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A Message from the Director

The holidays are just around the corner and I can't help but love this time of year. Good cheer is abundant and time with family and friends becomes a priority.

2010 is drawing to a close, and it has been one of FCCR's most challenging years. The marathon economic downturn hit us hard in 2010 with a double whammy: donations have been down 14 percent while demand for services has increased.

People are relinquishing their cats more often due to the economy, and applications for our Prevent A Litter (PAL) spay/neuter program have nearly doubled since last year. With decreased funding FCCR was challenged to make changes in staffing and some services.

You can help us continue to provide vital services to pets and people in our community by donating to a fantastic year-end challenge grant opportunity that has just been offered to FCCR (see Page 3).

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this coming year – I can't let the cat out of the bag now (bad metaphor!), but stay tuned as time progresses so that you can find out about them.

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Thanks to our wonderful volunteers, amazing staff, and you – our generous supporters – we are continuing to care for needy animals in our community.

Together we are making a difference!

– Sarah Swanty, Executive Director

We are headed into 2011 with high hopes as we see glimmers of an improving economy. Also, several exciting things will be happening at FCCR

2011 FCCR Calendars available NOW! Get one before they're gone!

This is our best calendar yet! We had a record number of entries this year – 120 photos – all of which appear somewhere within this lovely 11"x17" calendar. And for you bargain hunters, this year's calendar contains coupons for Poudre Pet & Feed Supply with savings valued at much more than the calendar's \$20 purchase price. So treat yourself, or your friends and family, to a year full of kitty photos and coupons – they make excellent Christmas presents! There's a limited supply available; last year we sold out early. So stop by the shelter today and get your calendar(s) before they're gone!



Are We There Yet?

THE COUNT

Adoptions

2,935

Spays/Neuters

14,049

Upcoming Events – mark your calendars!



Spay-ghetti & No Balls Dinner & Craft Fair

4-8 p.m. Nov. 21
Fort Collins Senior Center
1200 Raintree Drive

Join Fort Collins Cat Rescue, Animal House and Larimer Humane Society for this appetizing event to benefit all three area rescues.

This evening of fun will be held Sunday, Nov. 21, at the Fort Collins Senior Center (1200 Raintree Drive, Fort Collins). The craft fair will begin at 4 p.m., followed by a pasta dinner at 5 p.m. The event is set to draw to a close at 8 p.m.

Pasta, sauces, salads, bread and desserts donated by **22 area restaurants and businesses** will be served, and there will be a trivia quiz for children ages 6-12 with prizes being awarded.

Tickets can be purchased in advance for \$18 for adults and \$8 for children ages 6-12. Tickets purchased at the door will be \$20 for adults and \$10 for children ages 6-12. Children under 5 are free.

For tickets or more information, or to help with this event, visit the FCCR website:

www.FortCollinsCatRescue.org
or call (970) 484-8516

Volunteers are needed to help pick up food donations from many of these generous event donors: Bath Garden Center and Nursery, Boulder Sausage, Butter Cream Cupcakery, Canino's Italian Restaurant, Charco Broiler, Drake Centre Catering, Dorothy's Catering, Enzo's Italian Kitchen, Estes Park Pie Shop & Bakery, Gib's Bagels, Mad Greens, Main Street Catering, Mimi's Cafe, Old Chicago, Olive Garden, Paninos, Pizza Casbah, Positano's Pizzeria, Rasta Pasta, Rustic Oven, Taste Catering and Texas Roadhouse.

Low-Cost Vaccine Clinics

9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Nov. 13, Dec. 4, Dec. 11
Fort Collins Spay/Neuter Clinic
2321 E. Mulberry #9

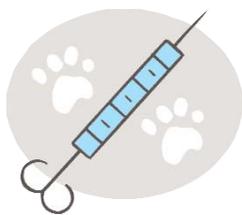


Our Saviour's Lutheran Church Annual Craft Fair

9 a.m.-3 p.m. Dec. 4
Our Saviour's Lutheran Church
2000 South Lemay, Fort Collins

Fort Collins Cat Rescue will again have a booth at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church Annual Craft Fair.

Please stop by and see us between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Dec. 4. while you shop among a large selection of handcrafted goodies that would make excellent gifts. Located at 2000 S. Lemay in Fort Collins.



Did you know that our Spay/Neuter Clinic offers low-cost vaccine clinics two Saturdays per month?

If your pooch or kitty is due for its shot, plan on attending.

Visit our website for the dates of upcoming clinics or call Fort Collins Spay/Neuter at (970) 484-1861. No appointment necessary, just walk in. All dogs must be on a leash, and all cats must be in a carrier.

