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From the President

We've had a busy year, filled with lots of activities that have clearly shown the value that Kindred Kitties adds to our community.

We can never say thanks enough to all you, our loyal supporters--who in spite of our negligence in communicating more regularly throughout the year--continued to provide us with the inspiration and financial support required to care for our kindred and to offset the cost of helping many other cats in need. Our dedicated fosters, volunteers and supporters continue to amaze us and are what make us the very special organization we can all be proud to be a part of!

We are looking forward to a productive and busy 2015 ... a year filled with many exciting new things to support our mission of saving as many homeless kitties as possible.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, we look forward to continuing to work with all of you throughout the coming year. I am personally committed to making sure that our communication efforts are more regular and ongoing throughout the coming year.

Sincerely,

Cathy McDowell, President

Until one has loved an animal, part of their soul remains unawakened.

-- Anonymous



2014 – Another year in which we can say we made a difference in the lives of many kitties! As a rescue group, our #1 wish continues to be finding just the right home for each and every cat we rescue, and we feel we've made great strides in doing just that! But in addition to finding loving, permanent homes for kindred kitties, there were also many other cats we were able to help. It was challenging and we had to give a little bit more sometimes, but we were able to help by assisting or rescuing or saving from abandonment or providing vet care, or spaying/neutering many cats that needed us. ALL of them matter, and that is the difference we remain committed to make!!

STATS

Rescues/Surrenders – In 2014, 242 cats were surrendered to Kindred Kitties. Of that number 19 were returned Kindred Kitties, 132 were surrendered pets, 76 were unowned cats and 15 were born to rescued pregnant cats.

Adoptions – We re-homed 246 kitties (55 adults, 56 teens and 135 kittens), a 10% drop from 2013. Our lower number of adoptions can be attributed primarily to the number of cats we are able to foster at any given time. We are only able to rescue (and therefore re-home) as many cats as we are able to place in foster care. Our ongoing appeal continues to be for good foster homes -- particularly for adoptable adults!

Spay/Neuter – In cooperation with both Safe Harbor and Lake Geneva Veterinary Clinic, we are pleased to report that in 2014, we far exceeded the number of cats we spayed/neutered in 2013 (481). We spay/neutered a total of 605 cats – 13% were kindred kitties and a whopping 27% were feral kitties (TNR) ... a great accomplishment! And, as in the past, where we were unable to help in some areas, we successfully referred individuals to other alternative programs to ensure that we maximized spay/neuters in general

Foster Care – At year-end 2014, we had 87 cats in our care (35 less than end of year 2013): 32 at the Adoption Center, 38 in foster homes and 17 who are considered "permanent" fosters due to special needs. Again, please spread the word that Kindred Kitties is in need of foster homes for rescued cats and kittens. If anyone you know is interested, please have them inquire by calling 262/605-0533 or checking out the information on fostering outlined on our website.

Volunteers – We can't ever say enough about how much we appreciate the efforts of all of our volunteers. In 2014, at the Adoption Center alone, our volunteers clocked over 5,000 hours! And there are more hours than we can possibly count being invested by our dedicated fosters, by those who invest many, many hours in planning and executing our events, by those who regularly devote their time and energy at adoption events, by those who coordinate getting cats into foster homes, or to the vet, or making sure they are up to date on vaccines and properly medicated, and by those behind the scenes who keep the administrative wheels of Kindred Kitties turning (smoothly we might add). It is the support of volunteers at every level of our organization that truly makes Kindred Kitties what it has become! Thank you volunteers for all that you have done and continue to do for all the kindred kitties.

A cat has absolute emotional honesty: human beings, for one reason or another, may hide their feelings, but a cat does not.

--Ernest Hemingway



AND SPEAKING OF THANK YOU'S...

Your support means everything to us – both your time and money! We make every effort to acknowledge all who contribute to Kindred Kitties in a variety of ways. Please know that if you are not acknowledged in the listing below, it is totally unintentional. You can be sure that we are very grateful! Note: Gifts are not listed in order of importance, but are most often listed by date received, or sometimes in first name order.

