

KINDRED KITTIES – CELEBRATING 15 YEARS OF RESCUING CATS!
SPRING 2015

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From the President

Spring has sprung! And the kitten season is just beginning. As we've said before, each year we anticipate that all the spay/neuter activity of the previous year will net us LESS kittens in the following year. But this never seems to be the case. Only time will tell!

During 2014, we expanded our Board of Directors to better address all the aspects of our organization. We have a number of areas that we were unable to manage without additional oversight, such as application for grants, fundraising opportunities, etc. We are learning how important it is to do more than just manage daily operations. For us to more completely fulfill our purpose, we need to creatively find ways to expand both our presence and our reputation in the community we serve.

Kindred Kitties Mission

We are a non-profit, no-kill organization aimed at proactively addressing the plight of homeless cats. We are an all-volunteer organization dedicated to finding loving, permanent homes for cats and kittens, promoting responsible pet ownership, and participating in community events to advocate for cats and educate the general public.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, thank you for all that you do to help us fulfill this mission!!

And remember, if you haven't already done so, please visit (and like us) on Facebook!!

Cathy McDowell, President

A kitten is more amusing than half the people one is obliged to live with. --Lady Sidney Morgan



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ADOPTIONS – During the first quarter, we found homes for 13 adults, 25 teens (kittens between five months and one year old) and 6 kittens.

We started out the new year with a big celebration when our beautiful girl **Kashi** found her forever home after being a kindred kitty since 2008!! Being a shy girl, she didn't bring a lot of attention to herself – stayed in what we at the Adoption Center have dubbed "the shy corner", but her new family saw something very special in her. Now, after a period of hiding under the bed and peeking out to get the petting she so craved, she has come out of her shell and is making herself a part of their daily routine. And she is definitely calling attention to herself now – talking to them in meows, following them around, loving being brushed, and dashing around the house at night (luckily she lives with a night owl.) It is so important to us that we make good matches for our cats, particularly when it is one who has been with us a long time. We learn their quirks and their habits, and learn just what will be best for them. We had both a cheer and a tear when we sent her on her way!



Three very special cats came to reside at the Adoption Center in December of 2014. One of our devoted volunteers, Jeanne Greninger, passed away, so her three kindred kitties Solveig (formerly Mama Zoey), Flip and Flop came to stay with us. All had a bit of a struggle adjusting back to shelter life, they hung out together in our back room, shying away from the public. Jeanne had adopted Solveig a number of years before and then fostered the very shy Flip and Flop (and ultimately adopted them as well). We are so excited to report that **Flop** was adopted in February, followed by **Flip** in March and each is doing awesome in their new home. ***Mama Zoey is still at the Adoption Center waiting for her new forever home. (Zoey is the kitty on the far right in the picture.)***

Foster Care – As of the end of March, we had 73 cats in our care: 21 at the Adoption Center, 34 in foster homes and 18 who are considered "permanent" fosters due to special needs. **PLEASE!! Our forever ongoing appeal still stands – we are desperate for good foster homes -- particularly for adoptable and special-needs adults!!!**

Spay/Neuter – We are facilitating a significant number of spays and neuters through our low-cost programs. Through March, we have altered 148 cats – of those 22 were kindred kitties, 94 were owned cats and the remainder (21%) were feral/neighborhood cats. And 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. We can't say enough about what an impact the spaying and neutering of cats makes in our communities! We are proud of our efforts and will continue to expand those efforts during the coming year.

You can help us to continue the trend and "Sponsor A Spay For Mother's Day" – see Page 3!

Life outside a person is an extension of the life within. This compels us to be a part of it and accept responsibility for all creatures, great and small.

-- Albert Schweitzer





**SPONSOR A SPAY
(OR NEUTER)
FOR MOTHER'S DAY!**

Did You Know?

- **One cat can have up to 3 litters of kittens a year?**
- **And each litter can have as many as 6-7 kittens?**

But just one un-spayed female cat, her mate, and all of their offspring, producing just two litters per year, with 2.8 surviving kittens per litter can total:

1 Year – 12 4 Years – 2,107 7 Years – 370,092!!!

Spring is here and so is kitten season! We are asking for your help to facilitate the spaying and neutering of more animals through our low-cost spay/neuter programs!

