



THE Cat's MEOOW

Our promise to Chirp fulfilled

ALL cats can have faith in our 'adoption guarantee'

You may recognize the one-eyed kitty in the photo at right, Chirp, because he has been featured for adoption before, has been a member of our Special Kneads Club, has had a Silver Linings sponsor, and now – after nearly TWO YEARS with us – he has been ADOPTED!

This 10-year-old boy was abandoned with two other cats at a home on Summit View Drive in Fort Collins in the fall of 2014. Their owner dumped them outdoors when evicted and moved out of state, leaving Chirp, Hoot and Bagheera behind, outdoors, to fend for themselves.

A disabled neighbor contacted Fort Collins Cat Rescue & Spay/Neuter Clinic during sub-zero temperatures in November 2014, fearing for the cats' lives. Our Community Cat Manager visited the property that night in the freezing cold and was able to get two, Hoot and

Chirp, into a carrier and to safety. Bagheera was too scared, so we set a trap for him for the neighbor to monitor, and he was caught soon after and taken into our shelter.

Poor Chirp had a ruptured eye and fractured and missing teeth – he had obviously been neglected even prior to being abandoned. We removed the bad eye and extracted several teeth during a dental. But those weren't Chirp's only problems, as we came to discover.

The reason it took two long years for Chirp to be chosen for adoption was threefold: he had chronic kidney disease and was in early renal failure; he tested FIV-positive; and he had a heart murmur.

As an adoption-guarantee shelter, FCCRSNC never gave up hope that Chirp would one day win the heart of a special adopter willing to invest in his special



Photo: Silver Paw Studio/Monique Rodriguez

We never gave up on abandoned senior boy Chirp, rescued two years ago on a freezing November night in Fort Collins.

prescription diet and vet care.

After being in foster from January 2015 until October 2016, Chirp went

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FCCRSNC staff member Katie helps a shelter kitten wake up from surgery in the recovery area of our newly renovated veterinary clinic.

New Clinic in Unit 3 started saving lives on first day open

After many months of hard labor by dozens of dedicated individuals, and through the ups and downs inherent in construction and renovation, our new clinic is now OPEN!

We relocated from units 8 and 9 to unit 3 in a span of just two days, Oct. 9-10. We performed the first surgeries Oct. 11 on our shelter kitties without any problems at all, and then on Oct. 12 we opened to the public for client-owned

pets! It was on this first public day that we saved the life of a Chihuahua with a severe uterine infection, known as a pyometra.

Tinkerbelle, a 4-year-old Chihuahua, had fallen ill and had been taken to her vet by her loving owner, a single mom with several children. It was there that the woman was told of Tinkerbelle's infection and the cost to provide the

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Are We There Yet?

THE COUNT

Adoptions
11,956

Spays/Neuters
43,399

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home with his new family on Oct. 4.

So what does our being an “adoption-guarantee shelter” mean? It means we guarantee that every kitty we rescue will be put up for adoption or will stay with us until they find their forever home. We use humane euthanasia only as a last resort for critically ill or suffering cats and do not euthanize animals to free up shelter space.

Fort Collins Cat Rescue & Spay/Neuter Clinic is 100% committed to every cat that comes to our shelter, and we do our best to make sure he or she goes to the perfect home. And, if for any reason an adopter cannot keep the kitty they adopted from us, we will *always* take it back. That is our promise.

On **Colorado Gives Day this year, Tuesday, Dec. 6**, we ask that you remember us and make a donation to support our efforts to make every pet a healthy and wanted pet – not only cats like

Chirp, but also the dogs and cats that depend on our Kibble Supply and PAL+ programs and that benefit from low-cost spay/neuter and vaccinations in our clinic.

COLORADO GIVES DAY ~ Dec. 6

Through your generous support on Colorado Gives Day, and all year long, we make great strides in our mission to prevent pet homelessness. We are honored to have been part of helping **decrease euthanasia in Larimer County by 84% since 2006.**

You can help us continue providing the services that have saved thousands of lives over the past 10 years by donating to Fort Collins Cat Rescue &

Spay/Neuter Clinic on Colorado Gives Day, Tuesday, Dec. 6.

Colorado’s largest one-day online giving event, Colorado Gives Day is presented by Community First Foundation and FirstBank.

FCCRSNC raised \$27,839 in 2015, and with your support, we know we can reach our **\$32,000 goal this year!**

You can go online anytime before Dec. 6 and schedule your donation for that day! Just visit the secure website **ColoradoGives.org**, search for Fort Collins Cat Rescue & Spay/Neuter Clinic, and donate!

Colorado Gives Day features a \$1 Million Incentive Fund, one of the largest gives-day incentive funds in the country. Every nonprofit receiving a donation for Colorado Gives Day receives a portion of the Incentive Fund, which increases the value of every dollar you donate! It’s important to schedule your gift for Dec. 6 because only donations made on that date will be increased by the \$1 million Incentive Fund.

