



# THE Cat's MEOOW

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## Are We There Yet?

### THE COUNT

#### Adoptions

4,184

#### Spays/Neuters

19,652

## A Message from the Director

Dear Supporters,

Every spring newsletter gives me the opportunity to write about FCCRSNC's upcoming birthday party and the incredible impact that our organization has made since its inception on June 1, 2006.

This spring's newsletter is extra special due to an incredible number we will achieve in the next couple of weeks: **20,000 spay/neuter surgeries**. Yes, you read that number correctly: **TWENTY THOUSAND cats and dogs in our community that will not be contributing to the devastating pet overpopulation problem**. And to think this was done in the mere 5 years that our clinic has been operating!

I am so very, very proud of everything that we have done for animal welfare in Northern Colorado over the past six years – the surgeries, the rescues, the support for struggling pet owners. The fact that we are



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always willing to go out of our way to help an animal in some way no matter how large or small.

We are a one-of-a-kind organization whose mission thousands of people have embraced. Please help us to continue our good work by making a donation to our \$20K for 20K campaign to help support the next 20,000 spay/neuter surgeries done in our clinic.

We would also love to have you celebrate with us by attending our 6th Birthday Party and No-Flea Market on Sunday, June 3. It is going to be a great gathering of people who look forward to the end of pet euthanasia due to homelessness.

Thank you for all of your support!

– Sarah Swanty, Executive Director



WRITTEN BY AUSTIN BRIGGS  
FCCRSNC Volunteer

We're proud to announce a historic milestone in the history of FCCRSNC – by the end of May we will hit the 20,000 mark of spay and neuter surgeries we've performed on dogs and cats since our clinic opened just five years ago!

To build on this success we kicked off a month-long fundraiser that started May 1. Our goal is to raise \$20,000 to help fund our next 20,000 surgeries. This will culmi-



Volunteer Cindy Fravel helps care for several kitties recovering from spay/neuter surgery, including a feral cat brought to our clinic by our friends at Northern Colorado Friends of Ferals.

nate June 3 when we celebrate the shelter's sixth birthday with a party in our facility's parking lot.

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## \$20K for 20K (continued from Page 1)

Board President Carol Mahoney says the shelter has come a long way in the past six years and believes the work we've done has had a significant impact in decreasing stray cat intake and euthanasia rates at the Larimer Humane Society. She says it's important to keep this momentum going.

"Having our clinic perform another 20,000 spays and neuters will profoundly affect pet overpopulation and euthanasia rates in northern Colorado," Carol said. "Our hard-working and dedicated clinic staff has done a tremendous service to the community by performing so many surgeries."

There are many ways you can help our clinic and shelter continue reducing pet overpopulation and making every pet a wanted pet, such as by donating to:

✓ **Maintenance and replacement of surgery-related equipment:** Fully equipping a clinic such as ours would cost well over \$60,000 and we need to budget funds annually to cover maintenance costs and equipment.

**"Having our clinic perform another 20,000 spays and neuters will profoundly affect pet overpopulation and euthanasia rates in northern Colorado."**

We sterilize about 600 cats and kittens annually at the shelter before adopting them out. At an average base cost of \$20 per surgery, that adds up to \$12,000 a year!

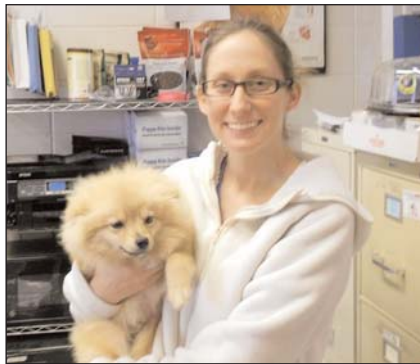
✓ **Save a life!** The average total cost to care for cats from admission to adoption is \$300. Donate \$300 to save the life of one cat that may not have "made it" at another shelter.

✓ **Become a Smitten With Kittens member** to help ongoing operations. For this \$20K for 20K campaign, if you're already a member, consider increasing your level of support. All members receive recognition in our Whiskers 'n Wags Jubilee gala event program, on our website, and everyone gets some goodies.

Anonymous supporters matched the first \$1,000 in donations, helping us reach the \$2,000 mark in only four days!

FCCRSNC is a non-profit organization that relies heavily on the generosity of donors to keep our shelter and clinic up and running and to fund the outreach programs that help in our mission to improve the lives of pets and their owners.

"Monetary support from our donors is our main source of income; without our wonderful donors we wouldn't be able to save so many lives. Every penny counts," Carol said.



