

# KINDRED KITTIES – CELEBRATING 15 YEARS OF RESCUING CATS!

Summer 2015

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*It is impossible to keep a straight face in the presence of one or more kittens. –C.E. Varnado*

### From the President

Spring came and went with a fury and summer kept pace with spring! It has been a challenging summer to say the very least (which is why you have not seen a 2<sup>nd</sup> newsletter this year).

We have rescued a much larger number than ever of cats this year, and helped subsidize the needs of a many more in the community. Some of these cats have come to us with very special (and often costly) needs. We have been focusing all of our efforts on taking care of this significantly large number of kitties, and have had little time to either keep you informed, or to appeal to you for the help we need to keep the momentum going.

#### WELL, WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We have had to expend a great deal of our dollars, particularly in the last three months, for some pretty hefty vet bills, and our bank account has reached an all-time low. You can help in two ways.

(1) Please make a donation now, to help us offset our deficit. Every penny counts – your support is essential. Our resources are severely strained and regular donations simply have not met need.

(2) Check out the events pages and do what you can to participate in any of the events listed, BUT more importantly, please help us to gather the auction and raffle items we need to make our November 8<sup>th</sup> “In The Bag” event the most successful ever!

**Thank you for anything you can do to give us the needed boost to get us through this challenging season!!**

Cathy McDowell, President



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**STATS** – This year through August, we have rescued 239 kitties! We started out this past April—a month where we see a big upswing in intake of kittens--thinking “oh my, it’s a bit slow ... perhaps all the spaying and neutering we’ve so diligently been doing is really making a difference.” Then POW! In the months of May and June we took in a whopping 143 kitties – 133 of them kittens!! We have adopted over 80 of these kittens thus far, but are still maintaining a pretty good sized population of kitties in both our foster homes and the Adoption Center – 162 (about 100 kittens and the remainder adults and teens). Total adoptions through August were 163 which we are happy to say is keeping pace with last year!

**SPECIAL NEEDS** – As all of you who have been supporting us through many of these 15 years that we’ve been a rescue, we are not always able to predict just exactly what challenges we are going to meet from day to day. We take in kitties from so many different places and circumstances. If we are able to take additional kitties in, we don’t “pick and choose” who we take based on their color or their temperament or the status of their health or how much it might cost to care for it. We get a call and we rescue the cat – THEN we evaluate what it is we need to do to best address the needs of that cat.

This year, as is alluded to in *Letter from the President*, we have faced some pretty significant and costly challenges with the kitties we did rescue. Kitties like Joey, who was so sick, he needed to remain in Emergency ICU for nearly two weeks. Or, our beautiful Mama G, who came to us with three kittens and an unexplainably bloated belly who spent a couple days (right along with her babies) at the Emergency Clinic. It took many follow up visits to the vet to determine the best course of action. We dealt with the “mystery” of Juliet’s behavior and learned that she has arthritis in her ankles which requires special medicine. And then, what seemed like out of the “clear blue,” our special resident cat Rutherford developed a serious bacterial infection and had to be hospitalized for many days. A number of our youngest – the littlest of the babies – struggled to survive ... and several were unable to make the turn back to good health. Our most recent rescue is a little one who had his foot chewed off by his confused new mama. Trace is doing very well now, but requires vet follow up care to ensure he doesn’t get infections, and will require amputation of that leg. And, then an old, emaciated but spirited orange male cat was left on our doorstep. We tried what we could to save him, but had to make the ever-hard decision of putting him to rest because he was so sick.

More than once this summer, we’ve rescued kittens that were in jeopardy from a health standpoint and we were forced to make the decision to seek Emergency care due to vets being closed over the weekend. We have also assisted individuals who have rescued a cat, chosen to keep it, but need some help making sure the cats is okay. We have also addressed a couple of “pockets” in the community where feral cat colonies have gathered and increased over the years. We invested in getting them fixed and vaccinated to address over-population in our community. Added to the funds we as an organization invested, were dollars raised by our “Sponsor A Spay for Mother’s Day” program -- what a boost that gave to getting even more altered!!!

