



2024

ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT

WELCOME

A letter from our Executive Director

As I reflect on my second full year as Executive Director, I am filled with a deep sense of gratitude for the unmatched support and impact we've achieved together at Cat Care Society. The progress we've made in advancing our mission—to be a safe and enriching place for all cats on their journey to a loving home—is a testament to the dedication of our staff, volunteers, partners and our generous supporters.

Here are just a few ways your support has helped us this past year:

- Vital infrastructure updates to the shelter were worked on, including building a new panleukopenia ward to serve the most vulnerable young cats.
- A new enrichment program, launched in partnership with KONG, increased our ability to support the many facets of cat behavior.
- More than 500 cats in need of specialized medical care and behavioral support were transferred to us from other Colorado animal shelters and rescues facing space constraints, highlighting our dedication to collaboration across the state.
- And more than 1,000 cats were adopted into new homes, a first in CCS history!

I hope you enjoy learning a little more about our cats, programs and people throughout this report. I am continually impressed and awed by the amazing work we get to do every day at Cat Care Society thanks to our incredible community. Thank you for your continued support. Together, we are building a committed and collaborative community where all cats have the opportunity to thrive!

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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.

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.

Vision

Our vision is a committed and collaborative community where all cats have the opportunity to thrive.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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A letter from our Board of Directors

Dear friends,

What another remarkable year it has been for Cat Care Society! As we reflect on the progress of last year, we remain in awe of the incredible work done by our dedicated team—staff, volunteers, fosters, donors and adopters—all of whom make our mission possible. Together, we've touched the lives of thousands of cats, especially those with special needs who remind us daily of the power of compassion.

We are incredibly proud of how unique and different our shelter is, especially with our enriching, interactive, free-roaming environment and private rooms for cats with special medical, dietary and behavioral needs. These thoughtful features continue to set our shelter apart and allow each cat to thrive in an environment tailored to their well-being, making our shelter truly one of a kind.

We wish you all a wonderful and cat-filled 2025!

-Your CCS Board of Directors





FISCAL YEAR STATS

July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

REVENUE: \$2,677,264

Adoption Fees & Animal-Related Services	3.5%
Nine Lives Legacy Society	60.28%
Donor Contributions	27.08%
Events	6.77%
Grants	2.37%

EXPENSES: \$1,981,405

Veterinary Care	29.76%
Philanthropy & Community Engagement	11.92%
Support Services	27.73%
Cat Welfare, Care & Sheltering	30.59%

FROM INTAKE TO ADOPTION

1,120 cats and kittens came into our care. 45% were transferred from 25 shelter partners.

2,735 vaccines were given throughout the fiscal year.

48 days was the average length of stay for a cat in our care.

437 cats were cared for in foster homes.

474 spay and neuter surgeries were performed.

58 cats were supported through our Temporary Care Program.

6,000 exams were completed by our intake, foster, and medical teams.

1,100 cats were adopted into loving homes, including 191 senior cats!



CCS PROGRAMS

Adoptions

Our bread and butter at CCS is connecting cats with people who love them. We believe *all* cats are worthy of love, and always go the extra mile to provide medical care, enrichment and socialization to every animal that comes through our doors – even, and maybe especially – seniors and cats with special needs. We work with many partners to accept cats who may not have a chance anywhere else and accept owner surrenders without judgement.

Temporary Care Program

The TCP helps people who are unable to care for their own cats for a short time due to unexpected circumstances. We know that in times of crisis, a pet can feel like someone's only lifeline, so this ensures that people's beloved cats are taken care of and ready to reunite with their owners when ready.

2,000
hours of service were provided
by volunteers this year.

Volunteer

Volunteers are crucial to the success of Cat Care Society, providing invaluable support to our daily operations and care for cats while engaging the community. Without the help of our nearly 200 volunteers, we simply couldn't have the impact that we do. We are so grateful for every single person who has helped us throughout our 40+ year history.



21,164
hours of compassionate care were
provided by fosters this year.

Foster Care

We believe that temporary homes lead to forever ones. Fostering helps change animals' lives by opening up more space in the 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 receive the time and dedicated TLC for the enrichment they need.

Nine Lives Legacy Society

The Nine Lives Legacy Society gives individuals and families the opportunity to partner with Cat Care Society to provide a promise for the future of the organization and to secure care for their cats whom are so deeply loved.

All members of the Nine Lives Legacy Society are invited to enroll their cat(s) in the Guardianship Program. Should their cat(s) survive them, CCS will serve as temporary guardian until they are adopted into their next loving home, offering valuable peace of mind.

