



THE Cat's MEOOW

We're celebrating 10 years! Join us on June 5

A decade has nearly passed since two young veterinary technicians took in 17 cats with nowhere else to go and created what is now Fort Collins Cat Rescue & Spay/Neuter Clinic.

To commemorate this milestone, we will be celebrating with a Birthday Party on Sunday, June 5, from 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m. in our facility parking lot. You're invited to come join the fun!

🐾 **NEW Crazy Cat Lady Pageant:** Who will be crowned? Woman, man or child? Don your craziest costume. The contestant who earns the most "votes" (ie. donations) wins! See article on Page 2 for more details about the Pageant.

🐾 **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, vegan food from *The Silver Seed*. We'll have free birthday cake, too!

🐾 **Live Music:** Performing this year will be folk and bluegrass band *Lois & the Lantern* as well as husband-wife duo *Fall River Road*.

🐾 **Quilt Drawing:** Enter our drawing for a handmade, 6-foot-4-inch square quilt featuring beautiful cat-print fabric. A \$5 donation earns you one entry, or earn five entries for \$20.

🐾 **Face Painting:** Artist Leah Mattice will be offering face painting and donating 50% of proceeds.



Photo: Alyca Norris

At last year's event, talented musicians from multiple groups united to entertain party guests with a wide array of bluegrass and folk music.

🐾 **Games & Coloring Contest:** Enjoy the ever-popular "Litter Box Scoop" game, and new to the party, "Fishing for Felines" and a Coloring Contest for kids.

🐾 **Facility Tour:** Take a guided tour behind the scenes, including at the Clicker Learning Institute for

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A pet owner in Greeley cuddles his cat while waiting for vaccinations in the medical tent at our Healthy Pets Clinic on May 1. Despite the rain and cold, families brought a total of 190 dogs and cats to the free veterinary event.

Healthy Pets Clinics mean fewer homeless animals

One of our core beliefs at FCCRSNC is that we can't help pets without helping the people who love them. It was from this value that our Healthy Pets Clinics were born.

We want to help lift up our community members who love their pets but who may be struggling financially, and allow them to provide the care for their pet that they truly want to provide.

If each community member with a pet, regardless of financial situation, had access to the resources needed to provide their pet with basic veterinary care, there would be fewer

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Are We There Yet?

THE COUNT

Adoptions

10,760

Spays/Neuters

40,267



Birthday (continued from Page 1)



Photo: Frank Goss, Compelling Images Photography

Our Birthday Party takes place in our facility parking lot, where this year we'll have face painting and several new games.

Cats & Kittens. New this year, peek through the window into our ringworm treatment ward in Unit 10 (see article Page 6), and check out Unit 3, the future home of our spay/neuter clinic.

♣ Smitten With Kittens Membership Drive:

Become a member, renew or increase your membership level! See the article at right for all the details.

♣ **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.

We can't wait to see you there to mark a decade of saving lives!



Enter our drawing to win this beautiful handmade quilt!

Join the Club, become Smitten

June Membership Drive goal: \$10,000

At our Birthday Party on June 5, we'll be kicking off our Annual Smitten With Kittens Membership Drive. In honor of our 10th birthday, we're looking to add **\$10,000 in new or increased annual membership dollars.**

We currently have 150 members who have committed over \$55,000 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.

Become a member, renew or increase your membership level in person at our Birthday Party on June 5, or anytime through June 30, to help us reach our \$10,000 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.

For existing and renewing members, we're inviting you to **consider an increase of \$10 per month** in honor of our 10th anniversary of rescuing kitties and helping pets.

To amend your recurring donation or if you have questions, please contact Joyce Dickens at Joyce@fccrsnc.org or (970) 658-1226.

Strut your stuff at Crazy Cat Lady (or Man) Pageant

Women, men, and children all are invited to participate in our first-ever Crazy Cat Lady Pageant at our Birthday Party on June 5!

We're seeking imaginative cat lovers to don their craziest costume inventions portraying their interpretation of a crazy cat lady, or gentleman, at FCCRSNC's 10th Birthday Party at our facility parking lot.

It's free to enter, and the crowd-favorite pageant winner will be crowned based on whose jar contains the most donations. "Campaigning" among party guests is encouraged, because it's a FUN-

draiser for the kitties!