So, as you can see, our decisions to channel our funding cannot always be based on the bottom line, but often have to be based on the need that is before us. And our funds are dwindling. Nearly all the money that we receive is channeled directly to the care and keeping of our current cats and the cats that we are rescuing on a daily basis!!! Your support is imperative to help us continue to do the best we can for our cats and the many others that we can’t physically take in.

You can help in a variety of ways: (1) donate directly to our organization to help us cover the myriad of bills we have to take care of our cats ongoing and emergency needs; (2) participate in one of the fun events scheduled over the upcoming months, which are outlined in this newsletter; (3) keep an eye on our Facebook page and website for our more immediate and often one-time needs.

*I had been told that the training procedure with cats was difficult.  
It’s not. Mine had me trained in two days. – Bill Dana*



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# SAVE THE DATE!

## Kindred Kitties



"It's in the Bag"  
Fundraiser!!

Sunday, November 8th  
1:00 - 6:00 pm  
The Moose Lodge  
3003 30th Avenue  
Kenosha, WI



Kindred  
Kitties

**Interested in donating auction or raffle  
items to make this the best event ever?  
Contact 262/605-0533 now.**

**This is a Moose community service project.  
All net proceeds will help fund Kindred Kitties,  
a non profit (501c3) organization**

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**EVENTS**

> Kindred Kitties was invited to take part in National "Hug Your Cat Day" at Daybreak Adult Day Care for individuals with Alzheimers or other forms of memory loss. Our volunteers and four cats spent time with the participants. A great time was had by all, as attendees enjoyed the cats, and our kitties loved the attention.

> We have also been fortunate enough to receive a grant to allow us to participate in Harbor market a number of times throughout the summer. We've met people who have adopted animals from us, seen many pictures of peoples' cats, and had the occasion to introduce our organization to many who are unfamiliar with us. This has been a great opportunity for Kindred Kitties. Special thanks to Drew Thomson, Jenna Frangelo, Christine Hammelev, Riley & Heidi Jones, Charity Bektesi and Jane Broughton-Schaefer for helping to staff the booth this summer.

>Our Pig Roast was a great success with over 200 people in attendance. A great time was had by all. Special thanks to Jane Broughton-Schaefer and Adam Schaefer for putting so much time and effort into make the event a special one!!

> We were able to raise over \$800 on our rummage sales! Thanks to all of you who donated items, purchased treasures, or worked the sales. Our heartfelt gratitude goes out to Florence Hammelev who painstakingly priced each item, arranged the rummage sales and worked each sale from beginning to end!

> We had fantastic response to Kindred Kitties Night at Simmons Field, and can't wait to schedule our night with the Kingfish in 2016. One hundred people supported Kindred Kitties by purchasing advance tickets and one generous donor purchased an additional 85 tickets so that children and families unable to afford a night at the park could also enjoy the game. Many more spectators at the game supported us in the 50/50 raffle which generated over \$1,000 in funds, in addition to the money raised through ticket sales. We hope to see you all again next year!

> We had a wonderful, fun event on Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> at Southport Beach House celebrating Kindred Kitties 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as a cat rescue. We were pleased to see so many adopters, fosters, volunteers and supporters stop by to wish us well, to reminisce, to enjoy great refreshments and listen to the great music provided by Linda Johnson. Thanks to all who helped make this event a special one!!

*Cats can be cooperative when something feels good, which to a cat, is the way everything is supposed to feel as much of the time as possible. – Roger Caras*

**FAT CAT RAFFLE CONTINUES!!!**

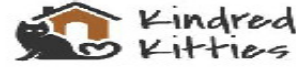
We are currently selling tickets for our Fat Cat Raffle. First prize is \$1,000! Additional cash prizes will also be awarded. Tickets are \$5 and are available at Kindred Kitties Adoption Center. SEE PAGE 7 FOR ORDER FORM TO GET YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS NOW! The drawing will be held at our "In The Bag" Fundraiser on Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup>. You need not be present to win (but please do plan on being present, of course)!!

> **6<sup>th</sup> Annual In The Bag Fundraiser** – Plan now to be a part of this exciting and very important event! You can do several things to help: (1) SAVE THE DATE to attend; (2) begin now to solicit your friends and business acquaintances to donate raffle and silent auction items, as well as bottles for the cork pull. All items may be dropped off at the Adoption Center. Be sure to make a note of where the item came from and approximate value!!! (3) If you are interested in being a sponsor of this event, call 262/605-0533, and we will provide you with the information you need to choose the level of sponsorship you desire.