For many other gift ideas that would benefit FCCR, please see Page 4 of this newsletter.

BREAKING NEWS: Challenge Grant Opportunity

We just found out that a generous group of FCCR supporters has joined together to challenge us with a year-end donation goal. If FCCR raises \$10,000 by Dec. 31, this group will donate \$2,400 to help the kitties. If each person who receives this newsletter donates just \$10, we will be able to raise nearly \$12,000 and easily qualify for the challenge grant funds!

There are many ways you can give to support our work and help us find forever homes for all the kitties in our care. You can donate online or mail

your gift to the shelter using the form on the back of this newsletter. Other qualifying donations include:

- ✓ “Smitten with Kittens” membership: Become a member for as little as \$5 per month! Check out our website under “How to Help” for details.
- ✓ Helping us purchase medical equipment for the clinic: Any amount donated to this cause is appreciated, and if you give \$250 or more, you’ll become a Clinic Champion and be recognized on a plaque that will hang in the clinic.
- ✓ Adopt-A-Cage: Have a plaque with

your personal message adorn one of our shelter cages. For only \$1 a day (\$365/year) you can reserve a cage, but hurry as we only have a few cages available.

- ✓ Donate in honor or memory of someone special (including pets).

Visit our website at:

www.FortCollinsCatRescue.org to find out more about these programs, or call the shelter at (970) 484-8516. We appreciate your help in supporting FCCR’s mission of making every pet a wanted pet.

Sign up for our e-newsletter!

Save FCCR printing and postage costs (meaning more \$\$ to help the kitties) and also get monthly updates and breaking news. Your e-mail address will NEVER be sold or given to other organizations.

Please sign up now!

www.FortCollinsCatRescue.org

Help us
win money
with just a
click a day



The Animal Rescue Site \$100,000 Holiday Shelter+ Challenge runs through Dec. 19 with grants given to the shelters that earn the most votes. Currently Fort Collins Cat Rescue is in *first place* in Colorado and 20th nationally. We could really use some of this grant money, so please vote for us by going to our website:

www.FortCollinsCatRescue.org

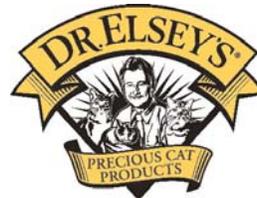
Click on the “Vote Every Day!” button, then follow entry instructions.

Set a reminder, set the voting site as your home page, or put it on your calendar to do daily to help us win.

There is a lot of competition out there, so let’s show the country how many supporters FCCR has!

Support Our Shelter Advocates

Luminary (\$6,000 - \$11,999/year)



Precious Cat, Inc.
4201 South Navajo, Unit 1
Englewood, CO 80110
(877) 311-2287
www.preciouscat.com

Guardian (\$3,000 - \$5,999/year)



Poudre Pet & Feed Supply
North Store: 622 N. College Ave., (970) 482-2741
South Store: 6204 S. College Ave., (970) 225-1255
Fort Collins, Colorado
www.poudrefeed.com



Natural Balance Pet Foods, Inc.
12924 Pierce St. (800) 829-4493
Pacoima, CA 91331 www.naturalbalance.net



FRIENDSHIP
Hospital for Animals

Friendship Hospital for Animals
1103 Oak Park Drive, Suite 101
Fort Collins, CO 80525
(970) 206-1868
www.friendshiphospitalforanimals.com

Caretaker (\$1,000 - \$2,999/year)



Heska
Corporate Headquarters
3760 Rocky Mountain Ave.
Loveland, CO 80538
www.heska.com

Gifts that keep giving ...

Check out these great gift ideas that will benefit both the cat rescue and the spay/neuter clinic!



Sweet Treats Cookbooks

Lots of yummy dessert recipes for only \$5!

Sunflower Market Gift Cards

Support FCCR when you shop. Available in \$25 or \$50, and we get 5%!



2011 Calendars

Get yours before they're gone – only \$20. Full of Poudre Pet & Feed Supply coupons.

T-Shirts & Hoodies

Shirts in all sizes and styles for \$10, and hoodies are only \$20.

Handmade Earrings

One of our creative volunteers makes beautiful, high-quality earrings available at the shelter for \$15 a pair.

Car Magnets

Show everyone that you love FCCR by displaying one of our \$5 magnets on your vehicle.

Fresh Wreaths

Purchase a \$25 voucher for a 22"-24" wreath with bow and pine cones. Available for pickup after Thanksgiving from Fossil Creek Nursery, 7029 S. College Ave.



Cat Toys and Beds

A large selection in varying prices – come and choose yours at the shelter.