SPAY - \$40 NEUTER - \$30

Support Our Mission – Become a Sponsor!

**Yes, I want to sponsor a spay
(or neuter) for Mother's Day!**

**My donation of \$ _____
is enclosed.**

Mail your donation to:

Kindred Kitties Ltd.

614 59th Street

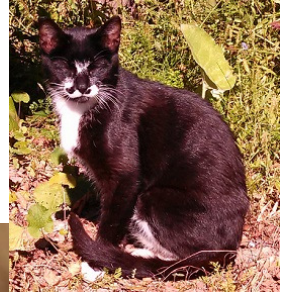
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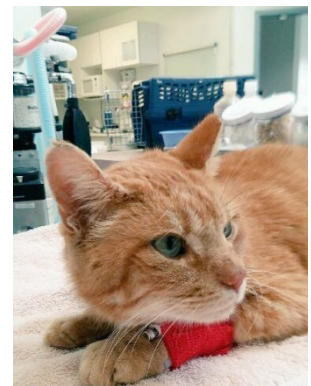
RESCUES -- Cats come to us from so many different directions, for a variety of reasons, and often times with unexpected challenges. We have some wonderful cats right now whose stories (and in some cases their very lives) have been solely dependent on the generosity our loyal supporters, and the loving care given by our dedicated foster families.

Minnie – This little girl was rescued in fall 2013 from a farm. When she came to stay at the Adoption Center, she was extremely shy and under-nourished. She seemed to thrive for a while, but she went from a kitty who purred loudly with any attention she got, to one who was quiet and withdrawn. Initial vet visits didn't uncover what her issue might be so she was moved to a foster home. Because of the tenacity of Minnie's loving foster mom, Shirley, who knew something was just not right, the vet finally identified her problem. Minnie has a mouth condition called feline oral resorptive lesions. It was necessary to do dental work and remove six teeth. These lesions are excruciatingly painful and we are just amazed at the resiliency Minnie exhibited through all of this. Thankfully, she is now back to her loving, sweet self again!! It is likely that the reabsorption issue will recur and she will need to have regular vet visits to keep it in check, which her devoted new mom, Elizabeth, is very willing to do! We are so happy that she is now adopted and will be lovingly watched over for the rest of her life!!



Joey – Early in spring, an emaciated and sickly little orange cat was found wandering outside in Trevor. After several weeks of foster care, he came to the Adoption Center. His looks certainly fooled us. He has such a grumpy cat expression, but he was just the opposite -- he was laid back and loved EVERYONE! In early April, he spiked a fever and quickly became dehydrated and lethargic. We felt it was necessary to take him to Animal Emergency, where he was monitored for nearly a week while on IV fluids and antibiotics. A battery of tests were run to determine the cause of diarrhea and a very mysterious fluctuation of his body temp. Additional diagnostics were needed so he was moved into the Intensive Care Unit in Pewaukee where he had ultrasound testing and also additional fecal panels.

It was finally determined that Joey had lungworm which is pretty uncommon and can cause fluctuations in temperature and keeping him from gaining weight! So the lungworm was treated and Joey was finally released from the hospital. He is now in a loving foster home, but his medical woes have not yet ended. He ended up with necrosis of his tail and had to have half of his tail amputated and he continues to deal with inflammatory bowel syndrome (IBS) which is now being treated with special food and a myriad of medicines which he takes like a champ. Through ALL of this, he has never stopped purring and begging for attention. He has now gained almost a pound, but will continue to need special care (IBS is TOUGH to treat). We'll continue to report about him on our Facebook page and are appealing to those who are able to contribute to his continuing care! Oh for the love of cats!!!!



