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MORE THAN EVER**

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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.

HOW TO HELP

BECOME A FOSTER

We are in need of foster families for our kittens, pregnant mothers, temporary care cats and cats who need special attention.

VOLUNTEER

Give back by donating your time! We have many volunteer needs and roles available.

SHOP FOR A CAUSE

Buying from our Amazon or Chewy wish list or shopping at King Soopers with your loyalty card linked to us is a fast and easy way to support the cats.

SPONSOR A CAT

Support any of our available cats by sponsoring their adoption fee!

PURCHASE A CALENDAR

Visit our Meow Mart in person or buy your 2024 CCS calendar online! All profits go toward helping the shelter cats.



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LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



As we begin to put a wrap on 2023, I reflect with so many emotions on this past year. My first full year as executive director of this dynamic organization has come with many highs and, as happens in so many shelters, a few lows.

For every animal we saved through groundbreaking medical care, new enrichment and socialization techniques and adaptive community services and programs, I am more filled with hope than ever. This summer's launch of our new strategic plan and organizational identity set forth a strong map forward as Cat Care Society continues to evolve to meet the needs of our cats and our community. We are already beginning to see the earliest fruits of these labors, as we strengthen our commitment to our staff, systems, volunteers, visibility, our future — and of course, the cats.

With more focus on developing our emerging leaders and staff members, we've been able to send CCS faces out into the community to network, learn from others and fine-tune their knowledge for each of their unique roles. I am so grateful to industry organizations like the Association of Animal Welfare Advancement, Connecting Colorado, Animal Welfare Association of Colorado, Metro Denver Animal Welfare Alliance, West Metro Chamber of Commerce and other partners that keep us connected as we continually seek to do better.

Soon you will see further details on the impact of our work for our last fiscal year (stay tuned for our annual report in January!). For every statistic and data point, there is a cat with a story. It does not land lightly on us that the impact we have on cats' lives is literally life-changing. I'm so proud that we've been able to help more cats than ever before, with over 1,100 cats coming through our shelter in the past year. While I wish we could tell the story of each and every one, I hope you find some time to read the stories of some of our longest-staying or hardest-to-adopt cats on our website. Even just putting together 10 of our most impactful cases moved me deeply. It would be an understatement to say that I am blown away by the dedication, kindness, compassion and work that our team puts into the lives in our hands. Time after time, CCS staff members have shown that we don't give up. The amount of time, effort, money and resources that we put into our cats is truly something special and paints just a small picture of what it's like to work in this field. I will never be able to thank the CCS team and volunteers team enough for the work that they do.

Speaking of your support, I am also filled with gratitude for the overwhelming response once again to our Colorado Gives Day fundraising campaign. As of this letter going to press, we are still a few days out from December 5, so I don't have a total number to share, but we are overwhelmed with your generous support well into the days leading up to it.

Of course with rising costs of our own and more cats in need than ever, we need your continued support. As we look ahead, we hope to purchase another surgical table specifically for dentals. This is one of our biggest bottlenecks; because we take in so many older cats, our wait list is often what prevents us from helping more cats due to the resources we have. We are also building plans to enhance our feline behavior & enrichment program for the cats who need a little more time and attention. Your support can make this possible! Thank you, and cheers to a happy and healthy New Year filled with feline friends.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "EC Michaels".

EC MICHAELS

UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY

27 Cat Behavior Seminar
(topic TBD)
10 to noon | CCS Shelter

FEBRUARY

14 Art from the Heart
Auction
Online through March 1

24 Cat Behavior Seminar
(topic TBD)
10 to noon | CCS Shelter

MARCH

23 Cat Behavior Seminar
(topic TBD)
10 to noon | CCS Shelter

Learn more and sign up for these events and more at
www.catcaresociety.org/events.

ADOPTION SPECIALS

- **December:** Waived adoption fees for all cats 1 year or older from Dec. 16-23
- **January:** \$24 off all cats all month long
- **February:** \$14 adoption fee Feb. 11-18 on cats 6 months or older; adopt 2 kittens for only \$114 all month long

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PAST HIGHLIGHTS



CAT FEST 2023

Thank you to everyone who visited our booth at Denver's Cat Fest in November! We loved getting to meet so many fellow feline fanatics, bring some of our adoptable cats, and sling CCS merch.





Meet Boo Radley

Boo Radley is here and ready to steal your heart! This 10-year-old cat has been with us since March, and is a stoic gentleman with unique features. Some have even said he bears a striking resemblance to the one and only Tim Curry! But unlike Pennywise and Dr. Frank N Furter, he is more interested in love, kisses and cuddles than mayhem. He digs face and chin scratches, will head butt you for attention, and loves his kitty Churu treats. He is an incredibly loyal and vocal kitty and so affectionate.