Veterinary Technician Becca Kosakewich holds a client's dog after its spay surgery. Our clinic provides an affordable way for our community members to be responsible pet owners.



To donate to the \$20K for 20K fundraising campaign, complete and mail this form with your check in the enclosed envelope, and help us spay and neuter 20,000 more! (Or donate online at [www.FCCRSNC.org](http://www.FCCRSNC.org).)

### Donation Amount:

- \$20 Spay or Neuter One Shelter Kitty
- \$50 Purchase Two New Surgical Instruments
- \$100 Spay or Neuter FIVE Shelter Kitties
- \$250 Clinic Champion! Help Replace Medical Equipment
- \$300 SAVE A LIFE!
- \$600 Tuxedo Membership
- \$1,000 Spay or Neuter 50 Shelter Kitties!
- \$2,400 Totally Awesome Guardian Angel Membership
- Other \$\_\_\_\_\_.

### Frequency:

- I want to make a one-time donation
- I want to make a recurring donation
- Monthly  Quarterly  Yearly

### Donation is:

- on behalf of  in honor of
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# Come celebrate our 6th birthday on June 3



The Litter Box Scoop game is back, and with better prizes!

Photo: Jackie Prodan

It's time to celebrate! FCCRSNC will mark its 6th birthday by throwing a huge birthday bash on Sunday, June 3, from noon to 3 p.m. in our facility's parking lot. Come on out and enjoy the fun!

☺ **Food:** Enjoy FREE burgers and hot dogs, both vegetarian and classic, donated by *MWI Veterinary Supply* and vet vendors. Numerous side dishes are being provided by our awesome volunteers. And *Butter Cream Cupcakery* is donating some tasty birthday cupcakes!

☺ **Music:** Listen to the alternative country and folk rock stylings of local band *Ramblers' Guild* as they entertain everyone with some great harmonica, guitar and vocals.

☺ **No-Flea Market:** Bigger and better this year, come shop the wide variety of wares and goodies we've collected from our generous supporters.

☺ **Massages:** Enjoy a FREE chair massage provided on-site by the massage therapists of *Irwin Family Chiropractic*. They will be donating any tips they receive to FCCRSNC.

☺ **Cat Tower Drawing:** Enter our drawing for a chance to win a tall, brand-new carpeted cat tower. Two winners will be drawn, as we have two towers in festive blue or red, so your chances are even better! \$5 per entry, or 5 entries for \$20.

☺ **Dog Adoptions:** Our friends at *My Second Home Rescue* and *Animal House Rescue & Grooming* will be holding mobile adoptions of homeless doggies.

☺ **\$6 Felines:** Adopt a shelter cat 6 months or older for only \$6 from June 1-6.

☺ **Games:** Enjoy the ever-popular Litter Box Scoop game with many great prizes to choose from, and new this year, the Putt Putt Challenge hole-in-one game! Don't miss out on blowing some bubbles too!

☺ **Tours:** Take a guided tour of our shelter, clinic and office and see how much we've grown. Tours will be offered every 30 minutes.

☺ **Smitten With Kittens Membership Drive:** Renew your annual membership, join for the first time, or increase your membership level. *We hope to see you there!*



Photo: Jackie Prodan

Dr. Gloria Matsushita blows some bubbles at last year's birthday party.

## WISH LIST for Shelter & Clinic

- ✓ Postage stamps
- ✓ Clay cat litter (non-clumping)
- ✓ Letter-size white printer paper
- ✓ 30-gallon trash bags
- ✓ Kitten Milk Replacement powder
- ✓ Paper towels
- ✓ Letter-size neon printer paper
- ✓ 36" collapsible wire dog kennels
- ✓ Donations to \$20K for 20K drive
- ✓ Bleach
- ✓ Laundry detergent
- ✓ White semi-gloss paint for clinic
- ✓ Scoopable cat litter

## Cat Tower Drawing Entry Form

Complete and mail this form in the enclosed envelope to be entered into the drawing for one of two brand new cat towers.

The first name drawn will have first choice. **Must be postmarked by May 29.**

Qty. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ One entry: \$5 donation

\_\_\_\_\_ Five entries: \$20 donation (5 for the price of 4!)

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

(Please make checks payable to FCCR)

**You do NOT have to be present to WIN!**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_



No purchase necessary to enter. Call for details.

