FORT COLLINS CAT RESCUE

ANNUAL REPORT 2009

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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTORS

Moving into our third year of serving northern Colorado and southern Wyoming, 2009 was a banner year for adoptions, spays and neuters and many happy new kitty owners! Through the hard work of volunteers, staff, and the incredible support of donors and businesses, FCCR has saved over 2,300 cats and spayed/neutered nearly 11,000 dogs and cats since its inception.

In this report you’ll see our shelter’s and clinic’s accomplishments for 2009. This year was challenging due to the economic downturn’s impact on donations and an increased number of people relinquishing their pets. The good news is that many of these cats found new homes through FCCR, and our finances came out in positive territory as in years past, thanks in large part to our very generous community members.

We still have a long way to go as a society to fully address pet over-population and to find “forever homes” for all homeless pets, but we are on the right path. With education and active intervention and the backing of our supporters, FCCR will continue on its mission to make every pet a wanted pet.

Sarah Swanty, Director  Anna Neubauer, Director
Fort Collins Cat Rescue  Fort Collins Spay/Neuter Clinic
PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

SHELTER:
- Now open seven days a week due to demand. Hired full-time receptionist to handle increased work load.
- Worked cooperatively with Northern Colorado Friends of Ferals to make an impact on feral cat overpopulation. Took in many feral kittens from this organization and successfully socialized and adopted them out.
- Hired full-time shelter veterinarian and CSU alumnus Gloria Matsushita, thereby decreasing outside veterinary costs and providing more extensive medical care to our shelter and foster cats and kittens.

CLINIC:
- Initiated bi-monthly low-cost vaccine clinics. Most clinics were fully booked showing great demand for this service.
- A fire at the clinic in July shut down operations for a short time but through staff and volunteer dedication and community donations, the clinic was up and running within seven days.
- The P.A.L. ("Prevent A Litter") program, which helps low-income pet owners with free or very reduced-cost spays/neuters for their pets, completed its first full year with funding provided by grants and public donations.
- For the second year in a row, the clinic was recipient of the "Golden Scissors Award" for most spays/neuters performed in Larimer Humane Society’s Spay/Neuter Incentive Program.

IN THE COMMUNITY:
- Held sixteen outreach events to educate the community on FCCR and pet overpopulation.
- “Readers to the Rescue”: Through our local public library youngsters would donate money for each book read during the summer, earning $3,000 for FCCR. Jake our shelter mascot would visit the library to encourage children to read and received lots of pets in the process.
- Foster homes housed and cared for 642 kittens and adult cats.
- Over 160 active volunteers gave generously of their time, with 116 people having attended volunteer orientation.

FUNDRAISING & FINANCIALS:
- Annual gala fundraiser Chat Amour Deux cleared over $26,000 with 278 guests in attendance.
- Received $5,000 sponsorship from the PETCO Foundation in ’09 for Chat Amour III.
- Operating budget reached $485,172 with 3.4 percent devoted to fundraising, 1.4 percent to administration, and 95.2 percent for direct care at the shelter and clinic. Donor dollars are put to good use!
- Introduced Adopt-A-Cage program which supports care for cats at the shelter.
- Held our first annual Meowloween fundraising party.
- Received grants from Animal Assistance Foundation, Larimer County Veterinary Medical Association and Sam’s Club Foundation.
- Received nearly $110,000 in donations from direct public support, indicating how important our shelter and clinic missions are to northern Colorado and southern Wyoming residents and businesses.
**Program Statistics**

### Shelter

**Intakes**
- Strays: 359
- Owner Surrenders: 517
- Transfers from in state: 18
- Transfers from out of state: 23

**Cats in care at start of ’09:** 61

**Total:** 978

### Outcomes

**Adoptions:** 854
**Returned to Owner:** 2
**Died or euthanized due to illness:** 29

**Total:** 885

### Clinic

**Surgeries**
- Dogs spayed/neutered: 1,719
- Cats spayed/neutered: 2,372

**Total:** 4,091

Animals helped with P.A.L. Program: 137

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**Thanks to our Generous Donors:**

A BIG “thank you” to the numerous donors who make our work possible. Below we highlight grantors, major sponsors of fundraisers and our Shelter Advocates:

- Allura Skin & Laser Clinic  
- Andelt’s Pet Grooming  
- Animal Assistance Foundation  
- Anonymous: “In Memory of Larry”  
- Aspen Grove Veterinary Care  
- Austin Korshak Hach Memorial Fund  
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