



# 2025 | Annual REPORT



Where  
ALL CATS  
have the  
opportunity to  
**THRIVE**



# Our MISSION

**To be a safe and enriching place for all cats on their journey to a loving home. We do this by providing compassionate care, shelter, adoption services and community engagement.**

## Our CORE VALUES

### **Welcoming**

of all cats. None are too old or ill to be valued, loved and treated with dignity. We are compassionate to the cats in our care and the people whose lives we touch.

### **Committed**

to excellence in operations, ensuring the highest quality of care for cats and delivering trusted services for people who love cats.

### **Unique**

in our approach, offering free-roaming and enriching spaces for cats, embracing cats that need specialized support, and providing superior medical care.

### **Connected**

to our community as a regional leader, inspirational model and educational resource in cat welfare.

### **Inclusive**

of the diverse backgrounds and perspectives of the people we welcome through our doors and engage within our community.



## A letter from our Executive Director

I look back at 2025 with gratitude for our Cat Care Society community of donors, volunteers, adopters, board, and staff who came together to achieve meaningful success for cats in Colorado. Together, we supported cat lovers throughout our community through our adoptions, Temporary Care, Nibbles and Kibbles food bank, Nine Lives Legacy Society and Guardianship Program, and free educational programs.

Over the last three years, we've made significant progress in refining our policies, procedures, and best practices to strengthen shelter operations and outcomes. Since 2022, intake has increased by 79% (including an 83% increase in cats over the age of 8), while adoptions have grown by 49% and cats cared for through our Temporary Care Program has increased by 42%. During that same period, in-shelter euthanasia decreased by 15%. We've also reduced our average length of stay from 58 days to just 32 – getting cats into loving homes faster while maintaining high standards of care. These improvements reflect a clear and positive shift in how we care for and support cats at every stage of their journey.

As we look ahead to 2026, we celebrate these successes while remaining committed to growth and continuous improvement. Thank you for joining us in our mission to be a safe and enriching place for all cats on their journey to a loving home.

EC Michaels



## A letter from our Board of Directors

It has been another incredible year at Cat Care Society, providing care and support for over 1000 cats on their way to loving homes. It's been particularly rewarding to witness many "Lonely Hearts Club" cats – who are often older or require special care – adopted into new homes. And let's not forget little Curry! This exceptional paraplegic cat stole hearts locally and online before being adopted into a loving home. Achievements like these were made possible through the dedication of our staff, volunteers, fosters, donors, and adopters.

CCS is unique in its mission and operation, including our free-roam environment and our dedication to all cats regardless of age or ability. Many cats come to us with serious medical conditions. While these cats may not have a chance elsewhere, we don't shy away from such challenges. Our veterinary team provides vital medical care and adoption counseling to help these cats move into caring homes.

Other cats come to us with behavior challenges, needing time and space to relax and build trust. Our staff and volunteers, including feline behavior specialists, engage with cats daily to ensure their comfort and enrichment. It is so rewarding to see these cats blossom into confident, loving kitties ready to move on to loving homes.

We could not be more proud of our entire team – intake, animal care, adoption, veterinary, fosters, volunteers, and others – each dedicated to the cats at CCS.

We could not do any of this without your support. Thank you!

Your CCS Board of Directors

# What is the Lonely Hearts Club?

Our “Lonely Hearts” are special cats that need a little extra spotlight to show just how much we love them! These cats are often our longest stays, overlooked due to their age, medical or behavioral needs, or because they are not quite as eye-catching as other cats in the shelter. They may have been overlooked in the past, but we believe they have so much love to give to the right home.

At CCS, we believe **ALL** cats are worthy, regardless of age or ability, and we are proud to take on some of the most challenging medical and behavioral cases that other shelters don’t have the resources to care for. Because of our amazing donor support, we are able to take in these cats and give them the time and care they need to heal and become a candidate for adoption.

**200+** **medical conditions were diagnosed and/or treated by CCS staff this year!**

## Meet Xochitl

**Pronounced SOW-cheel, this 8-year-old, large and in charge girl first arrived at Cat Care Society on December 18, 2024.**

A member of our Lonely Hearts Club, Xochitl LOVES to sing in the evenings, and her favorite pastimes include people-watching from her window, catching bubbles, taking long stretches on her favorite scratching post, and watching other cats judgingly. She may do best in a calm home where she can be the star and live out her golden years in peace. Due to Xochitl's senior status, she has some medical needs that CCS staff would love to discuss with any potential adopters.



