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Dear Friends,

We hope you have continued to be safe and well. LFFAC presses on, without interruption, in our work on behalf of so many cats that need our care. Here are a few of their stories.

Mango is a sweet little guy who came to us though our volunteer Gabi. Gabi's sister was vacationing in Ohio when she spotted Mango on a farm and thought he would be a nice addition to her family.

She soon realized that Mango wasn't going to integrate into her family as hoped, and he made his way to us through Gabi. We took him for a veterinary visit to make sure he was healthy and have him vaccinated before going into foster care. At Family Pet Hospital, they noticed that his mouth wasn't shutting normally. Through x-rays, they discovered several broken teeth and a fracture in his jaw. Dr. Abernathy extracted the broken teeth and prescribed a diet of wet food that allowed Mango to heal the fracture on his own. Foster moms Kristy and Kaya provided him with all the love and



attention he needed to heal, and taught this little wild one the manners he needed for his forever home. The very rambunctious boy full of personality found his forever home complete with parents, kids, and a dog he quickly befriended. It was a long trip from the rough and tumble outdoor life on an Ohio farm to a loving family life in Colorado — Mango's future has gone from bleak to loving, thanks to LFFAC volunteers and supporters like you.

In the spring, we received a call from Will who lives in a developing rural area of Erie. He and his



wife, Amelia, had a group of cats sharing their property and surrounding neighborhood, and they requested TNR assistance. We developed a plan for them to trap the cats and for us to take the cats to the clinic for spay or neuter, vaccinations, ear tips (to show that they'd been altered), recover them, and return them to their home. With the advent of COVID-19, there was a several month delay in finishing. Will and Amelia discovered that one of the females we had spayed must have had kittens before her adventure at the clinic — mom cat finally brought out three four-month-old kittens. One, Jasmine, had scarring over both eyes. We decided that Jasmine needed to find a home indoors given her impaired vision. We took her to see the veterinarian, who prescribed eye

medications that have slightly improved her eyesight. Thanks to Will and Amelia, all of the cats in their colony are neutered and spayed, and Jasmine will be able to find a home more appropriate for her. Our foster moms Kristy and Kaya are once again working their magic to help Jasmine become comfortable in a human home and to enjoy human contact. She will soon be ready to look for her forever home.

We are happy to announce the addition of Theresa Hayes to our list of wonderful volunteers. Theresa received her certification in applied animal behavior from the University of Washington, and is certified in animal Reiki. She has worked with cats for many years and devotes her expertise to helping cats and dogs with behavioral issues. In addition to being one of our Board advisers, Theresa is helping us develop a care plan for each cat that we intake, helping us to identify the best methods for taming while providing them with a low stress environment. To facilitate the goal of having all of our adoptions be a success, Theresa is joining our consulting team in helping adopted cats in acclimating to their new homes.



We have some wonderful cats available for adoption now — please visit our website if you or someone you know is thinking of adopting. Of particular note is that we have some bonded pairs waiting for their forever home — they're bonded to each other and could be looking to be bonded with you. Make an appointment to visit Batman & Robin, Gertie & Jade, and Pecan & Sunflower. In changing their lives, you will surely change your own, and they're ready to help you do it.

We love the work we do on behalf of the cats, those whose lives they enrich, and you our supporters. Please be well, be safe, and be in touch with us if you can, as either a volunteer or a financial supporter. It is because of people like you that we can do what we do for the feral and abandoned cats in our community.

Sincerely,

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Tonni Loutzenhiser Executive Director Longmont Friends of Feral & Abandoned Cats

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- 1. Financial Donations
- 2. <u>Volunteer</u>
- 3. Adoption