Complete the online registration form by **May 31** to participate at www.FCCRSNC.org.

Contestants will also need to provide a bio (100 words or less) describing their costumed personality for our Master of Ceremonies to read aloud.

Questions? E-mail our Director of Development at Joyce@fccrsnc.org



Senior Minnie is a feral girl in need of indoor home

My name is Minnie, and I've lived indoors since I was a month old, but unfortunately I was never socialized.

My person had to give me up when she went into assisted living. I was really stressed at the shelter, so now I'm in foster.

I can't sugarcoat it, so here's the deal: I'm a senior, feral cat (that means I am not socialized to humans and don't trust them at all) who needs to live inside (both because I haven't been outside in over a decade and I have only three teeth).

I can peacefully co-exist with other cats if they leave me alone, and I love to take

naps in my heated bed and on the top of my cat tower where I can look outside in between naps.

I love to explore my castle while my human servants are sleeping, but I hide when they are awake. My human servants should be very understanding and know that I am a picky eater, and while I'll let them get within a few feet of me, if they get closer, I will try to scratch or bite them. My quality of life is quite good, as long as the humans follow my rules.

I am available for "Foster to Adoption" to see if I will make a good fit. Call (970) 484-8516 to learn more.



About Minnie

Age: 10 years
Sex: Female
Personality: Introverted

Foster-to-Adoption

This is a program in which select adult cats that have unique behavioral or medical needs are available to first be fostered by a prospective adopter before being officially adopted. This gives the cat the time it may need to truly blossom in the home.

Kittens receive \$1,500 in supplies

During our "Kitten Shower Supply Drive" this April, generous supporters donated \$1,500 worth of much-needed supplies for the care of kittens in our foster program.

Unfortunately, bad weather forced the cancellation of the supply drive we had planned at the Sam's Club in Fort Collins.

However, we have another supply drive set at the **Fort Collins Sam's Club** for **10 a.m.-2 p.m. July 9** (4700 E. Boardwalk Dr.). Stop and shop, and help us keep our shelves stocked with cleaning supplies.



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Healthy Pets (continued from Page 1)

unwanted litters being born, fewer animals becoming sick from contagious disease, fewer animals getting lost, and most importantly, fewer animals losing their loving homes.

Through May 1, FCCRSNC already hosted two Healthy Pets Clinics, providing free basic vacci-

nations and supplies to pets in neighborhoods that have a significant population of financially constrained pet owners.

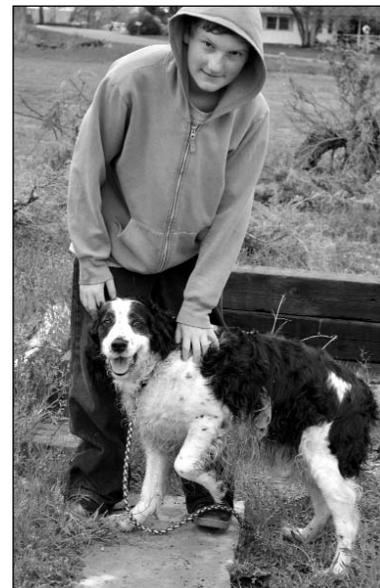
At the Fort Collins event on April 24 we served 112 dogs and cats. In Greeley on May 1, the owners of 190 pets braved the rain and cold to ensure their pets got up to date on their shots.

In the days following each clinic we transported dozens of animals for spay/neuter, helping to prevent further pet over-

population.

We were fortunate to have been awarded a \$5,000 grant from **Banfield Charitable Trust** to cover the cost of vaccines and any additional treatments that the animals may need for fleas, worms or ear mites. Also, **Best Friends Animal Society** has granted \$1,000 toward the spay/neuter of 50 dogs and cats.

FCCRSNC is excited to host more Healthy Pets Clinics in the future as funding allows, and help prevent the needless surrender of beloved pets.



A boy and his dog patiently waited in the freezing drizzle for their turn.