**28**

Lonely Hearts Club Members were adopted between  
July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025





A year of  
**Community Impact**  
*from our shelter programs*

**July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025**

## Adoptions

At CCS, we are committed to connecting cats with people who love them. We believe all cats are worthy of love and provide comprehensive medical care, enrichment and socialization to every animal that comes through our doors – even, and perhaps especially, to seniors and cats with special needs. We work with shelter partners across the state to provide homes for cats who may not have a chance elsewhere and accept owner surrenders without judgment.

**1,280** cats and kittens came into our care. 55% were transferred from 27 Colorado shelter partners.

**1,105** cats were adopted out, including 181 seniors!

## Temporary Care Program

The TCP helps people who are unable to care for their own cats for a short time due to unexpected circumstances. During times of crisis, it provides peace of mind by ensuring that beloved cats are safe, cared for, and ready to return home when their owners are able.

**64** cats and their families were supported through our Temporary Care Program.

## Nibbles & Kibbles

The Nibbles & Kibbles emergency food bank offers free cat food and supplies to people experiencing financial challenges. This helps owners continue to care for their cats, who may be one of their few comforts during times of hardship. The pantry is open for free to community members in need twice a month.

**1,000** cats and 300 families were served through our emergency food pantry.

## Volunteers

Volunteers are crucial to the success of Cat Care Society, providing invaluable support to our daily operations, direct care for cats, and community engagement. Their dedication allows us to care for more cats than we could on our own, multiplying our impact and helping even more animals find loving homes.

**2,000** hours of service were provided by our volunteers, the equivalent of another full-time employee!

## Foster Care

We believe that temporary homes lead to forever ones. Foster homes provide a calm, safe environment for cats who may not thrive in the shelter – whether recovering from surgery, needing space from other animals, fighting a contagious illness, or too young to be vaccinated. In foster care, cats receive individualized attention, enrichment, and loving care to grow, heal, and flourish, while also freeing up space in the shelter for more animals in need.

**11,877** hours of compassionate foster care were provided for 323 cats.

## Nine Lives Legacy Society

The Nine Lives Legacy Society gives donors the opportunity to partner with Cat Care Society to leave a legacy for the future of the organization and to secure care for their cats who are so deeply loved. All participants are invited to enroll their cats in the Guardianship Program. Should their cats survive them, CCS will serve as temporary guardian until they are adopted into their next loving home, offering valuable peace of mind.

**197** families are currently enrolled in our Nine Lives Legacy Society.

# Financial OVERVIEW

July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

Revenue: **\$3,447,622**

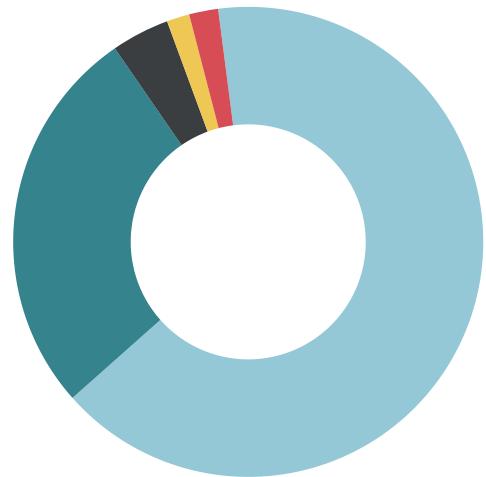
**66%** Bequests

**27%** Donor Contributions

**4%** Adoption Fees & Services

**2%** Grants

**2%** Events





**42,000+**

medications,  
treatments, and  
baths were  
administered

**8,775**

exams were  
completed by our  
intake, foster, and  
medical teams

**2,291**

vaccines were  
administered

**393**

spay and neuter  
surgeries were  
performed

**Expenses: \$2,524,717**

**32% Veterinary Care**

**30% Support Services**

**29% Cat Welfare & Sheltering**

**9% Philanthropy & Community  
Engagement**



Annual revenue was higher than typical due to several unexpected bequests. Unused funds were directed to endowments and long-term investments to support future stability.

