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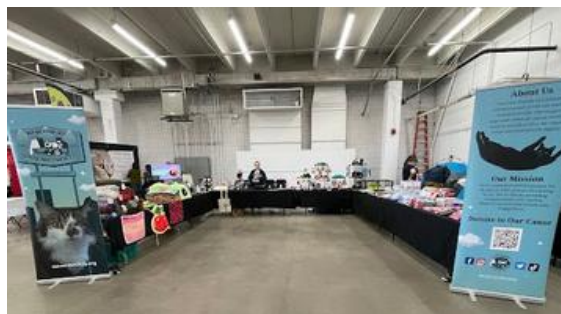
To be a safe and enriching place for all cats on their journey to a loving home. We do this by providing compassionate care, shelter, adoption services and community engagement.

Annual Report is almost here!

This report will give you an in-depth look at everything we've accomplished from our most recent fiscal year, July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024. From rescuing cats and finding them loving homes to the incredible support we've received from all of you—our adopters, donors, volunteers and partners—this has been a year of success and heartwarming stories. We can't wait to share all the ways we've made a difference together!

CATFEST 2024

A big thank you to all the feline fanatics who stopped by our booth at Cat Fest in November! We had a blast showing off our adoptable cats and spreading the love with some CCS swag!



Give a little, and watch your support purr-sist with recurring donations!

Recurring donations are regular, automatic contributions made by a donor to a nonprofit over a set period, typically on a monthly, quarterly or annual basis. These donations provide a reliable, ongoing source of funding, allowing Cat Care Society to plan and carry out our mission with greater financial stability.

Whether it's \$10 or \$100 a month, you can choose the amount and frequency of your gifts, which will be processed automatically through an online system, making it an easy and consistent way to support Cat Care Society over time. Recurring donations help ensure continuous support for our unique and critical care, programs and initiatives.


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Letter From the Executive Director

As we reflect on the accomplishments of 2024, I am filled with gratitude for your unwavering support. Many thanks to our dedicated staff, volunteers, partners and you—our incredible community of cat lovers. This year has been one of growth, progress and paw-sitive change for the cats in our care.

One very exciting highlight was our partnership with KONG. As KONG's only cat shelter partner, we launched the Cat-Focused Behavior & Enrichment Program, receiving generous donations of KONG products that have enhanced our behavioral and enrichment efforts. These tools help create an environment that supports the cats' emotional well-being, stimulates their natural instincts and promotes socialization—paving the way for their successful adoption into loving homes.

Another memorable moment was the viral success of Theodore, one of our adoptable cats. His shy, quirky behavior captured the hearts of millions around the globe. Videos of him hiding under a cat bed, or bravely emerging from his "shell" like a little turtle, have been shared widely across social media. We are happy to announce he has since been adopted into a loving home.

This year, we also invested in vital capital improvements, including a new elevator and roof replacement. While these projects were costly, they were absolutely essential for ensuring the safety, well-being and comfort of the cats in our care.

From July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, we took in **1,120 cats** into our shelter. Of those, **500 cats** with specialized medical or behavioral needs—such as **amputations, extreme shyness and other conditions**—were transferred to us from other Colorado shelters, ensuring each cat had the best possible chance for recovery and adoption.

1,180 cats were either adopted into a new home, reunited with their owner or transferred to one of our partner organizations for further care. The average length of stay for our cats in our care decreased to just **38 days**, a testament to the hard work and dedication of our team and supporters.

We are so encouraged by these outcomes—**208 more cats were adopted this year compared to the previous year** is a testament to the growing trust and reach of Cat Care Society. But we know there is always more work to be done.

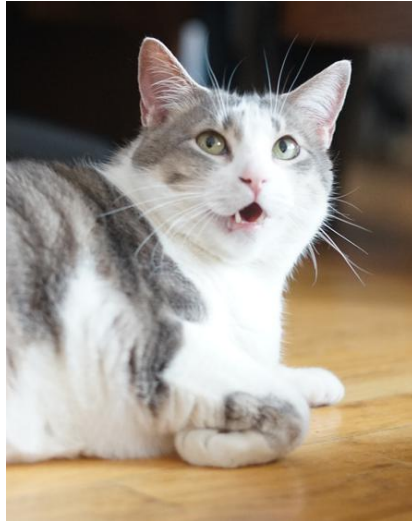


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As we approach the end of this year, I want to take a moment to personally thank each and every one of you for your support, your love of cats and your belief in our mission. Without you, none of these accomplishments would be possible. We look forward to what 2025 will bring, and we are excited to continue growing in our capacity to care for cats in need.

I wish you a happy holiday season and a joyous New Year, may it be filled with warmth, love and the purring companionship of a beloved feline friend.

EC MICHAELS



Meet Pippa

Intake Date: 2/24/24

Meet Pippa, our longest resident! This 6 year old girl has a spice for life and an attitude to match. She currently resides in our admin building, where she's become a frequent seat stealer. If we had a couch in the office we think she'd easily become a lap cat. Pippa loves string toys, engaging in casual conversation, and stealing the cream cheese off your bagel when you're not looking. Though she likes to be pet on her own terms, we've learned she's a fan of chin and ear scratches. Pippa would thrive in a home as the only pet with no young children. We assure you she'd make a great work from home companion, but we think she appreciates her alone time as well. Stop by the shelter today and see if Pippa is the cat for you!