Nibbles & Kibbles

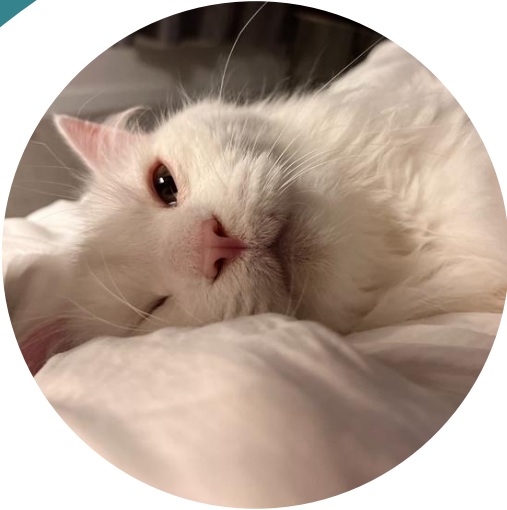
The Nibbles & Kibbles food bank offers free cat food and supplies to people experiencing temporary financial challenges. This helps owners continue to care for their cats, who may be one of their few comforts during times of hardship. The pantry is open for free to community members in need the first or third Saturday of every month between 10 a.m. and noon.



ADOPTION UPDATES

RISHI AKA "POKER"

"I renamed him "Rishi", it means "wise one or Sage" in Sanskrit. All you have to do is look into his eyes...they are mesmerizing. Rishi came into my home and owned the place within the first minute. He LOVES it here! He is doing really, really well. He is happy and thriving. He sleeps with me every night, snuggles like a teddy bear and follows me around the house. He loves sleeping on the living room chairs or the couch during the day. He loves playing with his catnip toys or basically anything on the end of a string! He especially loves sitting in the window - sunbathing or going outside on the deck to catch a breath of fresh air, even in the winter!"



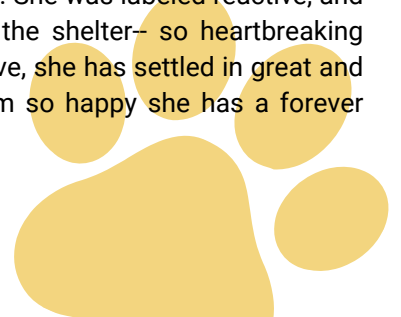
TOBI

"I came into the shelter not planning to adopt a cat at all! But Tobi was so sweet and calm and I knew she would fit right into my life and I was right. Tobi is a very curious kitty and she loves exploring. She and her new brother Chazy do get along fairly well. She is a very social cat and always just wants to be in the same room as me and often wants to be sitting next to me, and she loves "helping" me build puzzles! I got her a fluffy bed for her to sleep in and she loves that too. We've started going on walks with a harness/leash/booties and she has enjoyed getting to sniff around the grass in my neighborhood. I'm so glad that little Tobi has fit into my life so well, she is my little shadow and loves to just "chat" with me. I know she was well loved in the shelter and I want to assure you that she is very well loved with me, and that it is one of the greatest pleasures of my life to take care of her."



