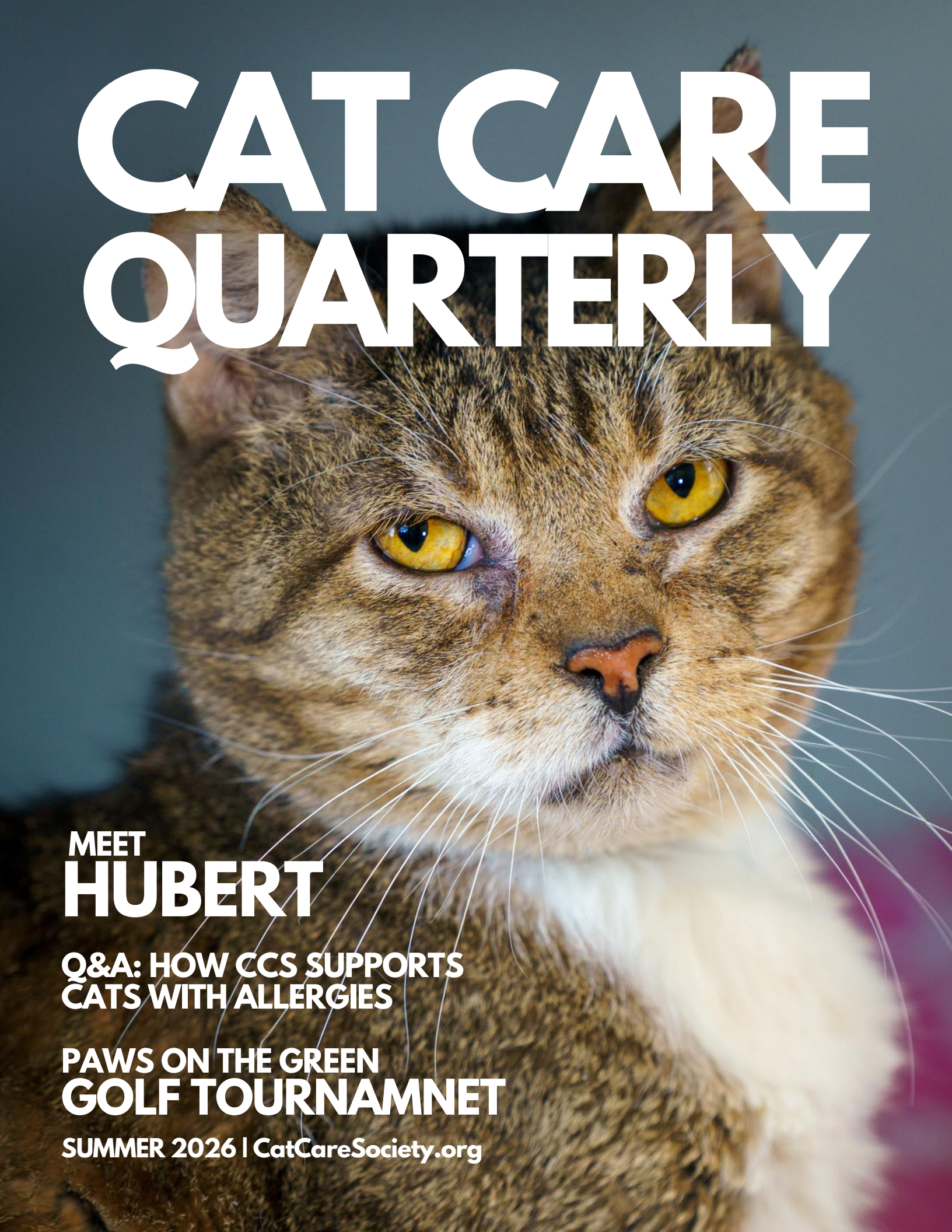


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A close-up photograph of a brown tabby cat's face. The cat has striking yellow eyes and long, white whiskers. Its fur is a mix of brown, tan, and white stripes. The background is a soft, out-of-focus grey.