SAVE THE DATE: Whiskers 'n Wags Jubilee



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“Catsablanka”

February 5, 2011
Hilton Fort Collins
425 W. Prospect Road

Get ready for THE event of 2011!
Come join the fun at our annual gala fundraiser (formerly named “Chat Amour”) on Saturday, Feb. 5, 2011, at the Hilton Fort Collins. This year’s theme is “Catsablanka,” so come enjoy the ambiance and feel free to dress as your favorite character from the classic movie.

We’ve planned a gourmet buffet dinner, our renowned silent auction with a plethora of interesting items, a live auction run by the ever-entertaining professional auctioneer Bill Seaworth, and awards for the best “Catsablanka” costumes.

Last year we raised nearly \$39,000 to help the kitties (as well as the pups who benefit through our spay/neuter clinic). Our goal for Whiskers 'n Wags Jubilee 2011 is \$45,000.

This full night of fun is only \$55 per

person, with tables of 10 available for \$500.

Online registration will be available shortly, or you can register by mail (see form below) or in person at the shelter.

Here are ways you can contribute before the event:

✓ Did you know that all of our auction items are donated? If you would like to donate an item for the event, especially a condo stay or trip, we would gratefully accept such a gift.

✓ We also have a special opportunity for you to promote your business or honor a loved one or pet by sponsoring this event. You’ll receive a number of benefits from sponsoring while at the same time helping FCCR.

You can find details on these by going to our home page and clicking on the “Events” tab, or by e-mailing

WWJ@fortcollinscatrescue.org

for information or with questions.

Special thanks to our major sponsors for the event, COUNTRY Financial and Debbie Gassen (Debbie is also a great volunteer). Please support businesses that support Fort Collins Cat Rescue.

2011 Whiskers 'n Wags Jubilee RSVP

Complete this form to reserve your spot at the
2011 Whiskers 'n Wags Jubilee, Feb. 5, 2011, at the Hilton Fort Collins.

Please include your check made payable to *FCCR*,
or fill in your credit card information below.

Qty.		Total
_____	Individual(s) (\$55 each)	\$ _____
_____	Table(s) of 10 (\$500/table)	\$ _____

Enclosed is a payment for a total of: \$ _____

If paying by credit card:

Visa/MC Credit Card # _____

Expiration Date _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

**Mail completed form
with your payment to:**

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Fort Collins Cat Rescue

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*See you
there,
Feb. 5!*



Special-needs Nala needs a special home

Nala is a very special 4-month-old kitty who was near death when she was rescued and brought to Fort Collins Cat Rescue after having been thrown from a vehicle.

About Nala

Age: 4 months

Sex: Female

Special needs:

Nerve damage

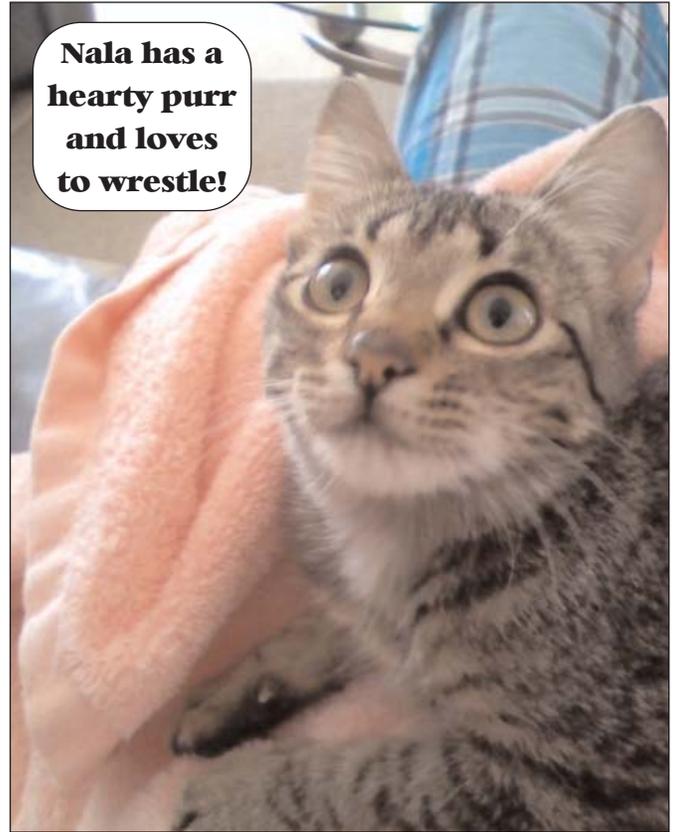
When she was brought to the shelter, she had a fecal impaction and was very emaciated, weighing less than 2 pounds. Unfortunately, the impaction was so severe that it caused nerve damage in her rectum.

