



THE Cat's MEOOW

FCCRSNC adding 1,300 sq. ft.!

If you've ever visited Fort Collins Cat Rescue & Spay/Neuter Clinic, you know we've been saving a lot of lives and performing a lot of surgeries in a very limited amount of space.

We're excited to announce that we'll be adding another 1,300 square feet for our mission, as FCCRSNC is **expanding into Unit 3** at our current location!

We're still determining what the best and most efficient use of the space will be and have plans to repurpose some of the other units in our facility.

The added space is going to allow us to create a foster office and a staging area for dropoff and pickup of cats and kittens for our foster program. This would mean less exposure to disease for kittens awaiting foster or surgery, improved communication between foster volunteers and our foster coordinator, and less congestion and traffic in the Shelter.

Through repurposing, the expansion

will also soon increase the amount of space used for our veterinary clinic by 50 percent! This will allow us to perform more spay/neuter and other medical procedures on cats and dogs in our community.

Regardless of which specific program expands into Unit 3, the space is first in need of several improvements, including a new floor and additional walls and doors.

For this reason, we've set a **goal of raising \$20,000 on Colorado Gives Day** to help fund not only this construction, but additional **Shelter upgrades** that will increase efficiency and ultimately save more cats' lives!

One such upgrade is a switch to fiber Internet, allowing for a networked VoIP phone system and more reliable and faster Internet service.

Several new banks of cages are needed for the addition of the foster office, and to increase the number of cats that can be comfortably housed in the Isolation ward.



Hundreds of kittens, like this 4-week-old boy from LaSalle, Colo., will benefit from a more efficient space to manage the foster program.

A donation to Fort Collins Cat Rescue & Spay/Neuter Clinic on **Dec. 8** through **NoCoGives.org** will go directly toward helping us make these important upgrades.

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Volunteer adoption counselors, like Jessica, fill key roles at mobile adoptions, now being held every weekend at PetSmart Fort Collins.

PetSmart grant to improve mobile, off-site adoptions

Thanks to a \$44,000 grant from PetSmart Charities, Fort



Collins Cat Rescue & Spay/Neuter Clinic will be able to make several improvements to its mobile and off-site adoptions program over the next year, all with the goal of adopting even more kitties into loving new homes!

There are four components being funded for the project:

staffing, equipment, marketing and technology.

(1) Our Mobile and Off-Site Adoptions Coordinator, Lia Swanson, will now be able to devote 40 hours per week to managing the program. Additionally we will have a Shelter staff member working at the PetSmart Adoptions Center until 8 p.m. on Thursdays, Fridays and

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Online Scheduling!

www.FCCRSNC.org

Pet owners can now make appointments for our Clinic online!

Are We There Yet?

THE COUNT

Adoptions
9,794

Spays/Neuters
37,338

CO Gives Day (continued from Page 1)

Colorado Gives Day is Colorado's largest one-day online giving event, presented by Community First Foundation, FirstBank, and Community Foundation of Northern Colorado. FCCRSNC raised \$13,435 in 2014, and with your support, we know we can reach \$20,000 this year!

Colorado Gives Day will take place during a 24-hour period on Tuesday, Dec. 8. However, you can go online *anytime* before then and schedule your donation for that day! Just visit the secure website

NoCoGives.org, search for Fort Collins Cat Rescue & Spay/Neuter Clinic, and

donate to support our Shelter upgrades! For the first time ever, Colorado Gives Day features a **\$1 Million Incentive Fund**, one of the largest gives-day incentive funds in the country. This means every nonprofit receiving a donation on Colorado Gives Day receives a portion of the Incentive Fund.

Construction Materials & Labor Needed

In-kind donations of building materials and skilled labor would be greatly appreciated to help us complete the work needed in Unit 3.

Please contact Executive Director Sarah Swanty if you can help:
Sarah@fccrsnc.org

For example, if we receive 10 percent of the total donations made on Colorado Gives Day, we will receive 10 percent of the \$1 Million Incentive Fund. Your gift to us on Colorado Gives Day increases the value of

every dollar you donate!