# Our Top 10



## February 21

Curry, a 1-year old paraplegic kitty, went viral on TikTok for doing her famous “Curry Scurry” after hearing the ukulele played in the shelter. Curry was featured on Fox31 and adopted in October.



## April 23 & August 1

Participated in animal welfare advocacy at the Colorado State Capitol, educating policy makers on shelter operations and needs.



## June 8

Hosted our inaugural “Fore the Felines” at TopGolf providing a community event for individuals and families to support Cat Care Society and build camaraderie.



## June 20

Ginger went viral on TikTok after her successful tail amputation to treat hyperesthesia syndrome. Her story was featured in USA Today in August.



## September 11 & October 29

Provided educational presentations on leadership in animal welfare and sheltering at the Applewood Business Association and CSU Spur.

# 2025 MOMENTS



## October 8

Went viral (again!) with the heartwarming story of CCS Facilities Supervisor Pat who fell in love with Dun Dun Dun at a staff meeting and adopted him shortly after. The video reached over 12 million views across Instagram, TikTok, and Facebook.



## October 14-16

Hosted over 100 students from Denver Public Schools during Vet Tech Week, providing education on careers in animal sheltering and hands-on experience.



## October 18

Celebrated our 10th Anniversary Tails of the Painted Cats gala and art auction with our largest event ever including 224 guests in attendance and an additional 120 online bidders. The event raised over \$90,000 for CCS.



## October 23

Began an off-site adoption partnership with PetSmart to provide more visibility to our adoptable cats at their University Hills location. In the first 2 months, 35 cats were adopted through this partnership.



## December 9

Executed a record-breaking Colorado Gives Day, bringing in over \$193,000 from 1,300 donors. This marks our most successful online giving campaign in CCS history.

# Success STORIES

## Pippa

Pippa has been the best girl!! She loves taking naps in odd positions, hanging in her hammock, and watching the world from the catio. She still attacks the heck out of some wand toys and goes feral for a Churu. Cat TV is one of her favorite things and I'm not sure the paw prints all over the screen are ever coming off, haha. She loves to snuggle between my legs (close as she can without actually laying on me lol) and has quite the purr. She did amazing for the vet the other week and didn't need any sedation!! Got her to wear a cowgirl hat for halloween which she was NOT thrilled about lol. She's also quite the ice cream thief if you're not paying attention (learned that the hard way.) Love, love, love her :))

- Alayna F.





## Cheeks

On any given day, it is normal for us to spend 2-4 hours playing with him. A few times a week, that can extend to even 6 hours a day (not exaggerating)! His favorite is when we chase each other around the apartment. He has dozens of toys now. Several balls, kick-toys, wands, and even chew toys designed for medium-sized dogs. (Like a young toddler, he loves to put everything in his mouth and chew on it until it has disintegrated.) He talks to us all the time, and we talk to him. He absolutely loves -and demands- attention. As I'm writing this, he is running around me trilling and chirping to get me to play. I have worked in the animal health industry for the last 8 years. I am very familiar with how shelters operate with such limited resources. Your shelter and staff, from the front desk to your veterinarians, were so delightful and helpful. I appreciate all the help you provided us when we adopted Cheeks and the effort and care you all put into taking care of your lovely cats.

- Alex E.

## Success STORIES

# Upcoming EVENTS

## January

17 | Free Seminar: The Benefits of Play at the shelter

## February

14-28 | Art from the Heart online auction

21 | Free Seminar: Successful Cat Introductions at the shelter

## March

15 | Fore the Felines at TopGolf Centennial

28 | Free Seminar: Helping Cats Live Together at the shelter

## Follow Us



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CCS participates in the Combined Federal Campaign annually. Go to Givecfc.org and click Donate to start pledge online. Be sure to include our CFC #58467.

# Ways to GIVE BACK

## Become a Foster

Provide a temporary home for a cat in need.

## Volunteer

Support shelter operations and care for our cats directly.

## Sponsor a Cat

Help a cat find a loving home by covering their adoption fees.

## Shop Meow Mart & Bonfire Stores

Shop exclusive merch and cat supplies at our on-site Meow Mart store and our online Bonfire store.