# Whiskers 'n Wags Jubilee raises \$62,000



Fort Collins Cat Rescue & Spay/Neuter Clinic's largest annual charity benefit, Whiskers 'n Wags Jubilee, netted \$62,000

to help finance the nonprofit's shelter and low-cost spay/neuter clinic – \$8,000 more than last year's event.

Over 400 guests attended the sold-out "Whiskers of Oz" themed Whiskers 'n Wags Jubilee, held at the Hilton Fort Collins on March 3. Featured guest speaker Dr. Temple Grandin discussed research from her recent book "Animals Make Us Human: Creating the Best Life for Animals."

Longtime volunteer Jane Seik was honored with the 2012 Above & Beyond Award for her years of dedication and service.

Hundreds of generous businesses and individuals donated items to the silent and live auctions.

This event also would not have been as successful as it was without the support of our 39 amazing sponsors, including our major sponsors, the **Petco Foundation, Poudre Pet & Feed Supply and Natural Balance Pet Foods.**

Other major sponsors included the **Austin Korshak Hach Memorial Fund of the Community Foundation of Northern Colorado, Dye & Whitcomb CPAs, Friendship Hospital for Animals, Craig Kozak Flight Instruction, Dr. Susan Kozak of The Women's Clinic of Northern Colorado, Poudre Valley Hospital Foundation, and The Scratchin' Post.**

## SAVE THE DATE!

*The next Whiskers 'n Wags Jubilee is set for Saturday, March 2, 2013!*



Photos: Carol Burkett - Blacktie Colorado

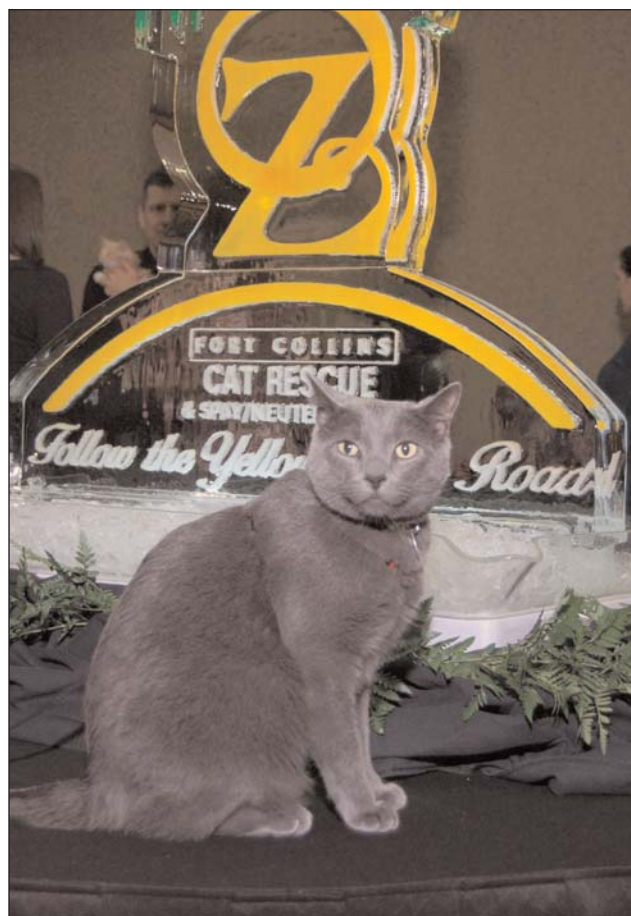


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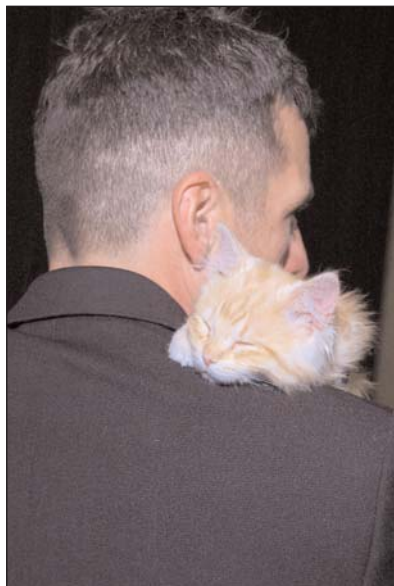


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**Above, top:** Featured guest speaker Dr. Temple Grandin spoke about her recent book. **Above, bottom:** Supporters Bill and Becci Gurski's daughter, Lili, came dressed as Dorothy from "The Wizard of Oz" and helped keep a watchful eye over the Grand Cat statues in the silent auction.

