

## WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

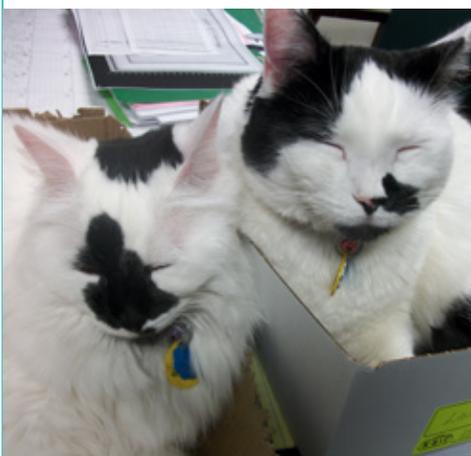
### *We're All About Second Chances & Happy Outcomes*

From time to time we like to provide updates on some of our shelter cats. We have lots of happy outcomes for cats to tell you about – because, thanks to the generosity of donors like you, we have been able to give thousands of cats a second chance at a life of quality, in a permanent loving home.

One of our favorite second-chance stories is about Jack and Mack, two big black and white cats who lost one home, but went on to a new life in a completely different kind of residence.

These two brothers were born in a suburban Denver back yard in 2005. Their mom, a stray, had found a protected area under a bush to deliver her litter of four. The property owner took the mom and kittens inside and cared for them for several months, finally bringing Jack and Mack to the Cat Care Society. They were adopted together four days later, and spent six happy years in the home of the adoptive couple and their teenage son.

But in July of 2011 Jack and Mack were returned to CCS – the family was struggling with an assortment of challenges and could no longer care for them.



Like many owner-surrendered cats, Jack and Mack both needed some extra veterinary attention. Jack was seriously overweight – almost nineteen pounds, at his peak – and both cats had to have several teeth

pulled. This on top of the adjustments involved in suddenly living with 50 other cats. But their irresistible personalities prevailed, and they'd soon taken up residence on, and behind, the front desk in our shelter.

When any two cats living at CCS are closely bonded – especially litter mates – we won't separate them. It can take a lot longer to find a home for cats up for adoption as a pair (especially a couple of boys as big as Jack and Mack!). But one day a longtime CCS supporter came on the scene: Barbara D., business manager at the Libby Bortz Assisted Living Center in Littleton, was looking for a "house cat" to fill the void left when their unofficial cat mascot died. She and the home administrator fell in love with Jack and Mack, and the Libby Bortz Center soon had **two** house cats.

Jack and Mack are now the principal greeters at the center. As they did at CCS, they hang out a lot at the reception desk, and they're frequent visitors in many of the more than 100 apartments in the building.

Yes, this story has a doubly happy ending because of how much these guys do for the elderly residents at the center. Many of them have lost pets, and many had to give up an animal upon moving into the center. Jack and Mack now have dozens of adoring friends. Barbara often arrives at work in the morning to find Mack sitting in the lap of one resident who frequents the lobby – looking contentedly up at her face as she pets him. Jack often gazes into the large aquarium on the second floor; they have a tall cat condo in the crafts area, and scratching posts all over the building; and they are often to be found squirrel-watching out the window in Barbara's office (or sprawled across her desk, taking up much of its surface).

Jack's and Mack's story is a bit dif-



ferent from most. But they found a loving home, as have so many other CCS cats, only because of people like you who financially support our mission. But there are so many more cats like Jack and Mack, in need of the second-chance benefits of shelter, state-of-the-art veterinary care, and adoption into a loving home. Since **we receive no government funding**, all of our support comes from the community – generous people like you, who love cats. Can you help us now?

There are several ways to give your gift: send a check, or authorize a credit charge, using the enclosed envelope; drop off a check at our Lakewood shelter; or donate online at [catcaresociety.org](http://catcaresociety.org). CCS can use ongoing monthly gifts as well as one-time donations.

#### **Here's how your contribution helps:**

- \$5,000 feeds 60 cats for 9 months.
- \$1,000 cares for 30 kittens, including shots, neutering, microchips, food and litter.
- \$500 provides medical care for one geriatric cat for a year.
- \$125 buys a month's worth of cat litter.
- \$50 provides antibiotics for a sick cat.

Please help CCS today, with the most generous gift you can give for the care of the cats. Thank you so much for your past and ongoing support of the cats. Jack and Mack thank you too! 🐾