## Donate via Chewy or Amazon

Send much-needed supplies with just a few clicks from our wishlists.

## Shop for a Cause at King Soopers

Link your loyalty card to support us automatically while you shop.

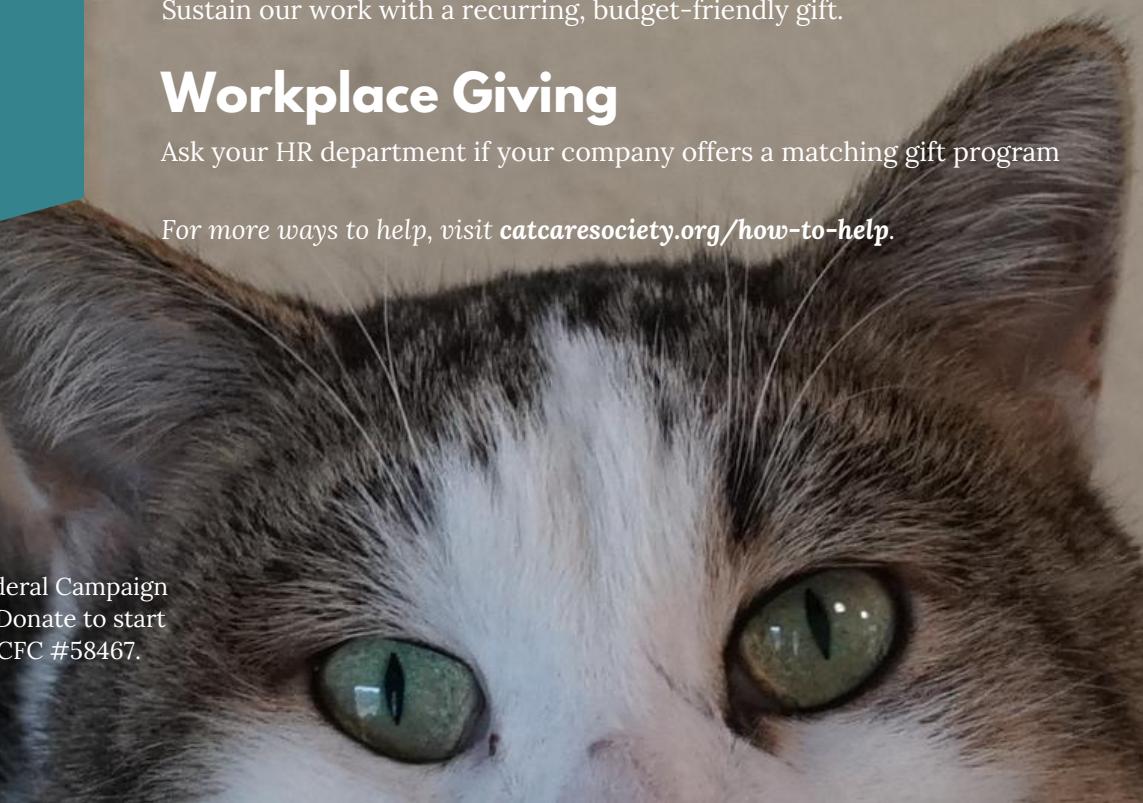
## Sign Up for Monthly Giving

Sustain our work with a recurring, budget-friendly gift.

## Workplace Giving

Ask your HR department if your company offers a matching gift program

For more ways to help, visit [catcaresociety.org/how-to-help](http://catcaresociety.org/how-to-help).



