



Meet Rutherford - One of Our Resident Kitties

If you've visited the Adoption Center, chances are good that you've encountered Rutherford at some point. This sweet boy was born in 2005 and abandoned in a park at the tender age of one year.

Although he was weak, underweight, had sparse fur and was covered in sores, under the care of Kindred Kitties this *extremely* sick boy survived and thrived, rapidly becoming a favorite. As one volunteer shared, *"he will always be the unofficial/official face of Kindred Kitties for me."*



"He is a completely different cat than the one rescued- yet still the same sweet, funny, treat-loving boy I remember! He deserves every bit of love, affection, chin scratches and chicken!"

The first time one volunteer encountered him she learned that Rutherford is VERY LOUD. *"I came in and I guess he thought I was the snack delivery girl,"* she wrote. *"He just kept going with his quacking. At this point (almost 5 years ago), he got a daily snack that he would only eat off of a certain chair in the middle room. I wanted to be like him when I got old."*

While Rutherford has faced an impressive variety of health problems, including an ongoing skin disease and serious dental issues, he is in generally good health and relishes life at the Adoption Center.

"He loves to watch us clean and is quite vocal about it if we are not doing it right!!! Love him to pieces and so glad he is always there to keep us volunteers in line!!!"

He is now facing a new challenge - visual deficiency - but, as Kindred Kitties President Cathy McDowell noted, *"it's felt, as with so many other things, that he will begin to adapt to his lack of sight and be okay."*

The passion and hard work of our volunteers, coupled with the boundless generosity of our donors, helped Rutherford get a new lease on life 11 years ago. Be part of the "It's in the Bag" fundraiser as a donor and/or attendee and help us save more Rutherfords.

"It's in the Bag"



Are you ready to "bag" some fun, nosh on some mostaccioli and help sweet kitties like Rutherford? Of course you are! Mark the date on your calendar and order your tickets today. We even put the order form on page 6. E-A-S-Y.

We're looking for donations: raffle baskets, liquor for the cork pull, silent auction items and items to create raffle baskets. We also need your help filling the Merchandise Table with cat knickknacks, jewelry, books, pictures, wall hangings etc. NO PLUSH TOYS OR CLOTHING PLEASE! Hate to shop? We'll also put your cash donation to good use.

Drop off your items at the Adoption Center during hours of operation (Tue 3-7, Wed 1-5, Fri 1-6, Sat 11-4). Indicate on bag or box **"ITB Event."**

Kindred Kitties: a timeline

1995 ... Touched by the plight of homeless cats, founder Carolyn Newton felt called to rescue as many homeless cats as possible. Slowly but surely, Kindred Kitties began to grow. And grow. And GROW.

2004 ... The first Board of Directors was formed.

2005 ... *Kindred Kitties* was incorporated and granted the charitable organization 501c3 designation. The downtown Kenosha Adoption Center opened its doors.

2017 ... *Kindred Kitties* is firmly established in the community and has facilitated the rescue and re-homing of over 10,000+ cats and kittens!

The 3%

The numbers are staggering and sobering. Of the 9,000,000+ cats that arrive in shelters as strays, only 3% are reunited with their original families. That leaves over 8,730,000 cats without homes. While dedicated shelter workers find homes for some, many more are euthanized.

As a no-kill, non-profit rescue organization, *Kindred Kitties* actively addresses the issue by:

- ✓ Finding both foster homes and permanent homes for kitties.
- ✓ Spaying and neutering all adoptable cats.
- ✓ Offering low-cost spay/neuter options to address pet over-population.
- ✓ Providing post-adoption resources to assist in behavioral counseling and cat care.
- ✓ Participating in community events to educate the public and promote advocacy for cats.

Thanks to the generous donations of our supporters and dedication of our many hard-working volunteers, Kindred Kitties is moving towards its 23rd year of making a difference, one cat at a time.

Join the FUN!