It’s 24 hours to “Give Where You Live” and to support the promise FCCRSNC makes to every cat that enters our doors, like beautiful Chirp and his friends Hoot and Bagheera.



Chirp, by Silver Paw Studio/Monique Rodriguez

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'Pit Fix' partnership offers pit bulls \$20 spay/neuter



This December, Fort Collins Cat Rescue & Spay/Neuter Clinic is partnering with Larimer Humane Society to provide **\$20 spay/neuter for up to 50 pit bulls** and pit bull mix dogs during the "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 high shelter intake and low adoption rates of pit bull dogs of all ages.

To help reduce the overpopulation of pitties in shel-

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ters, two of Fort Collins' largest animal rescues are joining forces for the December "Pit Fix" spay/neuter promotion.

FCCRSNC plans to alter 50 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 schedule by calling the clinic at **(970) 484-1861**.

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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 ...

Zipper

"Zipper is doing very well! She is becoming more social and loves to give kisses (in her case drool, haha)."

Adopted Aug. 12, 2016

Rey, aka Tiny, & Leia

"They are purr-y and feisty bundles of love and growing by the minute. My son and I are so happy to have them as part of our family. Thank you for all you do!"

Adopted April 8, 2016

Mavis & Hazel, aka Jessie & Abby

"They are such playful rascals! Super curious and cuddly and CUTE!! We are a happy family and I am so, so thrilled I decided to take them both home. They love each other so much, and I can't imagine having one without the other! Thank you for everything you do!"

Adopted July 23, 2016

Adopted July 18, 2016

Adopted July 14, 2016

Crepe

"My FCCRSNC adoption kitty! I first saw her at an event and fell in love. I love this organization!"

Tiger, aka Easton

"Tiger is a purrrfect addition to our family. We love him!"

Thanks & Giving



for Cats in Need

Photo: Silver Paw Studio/Monique Rodriguez

It's Thanksgiving, and our shelter cats give thanks to all of the donors, supporters and volunteers who have made their second chances possible. Our Smitten With Kittens members provide Fort Collins Cat Rescue & Spay/Neuter Clinic with a greater sense of security that we will be able to save many more lives far into the future.

This November, we have a goal of adding 10 new Smitten With Kittens members for our 10th year! Gifts can recur monthly or be made once a year, and there are several benefits to membership beyond all the warm fuzzies.

Memberships start at just \$5 a month, so for the cost of single latté, you can help dozens of homeless kitties all year long.

Already a member? Invite a friend to join you!

Become a Member!

www.FCCRSNC.org

Find details under the "Donate" tab on our website.



Leave a Legacy. Plan Ahead.

Designating FCCRSNC 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 us to continue to help homeless animals for years to come, creating a lasting legacy of hope and health. To discuss planned giving, please contact Jane Barber at (970) 658-1226.



2017 Cat Calendar in six local stores

And also available at the Shelter

The 2017 FCCRSNC Cat Calendar has arrived, and it's full of dozens of kitty photos from amazing supporters like you!

You may purchase our 2017 calendar at any *Poudre Pet & Feed Supply* store, and there are 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 one in Windsor, too (516 Main St.).

Those who already pre-ordered should have been notified by now and can pick theirs up at the FCCRSNC Shelter.

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!

If you don't live nearby but still want your very own cat calendar, they are available for online purchase and shipping nationwide by ordering through Etsy.com/shop/FCCRSNC.

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!**



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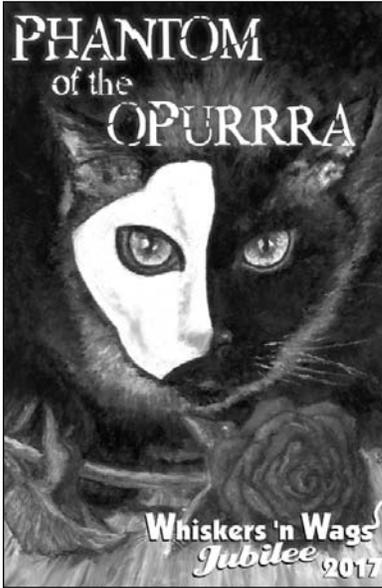
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SAVE THE DATE: Whiskers 'n Wags Jubilee 3/25



Do not curse the day you did not do all that the Phantom asked of you. The Phantom requests your presence at Fort Collins Cat Rescue & Spay/Neuter Clinic's 10th annual Whiskers 'n Wags Jubilee, set for Saturday, **March 25, 2017**. Our "Phantom of the Opurra" themed gala is sure to enchant guests at the **Hilton Fort Collins** (425 W. Prospect Road).

Shop the silent auction and participate in the photo booth, which is again being hosted by Silver Paw Studio. Then indulge in a gourmet plated meal before playing Heads or Tails and bidding on several exciting live auction packages and the Grand Cats art pieces.

This full night of festivities will be \$75 per person, with tables of 10 available for

\$700. Registration will open in early 2017.