It's important to schedule your gift



Photo: Alyca Norris

Veterinary Technician Sara restrains a dog during its preparation for surgery in our clinic.

for Dec. 8 because **only donations made on that date** will be increased by the \$1 million Incentive Fund.

Donate \$25 or more for CO Gives Day & receive an "I ♥ FCCRSNC" Tote Bag!



Support us on Colorado Gives Day!
December 8
NoCoGives.org

Grants Awarded to FCCRSNC in 2015

PETSMART Charities

4 spay/neuter campaigns for 2016:

- \$4,700** Happy Neuter Year (Jan.)
- \$10,000** Beat the Heat (Feb.)
- \$10,400** Precious Not Parents (June)
- \$6,000** Cherish Chihuahuas (Aug.)

PetSmart Charities:

- \$44,000** Mobile & Off-Site Adoptions
- \$35,780** Loveland Free-Roaming Cats

Anonymous Foundation

- \$10,000** Shelter medical & PAL+

Colorado Pet Overpopulation Fund:

- \$8,000** Shelter cat spay/neuter
- \$2,500** PAL+ (Prevent A Litter)

Animal Assistance Foundation & LoveAnimals.org

- \$10,000** Shelter & adoptions

Banfield Charitable Trust:

- \$10,000** PAL+ (Prevent A Litter)

Anschutz Family Foundation:

- \$5,000** PAL+ & Kibble Supply

Bissell Pet Foundation:

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♥ Planned Giving = A Legacy ♥

Including FCCRSNC in your long-term charitable planning is a powerful statement of your support. Designating us as a beneficiary in your trust or will costs nothing during your lifetime, can easily be revoked, and can allow you to give more than you may normally be able. Your gift allows FCCRSNC to continue to help homeless animals for years to come, creating a lasting legacy of hope and health. To discuss planned giving, please contact our Development Manager Joyce Dickens at **(970) 658-1226** or Joyce@fccrsnc.org

Overpopulation is the pits!

'Pit Fix' partnership offers spay/neuter for pit bulls for only \$20 in December



This December, Fort Collins Cat Rescue & Spay/Neuter Clinic is partnering with Larimer Humane Society to provide **\$20 spay/neuter for up to 58 pit bulls** and pit bull mix dogs during their "Pit Fix."

American Pit Bull Terriers are one of the most popular dogs in the country. Yet an estimated 70 percent of all dogs housed and euthanized in urban animal shelters are pit bull terrier-type dogs.

Sadly, myths and misunderstandings contribute to



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high shelter intake and low adoption rates of pit bull dogs of all ages.

To help reduce the overpopulation of pitties in shelters, two of Fort Collins' largest animal rescues are joining forces for their December "Pit Fix" spay/neuter promotion.

FCCRSNC plans to alter 58 pit bull terriers and pit bull terrier mixes for the special price of only \$20. This special rate is available only during December, and space is limited so book early!

Pit bull parents who wish to take advantage of this special can now schedule online through www.FCCRSNC.org (please type PIT FIX in the comments), or call the clinic at (970) 484-1861.



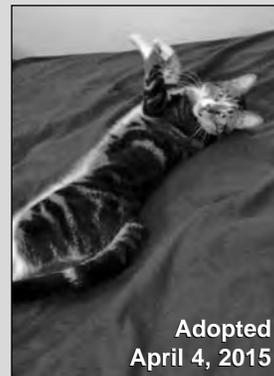
Many of our adopters share photos of the kitty members of their family on our Facebook page.

These are just a few of those stories ...



Balin, aka Everest

"We adopted Balin (he was Everest) back in April from you, and we thought you would like to know he is doing fantastic. He is a wonderful, playful and vocal cat, and we love him very much!"



Adopted April 4, 2015



Adopted Nov. 6, 2015

Vidar

"He has broken out of his shell SO much! He's the best cat ever and doesn't mind my dogs AT ALL. Thank you for rescuing cats and giving them a second chance!"

Han Solo

"Thank you so much for allowing us to bring home Han Solo today. My boyfriend and I couldn't be happier to adopt this little one and make him a part of our family!"