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- To Judy Fai-Poplipnik for providing a new fan for the front room of the Adoption Center and to Mary Kessenich for its installation
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- To Carol Powell for Large Cat Tree
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HONORARIUMS

- Michael Kukulka – In honor of Bosco & Athena, Adopted November, 2010
- Danielle Schweitzer – In honor of Delbert, Twigs & Sassy
- Veronica Bosco – In honor of Diana Shimon's 10th birthday
- Don & Nancy Warnock – In honor of grandson Michael Gospadarek
- Tracy Morgan – In honor of her kindred kitties
- Suzanne Chamberlain – In honor of her kindred kitties, Cocoa and Q-Tip
- Christina Hogson – In honor of Jill Armstrong's birthday
- Pamela Wallis – In honor of Kiki
- Nanette & James Samz – In honor of kitties Oliver and Boomer
- John & Linda Schmidt – In honor of Linda Schmidt
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- Max & Elizabeth Wescott – In honor of Loki (aka Wiz Bang)
- Edwin Heys – In honor of kindred kitties, Mini and Tucker
- Karen Padua – In honor of Nisa
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- Jill Hancock – In honor of Rags
- Paula Penn – In honor of Steven Penn's 50th birthday
- Neal Joffee – In honor of Strawberry, a kindred kitty
- Kimberley Moon – In honor of the life of Alice Paukner and her care for lost kittens
- David & Linda Krout – In honor of their daughter, KK volunteer, Megan Krout
- Kurt Piepenburg & Kate Jerome – In honor of Carly Piepenburg

Cats randomly refuse to follow orders to prove they can.

-- Ilona Andrews



MEMORIAMS

- Kindred Kitties Volunteers & The Greninger Family – In memory of Jeanne Greninger, devoted volunteer, who passed away suddenly on December 18th at the age of 59. She is dearly missed and will not be forgotten.
- Marie DeBock – In loving memory of Stephanie Karls' special boy, Chico
- Cindy Weiss – In memory of Bobo, Toonces, Missy & Juliette
- Delores Gapanowicz – In memory of Caroline Soule
- Wisconsin Pet Care LLC – In memory of Coco Ruby who is now at the bridge
- Kris & Paul Cook – In memory of Ebony
- Rita Gronemeyer – In memory of Flora Footle
- Sandra K. Mecozzi – In memory of Fluffy & Wheezer
- Kristin Brown – In memory of her beloved cat Snickers
- Richard Cross – In memory of his wife Mary (1929-2014)
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- John & Rebecca Guion – In memory of kindred kitty Minny Q
- Jackie Walbrandt & Cass Hoffman – In memory of Norman William Scherrer
- Bill & Charlene Drown – In memory of Oscar, beloved kitty of Jen & Don Madore
- Dan & Jennifer Madore – In memory of Oscar and Chico
- Patricia Olsen – In memory of Pumpkin
- Kindred Kitties Friends – In memory of Tom McDowell
- Israel Ramon – In memory of his wife Maria who passed September 2013
- Jody Davis – In memory of Winkin who passed away at Age 13 in February, and in honor of Dr. Brewer at CARE for all his help

2014 EVENTS/FUNDRAISERS

Kindred Kitties had a great year either participating in or being on the receiving end of several great events!

Rockheads – Throughout the year, our great “fans” at Rockheads Comics & Games held a variety of events on behalf of Kindred Kitties: April-John Benton Special HeroClix Tournament; May-Free Comic Book Raffle; December-HeroClix Group and Magic The Gathering Group Tournaments and a Food Drive. Their loyal customers have also contributed to the Kindred Kitties cause through their ongoing generous gifts to us. In total, our friends at Rockheads contributed a whole bunch of food and over \$1,400 in cash donations in 2014. Wow!!!

Harbor Market – During the summer months, Kindred Kitties participated in three Harbor Market Days. We met quite a number of people who had previously adopted cats from Kindred Kitties, as well as many individuals who were unaware of our organization and our mission in the community. These events give us a great opportunity to interface with the greater public, and we plan to continue to do so at these events in 2015.

