

Rocky Mountain Meezer News

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Meet Rocky Mountain Siamese Rescue!

Welcome to our very first newsletter!

Rocky Mountain Siamese Rescue is a newly-formed, all-volunteer 501(c)(3) non-profit group dedicated to rescuing, rehabilitating and re-homing Siamese and Siamese-mix cats. We are located in Colorado, but it is our intent to serve the entire Rocky Mountain Region as we grow. With your help, we can get there sooner rather than later!

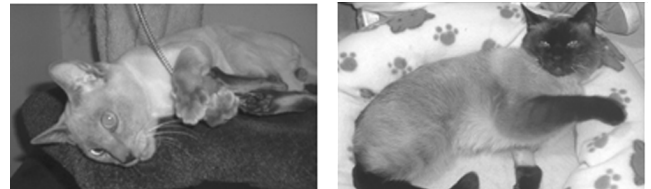
We do not currently have a facility, so cats are cared for in a network of foster homes. It is our hope that in the not-too-distant future, we will have a facility so we can help even more cats get to their forever homes.

While we are a newly formed group, our Directors and many of our volunteers have been involved with Siamese Rescue for many years. We are currently a Provisional Center with the group of Rescues at www.siameserescue.org. We

Siamese and Siamese mixes form exceptionally close bonds with their humans - more so than any other breed. They can suffer tremendous grief and trauma when they lose their homes and end up in shelters. They just do not "show well" and are often euthanized as "unadoptable".

This is where we come in, but we need your help to be effective!

have been involved with Virginia Siamese Rescue, Kansas Siamese Rescue, and most recently, as a chapter of the California Siamese Rescue. We hope you can join us in our mission!



Taz, left, and Grace are two RMSR success stories.

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We've been hard at work! Now, we need your help. . .

Deb and Geoff, Executive Directors



An RMSR booth at a Colorado Springs cat show . . .

We need veterinarians who can give us discounted or free services, advice and support. If you are a vet and would like to donate services, please contact us.

Check with YOUR vet and see if he or she can help. Let us know beforehand, and we can send you a form to review with your vet.

We also need media and public relations contacts to help us spread the word - print, television and radio. Let us know if you can help!

Have an idea for a promotion or event? We'd love to hear your ideas - let us know!

It has been a busy few months getting RMSR established and up and running, but we've come a long way!

We received our IRS 501(c)(3) non-profit status, which was an extremely important first step. We received our PACFA (Pet Animal Care Facilities

Act) license, which is required to operate in the state of Colorado. We've worked hard to get our name out there on the Web, and registered with many rescue directories, including PetFinder, Pets911, the ASPCA shelter directory, FelineRescue.net, and others. We were accepted with Provisional Center status at the Siamese Rescue website (<http://www.siameserescue.org>) which is a high-profile way to get our name

and message out to the general public. We've cultivated important working relationships with several area shelters and Humane Societies, and all of our foster homes are currently full. But the phone continues to ring and emails pour in from folks needing help rescuing Meezers.

We went online July 1, 2004 with 21 cats rescued and available for adoption. We've had 9 cats enter the program and 10 cats adopted to forever homes since then, and as of this writing have 20 cats in the program. Not bad for a new group, but we can do much better with more fosters and your help!

You may have noticed our wonderful logo - this was created and donated by the talented artist and friend of rescue, Brandy Gale. Thanks, Brandy!

*Help us save
more Meezers
this holiday
season!*

A non-profit rescue cannot succeed without you, the volunteers and supporters. Please look below to see some ways that you may help rescue more Siamese in our region! And thank you for all you do and have done in the past!

Here's How YOU Can Help!

- Your **financial support** is always needed and welcome! You can send your tax-deductible check by using the attached donation envelope, or just visit our website and donate via PayPal using your debit or credit card!

- Help **man a booth** at a cat show or wrap presents at participating merchants during the holidays.

- Crafty? Help us **make cat toys** and beds or anything else we might be able

to sell or provide to needy Meezers!

- We need **donations** of high-quality cat food (check with us for brands), litter, treats, toys, etc.

- Like to **talk on the phone** or **answer e-mails**? We always need folks to interview potential adopters and references or answer general inquiries.

- **We need FOSTERS!** Download a Foster application at our website! Don't worry - we'll provide training and support!

It's That Time of Year!

Yes, it's that time of year when the air turns colder, the snow starts to fall, and our thoughts turn to the holidays!