Adopted July 11, 2015

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2016 'My Calendar Cat' in 6 local stores, on Etsy



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Also available at the Shelter

Our 2016 "My Calendar Cat" has arrived, and it's full of dozens of kitty photos from our amazing supporters.

Kitty lovers nationwide will now be able to purchase our 2016 calendar online through Etsy.com/shop/FCCRSNC – there are a limited number available. Those who already pre-ordered should have been notified by now and can pick theirs up at the shelter.

Our 2016 calendar will again be available for purchase at Poudre Pet & Feed Supply, which now has SIX locations! Four in Fort Collins (North College & Vine, Lemay & Drake, West Drake & Taft Hill, and South College past Harmony); one in Loveland (2400 N. Lincoln Ave.); and now one in Windsor, too (516 Main St.).

This year's calendar was generously sponsored by both *Poudre Pet & Feed Supply* and *Natural Balance Pet Foods* and contains coupons with savings valued at much more than the calendar's \$20 purchase price, like \$5 off any size bag of Natural Balance pet food!

So treat yourself, or your friends and family, to a year full of kitty photos and coupons – they make excellent holiday gifts. **Get one before they're gone – available NOW!**

Graphic design services for calendar donated by:

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Nominate a hero for animals today!

FCCRSNC's 40 Mile Compassion Award honors an individual for "going the distance" with an act of compassion that made a difference in the life of one or more companion animals in Northern Colorado; someone who has been a Good Samaritan for cats, dogs or other companion animals by providing help in an animal's time of need. The deadline for submitting a nomination is **Feb. 14**. Anyone who has not previously won the award is eligible for consideration. The 2015 honoree will be invited to our Whiskers 'n Wags Jubilee on March 5 to be presented with the award.

www.fccrsnc.org/40Mile_Compassion_Award.php



Two employees of All Phase Restoration rescued 5 kittens under a porch in Windsor.



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December 8

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PetSmart (continued from Page 1)

Saturdays to facilitate adoptions (beginning in December).

(2) We'll be able to purchase seven new, portable wire cages, allowing us to increase the number of cats and kittens on display at mobile adoptions. More kitties to choose from means potential adopters have a better chance of finding the purrfect fit for their family.

(3) \$10,000 in funding specifically for marketing will enable us to purchase radio and Facebook advertising and a billboard at Harmony & College, all with the goal of spreading the word that adoptable kitties are conveniently available seven days a week, including evenings, at the Fort Collins PetSmart.

(4) The last but greatest improvement will be the addition of portable technology that can be used not only at PetSmart but at ALL of our off-site adoption

events. The grant is generously funding the purchase of two tablets, two wireless keyboards and portable printers, a pair of mobile WiFi "hot spots," and remote payment devices.

The technology component will greatly streamline the mobile adoptions process and save time and resources. Previously we never had Internet access or printing capability at off-site events. We're excited that we'll now be able to print medical records and contracts on site; search our database of adoptable cats and kittens; review online Adoption Questionnaires; and easily and securely accept credit card payments.

FCCRSNC is eager to "hit the ground running" and officially launches the entire project at **PetSmart (4432 S. College Ave. in Fort Collins)** on the first Thursday in December!



Photo: Cindy Schneider

Kitten Eloise found her new family at a PetSmart mobile adoptions event on Oct. 25.

Mobile Adoptions Calendar:
www.fccrsnc.org/Events_Calendar.php

Holiday Party & Kibble Drive

1-4 p.m. Dec. 5
 VCA Fort Collins
 Animal Hospital
 4900 S. College Ave.

Bring a gift of pet food for the Kibble Supply and receive a prize drawing entry!



There will be refreshments, teddy bear surgery (bring your "injured" bears), hospital tours, Loveland Police K9 demo!

Cat Caravan Adoption Fair

10 a.m.-3 p.m. Dec. 19
 Classroom at The Farm,
 Lee Martinez Park
 600 N. Sherwood St.

\$99 Kittens & "Name Your Price" for Adult Cats



We're bringing the kitties to The Farm, and they'll all be ready to Bring Joy to Your World. Give a homeless kitty a new family for the new year!