1st Annual Volunteer Picnic – In September, we held our first volunteer appreciation picnic at Petrified Springs in Kenosha County. It was great fun and plans are already in place to host a 2nd Annual Picnic again this year.

5th Annual In-The-Bag Fundraiser – Wow – the 2014 event outdid them all! Kudos to Jane Broughton-Schaefer and Chris Hammelev, who along with the “Itty Bitty Kitty Committee,” worked tirelessly to make it the best event ever!! They did a fantastic job of both organizing and executing the event. This was our second year at the Kenosha Moose Lodge and the extra space has made such a difference in accommodating a much larger number of people! We raised nearly \$21,000 -- money that will help our cats immensely as well as support our mission to assist as many cats as possible in our community! A big shout out goes to the Moose Lodge and to all our sponsors, donors, attendees, and volunteers for contributing to the immense success of our event. We hope to see all of you at our 2015 “It’s In The Bag” event!!!



Pawsitively Purrfect Cookbooks – Thanks to the dedicated efforts of Chris Hammelev, the Kindred Kitties Cookbook became an awesome reality in 2014. It's not only creatively put together but has had great reviews for the recipes it contains. (Thanks to everyone who contributed their recipes to make this book such a success.) We sold so many copies last year that we had to do a 2nd reprint, and it continues to be on the "Best Seller List" in 2015. If you haven't already done so, check out our website for the locations where you can purchase a cookbook.

Lightin' Up Downtown Kenosha – Kindred Kitties participated in the Lightin' Up Downtown Business Decorating Contest in December and won!!! We were awarded the Grand Prize which consisted of 40 Column Inches of Ads in Kenosha News and 35 – 60 Second Commercials on WLIP Radio Station – \$2,109 total value! Thanks to all the creative volunteers who helped put our beautiful window together!



UPCOMING EVENTS

"Rockin' for the Animals" Benefit for Kindred Kitties & Forgotten Friends

Saturday, March 28th Hatrix, 2425 60th Street, Kenosha **Doors Open at 3:30 PM**
4:00-5:00 – Scratch 45; 5:30-6:30 – Apple Crush; 7:00-8:00 – Point-08;
8:30-9:30 – MEAN GENE; 10:00-11:00 – Darkfell; 11:30-12:30 – Brock Betz Band
Admission: \$8 in Advance (Tickets Available at Kindred Kitties); \$10 at the Door

Beat the "Heat" Spay/Neuter Awareness Walk

Sunday, April 12th 10:00 AM Registration; 11:00 AM Walk Anderson Park, Kenosha
SEE PAGE 7 OF THIS NEWSLETTER FOR ALL THE DETAILS!!!

Kindred Kitties Nights at Culvers

Monday, April 13th – 5:00-8:00pm -- Sheridan Road Culvers (8124 Sheridan Road)
Monday, May 11th – 5:00-8:00pm -- Green Bay Road Culvers (5220 Green Bay Road)

Kindred Kitties 15th Anniversary Celebration

Saturday, June 13th

MORE INFORMATION TO COME!

Kindred Kitties Night with the Kingfish

Saturday, July 11th Game Time: 6:05 PM

MORE INFORMATION TO COME!

6th Annual "It's In The Bag" Fundraiser

Sunday, November 8th 1:00 – 6:00 PM

Moose Lodge – Kenosha





5K Walk – Raffles – Fun!

Proceeds Support Kindred Kitties' Spay/Neuter Program

Sunday, April 12, 2015
10:00 a.m. Registration
11:00 a.m. Walk

Anderson Park
8730-22nd Avenue
Covered Shelter south of the Pool Parking Lot,
west of the Dog Park

\$20 Registration in advance
Registration must be received by 3/26/15 to receive a T-shirt.

\$25 Registration day of event
Children 10 & under are Free!

Registration Forms available for download at: www.kindredkitties.org

OR

Register online at: www.eventbrite.com search for *Beat the Heat*
*There is a small processing fee charged for online registration

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