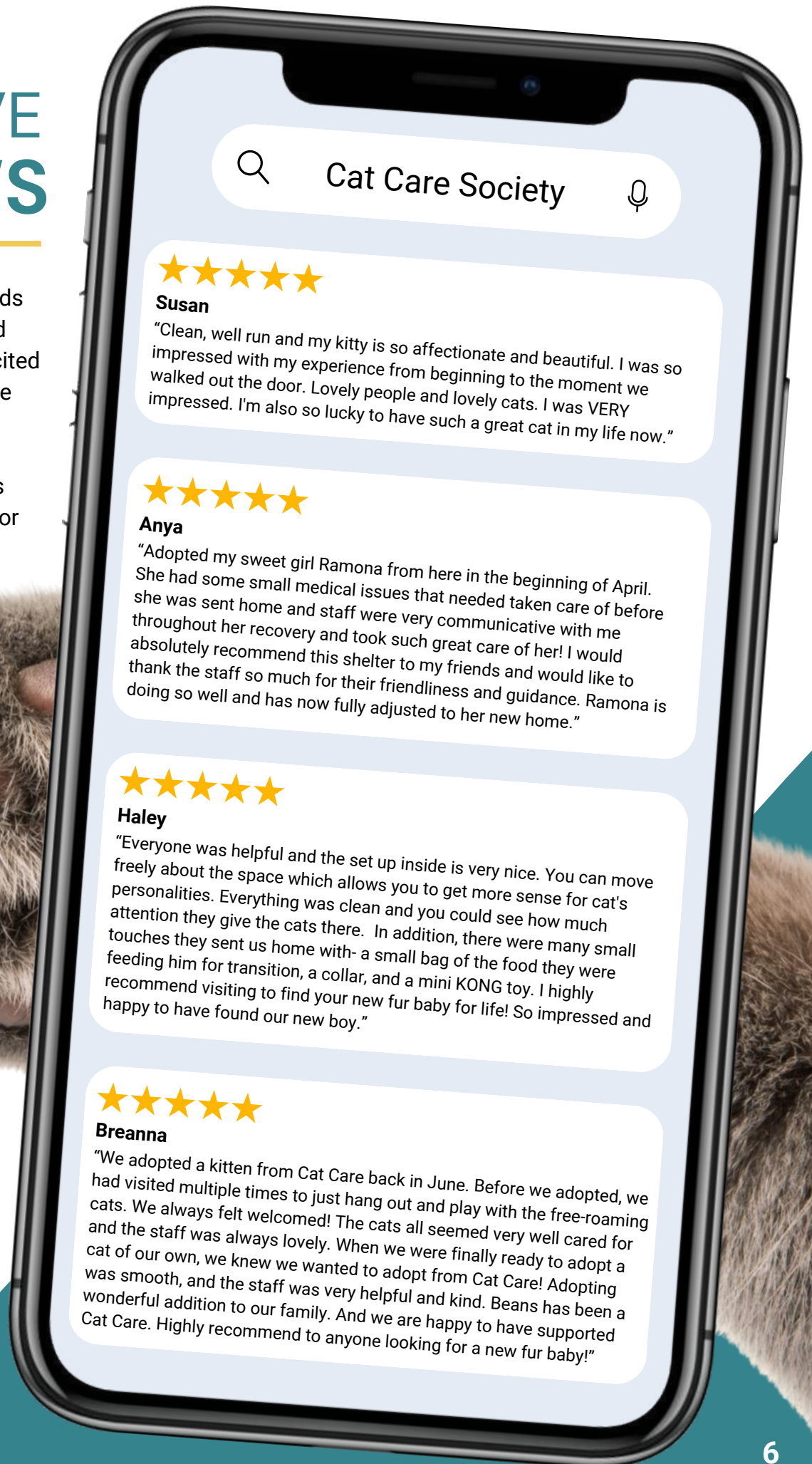
FRANKIE AKA "CHIQUINHA"

"When I went to the shelter, I was looking primarily for a "difficult" cat. I have a lot of experience with reactive cats, and I know that often they have a hard time getting adopted, so I tried to look for one who needed a little extra care and special treatment. All cats deserve a loving home, so I wanted to help a kitty that was having trouble finding one! Frankie was the first cat I met, and I knew immediately that she was the perfect cat for me. She was labeled reactive, and had previously been adopted and returned to the shelter-- so heartbreaking when that happens. With a little patience and love, she has settled in great and is just the sweetest girl you could hope for! I'm so happy she has a forever home now, and so honored that it's with me."



PAWSITIVE REVIEWS

This year, your heartfelt words have warmed our hearts and inspired our work. We're excited to share some of our favorite "pawsitive" comments that celebrate the impact of our shelter. Your support means the world to us—thank you for making a difference!



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Susan

"Clean, well run and my kitty is so affectionate and beautiful. I was so impressed with my experience from beginning to the moment we walked out the door. Lovely people and lovely cats. I was VERY impressed. I'm also so lucky to have such a great cat in my life now."



Anya

"Adopted my sweet girl Ramona from here in the beginning of April. She had some small medical issues that needed taken care of before she was sent home and staff were very communicative with me throughout her recovery and took such great care of her! I would absolutely recommend this shelter to my friends and would like to thank the staff so much for their friendliness and guidance. Ramona is doing so well and has now fully adjusted to her new home."



Haley

"Everyone was helpful and the set up inside is very nice. You can move freely about the space which allows you to get more sense for cat's personalities. Everything was clean and you could see how much attention they give the cats there. In addition, there were many small touches they sent us home with- a small bag of the food they were feeding him for transition, a collar, and a mini KONG toy. I highly recommend visiting to find your new fur baby for life! So impressed and happy to have found our new boy."



Breanna

"We adopted a kitten from Cat Care back in June. Before we adopted, we had visited multiple times to just hang out and play with the free-roaming cats. We always felt welcomed! The cats all seemed very well cared for and the staff was always lovely. When we were finally ready to adopt a cat of our own, we knew we wanted to adopt from Cat Care! Adopting was smooth, and the staff was very helpful and kind. Beans has been a wonderful addition to our family. And we are happy to have supported Cat Care. Highly recommend to anyone looking for a new fur baby!"



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There are plenty of ways to support Cat Care Society!
We are always in need of fosters, volunteers and
cat supplies. For more information, visit
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