Loveland Vaccine Clinics

9 a.m.-2 p.m. Dec. 19
 Hank's Pet Food Market
 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Dec. 20
 Cosmic Dog dog wash

We've added a second location for vaccines in Loveland!



In addition to our walk-in clinic at Hank's, we'll also be at 116 W. 4th St. at Cosmic Dog dog wash in December! It's roomy and there's nearly no wait!

Upcoming Events

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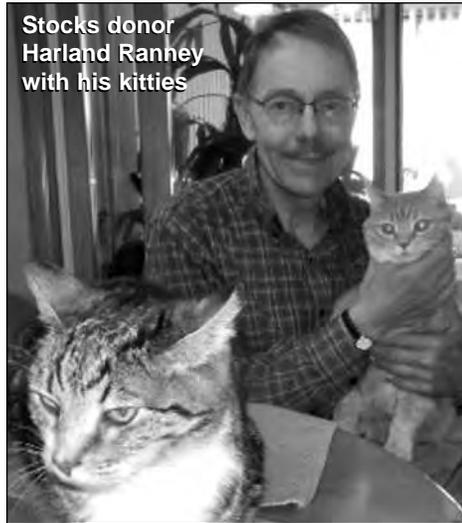
Stocks & Bonds can be purrfect way to donate!

Did you know that FCCRSNC accepts gifts of stocks, bonds and mutual fund shares? This can be an advantageous way to give for both the nonprofit and the donor.

According to Van Guard Mutual Funds, "Donating appreciated securities you've owned for more than one year to a qualifying charity has a couple of tax benefits. You can take a full tax deduction for the market value of the investment, such as stocks, bonds, or mutual fund shares that have appreciated, and avoid taxes on the appreciated value."

The Van Guard website offers the following example: You paid \$300 several years ago for some stock, and it's appreciated to \$1,000. Since you're in the 28% tax bracket, your direct tax savings would be \$280 (\$1,000 x 28%). Plus, you avoid the capital gains tax that you'd otherwise have paid on the investment, saving an additional \$105. (15% capital gains tax rate x the \$700 gain). If you are in a higher tax bracket, the savings increases.

Fort Collins Cat Rescue & Spay/Neuter Clinic donor **Harland Ranney** of Fort Collins chooses to give



Stocks donor Harland Ranney with his kitties

via stock because, he says, "The beauty of giving through this IRS-permitted way of donating to a nonprofit is that one can give more generously because 'Uncle Sam' is helping out, you don't need to write out a check, and the process isn't overly complicated.

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"Most importantly, you are helping a very worthwhile organization helping sweet kitties," Ranney says. "I choose to support FCCRSNC because I love cats and admire the good work and goals of the Cat Rescue."

For more information or to arrange a donation of stocks or mutual funds, please contact your stock or mutual fund manager or FCCRSNC Development Manager Joyce Dickens. Joyce@fccrsnc.org / (970) 568-1226

Calendar of Events

Nov 26	CLOSED Thanksgiving
Nov 29	Loveland Vaccine Clinic <i>Cosmic Dog Wash</i>
December	The Pit Fix, \$20 pit bull spay/neuter special
December	Bring Joy to Your World Adoption Special
Dec 3	Vaccines by Appointment
Dec 5	VCA Fort Collins Holiday Open House & Kibble Drive
Dec 5	Pop-Up Kitten Cafe at <i>Waxing the City</i>
Dec 10	Foster Training, 6 p.m.
Dec 12	Walk-In Vaccine Clinic
Dec 14	Volunteer Orientation Timberline Church, 5:30 p.m.
Dec 17	Vaccines by Appointment
Dec 19	Cat Caravan Adoption Fair, The Farm at Lee Martinez Park
Dec 19	Loveland Vaccine Clinic <i>Hank's Pet Food Market</i>
Dec 20	Loveland Vaccine Clinic <i>Cosmic Dog Wash</i>
Dec 25	CLOSED Christmas
Jan 1	CLOSED New Year's Day
Feb. 23	World Spay Day



Endowment honors volunteer Jane Seik

As Fort Collins Cat Rescue & Spay/Neuter Clinic grows, we take steps to secure our organization financially with the expectation that our services will be needed for a long time to come.