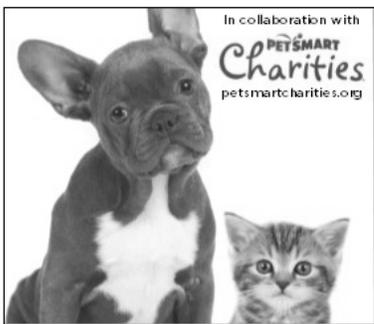
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We need YOU! It's the Saving Pets Challenge

The 3rd annual Saving Pets Challenge online fundraising campaign is just around the corner, and we're planning some fabulous awards for members of our fundraising team!

The month-long Saving Pets Challenge on CrowdRise will **begin on July 5**, and it's all about the power of social networking. Imagine the impact we can have if each of our

supporters became fundraisers and got their friends and family to donate to our cause!

Team members who raise anywhere from \$100 up to \$5,000 will be eligible for some **FCCRSNC swag not available anywhere else**, such as a fleece blanket. We'll be announcing the complete list of incentive prizes soon, and you won't want to miss out on these limited-edition logo items.

During the Challenge, Michelson Found Animals will be awarding \$150,000 in prizes to animal welfare organizations dedicated to expanding life-saving capacity in their communities.

Please consider joining our fundraising team. More details will be announced on our Facebook page and through e-mail. Be sure to sign up for our e-newsletter if you aren't already. Just visit www.FCCRSNC.org

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Smitten With Kittens member Lisa Dobel was a volunteer "kitten handler" at our Whiskers 'n Wags Jubilee in March

Photo: Silver Paw Studio

Foster mom Lisa Dobel is Smitten with Kittens

Lisa Dobel of Windsor, Colo., has been an FCCRSNC Smitten With Kittens Club member since 2012. She first met us as an adopter at our Shelter six years ago. Her involvement has continued to grow as she became a donor and member, then a volunteer!

After she adopted, Lisa says, "Because of my love of cats and FCCRSNC's mission statement, which included a low-cost spay and neuter clinic, I wanted to become a monetary donor.

"As I learned more about the shelter and clinic, and how it was operating, and I watched the incredible services that FCCRSNC provides not just to animals, but to the owners and our community, I needed to give more than just money and wanted to give of my time."

Donors and volunteers like

Lisa are the backbone of our organization and we could not do what we do without every one of them, including you!

Becoming a Smitten with Kittens member and/or a volunteer makes you a special part of the FCCRSNC family and helps to ensure these life-saving services continue to be available to all in our community.

Lisa says, "My [involvement with FCCRSNC] has helped me get back in touch with all the things that, for me, make life worthwhile. Things like hope, joy, friendships, unconditional love and helping cats of course!"

If you aren't already a part of our member/volunteer family, we'd like to invite you to join us.

See the article on Page 2 about our Membership Drive to learn how!



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. 13, 2016

Maki, aka Axel
"He sleeps with us at night, gives cuddles on the couch, loves his belly rubbed, and likes to kick our son's toys around (mostly at night!). Maki is everything we wanted in a cat and more! Thank you!!"

Cheddar, aka Grasshopper

"Adoption success! We adopted Grasshopper. We renamed him Cheddar and we are really enjoying him."



Adopted Dec. 20, 2015



Adopted March 9, 2016

Daniel Tiger, aka Carter

"Daniel Tiger (formerly Carter) is settling in nicely to our household! Thanks for the good work you do!!!"

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(Left) Owners and staff of Poudre Pet & Feed Supply, a Platinum sponsor, got into the spirit of "HepCat Jive" at the complimentary photo booth.

(Above, left) Adopter Lois Janiszewski with her three-legged rescue kitty Minnie. (Above, right) Jake the Therapy Cat was in attendance and dressed to the nines.

Whiskers 'n Wags Jubilee nets record \$86,000

Fort Collins Cat Rescue & Spay/Neuter Clinic's largest annual charity benefit, Whiskers 'n Wags Jubilee, set a new record by netting \$86,000 to help finance the nonprofit's shelter and low-cost spay/neuter clinic.

On March 5 over 300 guests and 70 volunteers attended the "HepCat Jive" themed gala, where a performance by the WiseAcres Jazz Band helped set the 1940s-era mood for the event, held at the Hilton Fort Collins Hotel.

Hank's Pet Food Market owners Teresa DeGuelle and Lisa Sauer were honored with the 2016 Above & Beyond Award, as was long-time volunteer and gala auction coordinator **Leslie Quitmeyer** of Fort Collins.

