



# THE Cat's MEOOW

## It's our '9 lives' birthday, #9! Party is June 7

Can you believe it's been nine years already? Fort Collins Cat Rescue & Spay/Neuter Clinic will be celebrating its "9 lives" during its 9th Birthday Party on Sunday, June 7, from 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m. in our facility parking lot. And you're invited to come join the fun!

☉ **No-Flea Market:** Shop the wide variety of home décor and collectibles that have been donated by many generous supporters.

☉ **Food Truck:** Enjoy fresh farm-to-plate food from *The Silver Seed*. We'll have a birthday cake this year, too!

☉ **Mini Spoiled Kitty Package:** Enter our drawing for a 3-foot-tall carpeted cat perch and 100 pounds of scoopable litter! A \$5 dona-

tion earns you one entry, or earn five entries for \$20. See *Page 2* for more details and an entry form.

☉ **Henna Tattoos:** Henna artists Dr. Sangeeta Rao and her daughter Bhaavika Rao will be doing tattoos with 100% of proceeds being donated to FCCRSNC.

☉ **Pie in the Face Contest:** The top two participating fundraisers from our Saving Pets Challenge will get a pie, and you can donate all the way up until pie time that day! See *article on Page 4* to learn more about our *Saving Pets Challenge*.

☉ **Jake's Book Signing:** The author of the newly released book "Jake's Gift," Pam Wolf, will be signing copies of the book, which



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One of the winners of last year's Pie in the Face Contest, Andréa Shulski (left), got creamed by then 3-year-old Freddy Kughman, with a little help from his mom, Executive Director Sarah Swanty.

will also be available for purchase. See *article on Page 7* about "The Story of a Cat Who Wouldn't Quit."

**Adoption Special:** Adult cats 6+ months old are \$9 to adopt, and kittens will be

☉ "9 Lives for \$9" See *Birthday, Page 2*



Are We There Yet?

THE COUNT

Adoptions

8,551

Spays/  
Neuters

33,793



Director of Operations Mary Wolf (left) and Community Cat Manager James Christofferson printed a large, detailed map of Loveland to help in planning their outreach and trapping strategy over the next two years.

## \$70,000 grant targets outdoor Loveland cats

Over the next two years, FCCRSNC will be working to curb cat overpopulation in Loveland with the help of a \$70,000 grant to spay/neuter and vaccinate 1,400 free-roaming cats in the 80537 and 80538 zip codes.



"We are extremely excited to have received this grant, our largest ever, from PetSmart Charities, and we're eager to get the Loveland community on board to help us find the hundreds of unaltered cats and kittens that we know are

See *Loveland, Page 4*

# Birthday (continued from Page 1)



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The Silver Seed food truck will be on site again this year offering their fresh farm-to-plate food.

only \$99 on June 6-7.

● **Games:** Enjoy the ever-popular “Litter Box Scoop” game, and new to the party, the “Guess the Kitten Weight” game. And there will be prizes that both kids and adults will enjoy!

● **Smitten With Kittens Membership Drive:** Become a member, renew or increase your membership level! See the article at right for all the details.

● **Tour at 1 p.m.:** Take a guided tour behind the scenes at our shelter,

clinic and offices, including our new development office in Unit 10.

● **Birthday Presents:** We would never turn down gifts from our wish list, such as cleaning supplies for our shelter and clinic: paper towels, bleach, trash bags, etc.

● **Live Music:** The performers were still being determined at print time, but there will definitely be music in the air!

Can't wait to see you there, and you *don't* have to dress to the nines!

## Are you Smitten with Kittens? 2015 Membership Drive in June features special \$9-per-month 'Nine Lives' level

At our Birthday Party we'll be kicking off our Annual Membership Drive. We're looking to add \$5,000 in new or increased annual membership dollars. We currently have 108 members who have committed over \$46,000 a year to make sure that kitties keep finding their forever homes through FCCRSNC.