**At left:** Certified therapy cat Jake was in attendance and mingled with adoring fans.

**Below left:** Supporter Glenn Pierce was a volunteer kitten handler for the evening and toured a sleepy and adoptable cutie around to guests.

**Below right, top:** Our friends at Larimer Humane Society reserved a table, including (left to right) Executive Director Judy Calhoun, LHS board member Susan Shattuck and Susan Strating.

**Below right, bottom:** FCCRSNC Executive Director Sarah Swanty and her son Freddy posed for the Blacktie photographer with volunteer Debbie DeLong.



Photo: Carol Burkett - Blacktie Colorado



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# Kitty foster parents awarded

On May 5, Fort Collins Cat Rescue & Spay/Neuter Clinic hosted its second annual Foster Home Meet & Greet for all of its amazing kitty foster parents and awarded 11 dedicated volunteers with Golden Scoop Awards (see the list of winners below).

**Save lives! FOSTER!**



Fostering helps us rescue more cats and kittens every year than we would be able to with just our shelter alone.

For more information on fostering call: (970) 484-8516

Foster parents enjoyed refreshments, received a specially designed T-shirt and learned helpful tips and techniques on caring for their temporary wards.

(Above) Felicia Shelby is awarded the "Persistent Foster Parent" Golden Scoop Award by Staff Veterinarian Dr. Gloria Matsushita.



## 2012 Golden Scoop Foster Awards

*Feline Makeover Master*  
Talia Agone

*Loyal Lifesaver*  
Marjean Bender

*Most Fostered*  
Dave Penhall

*Kitten Diarrhea Diplomat*  
Lynn & Parker Hitchings

*Bottle Baby Bandit*  
Jane Seik

*Persistent Foster Parent*  
Felicia Shelby

*Ringworm Ranger*  
Suzanne Royer

*FeLV Foster Friends*  
Animal House Rescue & Grooming

*Ringworm Ranger*  
Christine Aguilar

*Renal Failure Rescuer*  
Laura Portalupi

(Right) Shelter Manager Mary Wolf explains the packet of information provided to foster volunteers.

# Jake's new fan club

WRITTEN BY PAM WOLF  
FCCRSNC Volunteer and Jake Handler

At 11 a.m. on the third Friday of every month you will find some of the residents of the Good Samaritan Society's Fort Collins Village gathered together to spend some time with Jake. Maria, JoAnn and Shirley sit in their wheelchairs around a table with a soft blanket spread out on it for Jake. They get a chance to pet him or play with him.

More fans arrive and there is hardly any room left around the table. When each person sees Jake their eyes light up in their faces, faces that sometimes have a hard time smiling. But while they are with Jake, it's party time.

Jake has fans among the staff and volunteers who stop by to see him, too. The head chef Ray makes a point of stopping by to say hi. Jake walks the table, plops down in front of one or another to be petted. Then he gets up and goes to the next person. He knows the routine. He loves the attention.

On April 26, two of Jake's regular volunteer handlers, JoAnn Hubacek and Pam Wolf, were invited to a volunteer recognition program at Good Samaritan. A highlight of the evening was a video the society created in which all of the volunteers, including Jake, were featured. Jake is in pictures again! One of the music pieces that accompanied



Jake visits with one of the residents of the Good Samaritan Society's Fort Collins Village.

Photo: Pam Wolf

the video was "All You Need is Love." And truly it was.

In addition to his monthly visit to Good Samaritan, Jake has been making visits as part of FCCRSNC's Purrfect Therapy program to Columbine West, Crossroads Safehouse, and Our Place in Loveland. Also be sure to stop by and see Jake at the Main Library's grand reopening on June 10 at 201 Peterson St. in Fort Collins!

And coming up in August is Jake's 4th birthday party, when we'll be announcing a new Adopt-A-Cage opportunity for our special boy's permanent digs in the shelter.

## Support Our Shelter Advocates

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



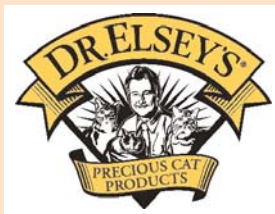
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## Register to play in golf tourney at Olde Course

FCCRSNC is hosting its 3rd annual golfing fundraiser, with a slightly different name this year – the Fore Furry Friends Charity Golf Tournament.

This year's event will be held at The Olde Course in Loveland on Saturday, July 14. It's an 18-hole scramble format with several flight options to choose from. There also will be on-course games for all skill levels.

