

# KINDRED KITTIES – CELEBRATING 15 YEARS OF RESCUING CATS!

Fall 2016

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*A kitten is, in the animal world, what a rosebud  
is in the garden. -- Robert Sowthey*

### From the President

Spring came and went with a fury and just like last year was followed by a very challenging summer season.

We have rescued a significant number of cats again 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 most 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.

#### We Continue to Need Your Help!

We have had to expend a great deal of our dollars for some pretty hefty vet bills, and our bank account is feeling the pinch. You can help in a couple of ways.

(1) Please make a donation now, to help us close our monetary gap. Every penny counts and your support is essential. Our resources are severely strained.

(2) Keep an eye on our Facebook page for the many events we have planned, BUT more importantly, please help us in any way you can to make our October 23<sup>rd</sup> "In The Bag" fundraising event the most successful one ever!

**Thank you for anything you can do to give us the needed boost to help us continue to meet the challenges!!**

Cathy McDowell, President



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**OVERVIEW** – Just a quick summary of our numbers shows that our activity this year through September over the same period last year indicates a positive increase in both rescues and adoptions! We have had a total of 235 surrenders and have re-homed 201 cats and kittens. Our dedicated fosters are currently housing 108 cats and kittens and we have 20 cats residing at the Adoption Center. We are currently very hard pressed to add any more to that number without increased space. *AS ALWAYS, WE NEED MORE FOSTER HOMES FOR BOTH ADULTS & KITTENS!!!*

We've experienced a lot of different things this year, from taking in a cat rescued from an electric pole to watching in shock as someone drove by the Adoption Center and threw two adult cats out of their van window (a scene which amazingly was repeated with another cat just recently). We've taken in some very sick cats who have spent many of their first days with us in emergency care. We've had to make a determination on what to do with a kitty's dysfunctional leg. We have taken in a number of senior cats this year, which has challenged our pocketbook a bit. Two of them were from a neglect case in the city. Needless to say they have had some serious health issues, including horrendous ear problems and dental deterioration—both which were the worst we've ever seen. They continue to need extra special care and are having a hard time adjusting to human interaction. Two older surrendered kitties came to us needing significant dental work and one is being treated for hyperthyroid. None of these kitties had appropriate vet care for many years and have ongoing problems. We've experienced a lot, but we have been able to take on the challenges!

But we must say that because of YOUR dedicated support, we have been able to take excellent care of these kitties and are witnessing what a difference it makes when our volunteers are willing to invest countless hours working with these kitties to ensure that they finally know what it is like to feel good and have a sense of security.

And we are, as an organization, learning more about how to best take care of those cats we rescue. Because of the generosity of the Petco Foundation, a team of three board members was able to attend the National Best Friends Conference. They came back not only with a lot of enthusiasm about what it means to be a part of cat rescue efforts, but they gained insight into how we can better address many of the issues that we face each day as an organization. We anticipate many positive changes and look forward to continuing to see the influence of what they learned in implementing and/or modifying programs and processes over the next year.

**EVENTS**

Under the capable direction of our Events Coordinator, we have continued to have many and various events which not only bring attention to the plight of cats in our community, but also raise funds to help us to make a greater impact for the many cats and kittens we rescue.

- In May we held our second vaccine/microchip clinic, and we are in the process of planning another one for this November.
- The summer months included one smashingly successful rummage sale, active participation at Harbor Market on a number of Saturdays, being the host organization at another fun Kingfish game, participating with Safe Harbor in their "Walk for Paws," taking part in the annual downtown Kenosha car show, and acting as hosts at Culver's Family Fun Day.
- Mid-September found us at the Feline Groovy Cat Show, where we had two of our delightful senior kitties, Junie and Carolina act as our cat representatives. And, because of the unbelievable response to our June rummage sale, we did an encore again in September. (Thank you Florence Hammelev!!!)

**Keep an eye on our Facebook Page and Website. New events will be posted as soon as they are planned!!! Or Email: [events@kindredkitties.org](mailto:events@kindredkitties.org) with any questions.**

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



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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 Petco Foundation for their continued dedication to funding animal rescue groups
- To Mitchell Carpet for Adoption Center Linoleum and Mary Kessenich for its installation
- To the Rustoleum Cares Team for the spring spruce up of the Adoption Center
- To Dr. Destruction for his *Concert for the Kitties*
- To Jim & Karla Hammelev, Larry & Marilyn Anderson, Margaret Kreger, Cindy Denikas & Mark Mohr, Rany Kong, BJ & Mike Kulkulka, Dennis & Carol Gammon, John & Linda Schmidt, Elisabeth Westpahl, Kathleen & John Weyker for "Beat The Heat" event donations
- To Pat Frieman & Mary Kessenich for their awesome craft items donated on behalf of the kitties
- To Rockheads Comics & Games for Harbor Market sponsorship and Special Store Fundraising Promotions
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- To TWR & SMC Anderson, Beth McLain for Mama Clementine Vet Bills
- To Mary Kessenich for Cliff Vet Bills
- To Christian Castro for help with Lucas & Cody medical expenses
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- To Wren Ide, Laura Lang, Brian & Beth McLain, Robin Nikolai for Mama/Babies Emergency Vet Bills
- To Susan Brown, Renee Diedrichs, Stacy Krause, Paula Lattergrass, Scott Sanborn for regular monthly Paypal donation
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- To Florence Hammelev, Christine Hammelev, Scott Sanborn, Mary Kessenich, Jane Broughton-Schaefer, Theresa Giannotti, Megan Krout for another successful Kindred Kitties rummage sale
- To Edwin Rathjen for donation of Thrivent Financial Member Choice Dollars
- To Krystal Smuda for being awarded \$500 Helping Hands in the Community Grant from Allstate Insurance
- To Janet Blucker for advocating for the special monetary grant from Edison Park Community Church

