

2129 East Boulder
Colorado Springs Colorado 80909

Dear Volunteer:

Welcome you to lookwhatthecatbroughtin.org. We are pleased and proud that you want to give your time and your talents to our organization. We literally could not operate without your help. Your skills, your uniqueness and your commitment can and will make a difference for the cats in our care and for our community.

We operated for two years as a 100% volunteer organization. As we help by giving time, money or material to causes that help the helpless we become better people ourselves. The words of St Francis of Assisi, "for it is in giving that we receive," are the basis for any philosophy embracing altruism or philanthropy and they are particularly meaningful to individuals serving animals, as he is their patron saint. In addition to our mission of helping cats, we also want to provide Colorado Springs residents the opportunity to learn from selflessness.

Every month individuals contribute 300-400 hours of their time to clean the shelter, feed and water the cats, take them to veterinarian appointments, take them to adoption fairs and play with them. Some of our teen volunteers are fulfilling community service requirements. Others are serving our community by helping out while they look for work. In every case we appreciate the help and getting to meet new friends.

We look forward to working with you. We learn from each other, so please ask questions.

Jennifer Nosler
President

Our Mission

- Our mission is to find homes for companion cats and kittens, which have become lost, abused, or whose owners can no longer keep them, through the operation of an animal shelter, animal rescue and foster care network, in a program context maximizing live release rates.
- To offer humane information to adoptive cat owners on any topics, which will enhance the human animal bond.
- To offer humane education to the public about the problem of uncontrolled population growth in domestic cats.
- To offer humane education to those engaged in trap, neuter, release programs and if possible, to provide financial assistance in altering feral cats.
- To collaborate with other organizations with similar purposes.

History of lookwhatthecatbroughtin.org

We were founded in April 2008 by a group of people who want to help animals. We are a special kind of organization where the cats and humans form a real community as we work to make the cats adoptable. Since the shelter cats never time-out, we can work with behavior problems and get to know their personalities and what conditions each one needs to thrive in their new homes. We also take the time to give them physical exams, so that medical problems can be treated before they are adopted. Our clients, cats and human, deserve to bond with out the burden of learning that the new feline member of the family needs thousands of dollars in medical treatment that the adopter can't afford.

When we began operations, in 2008 our local humane society has a less than 40% live release rate for cats, which translated into 6000 euthanised cats in El Paso County each year. These numbers have improved over the years that we have been in existence. Cats are more independent than dogs and it is feasible to have an all-volunteer shelter for cats. Finally, many of us are a bit uncomfortable with "cut-rate" shelter medicine as it is practiced; we don't give our cats Cadillac service, but we do make sure that they are given pain relief after surgery, and that the cat is in good health before adopting. We test all cats for FIV/FeLV and if they need dental work, they have it provided. We have had several dramatic successes with cats that seemed to be very ill-tempered; by giving them desperately needed dental care. When these cats became pain-free, they became very docile and adoptable.

Almost the first day we filed our incorporation papers two individuals saw the legal notice. One brought us our first cat; the other became a donor.

We were recognized in November 2008 as a 501(c) (3) by IRS. We are both a Petco adoption partner and a Petsmart Partner and have received financial support from them. Our cats are listed on Petfinder.com. We accept cats from the general public, space permitting and we have taken several cats from the humane

society who had timed out and would have been euthanised had we not taken them. We also have taken in cats from the Grand Canyon Boarding Kennel, Pure Breed Cat Rescue (Arizona hoarding situation), Laramie Peak Humane Society (Wyoming), Hearts United for Animals (Nebraska), City of Concordia Kansas Animal Control, Wichita Humane, Silent Angels (Kansas), Fort Carson Animal Rescue (Fountain CO), Second Chance Animal Rescue Foundation (Lamar CO) City of Montrose Colorado Animal Control and Lucky Paws (Aurora CO).

One of our policies is to cooperate with other shelters if possible. We believe in collaboration rather than competition.

We moved to the former Hamlett Spay and Neuter clinic at 2129 E Boulder mid-Summer 2014 and we now own the building.

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Our Services

Shelter operation

We accept domestic cats that are adoptable from the public and from the Humane Society of the Pikes Peak Region.

All cats are spayed or neutered, given basic vaccinations, given rabies vaccinations if old enough, examined for dental health, provided with post-surgical pain management and tested for FIV/FelV.

We are an “adoption guaranteed” agency, which means that we will keep a cat until it is adopted.

