

Construction of new clinic started

After several bumps in the road, we are excited to announce that construction on our new clinic space in Unit 3 has finally begun!

Our initial assumption that we would be able to perform much of the work using volunteers and supporters proved to be inconsistent with the timeframe necessary to complete the renovation within the year. Therefore, the difficult decision was made to hire subcontractors, which increased the project budget. Our current estimate for the entire clinic project is \$50,000.

We feel it is absolutely vital to complete this project as soon as possible so Fort Collins Cat Rescue & Spay/Neuter Clinic can better meet our community's need for the services we offer in our veterinary clinic. As you already know, the limited space in our current clinic restricts the number of animals and pet owners we can help at any one time.

Currently some clients are waiting weeks to get their pet in for a spay or neuter, and sometimes our own shelter kitties are delayed from adoption due to a lack of available surgery appointments.

But construction in the new space, which is 50% larger than our current clinic, is moving along nicely. The drywall has been installed, and thanks to a steep discount from Aire Serv of Northern Colorado and a generous gift from donors Andrea Stout and Sarah McIntosh, we are excited to be able to install a central air-conditioning system!

As part of the project, we are also creating a colorful donor wall in the new lobby, designed by longtime supporter and professional artist, Barb Lloyd (see the mockup below). Donors who gift \$500 or more to the project will be recognized with colorful resin cobblestones mounted to the beautiful giving wall.

The work performed by FCCRSNC is beyond important—it is life-saving! Thousands of animals are seen in our veterinary clinic every year. If you would like to help us continue meeting the needs of our community and also be recognized with a decorative cobblestone on the donor wall, please contact us at Development@fccrsnc.org or (970) 658-1226.

Should we be fortunate enough to raise more than what is needed for this capital project, any additional funding will go toward further capital improvements, or our life-saving programs.



Volunteers Mike Thorsrud and Kathy Dalton help install insulation and drywall in Unit 3, the future home of our spay/neuter clinic.

Big thanks to the installer of A/C in our new clinic!



Michelson Found Animals.

SAVING PETS CHALLENGE 2016

Over \$100,000 in grants to go to innovative programs that expand the lifesaving capacity for cats and dogs.

Over \$96,500 donated!

It wasn't quite official at press time, but at the end of the Saving Pets Challenge on Aug. 4, FCCRSNC was in 3rd place, having raised \$96,597!

The 3rd place winner earns a \$20,000 prize grant, and we also won \$3,000 in one of the bonus challenges. All combined, that's nearly \$120,000 for our mission of making every pet a healthy and wanted pet!

Are We There Yet?

THE COUNT

Adoptions: 11,354

Spays/Neuters: 41,695

Community cat project expands to 80550

FCCRSNC has been working to curb cat overpopulation in Loveland since launching a targeted spay/neuter project in April 2015, and we just got approval from grant funder PetSmart Charities to expand the community cat project to include the 80550 zip code!

Thanks to the \$70,000 two-year grant, we're able to spay/neuter and vaccinate 1,400 free-roaming cats in the 80537, 80538 and 80550 zip codes between April 2015 and March 2017. To date, 710 outdoor cats in Loveland have been altered for FREE, and the project is now being expanded to include cats in the Colorado towns of both Windsor and Severance.

Any unaltered cats that spend any time roaming outdoors in these zip codes, where they are at risk of siring or birthing unwanted litters of kittens, are eligible for free spay/neuter. Rabies and FVRCP combo vaccina-



tions are also provided free of charge at the time of surgery. Owned, community, feral or stray cats all qualify.

If left unaltered, free-roaming cats produce large quantities of unwanted kittens each year, flooding local animal shelters and leading to higher euthanasia rates.

The Town of Windsor also has no ordinances governing cats, so we're looking forward to being able to help this neglected population.

Female cats can have as many as three litters a year, and kittens can breed as young as 4 months old. Most people don't want to see the cats they're feeding get pregnant over and over again. This project aims to help community cat caretakers catch and sterilize their cats, but it's also for any Loveland, Windsor or Severance residents who own an intact cat that spends some time outside.

Call (970) 484-1861 for details or to schedule.

Enter your cat photos for 2017 Calendar!

The deadline to submit photos for our 2017 Cat Calendar contest is **August 19!** The top 11 winners, to be decided in an online vote, will each be featured during one month of the calendar.

Visit our website to enter: www.FCCRSNC.org

The contest is open to everyone, and you may submit as many entries as you like. The entry fee is \$20 for the first photo and \$15 for each additional. It must be horizontal, and the main focus must be a cat (no humans allowed). Also don't forget to **"Mark Your Date"** and submit personalized messages to be printed on specific dates in the calendar for \$10 each.



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Imagine what your gift can do:

- \$35 Vaccinate Eight Shelter Kitties
- \$55 Spay or Neuter One Shelter Cat
- \$100 Help an At-Risk Dog in Our PAL+ Program
- \$250 Provide All Pre-adoption Care for One Kitty
- \$500 Replace Important Medical Equipment

Enclosed is my donation of \$ _____

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Aug. 2016



Donations can be mailed to:
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Navi snoozes in her paper grocery sack

Cat Candy Stripers help cats get well much faster

Fort Collins Cat Rescue & Spay/Neuter Clinic has been undergoing many changes lately, all in an effort to improve our level of care for the kitties and our quality of service for clinic clients.

One such improvement has been the addition of the "Cat Candy Striper" volunteer position! These volunteers help sick cats in our isolation ward get healthy faster by providing enrichment.

Not only do our Cat Candy Stripers offer petting, grooming, and playtime, they are also responsible for following strict disease-control protocols.

In the past couple of months, we have been setting record lows for the number of kitties with upper respiratory infections (URI). One day recently there were only two cats in our isolation room at the shelter!

URIs are easily spread to other cats and can be brought on by stress, so we are excited to see the results of all the stress-reducing enrichment our volunteers are helping to provide.

Fewer kitties becoming sick while in the shelter means more space in the isolation ward to take in kitties with URIs from other shelters.

On July 29, we took in four feral kitties from Aurora Animal Shelter who were sick and were not candidates for adoption. They will now have the chance to become healthy and be placed up for adoption through our Working Cats program.

With our volunteers' continued help, we are keeping our healthy cats healthy, are more quickly resolving URIs, and are able to help even more at-risk cats and kittens!



Did you know you can include FCCRSNC in your will or estate plan? Please contact Development@fccrsnc.org with questions.