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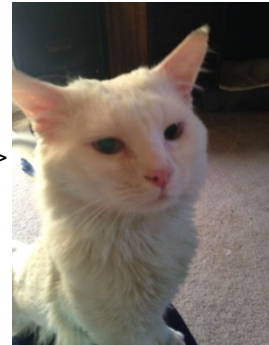
Blue – Blue is a 2-3 year old white kitty that was rescued from a Milwaukee neighborhood in March 2015. But you wouldn't have known just what he looked like when he taken in. We were called with heartbreaking news that someone had hurt a stray cat by spray painting him blue and shaving him. It was 5° outside and the cat was hiding of course, because he had no fur! The volunteers who are now fostering Blue were able to catch him and got him in and warmed up. Blue was scared, had scratches on his body, and had blue and green dye in his hair. He was really dirty and afraid of people. We got him the medical care he needed, vaccinated, neutered and microchipped him. Blue's foster mom and dad are giving him lots of love and he is much happier. In fact, they believe he will be ready for adoption soon. He purrs a lot, and is beginning to learn how to play with cat toys. He craves human attention and loves sitting with people and having his soft fur stroked—so far the record is 20 minutes! Blue sometime flinches a bit when too many people are around and would probably do best in a quiet home, but for right now we (and he) are just happy that he is safe, warm and well cared for (and much whiter of course).



< Sad Blue



Relaxing Blue >



Happy Blue! >

I wish people would realize that animals are totally dependent on us – helpless, like children – a trust that is put upon us! - James Herriot

EVENTS

It's going to be an exciting year for us -- we have lots of fun planned! Be sure to mark your calendars and buy your tickets in advance! And remember, we can use volunteer help at nearly every event. Please text or call Christine Hammelev at 262/237-3054 if you are willing to help with working at any event. Thanks!!!

<p><u>Kindred Kitties Night at the Green Bay Road Culver's</u> Monday, May 11th 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Only at the 5220 Green Bay Road Culver's</p> <p><u>Kenosha Harbor Market</u> Come visit us Saturdays: May 16 & 30 June 6, 20 & 27 July 18 & 25 August 8, 15 & 29 September 12 & 26 * Sponsored by the Petco Foundation</p>	<p><u>Pig Roast</u> Saturday, June 13th Doors open at noon Food served 1:00 – 6:00 Kenosha Moose Lodge 3003 – 30th Avenue Food – Music - Raffles – Fun! Advance Tickets \$12 Tickets at the Door \$15 <i>POSTER ON PAGE 6</i></p> <p><u>Rummage Sale</u> Friday/Saturday, June 19th & 20th Start Saving Your Stuff! <u>WATCH FACEBOOK</u> Details Forthcoming Shortly!</p>	<p><u>Kindred Kitties Night At Simmons Field</u> <u>Kenosha Kingfish vs Green Bay Bullfrogs</u> Saturday, July 11th Game time is 6:05 p.m. Tickets \$15 - Seat & Kingfish hat! <i>ORDER FORM ON PAGE 8</i></p> <p><u>6th Annual "It's in the Bag"</u> Sunday, November 8th 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Moose Lodge, Kenosha, WI</p> <p><i>Including the 6:00 PM Drawing For FAT CAT RAFFLE (SEE PAGE 6)</i></p>
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TWO OTHER DATES WORTH REMEMBERING!
 May 3rd thru 9th – Be Kind to Animals Week
 June 4th – International Hug Your Cat Day



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FAT CAT RAFFLE DRAWING

(Only 1,000 Tickets Available)

1st Prize \$1,000

2nd Prize \$500 3rd Prize \$250

4th Prize \$100 5th Prize \$75

6th Prize \$50 7th Prize \$25

TICKETS - \$5 ON SALE NOW!

In Kenosha

Kindred Kitties, 614 59th Street

tg's, 4120 7th Avenue

CD Warehouse, 3717 80th Street

Rockheads, 2328 Roosevelt Road

Claw's Billiards, 7447 57th Avenue

-OR- Mail This Form to: Kindred Kitties, 614 59th Street, Kenosha 53140

YES! Please mail me _____ raffle tickets. Enclosed is \$_____.

PLEASE – Print Legibly!

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip _____ Phone # _____



PIG ROAST

*Help support our work
while enjoying...*

**Great Food!
Music!
Raffles!
Fun & Games!**

**Saturday, June 13, 2015 - Doors open at noon,
Food served 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Moose Lodge 3003 30th Avenue, Kenosha
Advance Tickets \$12 – Tickets \$15 at the Door
Children 5 and under are free**

**Special Thanks to Our Sponsors:
Hometown Meats, Deli & Catering
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Kindred Kitties Adoption Center • TG's
CD Warehouse • Moose Lodge • Claw's Billiards
Rockhead's Comics & Games
Hometown Meats, Deli & Catering**



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THANK YOU SO MUCH – WE COULDN'T DO ANYTHING WITHOUT YOU! YOU CAN BE SURE THAT EVERY LITTLE BIT COUNTS!!