We do not euthanase unless a cat has no likelihood of recovery or no quality of life.

Stop Littering Now!

In the case of a surrendered litter of kittens, if the mother is not also surrendered to us, we require that she be spayed, at our expense if necessary. We also require that all felines in a home that surrenders any cats be altered forthwith, again at our expense if needed.

Contact Information

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Volunteer Waiver

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: (Home) _____ (Work) _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age at Application _____

WAIVER

I, _____, wish to serve as a volunteer with lookwhatthecatbroughtin.org under the supervision of the shelter staff, acknowledge that I have been informed that, at all times when I may be performing volunteer activities I am NOT covered by Worker's Compensation, nor am I covered by any other form or type of insurance. I recognize that if I wish to be insured for any risks during the course of my performance of said volunteer activities, it is my responsibility to secure and pay for such insurance. I further understand the possibility of danger associated with volunteering and hold harmless lookwhatthecatbroughtin.org for any illness or injury that may occur in the performance of these volunteer duties.

In the event that I provide volunteer services to lookwhatthecatbroughtin.org with pet adoptions through Petco or Petsmart stores, I further understand that neither lookwhatthecatbroughtin.org nor Petco nor Petsmart is responsible for any illness of injury caused by any animals that I come into contact with during my volunteer work. I agree to hold harmless and release from liability lookwhatthecatbroughtin.org, Petco and Petsmart should I become sick or injured from any animals as a result of my volunteer work.

I have read and the above waiver and agree to abide by its contents.

Volunteer Signature Parent's Signature (if volunteer Date
is under 18 years old.

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Volunteer Information/Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

Street apartment number City Zip

Phone: (Home) _____ (Work) _____

Email: _____

How do you prefer to be contacted?"

Circle times when are you available:

Morning	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Afternoon	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday

What kind of pets do you have?

Are your pets up-to-date on their vaccinations? Who is your vet?

Are you willing to do cleaning ?

Are you willing to attend adoption fairs at Petco?

Do you have any felony convictions?

Have you ever been charged with any animal related crime or infraction?

If you are satisfying court ordered community service, what were you charged with, how many hours are you assigned and what is your completion deadline? _____

Do you have transportation?

Are you willing to drive pets to Petco or the vet?

Are you working? _____ If yes, where do you work?

Are you in school? _____ If yes, what school do you attend? _____

If you are under 18 please answer:

Date of Birth: _____ Age at Application _____

Do you have other skills such as computer, fundraising, vet tech, photography, etc that you would like us to know about?

The above information is true and correct. I understand that if I am issued a key to the facility, it remains the property of Lookwhatthecatbroughtin.org and that I will return it if requested.

Signed Date Date key issued Initial

Title: Cat Caretaker 1

Purpose and how it serves the organization: To ensure that the cats are well cared for while with the agency.

Supervisor: Operating Director

Qualifications: Must enjoy animals, cats in particular.

Physical requirements: Not be allergic to cats. Must be able to move around the facility and do some bending and stooping. Very light lifting.

Duties: Perform the following during each shift.

Upon arriving check to see that everyone has fresh water. Bring out new bowls and fill with fresh water. Collect used water bowls for cleaning

Feed everyone fresh food in clean bowls. Then collect used food bowls for cleaning.

Scoop all litter boxes and dump scooped clumps in trashcan. Between cages and between all boxes in a room, rinse scoop in

water bucket and then dip in bleach solution before scooping next box. Do not move buckets from room to room, but start a new one for each room.

Refill litter boxes as needed. If any litter box is particularly dirty, remove it to the washroom and replace with a clean litter box.

Place used cat litter in bucket immediately. Wash any litter boxes and place on the shelving to dry. Wash your hands, and proceed to play with kitties.

Please do not let caged cats run loose without direction from the volunteer manager. Cats are caged or otherwise separated from other cats for the following reasons:

- (1) they are recovering from spay/neuter surgery,
- (2) they are in isolation for observation (new admission),
- (3) they are in quarantine due to illness
- (4) they are small kittens caged with their mother, or
- (5) they are incompatible with the other cats.

For extra help: Mop, do laundry, take cats to vet, attend adoption fairs.

Training Requirements: One orientation session plus tandem cleaning days until proficient. Location: At the shelter 2129 E Boulder, Colorado Springs CO 80909

Benefits to the Volunteer: Doing a good deed, quality time with animals. Cat care knowledge and skills development. Ability to receive recommendation for future jobs.

Dress Code: Casual