MEET
HUBERT

**Q&A: HOW CCS SUPPORTS
CATS WITH ALLERGIES**

**PAWS ON THE GREEN
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From the Executive Director

Our community shows up when it matters most.

Summer is always our busiest season as the weather warms and “kitten season” begins. This year feels different, though, with added capacity challenges.

We are incredibly thankful to the donors who helped us prepare for 350+ kittens we will see this season through our “True Cost of Kitten Season” campaign, which raised over \$10,000 and 190 in-kind donations.

But kittens are only part of the story. We’re seeing a high number of senior cats in the shelter and increased intake requests for difficult medical cases. Like Olive, our longest stay, who has now been with us for over 18 months waiting for a home.

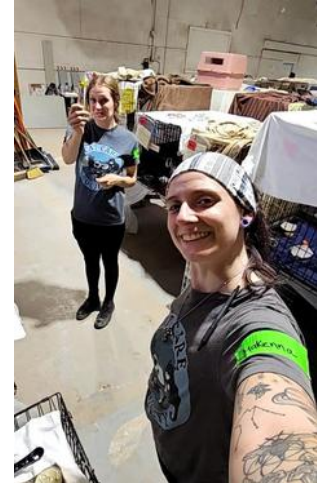
On top of normal summer challenges, the recent wildfires across Colorado have displaced hundreds of cats creating additional strains for our partner shelters across the state.

The relaunch of our volunteer program and reopening of our foster applications are crucial to keeping up with this demand. If you’re interested in fostering, I encourage you to visit the CCS website to learn more and complete an application.

This summer we need our community more than ever. CCS staff, fosters, volunteers, adopters, donors, community partners – this work is only possible when we join together to help animals who need our support.

Thank you for being part of our community and facing these challenges alongside us.

-EC Michaels, Executive Director

CCS Team members Makenna and Abigail at HSPPR providing support for evacuated animals during the Aspen Acres Fire.



Google and CCS volunteers partnered together to plant flowers donated from O'Toole's Garden Center.





Grab your clubs and tee up for a great cause! Cat Care Society's signature golf tournament, Paws on the Green, returns on Friday, August 14, at Homestead Golf Course in Lakewood.

The day kicks off at 8:30 AM with a continental breakfast before a shotgun start sends all teams onto the course. After 18 holes of this four-man scramble, with fun on-course contests along the way, players gather at the clubhouse for a buffet lunch and prizes.

PRICING	Tickets
Foursome*	\$700
Individual*	\$180
Lunch Only	\$40

*includes cart, breakfast, lunch, and a drink ticket

Want a special way to honor your cat?

A hole sponsorship (\$350) places your cat's name and photo on a tee box sign for the day — a heartfelt tribute to a beloved pet while helping shelter cats in need!

Purchase tickets and sponsorships at catcaresociety.org/paws-on-the-green.



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Upcoming EVENTS

August

01 | Colorado Day: Adoptable Cats at the Capitol

14 | Paws on the Green: Golf Tournament at Homestead Golf Course

22 | Cats on Mats: Shelter Yoga at the shelter

29 | Free Seminar: Keeping Senior Cats Healthy at the shelter

29 | Clear the Shelters: Kitty Retirement Adoption Event at the shelter

September

26 | Free Seminar: Benefits of Play at the shelter

Get full details, buy tickets, and find more events at catcaresociety.org/events

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Meet Hubert



At 5-years-old Hubert is a quiet, gentle soul with loving eyes that say "Take me home!" He enjoys back scratches and would love nothing more than a cozy lap to curl up in. Less playful than other cats at the shelter, he prefers to take a more lazy cat approach to his day. You can often find Hubert stretching and clawing up a good kitty scratcher during his morning and evening yoga routines. He will slow blink happily at anyone who will baby talk to him while they visit.

Hubert's idea of a purr-fect home is one that is zen where he can relax with no young children. He may be selective about the cats he gets along with but will generally get along fine with an equally independent and lazy cat like himself.