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 to 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:

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Get the scoop online at www.FCCRSNC.org



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spay surgery – a surgery that in Tinkerbell's case would truly be life-saving.

Tinkerbell's mom did not have the funds to pay for the surgery, so the vet sent her to Fort Collins Cat Rescue & Spay/Neuter Clinic. The owner was so desperate to save Tinkerbell's life that she offered her van to FCCRSNC as collateral. We did not take the van, but instead the cost of the surgery was covered with funds from our Prevent A Litter Plus (PAL+) program – minus \$150 that the woman's son contributed after selling his Xbox Gaming System to help save Tinkerbell!

This is just the first of many more beloved pets whose lives will be saved, and whose struggling families will be spared having to make a heartbreaking choice. And it's all thanks to the donors, volunteers and supporters who make it possible for our clinic and shelter to continue serving the pets and people of our community.

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(Above) Staff veterinarian Dr. Gloria Matsushita performs a kitten spay in the new surgery suite of unit 3.

(Left) Tinkerbell the Chihuahua recovers in our clinic after an emergency spay surgery to save her from a severe uterine infection.

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Many businesses match their employees' giving

Smitten With Kittens member and volunteer Lynn-Marie Cecere is just one of many supporters who doubles her monthly contributions to Fort Collins Cat Rescue & Spay/Neuter Clinic by taking advantage of her employer's matching gift program.

Lynn-Marie joined Smitten With Kittens in 2014 to help support FCCRSNC financially, and soon after, she realized her employer could help increase her giving

impact.

"I was thrilled to learn that my employer, Hewlett Packard Enterprise, offers both payroll deduction and matching funds to benefit the non-profits for which its employees volunteer," Lynn-Marie said. "It is my honor to help in any and every way I can."

Lynn-Marie says Hewlett Packard Enterprise (HPE) has recently stepped up its giving program. In addition to matching employees' monetary contributions up to \$1,200 a year, the company also encourages and rewards employees for volunteering.

While funds are available, an HPE employee's charity of choice can receive \$5 per hour that the employee volunteers with the organization, and \$10 per hour for time volunteered as a board member.

Lynn-Marie volunteered at all four of our Healthy Pets Clinic events this spring and submitted her hours to HPE for a donation to FCCRSNC!



Volunteer and HPE employee Lynn-Marie with kitty Joxer

"I love being able to help in a way that has such a profound impact on the health and wellness of the pets in our extended community," she said.

Matching gift programs are a win-win-win for everyone involved – employees take pride in increasing support for their chosen cause, companies garner tax benefits while being able to provide a valuable benefit for employees, and FCCRSNC gains much-needed support for its life-saving programs and services.

While matching gift pro-

grams vary from employer to employer, it is usually fairly simple for employees to sign up. Most of these programs match contributions dollar for dollar, and some will even double or triple the amount of an employee's gift!

Find out today whether you could be doubling your impact for Fort Collins Cat Rescue & Spay/Neuter Clinic like Lynn-Marie by asking your employer whether it matches employee giving. It may even donate for your volunteer time, too!

Companies that Match!

Does your employer offer a matching gift program? If so, please let us know so we can add it to our list of companies who do:

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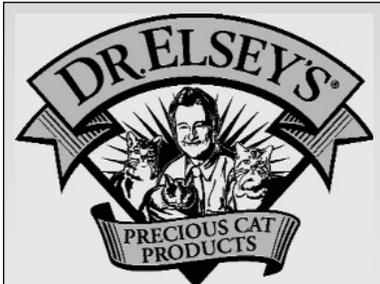
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- *ASPCA:*
\$25,000 Clinic down payment
- *Bohemian Foundation:*
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- *Michelson Found Animals Foundation:*
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- *El Pomar Fdn./Freda Hambrick Fund:*
\$5,000 Shelter cat medical
- *Schneider Electric/Square D Foundation:*
\$5,000 Clinic renovation
- *Community Fdn. of Northern Colorado*
\$2,000 Donor engagement award
- *National Anti-Vivisection Society:*
\$2,000 Shelter cat medical & dental
- *Alice Jenkins Foundation:*
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- *Best Friends Animal Society:*
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- *Red Rover Pet Food Assistance:*
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Calendar of Upcoming Events

November 24	CLOSED Thanksgiving
November 25-28	Zappos Adoption Special
November 26	Walk-In Vaccine Clinic
December	The Pit Fix, \$20 pit bull spay/neuter special
December 3	Loveland Vaccine Clinic, Hank's Pet Food Market
December 6	Colorado Gives Day
December 15	Vaccines by Appointment
December 17	Walk-In Vaccine Clinic
December 18	Cat Caravan Adoption Fair, The Farm at Lee Martinez Park
December 18	Loveland Vaccine Clinic, Cosmic Dog Wash
December 25	CLOSED Christmas
January 1	CLOSED New Year's Day

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"Pit Fix"
promotion,
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