Although she has come a very long way, she still needs someone who will work with her to combat the ongoing effects of being so mistreated.

Since coming to the shelter, Nala has gained more than 2 pounds and has made quite a name for herself, because no one even expected her to live through the first night.

Nala is still pretty shy, but once she gets any form of attention she will purr constantly. She gets along great with other cats and loves to wrestle!

Nala has a hearty purr and loves to wrestle!



Before:

A timid Sunshine (at right)



After:

Confident Queen Elizabeth rules the roost (below)



Give a shy kitty a chance

It seems natural for people to be attracted to cats that come to them easily, love to be petted and like to play. Such cats are adopted very quickly. But their shy counterparts are often passed by. These less confident kitties can be hidden treasures just waiting to be discovered. Patience with getting to know shy cats can be the secret to revealing their true, and oftentimes very loving, personalities.

Last year a petite, cream-colored tabby came to FCCR as a stray. While at the shelter “Sunshine” didn’t want to come out of her cage, making it hard for her to get adopted. When a supporter decided to give this shy feline a chance, Sunshine headed to her new forever home and immediately ran and hid under the bed for the rest of the day.

However, that evening she came out, jumped up on the bed and snuggled up against her sleeping adopter’s chest.

Gradually Sunshine became more comfortable and open with people; she is now a fantastic lap cat with a big personality and has appropriately been renamed “Queen Elizabeth.”

So the next time you’re ready for adoption, consider giving a shy cat a chance – you may be very pleasantly surprised.

Call us about our shy kitties today – (970) 484-8516.

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Shelter mascot Jake to make Animal Planet debut

Our rescue's best gift is a second chance at life for cats and kittens. And sometimes a third or fourth chance, as is the case with Jake.

Jake, the only permanent feline resident at the shelter, was transferred to FCCR from the local humane society after he displayed some inappropriate litter box behaviors and was returned by an adopter. After coming to FCCR, he was adopted out two additional times, and again was returned both times due to the same litter box behaviors (he hasn't displayed these issues at the shelter).

After amiably participating in outreach by encouraging kids to read at the library and accepting lots of petting from nursing home residents, he officially became registered as a therapy cat in August – one of only a select few who have ever been registered in Larimer County!

Now, Jake is set for stardom on the worldwide TV network Animal Planet after being discovered in a blog ("Writing Outside the Barn") by longtime volunteer Pam Wolf.

The network was searching for a Korat, a beautiful breed to be featured in an episode of "Cats 101," and Jake was a perfect match.

They filmed him in July with some children in the library's reading program, at the shelter with his kitty posse, and at Columbine West Health & Rehab Facility where he provided therapy to senior citizens.

Be sure to tune in this November to see Jake when the Korat is featured on Animal Planet's "Cats 101." And also pick up January's issue of "North Forty News" where you can read an article detailing Purrfect Therapy.



Leslie Quitmeyer, Jake's public handler and FCCR board secretary, escorts Jake on a therapy visit to Columbine West Health & Rehab Facility.

Jake now has his own ride (a specially decorated carrier), an entourage (several volunteers to escort him to cat therapy), and he will soon have his own uniform (a designer leash and tag).

We couldn't be more proud of him. He has given us the chance to make a difference in individuals' lives and in the community. Who knew all we had to do was fulfill our mission like we always do, and stick with him until he found his forever home.

The Korat is considered good luck, and Jake has certainly brought good luck to FCCR by sharing his kindness with many others.





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 Jake's
 adventures,
 inside!*



Help Your Community Cats and Dogs by Giving

Please send a stamped self-addressed envelope if you would like to have wreath vouchers or gift cards mailed to you. For more details on these giving options, see our website: FortCollinsCatRescue.org



Qty.		Total
_____	Wreath voucher(s) @ \$25 ea.	\$ _____
_____	Sunflower Gift Card(s) @ \$25 or \$50 ea.	\$ _____
	2010 Challenge Grant (<i>\$10,000 by Dec. 31 earns us \$2,400!</i>)	\$ _____
	Prevent a Litter (PAL) Fund	\$ _____
	Smitten with Kittens Monthly Membership (\$5-\$200/mo.)	\$ _____
	Pay a Kitty's Rent for a Month (\$60)	\$ _____
	Sponsor a Kitty's Adoption Fee (\$1-\$50)	\$ _____
	Adopt-A-Cage (includes plaque, \$365)	\$ _____
	General contribution to operating expenses	\$ _____

If donating by credit card:

Visa/MC Credit Card # _____

Expiration Date _____

Enclosed is a payment for a total of \$ _____

Name _____

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My contribution is on behalf of _____

*Thank
 you!*

