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Are We There Yet?

THE COUNT

Adoptions
5,067

Spays/Neuters
23,654

A Message from the Director

Dear Supporters,

Not quite eight years ago my eyes were opened to the devastating problem of pet overpopulation. As a life-long animal lover I was horrified to learn how many “unwanted” animals died in shelters every year. I began volunteering for an animal sanctuary, and I was struck with a passion that I had never felt before in my life. I had found my calling.

It wasn't long afterward that I founded FCCRSNC with my close friend Anna Neubauer. The motivating factor behind starting the organization was the realization that there were completely inadequate resources for homeless cats in our community and across the nation.

Our “side project” of running a cat rescue took off quicker than either of us could have ever predicted, and now almost seven years later, we have rescued over 5,000 cats and kittens and performed almost 24,000 spay/neuter procedures.

Over the past five years in our community, the euthanasia rate for cats has decreased by 66 percent, and the euthanasia rate for

dogs has decreased by 46 percent! And although we would all love to see the day when no cats and dogs are euthanized due to homelessness, this is an incredible change in a short period of time.

We won't attempt to take all of the credit, as it has taken the hard work of many organizations and people, but we KNOW that our programs have had a significant impact – especially our spay/neuter services, which have prevented so many homeless puppies and kittens from being born in the first place.

I want to thank you for helping this amazing organization reach its 7th birthday, therefore helping to save thousands of lives! I truly hope that you will consider joining us in the celebration of our “lucky” year by attending our birthday bash on June 2. And who knows, you might just get to see me receive a pie in the face. ☺

– Sarah Swanty, Executive Director



Lucky birthday No. 7! Party set June 2

It's time to celebrate! FCCRSNC will mark its 7th birthday by throwing a huge birthday bash on **Sunday, June 2, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.** in our facility's parking lot. Come on out and enjoy the fun!

Shop the “No Flea” Market on site as well for great deals and unique finds. We're accepting donated items at the shelter until May 24.

New this year is a “Pie in the Face” contest among the staff and board members listed at left. Vote for who gets the pie by donating: \$1 equals 1 vote.



Photo: Amy Rohloff

Members of the Pié family play Putt Putt Challenge at the 2012 birthday party as volunteer Ruth Swanty (right) looks on.

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Birthday (continued from Page 1)

“Voting” will begin a couple weeks ahead of the big pie toss, so we expect there will be some friendly lobbying among staff to raise donations for their opponents.

Seaworth Auctions will be selling the opportunity to throw the pies, so bring some small bills – the last bidder standing wins, even if the last bid is only a dollar.

Other planned activities:
 ➔ **Meals on wheels** – One to two local food trucks will be on site selling tasty eats. And FREE birthday cupcakes are being provided by *Butter Cream Cupcakery!*



Photo: Amy Rohloff

Our Kitty Mascot makes the rounds handing out treats to kids.

➔ **Games and fun** – New this year will be Mini Disc Toss and Ladder Golf, with returning favorites Putt Putt Challenge, Bean Bag Toss and, of course, the Litter Box Scoop game.

➔ **Spoiled kitty package** – Enter the drawing for a year’s supply of Natural Balance dry cat food for two kitties, 480 lbs. of scoopable litter, plus a brand new cat tower! *See the entry form below for details.*

➔ **“Lucky 7s” Adoption Special** – Adult cats 1+ years old only \$7 to adopt; juveniles 6-11 mos. \$17; and kittens \$77.

➔ **Facility tours** – Take a guided stroll behind the scenes at our shelter, clinic and administrative office.

➔ **Membership drive** – Become a Smitten With Kittens member, renew or increase your membership level. Our goal is 10 new members at the birthday party. Sign up for as little as \$5 a month.

We hope you’ll join us on June 2 as we celebrate 7 years of saving lives!



Photo: Amy Rohloff

Shoppers browse a wide selection of pottery and housewares at last year’s “No-Flea” Market.