# Painting Party Fundraiser for Kindred Kitties



Paint a Cat under the guidance of Beth Neptune Langdon  
Tuesday, October 13, 2015 • 6:30-9:00 p.m. • Rockhead's  
Comics & Games • 2328 Roosevelt Road • \$30.00 per person  
**Advance registration is required.**



Return this form and payment to: Kindred Kitties, 614 59<sup>th</sup> Street, Kenosha, WI 53140,  
**by Tuesday, October 6.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$30 = \_\_\_\_\_ (amount enclosed)

Painting Party space is limited to 35 people



## Kindred Kitties Ornament Painting Party & Fundraiser



*Paint your own ornaments just in time for holiday giving!*

**Saturday, November 21, 2015**

**4:30-7:30 p.m.**

**Alpaca Art • 5813- 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Kenosha**

**\$25 per person includes... All Supplies, Studio Time,  
Glazing & Firing, Door Prizes, Holiday Snacks & Fun!**

**Space is limited to 40 participants**

**Registration and payment is due at Kindred Kitties by  
Monday, November 9, 2015**

*\*Attendees can pick up their finished ornaments from Alpaca Art*

### Ornament Painting Party

Registration Information: Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

Number Attending \_\_\_\_\_ x \$25.00 = \_\_\_\_\_ (total amount enclosed)



Please return registration information and payment by Monday, November 9, 2015 to: Kindred Kitties, 614-59<sup>th</sup> Street,  
Kenosha, WI 53140. For more information, email: [events@kindredkitties.org](mailto:events@kindredkitties.org)

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**THANK YOU SO MUCH – WE COULDN'T DO ANYTHING WITHOUT YOU!**

***(If we missed someone, please know that it was not intentional.)***

- To Kenosha Festival Foods and its customers for a \$1,200 Gift Certificate from the "Paw for Hunger" Program
- To Franklin P. Gail for Vet Care for Joey & Blue
- To Lynn Day of Comfort for Critters for Carrier Liners, Catnip Mice and Treats
- To Pet Supplies Plus-Racine for their cash register and customer donations
- To Rockheads Comics & Games customers for contributions at Free Comic Book Day
- To Girl Scout Troop 9369 of Racine for donation of store supplies
- To Cassie Sweet for her very special get well package for Rutherford
- To Helen Havranek for donation of collectibles
- To Marie DeBock, Norman Pietras, Kathleen & John Weyker and Lillian K. Young for Special 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gifts
- To Jake Pullen who uncluttered the backroom of the basement as his Senior Project and did a great job
- To Culvers for KK Night @ Sheridan Road and Green Bay Road
- To Rick & Jaque Molinaro for oodles of white towels and wash cloths
- To Kristin Brown for Pet Supplies Plus candy sales
- To Linda Johnson who so generously shared her wonderful music with us at both the Pig Roast and Anniversary Party!
- To Kathleen Volling for beautiful soft blanket carrier liners
- To Jesse Hayhurst for tote bags and cat treats
- To all those who Sponsored one or more Spay/Neuters for Mother's Day: Tim & Sue Anderson, Kristine Biagec, Madeline Buencamino, John & Sheryl Egan, Lyn Flynn, Rick & Patti Hall, David & Bobbi Hauser, Wren Ide, Margaret Kreger, Michael & Linda McReynolds, Carol Oberst, Steven Penn, Hillary & Adam Schellinger, Penny Seymoure, Connie Suwalski, Elizabeth Wescott

**HONORARIUMS**

- Erin Konicke, Dennis & Grete Parkinson and Karla Wojtecki - In Honor of Ann & Dennis Johnson's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- Paul Cook - In honor of our special cat BooBoo
- SD & DM Lofquist - In honor of kindred kitties Chloe & Isabella
- Steven Penn - In honor of Judy Schmidt on Mother's Day
- Nathan Jacobs - In honor of Kindred Kitties Board Member & Volunteer, LaurieAnn Perkins
- Chris Hammelev - For sponsorship of Adoption Center kitty Marcie
- Marie DeBock - For sponsorship of Adoption Center kitty Emilio