To this end, we are working toward opening an endowment fund with the **Community Foundation of Northern Colorado**, in honor of one of our first volunteers, Jane Seik.

To honor Jane's memory and further stabilize our organization, it is our goal to raise **\$10,000** in 2015, the minimum necessary to open the endowment. We are **only \$4,857** away from reaching this goal!



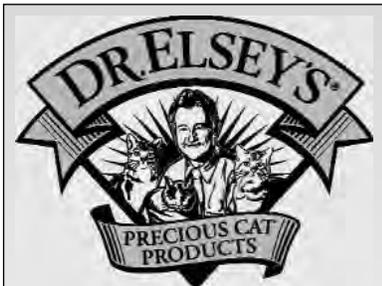
Jane Ellen Seik
10/31/37 ~ 3/22/13

The money earned through the Jane Seik Memorial Endowment will help us continue providing shelter and adoption for over 2,000 homeless cats and kittens each year.

Jane was a critical part of FCCRSNC's success from the very beginning and was an extremely active volunteer for over six years, until succumbing to cancer in March of 2013. She was presented with the our Above & Beyond Award in 2012, and her strength, wisdom, dedication, and love for the

kitties will always be an inspiration.

Help us open an endowment in Jane's honor by donating online: www.FCCRSNC.org



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SAVE THE DATE for 'HepCat Jive' on March 5

Fort Collins Cat Rescue & Spay/Neuter Clinic has a swingin' good time in store for guests at our 9th annual Whiskers 'n Wags Jubilee, set for Saturday, **March 5, 2016**. Our "HepCat Jive" is sure to be a jazzy, jumpin' night full of delight at the **Hilton Fort Collins** (425 W. Prospect Road).

Enjoy listening to the stylings of the 15-piece **WiseAcres Jazz Band** while shopping the silent auction. Then indulge in a gourmet plated meal before bidding on several exciting live auction packages.

Our photo booth this year is being professionally hosted by Silver Paw Studio, and the Grand Cats art pieces



will be returning to their rightful place in the ballroom.

This full night of 1940s-era festivities will be only \$75 per person, with

tables of 8 available for \$560. Registration will open in late January.

But there are several ways you can contribute before the event:

◆ Did you know that all of our auction items are donated? If you would like to donate an item for the event, especially a condo stay or trip, we would gratefully accept such a gift!

◆ We also have a special opportunity for you to promote your business or honor a loved one or pet by sponsoring. You'll receive a number of benefits from sponsoring while at the same time helping FCCRSNC.

For more information e-mail:

Joyce@fcrsnc.org

Hair-raising Bowloween raises \$2,500 at Chipper's

Our first Alley Cats Bowloween fundraiser (a melding of our former Meowloween and Alley Cats Bowling Night events) was held at Chipper's Lanes North on Oct. 25.

This event netted over \$2,500 for the kitties and featured bowling, drawings, a silent auction, pin knockdown challenge, and best of all, a costume contest!

Dozens of local businesses donated to the drawing and silent auction. Food was provided

ed by Pulcinella Pizzeria; Laporte Pizza; Domino's Pizza; The Garlic Knot; Obee's Soup, Salad & Subs; Mary's Mountain Cookies; and King Soopers.

Lane sponsors received publicity benefits as well as entry for a team of 6. Sponsors included: Poudre Pet & Feed Supply; Six Dog T-Shirt Co.; Holly Biggs of Blue Tree Real Estate; Jax Mercantile; All Figured Out Financial Services; and Swanty Insurance Agency.

Thanks to all who attended!



Photos: Compelling Images Photography

(Above) Winners for Best Cat Costume were the "Mad Max: Furry Road" duo – our Volunteer Manager Hilary Allen and husband, Joe.



(Right) Bowlers hit the lanes in costume.

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*December
"Pit Fix"
promotion,
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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 Kitten Kit for the Foster Program
- \$250 Help Replace Important Clinic Medical Equipment
- \$300 SAVE A LIFE! Provide 100% of Care for One Homeless Kitty

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