WISH LIST for Shelter & Clinic



- ✓ Grocery store gift cards
- ✓ Lidded plastic storage totes/bins
- ✓ Liquid dish soap
- ✓ Antibacterial hand soap
- ✓ 33- and 13-gallon trash bags
- ✓ Paper towels
- ✓ Laundry detergent
- ✓ Cat litter (any type)
- ✓ Postage stamps
- ✓ Kitten Milk Replacer
- ✓ Dry or canned cat or dog food
- ✓ Break-away cat collars
- ✓ Letter-size white printer paper
- ✓ Distilled water
- ✓ Bleach
- ✓ Cardboard scratchers
- ✓ Envelopes (size #10)

Win a Year’s Supply of Cat Food & Litter with Cat Tower!



Complete and mail this form in the enclosed envelope to be entered into the drawing for the **Spoiled Kitty Package!** Includes choice of cat tower; one-year supply of Natural Balance dry cat food for two cats (12 bags, up to 15 lbs. each) and 24 bags of Precious Cat Ultra scoopable litter (20 lbs. each).



Donated by Molly & Friends Cat Furniture, Debnroo Inc., Natural Balance Pet Foods, Dr. Elsey’s Precious Cat Products. No purchase necessary to enter. Call 970-484-8516.

Second prize is a basket full of assorted dry and canned cat food with a second cat tower. The first name drawn will have first choice of towers.

Must be postmarked by May 29.

Qty. _____ One entry: \$20 donation
 _____ Two entries: \$35 donation

Enclosed is a payment for a total of: \$ _____
 (Please make checks payable to FCCRSNC)

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone _____ Email _____

You do NOT have to be present to WIN!

Pickup can be arranged after June 2, or delivery to Fort Collins and Loveland areas is available.

Penny needs kid gloves, without the kids please

Penny came to the shelter in January as a terrified kitty. Her previous owner said she used to cuddle in her lap, but after a new baby arrived, her personality abruptly changed.

Being declawed, Penny uses her other defenses, her teeth and voice, when scared. And she appeared to be very frightened of the new infant. After her family gave her up to friends, Penny became even more terrified and upset.

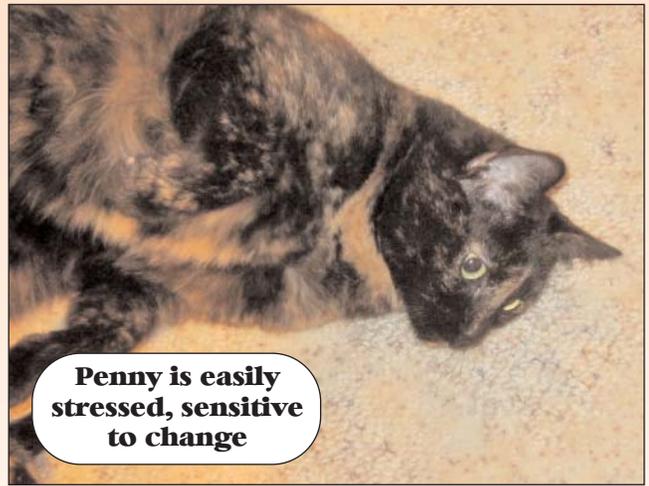
She needs a loving and patient person to adopt her, as she is very slow to trust and takes a long time to adjust to changes in her environment.

It took Penny a month before she would approach her foster mom and place her paws on her lap. At first she would only allow her head to be pet, then gradually her whole body.

Penny has been in foster for four months now and has begun to jump into her foster mom's lap, curling up, purring, and wanting to be pet.

She is slowly being introduced to the other kitty in the home and enjoys playing with ribbons on a stick.

If you're the special person this tortoiseshell girl has been waiting for, please adopt today!



Penny is easily stressed, sensitive to change



About Penny

Age: 6 years
Sex: Female
Personality: Slow to trust

June marks Adopt a Shelter Cat Month

Our favorite month of the year is right around the corner. We have lots of adoption specials going on throughout June to help our shelter cats find homes!

June 1-2 ~ 7th Birthday 'Lucky 7s'

FCCRSNC is turning 7 years old, and we're feeling lucky!
Adult cats 1+ years old: \$7 Juveniles 6-11 months old: \$17
Kittens 2-5 months old: \$77

June 3-10 ~ Free Collar with Adoption

Adopt one of our microchipped kitties and receive a brand-new collar to attach that important microchip ID tag to!

