

27 kitties adopted at first Cat Caravan

Fort Collins Cat Rescue & Spay/Neuter Clinic held its first-ever Cat Caravan adoption event on Dec. 22 at The Farm at Lee Martinez Park in Fort Collins.

Potential adopters began arriving before staff and volunteers could even get all of the cages set up! In a span of only three hours, 27 cats and kittens ranging in age from 8 weeks to 9 years old had found new homes, just in time for Christmas! Three more were adopted at the shelter, bringing the day's total to 30, and shattering the rescue's previous single-day adoption record of 13.

A young man named Scott came to the Cat Caravan in search of a kitten to play the starring role in a Christmas Eve marriage proposal to his girlfriend Heather. Scott's mother Elaine cared for Jema, aka Chardonnay, for the two days between his adopting and popping the question.

Scott first had Heather unwrap gifts of kitty litter and food before bringing Jema



This lucky kitten had a starring role in a Christmas Eve marriage proposal!

and her carrier into the room. Heather was so excited about the kitten that she didn't even notice the engagement ring dangling from a ribbon around Jema's neck.

Scott had to untie it and hand it to Heather before dropping to one knee in front of the Christmas tree. He asked her to marry him, and of course she said yes! Who could say no to a diamond ring with a kitten attached?! Scott and Heather have set a wedding date of Sept. 6, 2014.



One of our volunteers (above, right) assists a young girl looking for a new kitty for her family at the Cat Caravan.

The next CAT CARAVAN is set for 11 a.m.-3 p.m. March 16 at The Farm at Lee Martinez Park.

Kibble Supply now disbursed monthly



Volunteers helped to re-package dozens of bags of pet food that were gifted during the holiday kibble donation drive.



Our Kibble Supply Pet Food Pantry has undergone some changes for the new year, and one of them is that pet food will be distributed only on the third Sunday of each month to pet owners experiencing financial hardship. The first kibble disbursement was Jan. 20. Our holiday kibble drive produced donations of nearly 225 pounds of dry food and almost 120 cans of wet food! Volunteers helped re-package dozens of torn bags of pet food into smaller portions. We also now have a part-time staff member dedicated solely to coordinating the Kibble Supply program, including its food donations, applications for assistance, distribution and record keeping.



FCCRSNC nearing 5,000 adoptions!

At press time, Fort Collins Cat Rescue & Spay/Neuter Clinic was only 72 kitties away from reaching 5,000 adoptions since opening its doors in June 2006!

To celebrate this milestone, we'll soon be launching "The Feline 5000" fundraising campaign, so keep an ear to the ground, because it's headed your way!

Are We There Yet?

THE COUNT

**Adoptions: 4,928
Spays/Neuters: 22,639**

Starving cat colony rescued in Nunn, Colo.



One of the kitties rescued from Nunn was eager for some loving attention.



These two cats were less socialized and had to be trapped, but they've already found nice barn homes.

\$1,200 donated to help provide care for 23 abandoned felines

On Jan. 16 two FCCRSNC staff members drove out to a neighborhood in Nunn, Colo., over 20 miles northeast of Fort Collins, after learning about a colony of sick and starving abandoned kitties.

Upon arriving, only a couple of cats were spotted, but after a sweet call of "here kitty kitty," nearly two dozen more appeared. They all hungrily scarfed down the dry cat food that the staff members had brought.

Their sad situation began as many do. People moved out of the neighborhood, leaving behind their intact cats; a kind soul began feeding them; and within a couple of years the population had grown to a colony of 23 cats!

When the colony's caretakers became overwhelmed and started to receive heat from local authorities about their "cat problem," they decided their only option was to stop feeding the cats so they would no longer be held responsible. Fortunately FCCRSNC learned about the kitties' plight.

None of the kitties were spayed/neutered, vaccinated, or had received any previous medical care. Several were sick with upper respiratory infections, and

one had a severe ear infection upon arrival. They all were very thin.

Thanks to the generosity of our many supporters, over \$1,200 was raised to help this group of cats. Through the efforts of our hard-working and dedicated staff, foster volunteers and donors, FCCRSNC was able to rescue ALL 23 of the kitties abandoned in Nunn.

Each of the cats is doing well, and nearly half have already been adopted! Nine are currently in foster homes but available for adoption, and they range in age from 6 months to 2 years old.

Still in need of a forever home are Ajax, Ambros, Amos, Aster, Brix, Chase, Jessie, Parker and Walnut. Call the shelter today to schedule a meeting with these wonderful kitties!



A pair of black beauties.



Save a Life ~ Donate!



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



- \$35 Spay or Neuter One Shelter Cat
- \$60 Pay a Kitty's Rent for a Month
- \$90 Supply a Baby Bag for Foster Kittens
- \$250 Replace Important Clinic Equipment
- \$300 Provide 100% of Care for One Homeless Cat

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Spay/Neuter Awareness!

Our clinic is staying extremely busy this February with two special promotions to mark Spay/Neuter Awareness Month.

First is the month-long "Beat the Heat" campaign, in which we are spaying 200 female cats for only \$20 each, made possible through a generous grant from PetSmart Charities.

Second is World Spay Day on Feb. 26 where we will be spaying/neutering up to 65 dogs and cats for \$20 each. All of our slots for dogs have already been filled! However, call the clinic to see if space is still available for male cats at this special price.