



CAT CARE
DURANGO

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CAT-TASTIC MONTHLY NEWS



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MISSION STATEMENT:

To protect the welfare and dignity of all cats in every stage of their life through trap, neuter/spay, return programs, proper medical care-both physically and mentally, and adoptions, foster, and sanctuary programs for our wild and peaceful feline friends.

A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR...



**PADGIE KIMMICK
WITH HONEY BEAR**

This month we are focusing on a handful



CLOSED THANKSGIVING DAY

...we are thankful for you!



of cats currently residing at the sanctuary, that are now ready and in need of their forever, permanent home. They are all adult cats that have had a bit of a rough start at life yet are now thriving at the cattery! They deserve their own home where they are able to re-adjust to living their best life and just be a cat.

Due to no fault of their own, the situations they previously came from have caused them fear and anxiety. We have taken the time to de-sensitize them to the cause of their isolation and have reintroduced them into a positive environment at the cattery...which as you know, is cage free! They have re-gained trust and are thriving in the cat society at our place. Now ready for selective adoption, we are ready to place them into the perfect forever home where they can be the center of attention and live out their days in peace. It would be important for them to be the sole four-legged resident of their new home. Many of them have special dietary needs and require medication. We will carefully review applicants so that they will not have to be displaced once again in the future.

Below are a few of the cats looking for permanent selective adoption. Please visit our cattery to meet them in person if you could possibly offer them a peaceful, future home! We can share each one's unique back story with you. They can also be viewed on our website under Sanctuary Cats.

Let us introduce you to all of our felines ready for a forever home! When out in the Bodo Park area, please stop in to tour our place and spend a little time with the residents! We have cats of all ages at our place. I look forward to meeting you soon! Thank you-

Padgie Kimmick

SANCTUARY CATS



CHLOE, queen of the land



CHUBBY (Choo-bee), Bailey Lynn Photography

THE THANKSGIVING "FEAST" PREFERRED AT THE CATTERY!



If you are interested in making a food contribution for the sanctuary cats, Fancy Feast is the brand of wet food used exclusively for our cats at Durango Cat Care.

Your consideration of a cat food donation would impact our Cat Care home on a daily basis...



RUSH, a quiet gentleman



JUDE, active tri-pod, loves to play

actually, three times a day!

THE CATS ARE CELEBRATING!



A HUGE "THANK YOU" TO OUR DONORS!

Since our last newsletter, our Donors' List grew substantially! A big shout out to our October contributors...

Pamela Smith
Lynn Olinger
Eileen Wegrzyn
Nanette Yocum
Marisa Borders
Mary Killeen

....and to our October Adoptors...

Luanne Hubertus
Riley Sharp
Brookelynn Pitsch
Shannon Bassett
Julia Anderson
Alexis Ruelas
Kourtland Caetzsch

All donations to our 501(c)(3) non-profit organization are tax deductible. 100% of the funds support the welfare and dignity of all cats in every stage of their life. We have many cats that will live out the rest of their days in peace and comfort at our sanctuary. Any amount is truly appreciated!

DONATE NOW



LITTLE ORANGE, needs love and trust



BAILEY LYNN PHOTOGRAPHY

**Our Cattery Care Manager,
Bailey is now booking
Holiday Pet Photo Sessions
in your home!**

**Bailey Lynn
Photography**

DURANGO FARMERS MARKET



Did you catch our booth at Durango's Farmers Market in October?

We are so thankful to the Durango Farmers Market for giving us the opportunity to host a booth in October! Thank you to all who stopped by, gathered information on Cat Care and made donations to our cause! We showcased our 2024 Calendars and Reusable Tote Bags available for a donation and appreciate all who supported Cat Care Durango!

We are currently on the Wait List and are hoping to make an additional appearance at the last market of the season, December 9th, inside at the La Plata County Fairgrounds! Hope to see you there!



RADAR, Bailey Lynn Photography

LOOKING FOR FOSTER HOMES

Do you have experience fostering cats and kittens? We are currently screening applicants who could step in when we receive a distress "call for help" with pregnant moms, moms with kittens, bottle-fed kittens, or relocated kittens from other shelters so they can be temporarily placed while we work on a permanent plan for them. We try to say "yes" as much as we can to those calls for help in the cat community, both near and far, and open up space in our sanctuary so they will have a chance of adoption in their near future. Most situations require a commitment for a number of weeks of care in your home, where we will provide all the necessities for their care. If you are available to foster, please fill out an application and come by for an interview. We can schedule a home visit and put you on the Foster List for upcoming arrivals! Thank you for your consideration!

FOSTER APPLICATION



Board of Directors for Cat Care Durango
Gwen Gold, Sue Fusco, Anne Stokes



Padgie Kimmick with Caroline

CAROLINE HEADS TO DENVER!

Caroline is a permanent resident tri-pod, meaning three-legged, that has been at the Sanctuary since its opening. If you have visited the cattery, we're sure you met her! She lost her front paw due to a tractor accident. After being repaired by a local veterinarian, she found her way into Padgie's arms and heart. Adapting to her amputation has created a medical issue on her other front paw,



Yo, Bailey Lynn Photography

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

CAT CARE HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

Saturday - December 2nd
1:00pm-4:00pm

Please come join us for a holiday celebration at the cattery!