June 11-16 ~ 'Just One Day' No-Kill Colorado

\$10 off any adoption as we show support for an end to the unnecessary euthanasia of savable animals.

June 17-20 ~ Free Cat Toy with Adoption

What kitty doesn't love toys? Choose a freebie from a basket full of fun playthings when you adopt.

June 21-30 ~ '9 Lives for \$9'

All cats age 9 months and older are only \$9 as part of this Best Friends Animal Society national cat adoption event.



June 29 ~ Cat Caravan

Visit The Farm at Lee Martinez Park (600 N. Sherwood St., Fort Collins) from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. for this quarterly off-site adoption event featuring our foster kitties.

Changes in adoption program mean more kitties' lives saved

There have been a few exciting changes to our adoption program this year, all meant to increase the number of kitties we're able to rescue.

For starters, we now feature one adult cat in the shelter's reception area, so a kitty who may be being overlooked can claim the spotlight. Their adoption fee is only \$10, and they keep their prime location in the lobby until they are adopted.

We also added a Cat Adoption Specialist position shared by three staff members. Each day one person is devoted solely to assisting with and promoting adoptions. The goal is to improve customer service and counseling, so potential adopters are better matched with their perfect cat, and the number of returns is decreased.

These changes, and more to come, can only improve the odds for those hard-to-adopt kitties who are fortunate enough to find second, or even third, chances with the help of FCCRSNC and its volunteers and supporters.



Coming July 20!

Our 3rd annual adoption event with Animal House and Larimer Humane Society

Whiskers 'n Wags Jubilee raises \$63,000

Fort Collins Cat Rescue & Spay/Neuter Clinic's largest annual charity benefit, Whiskers 'n Wags Jubilee, netted \$63,000 to help finance the nonprofit's shelter and low-cost spay/neuter clinic – \$1,000 more than last year's event!

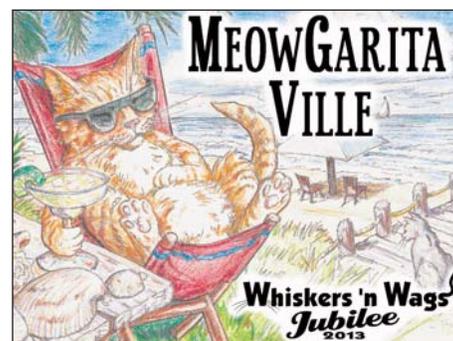
Over 250 guests attended the "Meowgaritaville" themed gala, held at

the Hilton Fort Collins on March 2. Live band The Backline performed an entertaining variety of light rock and oldies songs, and the emcee for the evening was board member Dr. Christie Long of VCA Fort Collins Animal Hospital.

Longtime supporter and FCCRSNC accountant Claudia Whitcomb, of Dye & Whitcomb CPAs, was honored with the 2013 Above & Beyond Award. Clinic Manager James Christofferson won the first-ever Saving P.A.W.S. staff recognition award.

Hundreds of generous businesses and individuals donated items to the silent and live auctions, and 25 artists donated their talents to create the Grand Cat masterpieces.

This event also would not have been as successful as it was without the support of our 46 amazing sponsors, including our major sponsors **Petco Foundation;** **Poudre Pet & Feed Supply** with **Natural Balance Pet Foods;** and **Craig Kozak Flight Instruction**



with **Dr. Susan Kozak of The Women's Clinic of Northern Colorado.**

Other major sponsors included the **Austin Korshak Hach Memorial Fund of the Community Foundation of Northern Colorado;** **Dye & Whitcomb CPAs;** **Friendship Hospital for Animals;** **Home State Bank;** and **VCA Fort Collins Animal Hospital** with **VCA Veterinary Specialists of Northern Colorado.**

SAVE THE DATE!

The 7th Annual
Whiskers 'n Wags Jubilee
is tentatively scheduled for
Saturday, March 1, 2014!



Photo: Jackie Prodan

Band members of The Backline join our therapy cat Jake for a photo opportunity at 'Meowgaritaville.'



Photo: Frank Goss

Miss US Universal Emily Schlehuder, above right, helps showcase live auction items, including a custom FCCRSNC cruiser bicycle that sold for \$675.