Note: As of sending this to print, Pippa is still available for adoption.

Theodore Goes Viral

We are thrilled to share an incredible story that has captured hearts around the world—our very own Theodore, the shy cat who went viral on social media! Our dedicated staff created a series of TikTok videos to showcase Theodore's transformation from a timid, shell-hiding cat to a brave adventurer.

When Theodore arrived at the shelter, he nervously hid beneath a bean bag, creating a protective "turtle shell" sanctuary. Over a few days, he gradually gained confidence and began exploring his surroundings. Theodore's story gained a loyal fanbase, with comments like "Sometimes we all just need to be a turtle until we're feeling brave" and "If Theodore can be brave, then so can I." The impact of this viral moment didn't stop on TikTok. Media outlets including Fox 31 KDVR, 9NEWS KUSA, Denver Gazette, Jeffco Transcript, Daily Mail, The Dodo, Newsweek and Yahoo picked up Theodore's story, giving it even more visibility and helping to raise awareness about Cat Care Society.

We're grateful for the support and love Theodore has received from cat lovers around the world. Theodore has since been adopted into a loving home where he was able to keep his "turtle shell" for safekeeping.

Want to see for yourself what the buzz is all about?
Follow our social media @CatCareSociety



MEET THE LONELY HEARTS CLUB CATS

At Cat Care Society, we believe that every cat deserves a loving home, but some cats need a little extra help finding theirs. That's where our Lonely Hearts Club comes in.

You may have noticed some of our cats with "Lonely Hearts Club" written on their photos. These are the special cats who, for one reason or another, haven't yet found their forever homes. It could be because they are older, have medical needs, or simply don't have the flashy features that catch a lot of attention. But don't let that fool you—these cats have just as much love to give, and often, they are the ones with the most to offer.

The Lonely Hearts Club members might not always be the first to catch your eye, but they are the ones who truly shine with their gentle, loving spirits. Whether it's a senior cat looking for a quiet retirement home, a shy kitty who needs patience and understanding, or a sweet soul with special medical needs, these cats have so much to give to the right family.

Why should you consider adopting a Lonely Hearts Club cat? In addition to bringing home a loving companion, you'll also be giving a cat the second chance they deserve. Many of these cats have been overlooked in the past, but we believe they can thrive in the right environment. Some may just need a little more time to warm up, others may benefit from a quieter household, and some might require a bit of extra care, but in return, you'll have a friend for life.

Not ready for adoption? You are invited to come meet our Lonely Hearts Club cats and spend some time getting to know these wonderful, deserving felines. Even just a little socialization from visitors can have a big impact, helping them feel more comfortable and confident, which greatly increases their chances of finding a forever home.

If you think you are ready to open your heart to a cat who's been waiting for their forever home, consider adopting from the Lonely Hearts Club today. You might just find your new best friend—one who will forever appreciate the love and care you give.



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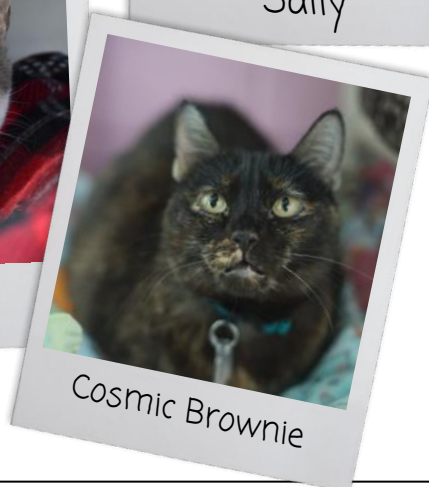
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GIVING MADE SIMPLE THE POWER OF DONATING THROUGH QCDs

BY LONG-TIME DONOR AND VOLUNTEER
MARSHA CREST

I have been involved with the Cat Care Society since the mid-1990s. I first started donating by sending a check each month to sponsor a cat. But who wants to remember to write a check each month?

So, I transitioned to monthly donations using the Colorado Gives Foundation, an organization that connects donors to nonprofits with donations being charged directly to my credit card.

I recently met with my financial advisor, and as we were reviewing my budget, he reminded me that each year I am required to withdraw a minimum amount from my IRA, and to consider using my IRA to make this donation instead of a charge on my credit card.

It didn't take long for me to see the Win/Win/Win for his suggestion!

- **Win #1** – I would free up the monthly amount on my credit card, giving me more money each month for, well, let's just say, Amazon appreciates the business.
- **Win #2** – The money going directly from my IRA to CCS goes toward satisfying my Required Monthly Distribution.
- **Win #3** – Handling the donation in this manner is a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). The QCD is tax exempt if taken from my Required Minimum Distribution. This can effectively reduce my income tax by lowering my adjusted gross income.

It was an easy decision, and even easier that my financial advisor put everything in place to accomplish this automatically each year. It can also be an opportunity to review beneficiaries and remember the Cat Care Society in **your estate plan**.



Please consult with your financial advisor or tax professional to understand specific tax benefits, implications and requirements for your donation. If you would like to discuss a donation that aligns with your philanthropic goals, please contact Ashleigh Leader, director of philanthropy, at 303-237-4559 or aleader@catcaresociety.org.

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