**HONORARIUMS**

- For Kindred Kitties Athena & Bosco – BJ & Michael Kulkulka
- For Sasha – Elisabeth Westpahl
- Happy Father's Day Carl Veenendaal – Erica Veenendaal
- Happy Birthday "Hubby" – Alisa Filstead
- Happy Birthday Pops, Skook & Noodles Fishbein – Steven Penn
- For Alisa & Guy's Birthdays – Guy Malinowski
- For Kindred Kitties CC & JJ – Rebecca Peterson
- For Kindred Kitty Garland – Mike & Linda McReynolds
- For the lovely LaurieAnn Perkins – Nathan Jacobs

**MEMORIAMS**

- For Simon Kendzierski – Vincent Kendzierski
- For Bernice Lake – Russell & Sharon Ball, Ruth & Mary Joanis, Delsie Keller, L. Moncher, S.S. Nelson, William & Natalie Poss, Steve & Cindy Vaughn, Pam Weber
- For Tom McDowell - Maureen VandenHeuvel (on the event of Cathy McDowell's birthday)
- For Kindred Kitty Twila - John & Nancy Gardynecki, Cathy McDowell & Christine Hammelev
- George Minkler - Namkung Family, Beta Pi Chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa, Diane Daluga, Cynthia Denikas, Kenneth & Mary Ellen Johnson, Dr. Bil & Mrs. Mackey, Timothy McGrain, North Shore Printers, Inc., Charlene Vojtko
- For Beloved Cat Louie – Jody Davis
- For Her Dad – Laura Johnson
- For Hugh Perone – Steven & Alice Chmielewski, Hugh Perone Jr., Vickie Stellato
- For Kindred Kitty Jake – Gail Franklin
- For Janet Baxter – Eddie & Debra Ogren
- For Kindred Kitty Bentley – Linda McReynolds
- For Kindred Kitty Hazel – Todd Truby
- For Kindred Kitty Rudy – Jennifer Ross
- For Kristi Gerber – Kathleen & Joseph Lusiak, Linda Rampale
- For Ruth Hagert – Margaret & Theodore Hagert, Heather Krupp



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**SPONSORSHIPS**

- For Minnie – Stacy Krause, Shirley Warnock, Dennis Butek
- For Emilio – Marie DeBock
- For Marcie – Christine Hammelev
- For Polar – Jennifer Alferi, Meagan Fournier
- For Rutherford – Meagan Fournier

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

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*Great things are done by a series of small things brought together!!*

*- Vincent Van Gogh*

# Join vigeoXchange™ in October!

October is a great time for you to join vigeoXchange and help Kindred Kitties earn some bonus sponsorship money!

Dear Friends,

Kindred Kitties will earn \$5.00 in bonus sponsorship\* for every newly registered supporter who uses Vigeo at any participating business through October.

### What is vigeoXchange?

vigeoXchange is a convenient year-round fundraiser where we can turn everyday and occasional purchases at participating local businesses into meaningful contributions to our fundraising needs.

**Earn Cash Back!** Purchases that help Kindred Kitties also earn you Cash Back!

**Create your free vigeoXchange account today!**



- **Step 1:** Click the following link and fill out the getting started form <https://vigeoexchange.com/Organizations/Detail/172>
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### Special Thanks

Bonus sponsorship made possible by **Waterfront Warehouse!**

\*Promotion Limited to the first 200 newly registered supporters who use Vigeo at any participating business through October.

### Already registered?

Send this to a friend. Don't forget to keep supporting Kindred Kitties and earning Cash Back for yourself by using vigeoXchange at participating businesses.



**Have a question? Contact vigeoXchange support:**

phone: 262-925-8866

email: [support@vigeoXchange.com](mailto:support@vigeoXchange.com)



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# Kindred Kitties

the 7th annual



Join us for:  
Food & Fun!  
Silent Auction  
Raffles  
Door Prizes!  
*Musical Guest: 21 Hours*

## "It's in the Bag" Fundraiser!!

Sunday, October 23rd • 1:00 - 6:00 pm  
The Moose Lodge  
3003 30th Avenue • Kenosha, WI  
\$8 Advance, \$10 at the Door  
Cash Bar



THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS



Advance Tickets Available at:  
CD Warehouse, 3717 80th St.  
Rockheads, 2328 Roosevelt Rd.  
Claw's Billiards, 7447 57th Ave.  
TG's Pub, 4120 7th Ave.  
Kindred Kitties, 614 59th St.  
Moose Lodge, 3003 30th Ave.  
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5557 Durand Ave., Racine

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

I plan to attend "It's in the Bag" and would like to order \_\_\_\_\_ tickets at \$8.00 each and have enclosed a check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_. I understand my tickets will be held for me at the door.

I'm unable to attend the 2016 "It's in the Bag" event but would like to support Kindred Kitties' work. I have enclosed a donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to support Kindred Kitties' efforts.

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