Help out, hang with the kitties

☐ Adoption Center Volunteer Opportunities

- one or more of these might be a perfect fit for YOU:

- Support the staff on Saturdays 11-2.
- Have a productive morning (9-11) during the week and help us clean up. We have openings every day of the week.
- Basement clean-up - this half-day project is ideal for high schoolers looking to wrap up community service requirements or someone who loves to clean and organize. (We know you're out there!)

*"Time spent
with cats is
never wasted."*

Sigmund Freud

Upcoming Events

Sunday, 11/5

1:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Kenosha Moose
Lodge

"It's in the Bag" fundraiser

Fun, food and a host of raffle baskets
and silent auction items.
It's a MUST-DO.

Sunday, 11/12

Noon - 3:00 p.m.

Lincoln Park
Orbiletta Building

Need more
Information?

262-605-0533

or



Low Cost Vaccine Clinic

Vaccinations

Rabies (1 year) \$10
FVRCP (Distemper) \$10
Microchip \$15
All 3 \$30

Other Services

Dewormer\$10
Flea Preventative (1 month)\$5

- Cat must be in secure carrier
- No appointments - first come, first served.
- Cash or check only

We our Volunteers & Supporters

You gave generously of your time, talents, money or supplies. You might have sponsored a kindred kitty, helped with vet bills for a sick cat, remembered or honored a loved one, took part in an employee giving program or set up a monthly donation. No matter how you gave, THANK YOU ALL.

Our volunteers and supporters are the foundation of our success. Thanks to each of you, we are making it work, one cat at a time. Again, thank you for generously making a difference! Please know that if you weren't acknowledged it was unintentional. You can be sure we are VERY grateful.

In Memory of ...

- 👉 **Aunt Joyce**, who loved cats like I do ... remembered by Mary Nelson
- 👉 **Jerry Moffett**, a great cat lover ... remembered by Mary Cooley
- 👉 **Jerry Moffett** ... remembered by Michael Price
- 👉 Kindred kittie **Scamp** ... remembered by Wendi Schneider
- 👉 **Linda Sam's** cat Bella from Bo, Chip and B-Dog ... remembered by Sharon Heinemann
- 👉 **Robert Heidersdorf Sr.** ... remembered by Norene & Lowell Charon
- 👉 **Robert Heidersdorf Sr.** ... remembered by Karen Hermanson
- 👉 **David Prisk**, Dad of kindred kitty **Opal** ... remembered by Suesana Prisk

Vet Bills

- 👉 For Gemini ... Rachelle Nelson, Gregory Zgorzelski & Jill Zimmerman
- 👉 For Maury ... Shirley & Jeff Warnock

Sponsorships

- 👉 Stacy Krause ... sponsor of Cody
- 👉 Barbara Wabalickis ... sponsor of Emilio
- 👉 Chris Manoyan ... sponsor of Fred
- 👉 Jennifer Bero-Alferi ... sponsor of Polar

Customer Donations

- 👉 Petco - Kenosha
- 👉 Pet Supplies Plus - Racine
- 👉 Rockheads Comics & Games

Special Donations

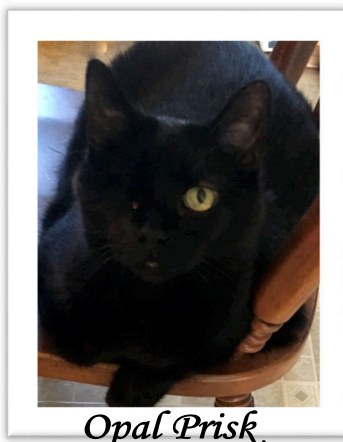
- 👉 Mary Kessenich ... craft sale proceeds
- 👉 Lynn Day ... handmade cat blankets, cat dishcloths & catnip mice
- 👉 Mary Pollock ... handmade carrier liners
- 👉 Christie Graham ... % of realtor commission
- 👉 Florence Hammelev ... a SUCCESSFUL Fall Rummage Sale!