Above, left: Grand Cat statue "Señor Juan More" by Barb Lloyd sold for \$150 in silent auction. **Above, right:** Dazzling Ice Sculptures of Loveland donated a beautiful palm tree feature.



Photo: Frank Goss

Guests shop a wide variety of donated items for sale. The silent auction alone raised over \$12,000.



Photos: Frank Goss of Compelling Images Photography



Spay/neuter clinic adds retail area, equipment

Our busiest clinic month, February, passed without a hitch as we met and exceeded our 200-cat goal for the Beat the Heat spay campaign (funded by **PetSmart Charities**); and performed 53 surgeries on dogs and cats for World Spay Day. February's surgery total was 465 animals!

We also raised \$3,000 toward the purchase of a new dental machine, thanks in large part to a generous donation from supporters **Dr. Cat and Jeff Cross**.

Our old machine was on

its last leg, and the new dental equipment allows us to perform more efficient and thorough teeth cleanings on our shelter cats.

To better serve our clients, the clinic is adding more retail items to the lobby area, such as brushes, collars, leashes and cat carriers. Dental care items, like tooth brushes and toothpaste, will round out the selection.

Lastly, we're offering \$20 puppy and kitten spay/neuter in June thanks to a PetSmart Charities-funded "Did You Know?" special.

Jake helped shelter staff practice dressing a cat in a ThunderShirt

'Jake the Therapy Cat' makes Facebook debut

- Let's hope the fame doesn't go to his head, but Jake now has his own page on social media website Facebook. He regularly posts humorous photos and updates, not only about himself, but also about shelter, clinic and world happenings. You can find him listed on Facebook as "Jake the Therapy Cat."
- For the second year, Jake attended our Whiskers 'n Wags Jubilee fundraiser. He posed with guests at the beach-themed photo booth, where in his down time he curiously inspected the props, such as the empty margarita glasses – what a lush!
- Shelter staff have been having regular cat behavior trainings led by guest veterinarians, including **Drs. Jennie Willis and Cheryl Kolus**. Jake has proven to be an invaluable guinea pig at these sessions, once helping demonstrate the use of a ThunderShirt in relieving anxiety and stress in shelter kitties.

Check out Facebook to see what else Jake is up to, even if it's frequently "up to no good" 😊

DID YOU KNOW?
PUPPIES AND KITTENS CAN BECOME PREGNANT AS EARLY AS 4 MONTHS

www.FCCRSNC.org
To qualify, a puppy or kitten is considered to be under 6 months of age.

Fix each puppy or kitten for only **\$20**

Call Fort Collins Cat Rescue & Spay/Neuter Clinic for details
970-484-1861!

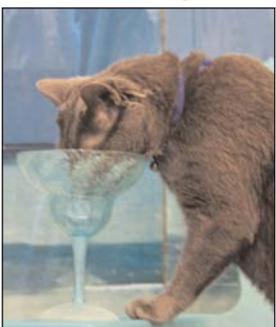
Funded by petsmartcharities.org



(Right) Shelter staff staged an April Fools' Day joke on Jake's Facebook page – making him a vegetarian



(Below) Photographer Jackie Prodan caught Jake in the act at 'Meowgaritaville'



Coming Events

May 27	CLOSED for Memorial Day
June 1	Running of the Wieners
June 1	Walk-In Vaccine Clinic
June 2	7th Birthday Party/Flea Market
June 4	Vaccines by Appointment
June 6	FC Foxes Baseball Night
June 11	'Just One Day' No-Kill Colorado
June 15	Walk-In Vaccine Clinic
June 29	Cat Caravan Adoption Fair
July 4	CLOSED for Fourth of July

In Loving Memory



Jane Ellen Seik
10/31/37 ~ 3/22/13
Forever in Our Hearts



Adopted May 27, 2012

Marla

Marla's adopter posted a detailed update about her on our Facebook page. Here are a few excerpts from the letter her new dad shared with us on April 2:

"Everyone was surprised I wanted to take Miss Marla because she'd been [at the shelter] so long. She was quiet and reserved and didn't come out of her shell much. I was drawn to that. ... Since I took Marla home she has taken to me in a way that is beyond words. ... She's been a huge blessing to me, honestly. She is so kind and friendly, she loves people and guests, and she isn't afraid to be verbal about her food (that's for certain). I look forward to coming home to her and having her run from wherever she is in the apartment to find me. She is also into everyone's business. Needless to say, I'm beyond attached. I get so many compliments on how beautiful she is, and how sweet and kind she is, and she's also quite the door greeter when she wants to be! I am so glad that I have Marla in my life and am very grateful for everything you all do to find these animals loving and caring homes! ... [Marla is] loved very, very much."

