julia has already begun revitalizing the shelter by working one-on-one with staff to streamline adoptions, and implementing the Meet Your Match (MYM) adoption program. Developed by the ASPCA and scientifically backed, MYM matches adopters with cats based on personality and lifestyle preferences in an effort to make sure that every cat is truly going to their forever home. On any given day you may find Julia cheerfully fielding phone calls, greeting guests with a warm smile, or advocating for cats, staff, and volunteers alike. A Colorado native, Julia is also a licensed esthetician and certified Master Gardener. If you don't see her at the front desk, chances are she's spending time outdoors with her dog Pepper, or creating nature based art and organic skincare products under the watchful eye of her cat Shenanigans. You might even run into her selling her products at your local craft fair!

### NILE BUNCE – OPERATIONS MANAGER

The newest member of the management team, Nile came to Cat Care Society in January 2020. Having managed a cat only shelter in the past, Nile was just the person to step into the Operations Manager role. Nile oversees the upkeep of the building, grounds, and manages the animal care team. Keeping a clean, functioning, well maintained shelter is a daunting task considering our heavily used, aging appliances and building that houses over 600 cats a year. Yet Nile's determination, focus, and attention to detail keeps the building in tip top shape, and ensures that our cats have a clean, safe, and comfortable living space each day. When Nile isn't running all around the shelter ensuring operations are running smoothly you can find her hiking with her dogs, working on her house, or relaxing with her snake and newly adopted cat, Lemur. 🐾





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### Shelter Hours

SUN: 12-5 PM

MON: 12-6 PM

TUE: By Appt Only

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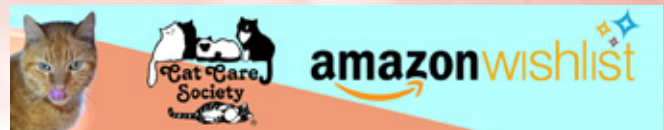
## WISH LIST

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

Clay, Non-Clumping Litter  
Clumping Cat Litter  
Paper Towels and Toilet Paper  
Lysine Powder  
Tuna, Canned in Water  
Dry Cat Food  
Canned Food\*  
(Cat, Kitten, Grain Free)  
Kitten Food

Trash Bags  
Hand Sanitizer Refills  
Liquid Laundry Detergent  
White Copy/Printer Paper  
Cat-Safe Sanitary Wipes  
Fish Oil Capsules  
Litter and Food Donations for the Nibbles & Kibbles Food Bank

\*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.



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