Visit www.catcaresociety.org to fill out an application.



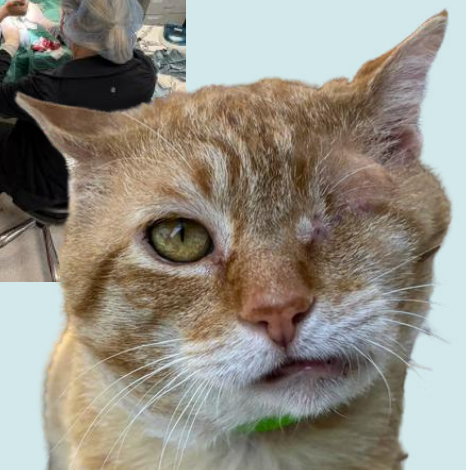
Lifesaving Surgery for Sherbert

When Sherbert arrived at Cat Care Society, he was suffering from a dislocated jaw, a severely damaged eye that required removal, and a full-mouth extraction. Upon further discovery, X-rays revealed the source of his injuries: old gunshot wounds sustained while living as a stray in Oklahoma. Bullet fragments had remained lodged in both his eye and jaw, ultimately causing the jaw to dislocate, creating severe discomfort. Despite this, Sherbert remains a loving and happy kitty to staff and patrons.

During a four-hour surgery, Veterinarian Dr. Palamara, assisted by Registered Veterinary Technician Snow Larkman, successfully removed the damaged portion of Sherbert's jaw along with the remaining bullet fragments. Thanks to their expertise and care, Sherbert has made a full recovery and found a loving home!



Debris found from a previous gunshot wound.



Q&A

How CCS Supports Cats with Allergies

With Dr. Cecily Palamara,
by Beth Dokolosa

Q: What are the most common symptoms you see that indicate a cat may have an allergy?

Dr. Palamara: The most common symptoms we see in cats are overgrooming of the fur (which often causes hair loss), self-trauma/biting at the skin/fur, wounds, itchiness/frequent scratching, and scabbing/dermatitis associated with overgrooming and self-trauma.

Q: What are the steps taken at the shelter/veterinary care levels to address suspected allergies?

Dr. Palamara: The shelter approach to feline allergies is directed at alleviating symptoms rather than definitively diagnosing the underlying cause. When one of our vets suspects allergies in a patient (either food allergies, environmental allergies, and/or flea allergies), we focus on quick relief.

If a CCS veterinarian suspects underlying allergies as a cause of the skin issues, the cat is usually started on the following:

- A special prescription diet to address potential food allergies
- An antibiotic injection to address secondary bacterial pyoderma (a skin infection) - sometimes we put them on stronger antibiotics depending on the severity
- Atopica, an immunomodulating oral medication that calms the cat's itching and is very successful at managing allergies long term

Q: How long does it typically take to get the allergy and its symptoms under control?

Dr. Palamara: Typically, it takes between 1-3 months for us to start seeing a positive response to treatment. Our suspected allergy cats are one of our longest stay cohorts of patients because we want to make sure that they are comfortable, well-managed on medication and diet, and have good quality of life prior to making them available for adoption. This takes time, frequent medication and diet adjustments, and frequent rechecks to assess response to treatment.

