



**CAT CARE**  
DURANGO

**Cat Care Durango**  
72 Suttle Street, Suite J  
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a 501c(3) non profit organization  
PACFA Certified

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

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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 A KIHEI

How can it be? It has been a year since I opened my doors in Bodo Park at Cat Care Durango and my dream became a reality. I am so proud of the large number of cats my staff and I have been able to help in the past year in the Durango and surrounding community through TNR (Trap-Neuter/Spay-Release), adoption, foster, surrender, boarding and placement into our sanctuary for those in their

### IT'S PARTY TIME!



### PLEASE JOIN US!

### OUR 1-YEAR ANNIVERSARY PARTY!

Saturday, June 8th

final stages. My mission statement, stated above, has been implemented to the fullest over the past year.

I want to extend a genuine "thank you" to the community for supporting this cause. Without your encouragement, support and donations, Cat Care Durango would not be possible. I also want to thank my incredible staff for their dedication, long hours and unwavering commitment to the care and well being of every cat we encounter and to the daily operations of the cattery. You'll hear me say often: "It's all about the cats".

We will be celebrating our first anniversary with an Open House at the cattery this upcoming Saturday, June 8th, from 1:00-4:00pm. I personally invite you with open "paws" to come in and tour the cattery and meet our feline residents. There are currently cats of all ages, with many available for adoption. Also, the Maui cats have settled in after their long trip and ready to find their forever homes! My amazing staff will be on-hand to answer any questions you may have. Please stop by on Saturday. I look forward to meeting you!  
Padgie Kimmick

## WHAT ELSE DOES CAT CARE DO?

We received a call from a frantic husband whose wife's cat got out while she was away on a business trip! He realized how awful this scenario could be on so many levels. While his wife was looking into booking a return flight and shortening her business trip to come back and find her beloved cat, she asked her husband to reach out to Cat Care Durango which she had recently heard about in the Durango Herald.

Doug Swapp, our TNR (Trap-Neuter/Spay-Release) manager, grabbed a trap and his faithful dog companion Moki, who helps him locate feral cats. They headed over to the home in Durango and within a half hour, Moki located the escapee, the cat was captured, and the husband avoided being in the "dog house". It was a happy ending for all!

1:00pm-4:00pm  
at

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Walking Tacos for Purchase  
DIY Cat Toy Crafts  
Silent Auction with wonderful items  
donated from local businesses  
...plus kitty cuddles!



## IT'S KITTEN SEASON!

Although you can find kittens available for adoption at our place, this is Public Service Announcement



**Doug Swapp, TNR Manager with Shiann Swapp, Director of Operations and Moki**

about the importance of spay/neuter for your cat. There are so many unwanted litters produced every year, Please end the cycle and be a responsible pet owner. DSNIP Spay and Neuter Program, a non-profit organization, offers low-cost services to the community and is the clinic that used by Cat Care Durango for spay/neuter services.

**DSNIP  
APPTS**



## **A HUGE "Thank You!" to our May Adopters & Donors**

### **MAY ADOPTERS:**

- Mackenzie Phelps
- Joy Hess
- Pier Nielson
- Aislynn Galbauy
- Kimberly & Bethany Cunningham
- Simona Freyre
- Mary & Jacob Killeen

### **MAY DONORS:**

- Elizabeth Gershner
- Sue Parks
- Page Lindsey
- Mary Kay Aigner
- Mary Tate
- John & Kim Webb
- Heath & Liza Nero
- RJ Mini Storage
- Jessica Neal
- Dana Newkirk
- Laura Bell

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### **MICHELLE BRAWLEY MEMORIAL T-N-R FUND**

Padgie Kimmick first connected with Michelle Brawley in 2009 when she reached out for help with a feral cat colony at the Durango airport. Michelle's love for animals and extreme concern for cats' well-being made them fast friends. Warmly

Whether it is an in-kind donation of cat supplies and products, or a cash donation, every dollar is used to improve the life of the well-being of the cat community.

**MAKE A  
DONATION**



### **BOTTLE-FEEDING FOSTERS NEEDED**

We have an immediate need for volunteers to foster kittens separated or rejected from their mamas. Please reach out to us and fill out a Foster Application if you have experience with bottle-feeding kittens and can foster them in your home until they are eating on their own.

**SOME OF OUR KITTENS COMING  
UP FOR ADOPTIOIN**

nicknamed "The Runway Cats", they completed a TNR (Trap-Neuter/Spay-Release) together at the airport, and afterwards three of the cats came home permanently to the Brawleys. TNR's are vital to stop the breeding cycle, limit contagious diseases through vaccination and compassionately manage cat communities in rural areas. In honor of Michelle's sudden passing in June of 2022, her husband, Ralph, made the initial donation into the "TNR Fund" at Durango Cat Care. The funds are specifically designated to support the continued TNR program for Cat Care. TNR's continue to remain free-of-cost to the public but the program is completely supported through donations. Contributions are never required from TNR recipients but always greatly appreciated. All funds go directly to the TNR Services in the community. Your consideration of a tax-deductible donation is appreciated.

**Michelle Brawley  
Memorial TNR Fund**



**UPCOMING ADOPT-A-THON**

**PET HAUS  
Saturday - June 22nd  
Noon - 4:00pm**



**KITTENS AVAILABLE  
SOON!**

Pet Haus of Durango has graciously offer to host an Adopt-A-Thon for Cat Care Durango in their location at 1444 Main Avenue. Please mark your calendar and come by and meet the many kittens and cats we will have available for adoption!





## SANCTUARY SPOTLIGHT



### Meet Jules....

Jules was rescued from the local humane society at the end of 2022, when Padgie did a "clear the shelter's older cats" and she has resided at the sanctuary since. Her calm and quiet but friendly personality is just a delight to be around. As you can see, she really enjoys the newly added "Cattery Tree"!

Jules is approximately 9 years old and has a few health issues that need daily maintenance. She lives currently as a sanctuary cat but could possibly fit into the purrrrfect home where her needs could be met. Please come in and meet Jules! She is a sweetheart!

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