**MEMORIAMS**

- Sarah Baumeister, June Ertmann Beck, Dennis & Paula Butek, Judith Butk, Colleen Hayes, Nancy Hays, Melanie Hertz, Bill & Eileen Johnson, Joan Ohrt, Marjorie & Fred Rappold - In Memory of special friend and KK volunteer Elizabeth Beasley
- Sally J. Nordstrom - In Memory of Sue Hendrickson
- Dianne & David Froode - In Memory of Uncle Vern Nielsen & In Honor of his kindred kitty, Smiley Bob
- Patti & Carroll Harrison, Kim & Mark Murray, Barry Ramsay - In Memory of Beverly Willis

**Thanks for Supplies/Food/Equipment/Gift Cards**

John Badtke	Bruce Bitzan	Beverly Harrod	Deb Heller	Theresa Hesse
Loretta Holton	Wren Ide	Cathy Keffer	Deborah Klann	Amy Klassy
Kim Lesch	Kathy McElmurry	Lorraine Mich	Julie Nelson	Whitney Pacheco
Rick Rozinski	Danielle Schweitzer	Allison Treloar	Paloma Tryger	

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

Amy Bergeson	Angeline Brandalise	Angela Bretschneider	Susan Brown	Michele Caron
Paul Cook	Alannah Davis-O'Dell	Darcy Drije	Linnea Elrod	Brooke Gabris
Caroline & John Gallo	Teri Gregan	Vickee Griffin	Joy & Donald Gunter	Karol Haley
Deborah Hauter	Helen Havranek	Marygrace Horner	Katie Williams	Joseph & Ruth Krota
Jennifer Kubick	James & Patricia Locke	Don & Joan Logan	Jody McCarron	Beth McLain
Adolph & Judith Migliano	PayPal Giving Fund	James Pucci	Fred & June Sewell	Joretta Smith
Bel & Irene Swan	Al & Kathleen Tarsitano	Donna Umberger	Susan Van Wie	Diane Veenendaal

**Employee Giving Programs**

Abbott Labs:

Kerrie Christensen, Letitia Dabbs, Erika Fietzke, Carrie Shane, Josephy Gyriver, Ana Wismer

Abbvie Employee Giving:

Elizabeth Anderson, James Baum, Matthew Galley, Ronald Gott, Heidi Hocker, Julie Nudi, Lisa Paz, Marion Refici-Buhr, Sarah Siggelkow, Marygrace Lobue, Paula Penn, Susan Scherer

All State Insurance:

Douglas Stacey, Laura Wagoner

Aurora Health:

Hospira:

Kori T. Glave

Morgan Stanley:

UBS:

Diane Veenendaal

United Way of Lake County:





***NEW LOGO ..... SAME MISSION!***

As an all-volunteer, non-profit, no-kill organization, it is our mission to actively address the plight of homeless cats in a number of ways:

- 🐾 Our #1 Priority is rescuing and providing safe haven in foster homes for as many displaced cats as possible, and through the diligence of our devoted volunteers, finding loving, permanent homes for them
- 🐾 Following close behind our rescue efforts is facilitating the spaying/neutering of area cats and kittens. Our cats are all altered, based on age appropriateness, and we also offer low-cost spay/neuter programs to help stem the problem of cat over-population
- 🐾 On an ongoing basis, we advocate for cats through participating in community events, providing needed resources to assist individuals with caring for their cats, and offering educational opportunities wherever possible

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**ORDER YOUR "FAT CAT RAFFLE TICKETS" NOW**

1<sup>st</sup> Place - \$1,000  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place - \$500    3<sup>rd</sup> Place - \$250  
4<sup>th</sup> Place - \$100    5<sup>th</sup> Place - \$75  
6<sup>th</sup> Place - \$50    7<sup>th</sup> Place - \$25

**Drawing at the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual "It's In The Bag" Event  
Sunday, November 8, 2015 at 6:00 PM  
Moose Lodge - 3003 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Kenosha WI  
*Winner need not be present to win.***

**Mail your check and this form to: Kindred Kitties, 614 59<sup>th</sup> Street, Kenosha WI 53140**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address/City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

# of Tickets \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$5 Per Ticket      **TOTAL ENCLOSED:** \_\_\_\_\_