A lot of expenses are involved in running an adoption-guarantee rescue, and our membership program helps us bear this financial burden with a greater sense of security. It also gives us the opportunity to show our gratitude to these amazing individuals who are an integral part of our success.

In honor of our 9th birthday, we're offering a special “Nine Lives” introductory membership available only during the month of June. Sign up for a recurring donation of \$9/month and receive the benefits of a Tabby mem-



bership (normally \$10/month). Already a member? Please consider increasing your current membership by \$9 a month!

Become a member, renew or increase your membership level in person at our Birthday Party on June 7, or anytime this month, to help us reach our \$5,000 goal. Visit our website (Donate > Become A Member) to print out the membership form or to set up a one-time or recurring credit card donation online.

### Drawing Entry Form ~ Mini Spoiled Kitty Package



Complete and mail this form in the enclosed envelope to be entered into our opportunity drawing!

**Must be RECEIVED by June 5.**

Qty.		Qty.
_____	\$5 donation: 1 entry	_____ \$30 donation: 8 entries
_____	\$20 donation: 5 entries	_____ \$40 donation: 11 entries

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

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



# Nancy manages our office but would prefer a home

Miss Nancy Pants first arrived at our shelter in 2013 with several littermates when they were just 2 weeks old. She was bottle fed in foster care until she was old enough to eat solid foods, and then adopted at 8 weeks old.

Sadly she was turned in to Larimer Humane Society as a stray a couple months ago, and when they scanned her microchip and contacted her owner, the woman didn't want her anymore. And so Nancy was returned to where she started, back to our shelter.

This silky soft tortoiseshell is currently being spoiled by our staff as an "only cat" in the FCCRSNC development office.

We're not sure what she experienced over the past two years, maybe an overzealous kid or a dog, but Nancy is

now a little slow to trust and scares easily. Having been orphaned at a young age, she also didn't learn from a mama cat what the appropriate boundaries are with humans, so she thinks she is the alpha in all things.

She needs a home with someone who reads "cat" and knows feline body language. She is affectionate and friendly once she gets to know you, but she isn't afraid to tell you if she doesn't want to be bothered at the moment.

However, she is usually easy to read, and if you respect her wishes and don't mind a bit of feistiness, all should be well. She just wants a little R-E-S-P-E-C-T!

Nancy is very playful, will rub against your legs for attention, enjoys petting and also spent some time at



**YouTube** Watch a Video of Nancy on YouTube!  
<https://youtu.be/a9ZKLq7BU20>

**About Nancy**  
 Age: 2 years  
 Sex: Female  
 Personality: Feisty Female



CLICK (Clicker Learning Institute for Cats & Kittens) See a YouTube video of Nancy being a love sponge and playing fetch on the Clicker Learning Institute's YouTube channel. The link is also listed above.

CSUnity at Sam's Club on April 25



## Supply drive raises \$1,933 for kittens

Instead of having a Kitten Shower event this year, the shelter held a supply drive for its foster program from April 15-30, and supporters generously "showered" us with necessities.

In total, we received \$1,669 worth of supply donations and an

additional \$264 in monetary gifts.

A group of Colorado State University students also hosted a supply drive at the Sam's Club in Fort Collins as part of CSUnity on April 25, and another CSUnity group surprised us at the shelter and helped clean. Thanks guys!

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## Loveland (continued from Page 1)

out there in Loveland,” said Community Cat Manager James Christofferson.

Our Community Cat Program is asking Loveland residents to get involved not only by scheduling their own outdoor cats for surgery, but also by volunteering to trap and transport community cats.

**Any unaltered cat that spends some time outdoors is eligible**, including owned indoor/outdoor cats, barn or shop cats, community or feral cats, and strays. There is **no cost** to the owner or colony caretaker for the surgery and vaccinations, but we are asking for donations.

“Female cats can have as many as three litters a year, and kittens can breed as young as 4 months old,” James said.