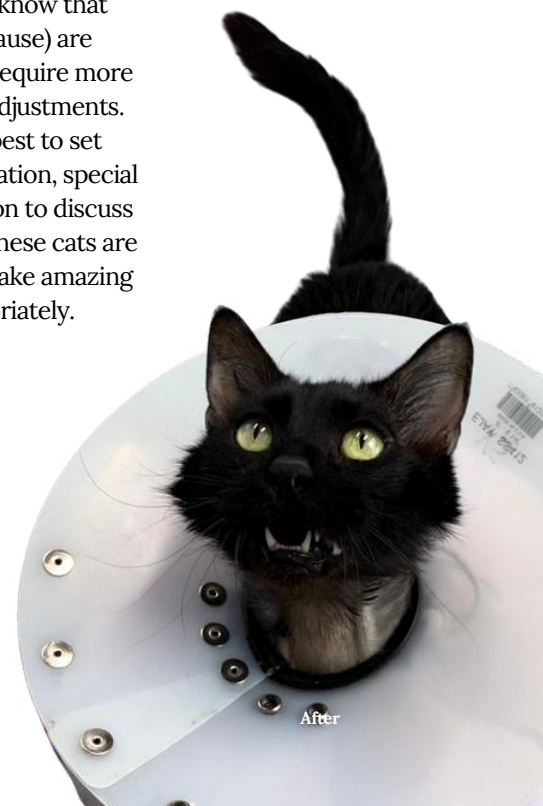
Q: What is the most challenging part of working with cats who may have an allergy?

Dr. Palamara: The most difficult aspect of working with allergy cats is that they can be challenging to adopt out and typically have longer lengths of stay in shelter, even when they demonstrate a great response to treatment. We really feel for these cats when they stay with us long term, often with no visible symptoms of allergies due to adequate medical management; their history and need for additional care can be a deterrent for prospective adopters.

Q: For people considering adopting a cat with allergies, what should they know about allergy management and flare-ups?

Dr. Palamara: Our adopters should know that allergies (regardless of underlying cause) are often a life-long condition and will require more frequent vet visits and medication adjustments. CCS staff and veterinarians do our best to set adopters up for success with medication, special diet, and often a medical consultation to discuss what long term care will look like. These cats are incredibly rewarding to treat and make amazing companions when managed appropriately.

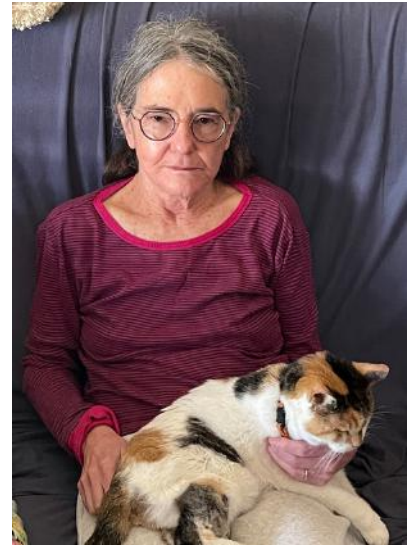
When Salem came to us about 3 months ago, her skin was severely dry, patchy, and cracking from her constant scratching, a sign that she was trying to find any relief she could. With specialized treatment, her allergies have significantly improved, and her fur is growing back.



Volunteer Spotlight: Jackie

Jackie first became involved with Cat Care Society in the late 1980s after stopping by a CCS volunteer booth at the People's Fair held at East High School. At the time, Cat Care Society had recently moved into a small house on Harlan Street, and founder Dr. Linda East was still actively involved with the organization. A lifelong cat lover, Jackie decided to give volunteering a try, and she's been a dedicated member of the Cat Care Society family ever since!

"I care about all cats and love being around them and obviously I think it is very important to find all cats a home. The best part about volunteering is knowing that numerous cats and kittens have been cared for and found loving homes. I like working with the other volunteers and staff also."



Staff Spotlight: Ariana

Ariana has been apart of the Cat Care Society team for more than four years, serving as our Marketing Coordinator. Behind the scenes, she oversees our social media channels, helps plan and execute fundraising campaigns, and creates engaging marketing materials from appeal letters to this very edition of the Cat Care Quarterly. Through creative storytelling and strategic outreach, Ariana helps connect our community with the cats who need them most.

"My favorite part of my job is getting to tell the stories behind the incredible work our staff and volunteers do every day. Everyone at CCS is so passionate about every cat that comes through our doors, and they truly go above and beyond for each and every one. It's so rewarding to shine a light on their hard work and share their impact with our community."

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