

Every day is a new adventure

It's been a busy summer at Fort Collins Cat Rescue & Spay/Neuter Clinic this year. Every day our staff is greeted with a new opportunity to make a difference in the life of a cat or kitten. We want to share with you just a few of the special rescues our organization has been honored to participate in recently.

Mystery Mew: A woman e-mailed us concerned about a very small kitten that had been coming by her house each night and crying piteously outside the window. Our Shelter Manager Megan Streetman went to the woman's townhome that evening with a trap to try to catch the kitten.

No sooner than Megan had set the trap, she heard a sad kitten cry coming from a little farther to the west, so she went to investigate. Several curious neighbors who had gathered to watch the rescue told Megan they had just seen a kitten jump inside an exterior dryer vent!

The homeowner led Megan to the laundry room, and Megan's husband, Robert, stayed outside to guard the vent. There was no kitty in the dryer hose, but when Megan looked into the hole in the wall, she saw a little pair of green eyes peering out at her!



More than just lint was found in a Fort Collins' home's dryer vent!

Megan wasn't able to reach the kitten, so she decided to hold the carrier up to the hole and asked Robert to gently nudge the kitten from the outside. It worked! A lint-covered, smoke-colored, long-haired kitten popped out into the carrier!

The homeowner was very grateful, and one of the neighbors wants to adopt the

kitty! The 6-week-old boy still needs a name; donate \$100 to "Leverage the Love" and name him! (See article below)

Broken Barn Cat: Our Community Cat Manager James Christofferson was trapping a cat colony in the 80524 zip code as part of our *Best Friends Animal Society* grant and captured an injured kitten.

The orange tabby boy's right hind leg was dangling and he couldn't walk on it. The colony caretaker surrendered the 4-month-old kitten to us so he could get the care he needed, and we named him Marmalade. X-rays donated by our Shelter Advocate *Paws 'N Claws* revealed he had a fractured right femur.

Marmalade had fleas and needed to recover from an upper respiratory infection before he could undergo surgery, so one of our staff members took the injured boy home to foster. Marmalade's leg had been broken for a while, so unfortunately, when he was healthy enough for surgery, we had to amputate it. But the young kitty should have no trouble getting around on three legs and is now looking for a forever home.

Precious Gem: You may have received an e-mail from us about 13-year-old Emerald. The green-eyed tortoiseshell cat was abandoned on our doorstep with a pill bottle containing \$200 cash. She was thin, dehydrated and declawed, and blood tests revealed she had hyperthyroidism. The happy update: Emerald has a Silver Linings sponsor who is making a monthly donation to cover 100% of her ongoing medical expenses, and one of our longtime volunteers is planning to "foster-to-adopt" Miss Emerald!



Injured boy Marmalade was rescued during a routine trapping.

Coming Events

- Aug 8-23** Back-to-School Buddies Adoption Special
- Aug 15** Mobile Vaccine Clinic Loveland (Hank's Pet Food Market, 2287 W. Eisenhower)
- Aug 22** Walk-In Vaccine Clinic (Fort Collins)
- Oct 25** Alley Cats Bowlween
- Dec 8** Colorado Gives Day
- March 5** Whiskers 'n Wags Jubilee: "Hepcat Jive"

Are We There Yet?

THE COUNT

Adoptions: 9,049
Spays/Neuters: 35,493

\$10K matching grant in the balance

We've partnered with the crowd-funding website LoveAnimals.org to "**Leverage the Love**" this August. In order to unlock a \$10,000 matching grant from Colorado's *Animal Assistance Foundation*, we are aiming to raise \$15,000 in online donations by Aug. 31.

Funds raised will benefit our shelter program that rescues nearly 1,000 kittens every year, like our spokeskitten Zorra.

For each \$25 donated, you'll receive an entry into a drawing to have **YOUR pet's photo on a billboard** in Fort Collins!

A \$100 donation will help to spay/neuter two kittens, and you earn **naming rights** for one of the kittens in our care!

Hundreds of young kittens enter the rescue's foster program each summer, and with underdeveloped immune systems, they are at high risk of infections and disease.

The expenses for treating dozens of litters of kittens add up quickly, which is why the "Leverage the Love" campaign is so important to our mission.



**Zorra says,
"Double your
impact for
me!"**



Photo: Silver Paw Studio

Donate online: www.loveanimals.org/leverage-the-love.html

Enter your cat photos for 2016 Calendar!

The deadline to submit photos for our 2016 Cat Calendar contest is **Aug. 14!** 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, provided you include a \$15 entry fee with each photo. Various animals can be pictured in the photo, but 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 ea.

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Save the date!
 It's bowling and Halloween costumes combined!

Why do we transfer in kittens from elsewhere?

Many of our donors have inquired as to why we transfer in so many kittens from outside our community.

The reason is a positive one. There has been a significant decrease in the number of homeless kittens here in northern Colorado. That is due in part to our clinic's efforts to reduce pet overpopulation by making spay/neuter affordable and accessible, and also due to our shelter taking in and adopting out hundreds of kittens from our community since 2006.

However, the demand for kittens to adopt has not decreased. At some of our mobile adoption events, there is a line of potential adopters waiting for us to get the kittens set up.

This demand offers us a great opportunity to save kittens from areas with higher euthanasia rates. Some of the shelters we transfer from euthanize as many as 97 percent of the



Kwazi gets snuggles from a boy in his foster home.

felines that enter their doors. Most of the kittens that are euthanized are orphans under 6 weeks old, at facilities that don't have the resources to bottle feed them.

Being able to save these lives is why our "Leverage the Love" fundraising campaign is so important to our mission. See the article inside about our \$10,000 matching grant opportunity to learn how you can help.



Save a Life ~ Donate!

Here are just a few examples of what your donation can provide:

- \$35 Spay or Neuter One Shelter Kitty
- \$60 Room & Board for a Shelter Cat
- \$90 Stock a Kitten Kit for our Foster Program
- \$175 Spay or Neuter FIVE Shelter Kitties
- \$250 Replace Important Medical Equipment

Enclosed is my donation of \$ _____

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