“Most people don’t want to see the cats they’re feeding get pregnant over and over again. This project aims to help community cat caretakers catch and sterilize their cats, but it’s also for any Loveland resident who owns an intact cat that spends some time outside, where it could get pregnant or father kittens.”



If left unaltered, free-roaming cats produce large quantities of unwanted kittens each spring, flooding local animal shelters and leading to higher euthanasia rates. Larimer Humane Society’s euthanasia rate for cats increased 8 percent from 2013 to 2014, so FCCRSNC knows there is still plenty of

work that needs to be done to help cats in the community.

“Our organization is so grateful to PetSmart Charities for recognizing our work for community cats and entrusting us with such a large project,” said FCCRSNC Executive Director Sarah Swanty.

More information about the Community Cat Program and the Loveland project can be found on our website at [www.FCCRSNC.org](http://www.FCCRSNC.org).

If you live in Loveland and have an outdoor cat that needs spayed or neutered please call (970) 658-5181 for more information or to schedule surgery.

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**Thank You!**

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## Saving Pets Challenge runs until June 5

We’re super excited to be participating in the 2nd annual Saving Pets Challenge, an online fundraising campaign launched by Michelson Found Animals.

It started on May 4 and ends on June 5. To give back, Found Animals will be donating over \$115,000 to animal welfare organizations dedicated to decreasing shelter pet euthanasia.

FCCRSNC’s goal is to raise \$35,000, and a \$10,000 matching challenge from an anonymous donor has helped to get us over two-thirds of the way there! We were 8th in the nation among over 300 organizations participating in the Challenge at press time.



Three local businesses have joined in our fundraising effort, including Caffé Olé, Poudre Pet & Feed Supply, and Four Seasons Veterinary Specialists. We also have over 45 team members helping to raise funds on our behalf.

The Saving Pets Challenge is all about the power of social networking. Please consider joining our fundraising team or making an online donation, and then spread the word!

**Please Donate Online or Join Our Team:** 

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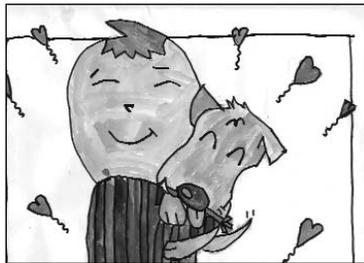
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## 'Be Kind to Animals Week' contest winners awarded

FCCRSNC joined with Larimer Humane Society again for the "Be Kind to Animals Week" Poster Contest for kids in kindergarten through fifth grades.

This year's theme was "Make a Better World for Animals," and awards were presented at a small ceremony on May 9 at The Eclectic Reader bookstore.

Dozens of entries were submitted, and staff from both organizations voted for their top three favorites in each grade level.



This poster, created by Yasin Habib, a 3rd grader at Dunn Elementary School, was one of the winning submissions.

"Be Kind to Animals Week" is an annual event promoted by the American Humane Association since 1915, and this year it was celebrated May 4-10.

### Congratulations to the 1st Place winners in each grade!

- ♦ Kindergarten: Henry Truett of Beattie Elementary
- ♦ 1st grade: Lily Doyle of Tavelli Elementary
- ♦ 2nd grade: Cayleigh Foster of Bethke Elementary
- ♦ 3rd grade: Yasin Habib of Dunn Elementary
- ♦ 4th grade: Tayia Evans of Tavelli Elementary
- ♦ 5th grade: Madelyn Coy of Bethke Elementary

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## Rescue Tails

Many of our adopters share photos of the kitty members of their family on our Facebook page.

These are just a few of those stories ...