- To Petco Foundation for granting us \$6,700 to extend our efforts to save more animals lives in Southeastern Wisconsin
- To John Kloss Foundation for granting us \$1,250 general funding to expand our spay/neuter program
- To Pet Supplies Plus for a generous gift card to use for cat food and supplies
- To David & Bobbi Hauser for donation of Brewers Tickets
- To Lynn Day of *Comfort for Critters* for crocheted carrier liners to give to new adopters
- To Claw's Billiards for putting on an awesome and successful fundraising event in February
- For those who so generously helped offset some of Joey's medical costs: Beth McLain, Deanna Frost-Underhill, Jenni DeVore, Lincoln DeVore, Linda Schweifel, Renee Diedrichs, Steven Penn
- To Renee Diedrichs for her monthly auto-Pay Pal donation
- To Judy Mitchell & Ted Petri for the awesome job they did planning and executing the 3rd Annual Rockin' for the Animals at Hattrix in March
- To Gina Pickhardt who works so hard trapping and altering neighborhood cats
- To Marie DeBock for her dedication to her sponsored kitty Emilio
- To Chris Hammelev & Drew Thomsen for planning/carrying out a very successful 1st Annual "Beat the Heat" Walk
- To Nick Huck for fixing the Adoption Center coat rack and to Scott Sanborn for being our "toilet repairman"
- To Culver's on Sheridan Road for sponsoring Culver's Share Night for Kindred Kitties night on April 13th
- To Festival Foods for granting us a very generous gift card from their Paw for Hunger Program

HONORARIUMS

- Michelle Fehr – In honor of Chloe & Isabel
- Anonymous Gift – In honor of Cathy McDowell
- Glen & Linda Gotsche – In honor of Katie the rescued Christmas cat
- Donald & Joan Logan – In honor of Squirmy
- Elisabeth Westphal – In honor of volunteer Sasha Westphal

MEMORIAMS

- Anonymous in memory of D. Boyd Horsley, MD
- In memory of Dan Mika: Kieran & Chuck Major, Chris Kane, H.S. & Sara Kiskadden, Mark Weber, Sheila Garland & Scott Cater
- Charity Bektesi in memory of her dad, James Perry
- In memory of Jeanne Greninger: Kathleen Burk, Bernard Greninger
- In memory of Sharon Smith: Eleanor Yuenkel, Greg Taylor, James Smith, Mark & Jacquelyn Wildeman

Thanks for Supplies/Food/Equipment/Gift Cards

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Kelli Bultman
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Theresa Hesse
Elvira Sanding
Becky Bigalki & Girl Scout Troop 7376

Geri Artis
John Knightsbridge
Laura Wnedling
Missy Isely-Poltrock
Tim Anderson
Olga Rodriguez

And to those of you who send your very generous donations to help support our needs, thank you!

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Kindred Kitties Night at Simmons Field

vs. Green Bay Bullfrogs

Saturday, July 11th at 6:05 p.m.

Gates Open at 5:05p.m.

--Tickets to the game cost \$15, include a stadium box seat and a Kenosha Kingfish hat. Each ticket purchased will give \$5 back to Kindred Kitties.

--To purchase tickets, simply fill out the order form below and make check payable to the Kenosha Kingfish. **Order forms should be mailed to Chris Hammelev c/o Kindred Kitties, 614 59th Street, Kenosha, WI 53140 by Friday, June 19th .** Tickets will be mailed two weeks prior to the game. Hats will be picked up at the fan services booth the day of the game!

-- If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Kylie Smithback at kylie@kingfishbaseball.com or call 262-653-0900.

Contact Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

	Quantity	Price
Ticket & Hat	_____	\$ _____
Total Price:		\$ _____

To place your order for the Kenosha Kingfish game, please complete the following:

1. Please select how you'd like your tickets to be given to you
 - a. Will Call (picked up underneath your last name the day of the game) _____
 - b. Mail (additional \$3.00 fee) _____**

Payment Options

CHECK

CASH

*Please contact Kylie with the Kingfish if an alternate payment method is required