The 40 Mile Compassion Award was presented to Tim Waters of Fort Collins for a decade of service to community cats. Former Director of Operations **Mary Wolf** was selected by the Board of Directors as the annual champion for the Saving P.A.W.S.

staff recognition award.

Nearly two dozen artists also donated their talents to create the Grand Cat masterpieces, whose sale alone netted over \$3,400 for FCCRSNC.

This event also would not have been as successful as it was without the support of our 43 amazing sponsors, including our presenting sponsor **Petco Foundation**; and platinum sponsors **Poudre Pet & Feed Supply** with **Natural Balance Pet Foods**.

Other major sponsors

included **Advanced Energy; Animal Assistance Foundation; ASPCA; Clicker Learning Institute for Cats & Kittens (CLICK); Julie Piepho of Cornerstone Home Lending; Dye & Whitcomb CPAs; Friendship Hospital for Animals; Austin Korshak Hach Memorial Fund of the Community Foundation of Northern Colorado; Home State Bank; Craig & Niki Kozak; and South Mesa Veterinary Hospital.**

Proud owners of Unit 3!

Unit 10 now ringworm treatment ward

There are lots of exciting changes happening at FCCRSNC's facility.

First, we are officially property owners and have purchased Unit 3, the future home of our spay/neuter clinic. This was made possible thanks to a \$25,000 capital grant from the **American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals**

(ASPCA) for our down payment.

Second, Larimer County has issued our permit to complete the renovations necessary to make Unit 3 the clinic, and our contractor should be able to begin work very soon. Thanks to a fundraiser by **Fromm Family Pet Food** and **Poudre Pet & Feed Supply**, we will also be able to install two new high-efficiency, LED surgical lights.

Third, kitties with the fungal infection ringworm have their own special treatment ward in Unit 10. We are



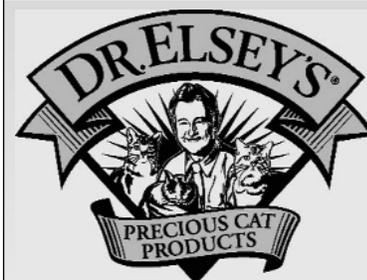
Staff member Kaitlin Spring performs a twice-weekly dipping of a kitten being treated for ringworm.

proud to be the only shelter in the region that treats kitties with ringworm.

All of these improvements wouldn't be possible without your support, including everyone who helped us MATCH the ASPCA's \$25,000 gift, and all who gave on Colorado Gives Day 2015!

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Calendar of Events

May 29	Loveland Vaccine Clinic Cosmic Dog Wash
June 1-30	Precious Not Parents \$20 spay/neuter special
June 4	Walk-In Vaccine Clinic
June 5	10th Birthday Party, No Flea Market & Crazy Cat Lady Pageant
June 7	Foster Volunteer Training
June 9	Vaccines by Appointment
June 10	Fort Collins Foxes Baseball Night
June 11	Running of the Wieners Dachshund Races
June 11	Loveland Vaccine Clinic Hank's Pet Food Market
June 25	Walk-In Vaccine Clinic
July 4	CLOSED for 4th of July
July 9	Sam's Club Fort Collins Supply Drive
July 9-10	Amazing Acro-Cats Rialto Theater
July 10	"Secret Life of Pets" Movie at Carmike Cinema

Bohemian Foundation awards us \$10,000 gift

Thanks to 'Give 10 Emerging Leader' Kelly!

We are so grateful to our longtime supporter Kelly Little for selecting Fort Collins Cat Rescue & Spay/Neuter Clinic to receive the \$10,000 matching gift she earned through the Bohemian Foundation's Give 10 Emerging Leaders program!

Kelly serves as vice president on our Board of Directors and is a regular volunteer on our Kibble Supply distribution days. She is also one of our largest donors and frequently shops our Amazon Wish List.

From Give10.org: "Give 10 Emerging Leaders cultivates the next generation of Larimer County philanthropists through a 3-year commitment to incrementally 'grow' their charitable giving into an annual \$10,000 gift. Donors who participate in Give 10 Emerging Leaders are offered an exclusive one-time



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Kitties with ringworm get fighting chance with treatment.
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