General Monetary Donations

- 👉 TWR/SMC Anderson
- 👉 Patricia Baclawski
- 👉 Gretchen Cabrera
- 👉 Teresa Conodon
- 👉 Marie DeBock
- 👉 Brian Demaio
- 👉 Emma DeRosa
- 👉 Linnea Elrod
- 👉 Lyn Flynn
- 👉 Wren Ide
- 👉 Laura Johnson
- 👉 Sara Kahl
- 👉 Margaret Kreger
- 👉 Chelsey LaBadie
- 👉 Joan Logan
- 👉 Beth McLain
- 👉 Linda & Michael McReynolds
- 👉 Tom Mielke
- 👉 Suesana Prisk
- 👉 Catherine Schmidt
- 👉 Linda Schwefel
- 👉 Sheboygan County 4H Cat Project
- 👉 Barbara Sorenson
- 👉 Diane Taglianetti
- 👉 Kathy Tessoroff
- 👉 Anonymous

Monthly Donors

- 👉 Susan Brown
- 👉 Renee Diedrichs
- 👉 Laura Johnson
- 👉 Scott Sanborn
- 👉 Danielle Schweitzer



Thanks to **Rob Hayden** for his quick response to our need for a handyman. He came, saw and totally conquered! Our bathtub leak has been repaired and is in perfect working order and our weather stripping "gaps" have been closed. Thanks so much!!!

We our Volunteers & Supporters



Our Cupboard WAS Bare

We were feeling a bit Old Mother Hubbardish until the amazing folks at *Festival Foods* helped stock the cupboards. Thank you *Festival* for your generous gift of an entire pallet of Tidy Cat Clay Litter, cases of baby food, cat food, bleach and laundry soap.

Adoption Center Food & Supplies

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| 👤 Rebecca & Nicklas Allers | 👤 Kathy Kessler |
| 👤 Geri Artis | 👤 Amy Klassy |
| 👤 Pam Bernard | 👤 Jennifer Llanas |
| 👤 Bob Brown | 👤 Debra Mason |
| 👤 Joe Cabadas | 👤 Eleanor Pasek |
| 👤 Tina Cukierski | 👤 Steve Perlone |
| 👤 Karen Fandrei | 👤 Linda Perreault |
| 👤 Loretta Holton | 👤 Debra Revolinski |
| 👤 Paula & Marge Illich | 👤 John Ruffalo |
| 👤 Anthony Kafura | 👤 Sandy Schmidt |
| 👤 Jackie Kafura | 👤 Stephanie Timm |
- 👤 Anonymous

What a great response!

We put out a Facebook call for kitten food, paper towels & soap and you stepped up in a major way. THANK YOU!! Remember, if you give via Amazon Smile, do a "gift receipt" so we know who helped.

Employee Giving

ABBOTT LABS

- 👤 Anonymous
- 👤 Letitia Dabbs
- 👤 Michael Johnson
- 👤 Lorraine Mich
- 👤 Carrie Shane
- 👤 Jill Taylor

ABBVIE

- 👤 Katherine Becker
- 👤 Ronald Gott
- 👤 Kenneth Haley
- 👤 Heidi Hocker
- 👤 Julie Nudi
- 👤 Patricia Oestereicher
- 👤 Lisa Paz

- 👤 Marion Refici-Buhr

ALLSTATE

- 👤 Krystal Smuda
- 👤 Andrea Stacey
- 👤 Laura Wagoner

- 👤 Allstate Giving Campaign

AT&T

- 👤 Robert Cook
- 👤 Toby Johnston
- 👤 Thomas Nejmanowski

Aurora Health

- 👤 Jaime Jones
- 👤 Mary Kissinger
- 👤 Mary Lobue

JC Penney

- 👤 Eileen DeBruin

United Health Care

- 👤 Ann-Marie Hafferman

United Way of Lake County

- 👤 Karen Johnson
- 👤 Susan Scherer

United Way of Metropolitan Chicago

- 👤 Elizabeth Anderson

We Need ...