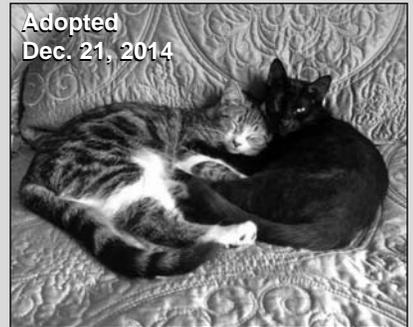
Adopted Feb. 16, 2015

### Saxby, aka Tigger

"My husband and I adopted Tigger, who we renamed Saxby. He was a wonderful Valentine's gift and is adjusting well to his new home :) We love him so much already and are grateful to have him as part of our little family."

### Nia & Panther

"My husband and I adopted these girls at the cat adoption fair in December last year. They are spunky little critters and we love them."



Adopted Dec. 21, 2014



Adopted Dec. 31, 2012

### Medusa

"I adopted Medusa about 2 years ago while I was living in FoCo. We have since moved to Minnesota and she is doing so well. Thank you so much for helping cats that come in sick and neglected like Medusa, because they can make great pets too!!"



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(Left) Loveland's Mayor Cecil Gutierrez attended for a second year and donned a matching pink "Real Men Love Cats" shirt with bronze sponsor Jeff Swanty of Swanty Insurance.

(Above, left) Presenting sponsor David Lerner, Dr. Cheryl Kolus and David Enden of CLICK (Clicker Learning Institute for Cats & Kittens) demonstrate a kitty "high five."

(Above, right) Employees of Poudre Pet & Feed Supply, one of our platinum sponsors, wore festive masks and posed in front of the Grand Masks.

## Whiskers 'n Wags Jubilee nets record \$79,000

Fort Collins Cat Rescue & Spay/Neuter Clinic's largest annual charity benefit, Whiskers 'n Wags Jubilee, set a new record by netting \$79,000 to help finance the nonprofit's shelter and low-cost spay/neuter clinic.

Nearly 350 guests and 65 volunteers attended the "Meowsquerade Ball" themed gala, held at the Marriott Fort Collins on March 28. Several performers entertained guests, including dancers from the Kalapriya School of Dance and Music and from Tribe

Sidysaan Belly Dance and Performance Art; magicians Cody Landstrom and Tim Foolery Magic; and the Dolce Musica String Quartet.

Longtime volunteer **Suzanne Royer** of Loveland was honored with the 2015 Above & Beyond Award. Shelter Manager **Megan Streetman** was selected by the Board of Directors as the annual champion for the Saving P.A.W.S. staff recognition award.

Hundreds of generous businesses and individuals

donated items to the silent and live auctions. Nearly two dozen artists also donated their talents to create the Grand Cat masterpieces, whose sale alone netted over \$2,700 for FCCRSNC.

This event also would not have been as successful as it was without the support of our 40 amazing sponsors, including our presenting sponsors **Clicker Learning Institute for Cats & Kittens (CLICK)** and **Petco Foundation**; and platinum sponsors **Poudre Pet & Feed Supply** with

**Natural Balance Pet Foods.**

Other major sponsors included **Advanced Energy**; the **Austin Korshak Hach Memorial Fund of the Community Foundation of Northern Colorado**; **Julie Piepho of Cornerstone Home Lending**; **Dye & Whitcomb CPAs**; **Home State Bank**; **Craig Kozak**; **South Mesa Veterinary Hospital**; and **VCA Fort Collins Animal Hospital** with **VCA Veterinary Specialists of Northern Colorado.**

### New community award recognizes compassion

FCCRSNC presented a new community award at this year's Whiskers 'n Wags Jubilee – the "40 Mile Compassion Award."

Mike Weber of Fort Collins was the first recipient and also inspired its name and purpose – an award for "going the distance" with an act of compassion that made the difference in the life of a companion animal.

Weber witnessed two cats being dumped from a vehicle near Horsetooth Reservoir while on a 40-mile cycling trip on Valentine's Day. He

stopped and caught one of the cats and sat on the side of the road holding it for an hour while waiting for an animal control officer to arrive. The second cat was rescued two weeks later, and both have already been adopted into loving new homes.