We've been working hard to find partners who can help support RMSR, and we've found some wonderful merchants and promotions. You can always find an updated list at our website under the "Promos and Partners" link, but here are a few wonderful ideas for your gift-giving - and they ALL support RMSR! There's no easier way to help!

Trim your tree in style with our clear, **etched glass holiday ornament!** Adorned with our beautiful RMSR logo, it's a wonderful way to show your support and beautify your home. Ornaments are \$12, which includes shipping. Supplies are limited for these one-of-a-kind collectible, so place your order now! 100% of the proceeds goes toward saving another Meezer.

If you are shopping online this year, we have some wonderful opportunities for you to purchase high-quality items from reputable merchants while helping the Meezers at the same time. All of these merchants and ordering information can be found at our website under the "Promos and Partners" link. Remember to check back often as we add new merchants and promotions regularly!

First of all, **please register with Escrip.com**, select Rocky Mountain Siamese Rescue as your cause, and we'll receive a percentage of your purchases either online or at participating stores. This can be a HUGE fundraiser for RMSR if all our supporters register, as major grocery chains and

other retailers participate. Completely secure and safe, there is no easier way to support our cause, and it doesn't cost a cent! Furthermore, we don't have to do anything other than tell you about it and collect the checks, which frees us up to take care of cats and search for other promotions. Please, **sign up with Escrip.com today**, and tell your friends and family about it - this is not limited to any geographical area, so ANYONE can register. If you aren't computer savvy or do not have the time to register, you can contact us with your information and we'll take care of it for you!

While you are registering for Escrip, please go ahead and head over to **iGive.com** and designate Rocky Mountain Siamese Rescue as your cause! Every time you shop at participating online retailers, RMSR will benefit. And if you are shopping **Amazon.com, OfficeDepot.com, Petco.com, PetSmart.com, or FTD.com**, be sure to order from our "Promos and Partners" link on our website so RMSR can benefit!

*Remember
iGive.com as
well as
Escrip.com!*

Promotions and Partners! Please support them and you MUST mention RMSR when you buy!

- Colorado Candle Company** - <http://www.coloradocandlecompany.com>
30% of purchase benefits RMSR! Premium, hand-poured candles. . .
- Gifted Isle Tea Company** - <http://www.giftedisletea.com>
20% of purchase benefits RMSR! Gourmet teas and tisanes. . .
- Pounds for Paws** - <http://www.poundsforpaws.com/rmsr.html>
30% of purchase benefits RMSR! Gourmet coffee. . .
- Amazon Heritage** - <http://www.amazonheritage.com>
30% of first time purchase benefits RMSR! Amazonian botanicals for both you and your pet. . .Email: info@amazonheritage.com
- CafePress** - <http://www.cafepress.com/rmsr>
Get great RMSR logo gear and clothing - high quality and stylish!



Special thanks to:

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Cheshire Cat Hospital
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And a heartfelt "Thank You" to our Board Members, volunteers, fosters, adopters and supporters and friends - none of this would have been possible without you!

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RMSR Humane Education

It's a cliché, we know, but truly the children of today are our future. The sooner we can teach them about what it means to treat animals humanely, the better off the animals of tomorrow will be.

RMSR has several lesson plans kindly shared with us by the Denver Dumb Friends

League that are designed to meet the Colorado Model Content Standards in math, science, reading, civics, and more. What we need are teachers willing to introduce these lesson plans into the classroom. If you are a teacher and can help with this, please let us know!

Besides providing our children with a good, solid foundation in how to treat their pets and all animals humanely, it is an essential part of our mission as Rocky Mountain Siamese Rescue!



Calendar of Events

INFORMATION TABLES AT BORDER'S BOOKS

1 West Flatiron Crossing Village, Broomfield, CO 80021

Saturday, November 20, 2004

1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 4, 2004

1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 18, 2004

1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Some of the local cats available for adoption will be on-site to greet you!

GIFT WRAPPING AND INFORMATION TABLES:

BARNES and NOBLE

795 Citadel Drive East, Colorado Springs, CO 80909

Sunday, December 5, 2004 - 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Friday, December 24, 2004 - 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

BORDER'S

6606 S. Parker Road, Aurora, CO 80016

Friday, December 10, 2004 - 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Friday, December 17, 2004 - 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

PETLINE 9 (KUSA Channel 9 News)

Saturday, December 11, 2004

Air time is approximately 8:15 a.m.