- Cat toys, flea combs and small wire brushes.**
- Soft Soap Anti-Bacterial Soap** - This brand is the right size for our public sinks, it lathers better and goes much further than watered-down "off" brands.
- Heavy duty (1 mil) 30-gallon black trash bags** - thinner bags often break [eek] and have to be doubled.
- Fancy Feast Kitten Food** - Ocean Whitefish or Turkey
- Royal Canin Babycat** - 4 lb. bags

Ongoing Needs

- Foster Homes** - the more foster homes, the more cats we can help. We provide all the support and supplies you need, you provide the love.
- \$\$\$ for Vet Care** - a number of kitties with special medical needs can quickly deplete our coffers.

Feline Facts & Figures

Adoptions January-August

- 2017 ... 80 kittens + 36 teens + 39 adults = 155
- 2016 ... 74 kittens + 49 teens + 42 adults = 165

Spay/Neuter Program

- Facilitated the spay/neuter of 168 cats/kittens.
- 62% were 104 Kindred Kitties.
- Of the 168, 24% were TNR (Trap-Neuter-Release) neighborhood cats.



106 Kitties in the House


- Currently housing 106 cats; 21 at the Adoption Center and 85 in foster care.
- YTD through mid-September, a total of 164 cats and kittens were surrendered to us or born in our care, down 18% to LY. This represents only about 25% of the cats we have been asked to take.
 - ⇒ Our greatest need continues to be foster homes so we can help more homeless cats.

Share! Share!

- Do you have a great Kindred Kitties **story** to share? Send us your pictures and stories. We love-love-love to hear how your fur babies are doing.
- Do you have a **question**? Send your cat-related questions to us; in each newsletter we'll answer one (maybe more than one) question in the new "Ask Kindred Kitties" column.
- Do you want to "get your catnip" early? To **be the FIRST** to get your Kindred Kitties news - the human equivalent of catnip? Switch over to getting the emailed version! Not only will you be in the know, you'll save mailing costs and trees.

Send your news, questions and requests to get on the email list to: info@kindredkitties.org. Be sure to use "NEWSLETTER" as the subject.

Name: Mr. Big [formerly Hickory]
Adopted: 2005ish
Hobbies: Napping, modeling his extensive hat collection, sitting on mom's chest.
His Story: Mr. Big arrived at Kindred Kitties the day I came in for another cat. As they didn't need to do much for him, I got him on mark-down (Don't tell Cathy, but I would have paid full price.) He is now the king of the castle.
Family: Mary (mom) and Mary SR (granny).



2017 Board of Directors

Founder	Carolyn Newton
President	Cathy McDowell
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Tuesday: 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday: 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Friday: 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Saturday: 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Monday, Thursday & Sunday: CLOSED





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September 6, 2017

Dear Friends,

It's hard to believe, but our 8th annual *"It's in the Bag"* fundraiser is just around the corner! The 2017 event will be held on Sunday, November 5 from 1:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. This year's fundraiser promises to be bigger and better than ever. We are excited that the 2017 *"It's in the Bag"* event is once again being held at the Kenosha Moose Lodge, 3003-30th Avenue. As important as it is to raise money for Kindred Kitties, we also hope to attract more volunteers and find more homes for our animals so please tell your family, friends and neighbors. Ticket prices for *"It's in the Bag"* are \$10.00 in advance and \$15.00 at the door. A mostaccioli dinner is included in the ticket price. Advance tickets will be available for purchase at the following locations:

- Kindred Kitties Adoption Center: 614-59th Street, Kenosha
- Rockhead's Comics & Games: 2225-63rd Street, Kenosha
- tg's Restaurant: 4120-7th Avenue, Kenosha
- CD Warehouse: 3717-80th Street, Kenosha
- Kenosha Moose Lodge #286: 3003-30th Avenue, Kenosha
- Pet Supplies Plus: 5557 Durand Avenue, Racine

We sincerely hope you can attend *"It's in the Bag"* and share in the fun. However, we know this is not always possible. If you are unable to attend, but would still like to donate to a great cause, please complete the bottom portion of this letter and mail it along with your check to Kindred Kitties; 614-59th Street; Kenosha, WI 53140.

For more information, call Chris (262)237.3054.

Thank you for your continued support!

I plan to attend *"It's in the Bag"* and would like to order _____ tickets at \$10.00 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 2017 *"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.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____