# Gifts made with LOVE

June 1 - Sept 30, 2025



<b>FROM</b>	<b>IN HONOR OF</b>	<b>FROM</b>	<b>IN MEMORY OF</b>	<b>FROM</b>	<b>IN MEMORY OF</b>
Andrea Winters.....	Sweet Basil Boy	Aimee Polom.....	Zoey & Mittens	Lisa Aldrich.....	Frankie
Anna Baron.....	Havana, Phoenix & Misha	Alison Inman.....	Bun Bun	Lorena Soares.....	Ozzie
Brooke Napoli.....	Julie Dolci	Angela Zadro.....	Lily & Ella Grace	Maiorani-Stuart Family Fund.....	Our beautiful mom, Barb Stuart
Bruce & Linda Jackson.....	Sally Jackson	Anthony Tamburello.....	Liz Sutliff	Maria Brownell.....	Sadie
Bruce & Donna Bohannan.....	Brett	Arlene Pickett.....	Binx	Mark Dalke.....	late wife Jill
Carol Blair.....	EC & Cheese Puff	Arvada Elks Auxiliary.....	Bobbie Burcar	Marsha Crest.....	Joey the Pug
Carolyn Clark.....	Lucy Pearl & Clem Blackie	Barbara Wolter.....	& Barb Hathaway	Mary Lou Juhl.....	Ozzie
Catherine Mendoza.....	Butters Mendoza	Brian Giulieri.....	My Beloved Beau	Maureen Parker.....	Elaine & Charles Coyle
Christen Siebert.....	Maggie Petray	Cassandra S Ewert-Lamutt & Mark Lamutt.....	Lappy	Melanie Lau.....	Mordi
Deena "Dee" Levin.....	Petra	Myko, our 20 year old CCS boy that left us last year	Myko	Melinda Blue.....	Sophie & Jessie
Denise Nerad.....	Sara Nerad(Sprite)	Christine Hanson.....	Koa	Melissa Rogers.....	Milo (passed 7/25)
Diane Huber.....	Taj, Piper, Scout, Jack, Jordan & Kitty	Claire Long.....	Tom & Lorraine Long	& In Honor of Angle (adopted 3/25)	
Elizabeth A & K Douglas Riggs.....	Jimmi, Slinky, & Mochi	Cynthia "Cindy" Mueller.....	Ebony, Hale & Bopp	Michael & Edith Savage.....	Skye, Duncan, & Hobbes
Gabriela Salmeron.....	Georgie	Cynthia Bishop.....	Bailey	Michael & Kari Sanders.....	Chloe, Cirrus, Braveheart, Muggins, Ziggy
Garrett McDaniel.....	Socks	Cynthia Holte.....	Jeffrey my Pago Pago Prince	Michael Smith.....	Sam, the Cat
Gary & Kristin Hathaway.....	Our CCS Alumni Kitties, Mr. Pibbets & Tempest	Cynthia Wilson.....	Max	Monica Watterud.....	Bob & Zeron
Gloria Hyatt.....	Liz O'Rouke's Birthday!	Darlene Howell.....	Kittyboy, Coco & Gizmo	Nicole Tenant.....	Sasha & Daven
Greg Urciolo.....	Lily	David & Regina Hansen.....	Mary Diener Winkler	Pam Rosendal.....	Penny
Heather Garner.....	Renee Emerson on her birthday!	David Meyer.....	Woody West	Pamela Kaiser.....	Simon & Bailey
Jan Wade.....	Dre Nall, my daughter who loved cats	Deborah Hubner.....	Marion Hubner	Patricia Marks.....	Katie Ellis Dryer
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Mary & Tim Black.....	Marriage Celebration	Erin Barth.....	Fern	Rose Community Foundation.....	Sunny
Mary Matey.....	Spicey Icey (Cinnabun & Toby) Peppy	Erin Ellebracht.....	Harley Ellebracht	Ross Fife.....	Travis
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Robert Brewster.....	Grace & Katie Fox's Birthday!	Janice Bakker & Thomas C Miller.....	Gracie the cat	Sue Trowbridge.....	Sharon Trombridge & Bruce Hill
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Russell & Junko Endo.....	Katie & Grace Fox's Birthdays!	Jerry & Brigitte Parker.....	Opal, who died 7-14-2023	Susan Fernandez.....	My parents & my brother, with love.
Sarah Kutniewski.....	Wren & Ivy	Jessica Comerata.....	Barb Flieger - loved all animals	Susan Girten.....	Trixie
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		Kay Kishline.....	45 Years of loving cat partners	Megan Feilbach.....	Jesse
		Kevin Ripper.....	Rosa	Nicole Montgomery.....	Mia & Mango
		Kristopher Kolman.....	Lana Kolman	(now named Ben) adopted in 2024	
		Laura Ellerby.....	Donna Sandahl	Stacie Beaber.....	Katie & Grace Fox
		Laura Shipman.....	Izzy		
		Lauren Motl.....	Keller (Spud)		
		Lee & Theresa Flschel.....	Macy		

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