Holiday Pet Safety Tips

While the holidays are a wonderful time for us, there are inherent dangers in the season to your beloved feline and canine friends. Here are a few tips to help ensure a safe and happy holiday season for everyone!

- Keep that chocolate away from your pets - it can be toxic!
- Tinsel might be pretty, but if ingested it can cause a serious blockage. Keep it off your tree!
- On the subject of trees, don't use metal ornament hooks - try ribbons, twine or fabric instead!
- We humans love our holiday food, but try and avoid the temptation to feed our pets rich goodies.
- With so many friends and family in our homes, make sure your rules regarding the pets are well-known - and that your guests know to keep your cats indoors only! Be sure your pets have a current tag on their collar just in case. . .
- Poinsettias, mistletoe, holly and amaryllis are poisonous - keep them out of your home or out of your pet's reach!
- Keep the number for the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center handy - **(888) 426-4435**

Happy Tales !

*Here are just a few of our Happy Tales from adopters and their cats.
If you are an adopter, remember, we always love to hear how the kitties
are doing in their new homes! Maybe your Happy Tale will be featured in our next
newsletter!*

Darva - adopted 09/2004

I'm still adjusting to my new environment, but I really enjoy my new life. I spend most of my time in the lower level of my new house. There is a big "playing area" just for me. All my stuff is there (my food, litter box, and my toys). And next to my big room, there is my meowmy's room (and her bed). So being downstairs is like heaven: I can take a nap on the bed, grab a snack, play with my toys. . . a lot of space, and a lot of things to do... I'm keeping myself busy! I'm thinking about going upstairs... but it's still a little bit scary. I do some 5-minute trips there, check it out a little bit, and go back downstairs where I feel really well and safe.

From Sylviane and Darva, now Duchesse



Shyla - adopted 04/2004

From John, Carol and Shyla

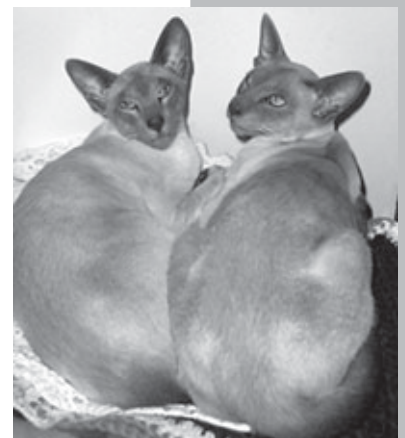
Shyla is doing absolutely great. She is now accepting attention and love from my wife, Carol. While she generally stays in her established "safe zone" (the bedroom, bathroom and bedroom hall), she has been venturing out into the front hall (she even crossed the threshold of the dreaded living room by a paw). Her profile from the animal shelter you received her from implied that she was antisocial and aggressive. Nothing could be further from the truth. Shyla is probably the most loving cat I have ever met, with the exception of Tiny. After a 4 day performance tour in Seattle, I returned to a very demonstratively happy kitty and was showered with affection. We could not ask for a better companion and she lacks for nothing. UPDATE: Shyla is now exploring the living room!



Sean and Patrick - adopted 09/2004

I want to share with you how much we are enjoying the sweet blue boys! They are adjusting well and are in the process of making new friends. We got a new LitterMaid and now that I am sure that the noise does not bother them, they freely roam the house when I am home. Sean has really come out of his shell and he is the one that seems to be more of the explorer. They are very protective of their area upstairs and will defend it by lunging at the invader when another cat goes in the room or by the room. Each day gets better. Our cats are pretty laid back and I think that once Sean and Patrick see that the others are not aggressive, they will become friends. There have been no claw injuries or anything.

From Alan, Charlotte, Sean and Patrick



We're looking for new homes!

We're only a few of the cats available for adoption!

Be sure to check the website at <http://co.siameserescue.org> for more!



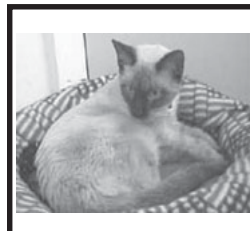
Coronado - CO0014 (Flame)



Cecy - CO0029 - (Snowshoe)



Tassy - CO0032 - (Seal)



Sproles - CO0034 - (Choc)



Missy - CO0030 - (Lilac)



James - CO0023 - DSH



Canby - CO0026 -(Snowsh)



Juliette - CO0031 - (Lilac)



BooBoo - CO0033 - (Blue)



Gaia - CO0001 - DSH



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