A continental breakfast will be provided by **Great Harvest Bread Co.** and **Dorothy's Catering** at 7 a.m., followed by an 8 a.m. shotgun start. Afterward, enjoy a delicious lunch. The food donor was still being confirmed at press time.

Be sure to stick around for great door prizes and the silent auction.

The entry fee is \$115 per player (\$460 per team). Senior citizens 65 and older and students 18 and older can register for a discounted fee of only \$105 each. The deadline to register is July 1. For registration information visit [www.FCCRSNC.org](http://www.FCCRSNC.org).

Don't miss out on this FUNdraiser to benefit everyone's favorite furry friends – cats and dogs!



Premier Sponsor of the 2012 Whiskers 'n Wags Jubilee and \$12,500 grantor in 2011 for new cages. We thank you!



## Andrea, aka Ood & Bocelli, aka Kei

Ood and Kei came to the shelter together with three other kitties when their family experienced a personal emergency that left them with no option but to give up their cats.

Although loved, financial constraints left the family with the hard decision of neglecting to provide veterinary care for what in Ood's case became a very serious and sad situation.

Ood was only a year old but had suffered medical complications in both eyes to the extent of having to have both of her eyes removed.

FCCRSNC looked for a very special home for Ood due to her



disability and the fact that she came with her very own "seeing-eye cat" – Kei.

Ood and Kei's special adopter posted this happy update about the pair on our Facebook page:

*"I was nervous the first day bringing Andrea [aka Ood] home and was wondering how she would adapt to her new surroundings.*

*The first day I showed her how to get up into the window, and the rest is history. She is quite the adventurer! Some days I think I should remind her that she is blind! She has had no difficulty adapting at all (except for the one minor mishap when she fell into the toilet - lol).*

*Bocelli [aka Kei] has been the sweetest and most loving and snuggly cat ever. He was so eager to meet my other kitty that he ignored her initial hisses and went straight up to her to say hello. His loving nature really made the introduction of kitties together an easy one.*

*Both are thriving, having fun, and getting lots of love! Thanks for the opportunity to adopt such wonderful kitties!"*

We thank YOU and everyone who adopts a special needs cat.

## Clinic sets new record for surgery totals

### Spay Day and Beat the Heat promotions during February bring headcount to 483

WRITTEN BY AUSTIN BRIGGS  
FCCRSNC Volunteer

One of our many goals at FCCRSNC is to educate the community about the importance of getting pets spayed and neutered. We want every pet to be a wanted pet and to reduce surrender and euthanasia rates in northern Colorado.

During the month of February, a combination of promotions and programs allowed for the spay and neuter of 483 dogs and cats, setting a clinic record for the number of surgeries in a single month.

Through an \$8,000 grant awarded by *PetSmart Charities*, our Beat the

Heat promotion helped to spay 200 female cats at a cost of only \$20 each for clients. Making this dent in cat reproduction should significantly help reduce the burden on shelters this spring and summer from dozens of litters of unwanted kittens.

Our annual World Spay Day event on Feb. 24 this year saw the addition of dogs to the normal lineup of cats, and 53 animals were sterilized.

And one of our most popular programs keeps getting bigger every year – the Prevent a Litter Plus (PAL+) program for low-income pet owners to get their pets spayed or neutered, vaccinated and microchipped free of charge. Pet owners have to demonstrate financial need either through proof of low income or documents showing they're receiving government assistance.

Last year saw the PAL+ program exceed our goal of getting 300 pets spayed and neutered. We are proud to announce that we sterilized 312 dogs and cats in 2011 and provided additional services to a total of 382 dogs and cats!

But we're just getting started – this year we expect to service over 500 pets through the PAL+ program, made possible by funding from several grants, including:

- ✓ \$5,000 from ASPCA
- ✓ \$3,000 from Foundation for the Protection of Animals
- ✓ \$2,500 from Build-A-Bear Workshop

PAL+ coordinator Judy Miotke said, "You wouldn't believe how many people still don't know about us. We just want people to know that if they need it, we're here to help them take care of their pets."



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Please send a stamped self-addressed envelope if you would like to have gift cards mailed to you.  
 For more details on these giving options, see our website: [www.FCCRSNC.org](http://www.FCCRSNC.org)



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Prevent a Litter Plus (PAL+) Fund	\$ _____
Smitten with Kittens Monthly Membership (\$5-\$200/mo.)	\$ _____
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Adopt-A-Cage (includes plaque, \$365)	\$ _____
Clinic Champion (includes plaque, \$250 toward medical equipment)	\$ _____
General contribution toward operating expenses	\$ _____

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 you!* 