Refreshments, Holiday Cat Gifts,
Raffle Drawing for Gift Baskets,
2024 Cat Care Calendar,
Re-usable Bags

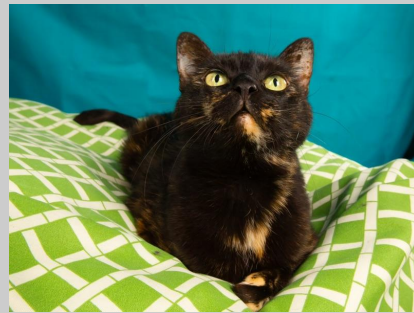
....and
the unveiling of
"Hats for Cats"



causing deterioration and deformities of the bone. After numerous local consultations, she was directed to a specialist, Dr. Brochan at Spry Orthopedics in Denver. This week Caroline had her first airline flight and hotel stay!

She is scheduled to have an upcoming surgery in order to get her upright and walking again, as well as create a prosthetic for her amputated limb. Would you consider supporting Caroline's upcoming travel and surgery? We would be forever thankful for a donation to her recovery fund! All donations are 100% tax-deductible and goes directly towards Caroline's care!

CRUSADE FOR CAROLINE



CAROLINE, Bailey Lynn Photography



NOW AVAILABLE
AT THE
CATTERY.....

NEW CATTERY HOURS....

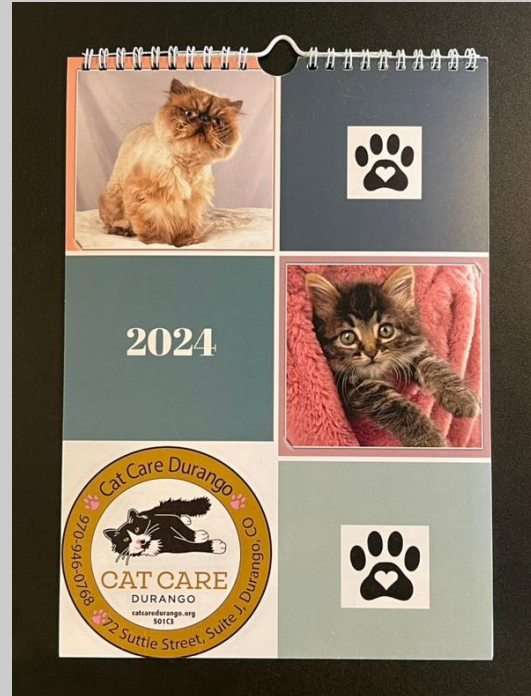
Monday thru Saturday
9:00am-4:00pm

Stop in anytime to visit the resident cats!



Re-useable Tote Bags
with a \$10 Donation
and
2024 Cat Care Calendars
with a \$20 Donation

Please help support the sanctuary!



TNR with the Fort Lewis College Wildlife Disease Class

Padgie Kimmick invited Fort Lewis College Professor Erin Lehmer's Wildlife Disease class along to experience first-hand from start to finish a TNR (trap-neuter/spay-release) at a rural location in northern Durango.

She explained to them the benefits of TNR by reducing the continuing population of this feral cat colony and successfully eliminate the possibility of reproduction of the 16 colony cats (12 female/4 male cats) at this location. Statistics show that the females have the possibility of producing four litters of kittens each year, with an average of four kittens per litter. With those statistics, that would be a minimum of 192 kittens from the female population of this colony for next year alone. The four males of the colony can travel up to 20 miles to impregnate females with an endless number of litters added



to the area. While the cats were under sedation at DSNIP Spay & Neuter, DSNIP very willingly drew blood samples on the feral crew for further testing by Professor Lehmer's class. All the cats successfully transitioned after surgery and were peacefully re-released at their location to continue to be working cats on the farm. It is a proven fact that a controlled colony will continue to keep the rodent population to a minimum and they will thrive in their imprinted environment after TNR. Should you try to re-locate a colony, before long there will be another colony following right behind and moving into the area.



Along with this location, Cat Care went to three additional locations and successfully completed TNR's on 36 cats last week. What a contribution to control the cat population in the Durango and Bayfield area! Want to help support this necessary cause? Please donate to our Michelle Brawley Memorial TNR Fund!

**MICHELLE BRAWLEY MEMORIAL
TNR (Trap-Neuter-Release) FUND**



SANCTUARY SPOTLIGHT



SKITTLES- A Sanctuary "Lifer"

Stop by and say hello to Skittles when you are in the area! He is a permanent resident at the cattery due to his age and health issues. Prior to arrival at the sanctuary, he traveled coast-to-coast with his owner. After his owner's passing, two couples who were his neighbors contacted Padgie. They toured the sanctuary in hopes to find a permanent home for Skittles. He joined the cattery right from the opening and came with a generous



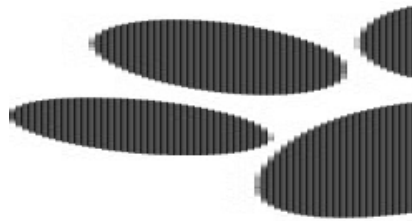
SKITTLES, Bailey Lynn Photography

donation from each couple to contribute to his continued care. Though Skittles is in his teens, he loves his forever home and enjoys the cat companionship offered at the sanctuary. He is a respected gentleman and has claimed his favorite places at the cattery for his daily rest and relaxation. Please stop in and visit Skittles!

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