Boo with board chair Mark Colsman

Boo has been through some hardships in his life, but once you have gained his full trust, he is an incredible companion. He has been around a dog before, but does not like other cats, so would be best as the only animal in the home. He can be a bit picky about kids; some he loves and others he's not a fan of, but with supervision and a gentle approach, it sure could be a great match. He has no major medical issues, but does have some cataracts in his eyes that can be monitored with a vet.

This beloved boy has been keeping our volunteer & events manager company in her office, but he's really ready for a 24/7 cuddle buddy! Could you be Boo Radley's bestie? Come meet him at the shelter today and see his charm all for yourself!

Meet Kellie, Director of Philanthropy

There's a new face at Cat Care Society! We are so excited to welcome Kellie Johnson as our director of philanthropy. Kellie comes to us with 10 years of non-profit fundraising experience, with her last two years focused on animal welfare fundraising. She relocated from Kansas City.

"I am excited to work for an organization that focuses on the welfare of cats," Kellie said. "Not only do I admire Cat Care Society for being a resource to the community, but offering a loving environment for so many cats as they are in transition to their forever home as well. I look forward to using my experience to build meaningful relationships with donors and continue building a strong fundraising program and culture of philanthropy here."

Don't worry though, Ashleigh Leader isn't going anywhere! Ashleigh returns from a short leave this winter as the director of planned giving in spring 2024. While Ashleigh will focus on the Nine Lives Legacy Society, estate planning and bequests inquiries, Kellie will be responsible for overseeing fundraising for the organization.



"It's exciting to see our beloved organization grow to the point of being able to bring on additional leadership to focus on philanthropy. I believe Kellie will do a fantastic job of continuing the momentum that we have built over the last many years. I am honored to be able to return to serve on our philanthropy team and continue my service to our Nine Lives Legacy Society and Guardianship Program donors." – Ashleigh Leader

Annual Report is On Its Way!



It's almost time for us to officially unveil the 2023 Cat Care Society Annual Impact Report. This comprehensive annual publication details all of the shelter's activities and statistics from the prior fiscal year, ranging from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

You'll be able to read stories of both the cats and people whose lives have been impacted over the last year and just exactly how your dollars have been at work. Watch for it online in January! In the meantime, we are ready to reveal our stats from the year, which you can find right here, right now!

Fiscal Year 2022-23 Stats

- **1,158 cats and kittens** came into our care (an increase from 716 last year).
- **891 were adopted** into new loving homes (compared to 737 last year).
- **611 spays & neuters** were performed.
- **1,360 vaccines** were administered.
- **42 cats** were supported through our Temporary Care Program (up from 35 last year).
- **614 cats or kittens** were **fostered** in loving homes provided by amazing volunteers.
- **2,757 volunteer hours** were put in by 198 individuals to help care for our cats and assist at the shelter and events.
- **29,528 hours** of care were lovingly provided by **221 fosters**.

Keep Your Support Coming All Year Long

One of the most effective ways to support a non-profit like Cat Care Society is to give monthly. These recurring donations make sure that we have a steady source of funds to use both for unplanned emergencies and for regular operations. No need to give big; small monthly donations can have a large impact!

To set up a recurring monthly donation online, visit www.catcaresociety.org/donate and click the "Monthly Donation" option. We appreciate your ongoing financial support!



We Need Fosters!

Temporary Homes Lead to Forever Ones

Cat Care Society is looking for more foster homes to help us change animals' lives by opening up more space in our shelter.



Cats in foster homes receive loving care in an environment that is less stressful and provides a healthy and safe place for kittens to develop and grow, or special needs cats to receive the TLC they need. This can be a short- or a long-term commitment, depending on your time, skills and interests. We most need help taking care of adult cats with special needs!

To learn more and apply, visit us online at www.catcaresociety.org/foster.


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 Colorado's Community Giving Fund
www.cshares.org or call 303-239-9680

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 of Community Shares of Colorado since 1997.



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





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JULY 1-SEPT 30, 2023

Many thanks to everyone who has made donations *in honor of or in memory of* someone special!

Gifts not listed here will be credited in the next issue.

Please send corrections or questions to Kellie Johnson at kjohnson@catcaresociety.org.

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 Carol Blair.....Bynx
 Robert Bimberg.....Miss T (a cat)
 Robert Brewster.....Katie & Grace Fox
 MacKennea Broyles.....Annie, a former Colorado shelter cat who hopes all shelter cats get to add "former" to their title, too
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 William "Bill" Cox.....Lexi
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 Liz O'Rourke.....Katie and Grace Fox Happy Birthday!
 Jason Owens.....Hannah
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