Weber's actions inspired FCCRSNC to create this new award, which will be presented annually to some-



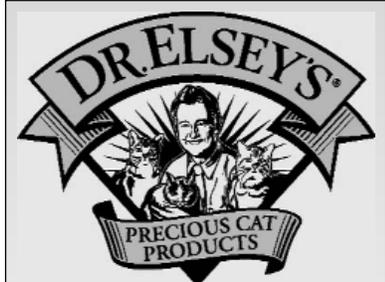
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FCCRSNC Executive Director Sarah Swanty (left) with "40 Mile Compassion Award" winner Mike Weber (center) and former Board President Andrea Stout, holding Bubbie, one of the cats Weber saved.

one nominated from within the community.

More details about how to nominate a special animal-loving person for going the distance will be available on our website soon. Stay tuned!

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## Calendar of Events

- May 30** 'Jake's Gift' Book Signing at The Eclectic Reader
- May 30** Loveland Vaccine Clinic  
Hank's Pet Food Market
- June 1-30** Precious Not Parents  
\$20 spay/neuter special
- June 4** Foster Volunteer Training
- June 6** Walk-In Vaccine Clinic
- June 7** 9th Birthday Party  
& No Flea Market
- June 11** Vaccines by Appointment
- June 13** Running of the Wieners  
Dachshund Races
- June 13** Loveland Vaccine Clinic  
Hank's Pet Food Market
- June 14** Fort Collins Foxes  
Baseball Night
- June 20** Walk-In Vaccine Clinic
- June 25** Vaccines by Appointment
- June 27** Loveland Vaccine Clinic  
Hank's Pet Food Market
- July 2** Vaccines by Appointment
- July 4** CLOSED for 4th of July

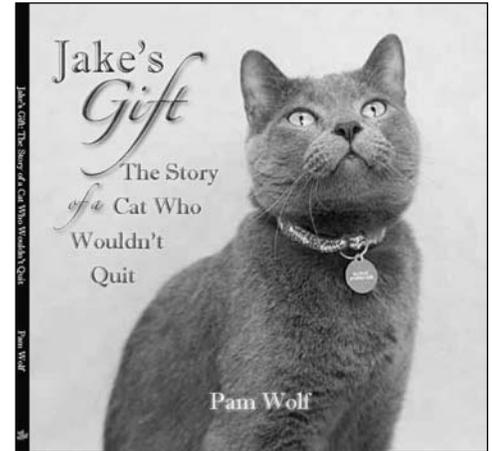
# New book 'Jake's Gift' tells story of our Jake

## Book signing by author Pam Wolf set for May 30

Our certified therapy cat, Jake, now has a book about him! Longtime FCCRSNC volunteer Pam Wolf has been working on a book about Jake for several years, and we are so excited to see it come to fruition.

Wolf will be signing copies of "Jake's Gift: The Story of a Cat Who Wouldn't Quit" at **The Eclectic Reader** bookstore from **10 a.m.-12 p.m. May 30** (1119 W. Drake Rd. Unit C-20, Fort Collins). You'll be able to purchase your very own copy for \$12, and \$7 from each book is being donated to FCCRSNC!

The book, a fictionalized tale about Jake, teaches us how a throw-away cat can offer a message of acceptance and hope to everyone, and how a system that believes in helping animals can transform them into good pets. We meet Jake as a young kitten



and follow his journey to Fort Collins Cat Rescue & Spay/Neuter Clinic, where he finds his gift and becomes a registered therapy animal.

The book is also available for purchase at our Shelter, and if you don't live nearby, you can buy the book online through our Etsy.com store: [www.etsy.com/shop/FCCRSNC](http://www.etsy.com/shop/FCCRSNC)



The senior and special-needs cats in our Silver



Whiskers Club thank **Lil BUB's Big Fund** and the ASPCA for their \$2,500 grant to help with these kitties' medical expenses.

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*Nancy needs  
 a new home.  
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