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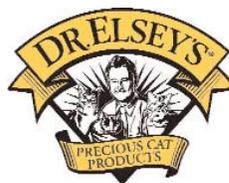
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Lucy was our lucky 5,000th cat adopted

Photo: Frank Goss



(Left) One of the Kitten Shower games was "Pin the Spay/Neuter X on the Kitty." Head Vet Technician Shelly Cornutt lent her artistic talents to create this fun poster for it.

Feline 5000 garners donors, new social media followers

Our 5,000th adoption at the Cat Caravan event March 16 heralded the start of The Feline 5000 fundraising drive – a campaign to raise \$5,000 to celebrate 5,000 lives saved, and another \$5,000 to help us rescue 5,000 more cats and kittens.

We wrapped up our efforts on April 30 and in total were able to raise \$8,898! While we didn't reach our \$10,000 goal, we gained many new donors through our online campaigns.

Generous supporters contributed through Facebook, Network for Good, Amazon.com, and the team fundraising website CrowdRise. We hit the 2,000 mark in "Likes" on our Facebook page in mid-April as well!

FCCRSNC held its first-ever Kitten Shower on April 7, welcoming over 50 guests and garnering over \$2,000 worth of much-needed supplies for our Kitten Kits and foster program in preparation for kitten season. In total the shower raised \$4,088 toward The Feline 5000.

Our new Fundraising & Donor Development Coordinator Andréa Kerr also used her participation in the Colorado Marathon to raise \$2,065!



Golden Scoops awarded to hard-working fosters

Fort Collins Cat Rescue & Spay/Neuter Clinic hosted its 3rd annual Foster Home Meet & Greet on March 24 for all of its wonderful volunteer foster parents. Staff Veterinarian Dr. Gloria Matsushita created the coveted Golden Scoops and presented the awards to 10 dedicated volunteers (see the list of recipients below).

One of this year's winners included **Poudre Pet & Feed Supply-West**. The store has been fostering an adoptable adult for us until the kitty finds a home. Then we replenish their kitty "stock" by bringing a new adult to the store to be featured. Two dozen adult cats have been fostered and/or adopted through Poudre Feed-West!

We call our foster program our "shelter without walls." Foster volunteers provide temporary homes for over 60% of the felines we rescue!



(Above) Sarah Robinette and James Christofferson were two of 10 foster volunteers awarded Golden Scoop Awards by Staff Veterinarian Dr. Gloria Matsushita.



(Right) Each winner received a red-ribboned Golden Scoop made by Dr. Gloria.

Save lives! FOSTER!



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

Can you help today?

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

2013 Golden Scoop Foster Awards

Adult Adoption Advocate
Poudre Pet & Feed Supply-West

Adult Foster Fellow
Brigitte Schmidt

Bottle Baby Bandit
April Undy

Diabetes Delegate
James Christofferson

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Lesley Jeska

Foster Failure
Laura Lane

Inappropriate Urination Ambassador
Sarah Robinette

Kitten Crazy
Twilah Ochsenfeld

Retrovirus (FIV) Rescuer
Katy Quinn

Ringworm Ranger
Heather Weir



Petco Foundation was the Premier Sponsor of our 2013 Whiskers 'n Wags Jubilee and awarded a disaster relief grant to FCCRSNC in July 2012.

We thank you!



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*Jake makes
 his debut
 on Facebook!
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Help Your Community Cats and Dogs by Giving



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 Help Replace Important Clinic Medical Equipment
- \$300 SAVE A LIFE! Provide 100% of Care for One Homeless Kitty

How Much Hope Can You Gift? Enclosed is my donation for \$_____

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 you!* 

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