

## Because of YOUR SUPPORT ...

Because of your support, Midnight was able to receive emergency care and is currently "living the dream" in his forever home.

#### We Got the CALL

We received an emergency call about a tiny kitten who appeared to have a broken leg. The kitten, Midnight, was immediately picked up and was being examined in the Racine ER within 20 minutes. It quickly became clear that he was a very special kitten - the staff at the animal hospital staff adored him.

#### They Fixed him Up

After x-rays, it was confirmed that his upper leg was in fact broken. Midnight's leg was splinted and bandaged and he was transferred to one of our experienced fosters to begin his recovery.

#### **BUT ... He Needed his Mama**

His foster mom had his room set up for restricted movement to ensure a safe environment. However, Midnight was a *very* small boy and it was determined that he might still benefit from being with his Mama Bella, even though they had been separated for a couple of weeks.

Midnight was packed up and moved to a foster who could have both baby and mama together. When he was reunited with Mama Bella, he seemed to know her immediately, but mama wasn't so sure about this kitten with a splint.

Mama talked to Midnight and stayed close, but it took a while for her to resume her motherly duties of cuddling and caring for her little guy. Luckily, mama Bella got used to the splint, decided that this kitten was hers and gave him all the love and comforting that he needed.

#### On his way to 100%

Midnight had several follow-ups with doctors - his splint was updated, new x-rays were taken, and he took weekly trips to an Orthopedic Specialist to maximize the healing of the fracture. He also needed treatment and monitoring of his right eye, which suffered a nerve injury at the time of his leg trauma.

Happily, Midnight's leg completely healed over. He has no restrictions and requires no further treatment unless something unusual appears. His right eye also healed completely.

We're happy to report that after his recovery Midnight found his forever home with a wonderful family, as did Mama Bella.





Order your "A Year Full of Smiles"
Kindred Kitties Pet Calendar by
October 31, 2018.
Order form & details on last page

# August 2018 Stats

#### "Saving one cat won't change the world, but it will change the world for that one cat."

Through August, we found homes for **145** cats and kittens, down 6% from last year. We are so pleased to note that in addition to adopting 60 kittens and 41 teens (kitties 5 months to 1 year old), a whopping 44 adult cats went to their forever homes!

So often, in the midst of what we dub "kitten season," our adult cats merely stand by waiting for the "off" season. We attribute our success with adult adoptions to the fact that our Adoption Center provides a place where people can see these wonderful grown ups in a free-roam environment where their personalities are more evident.

Surrenders are **up** from 164 this time last year to 183. The majority of the increase is due to having 9 senior Kindred Kitties returned to the fold, primarily from a prior year where we had a significantly larger number of adoptions.

Percentage-wise, our return rates are excellent -- our retention rates may well reflect the <u>conscientious</u> deliberation with which we evaluate our applications and attempt to appropriately place our kitties.

Interestingly, last year we "peaked" with kitten intakes in the April/May time frame, but kittens arrived a bit later this year -- in the June/July time frame.

We are seeing the beginnings of second litters for the year; again, a couple months behind what we experienced last year. No one has said the rescue business is either consistent or predictable -- other than the fact that there are more than we are ever able to rescue!!

We have a "full house." While we are maintaining our Adoption Center at a lower number of kitties due to the average age and special needs of the population we are housing there, we currently have 117 kitties (up about 10% from this time last year).

We continue to spay/neuter 100% of the kittens/cats being adopted, but due to the lack of a local low-cost program, we have been unable to make as much progress as we'd like in spaying and neutering both feral and owned kitties in our area. We are continuing to help as many as possible through referrals to other high-volume spay/neuter facilities.

# Where Did it GO? In search of 'It's in the Bag'

We made the decision not to hold "It's in The Bag" this year. We wanted to try something new and held a Pet Photo Calendar Contest instead.

The contest ran August 29 – Oct. 1 and ended up being VERY popular. The contest was open to pets of all species so in addition to cats we had dogs, a hedgehog, a rabbit and even a bearded dragon!

It was an adorable group of pets raising money to help Kindred Kitties care for cats. You can see these good-looking critters by pre-ordering your own "A Full Year of Smiles – The 2019 Kindred Kitties Pet Calendar" by **October 31, 2018.** See order form on page 8.

## Have you Considered Fostering??

More foster homes means giving more kitties the chance to live the new life they deserve. If you're thinking about fostering, here are the top five things you need to know. Learn more about our foster program and complete a foster application on our website.

- 1) Fostering saves lives.
- 2) You will be helping make the perfect catcat parent match.
- 3) Kindred Kitties takes care of all veterinary expenses.
- 4) Kindred Kitties ALSO supplies all the food, litter and equipment you need.
- 5) Fostering is rewarding!

# Making Adoptions HAPPEN

From Interim President Mary Kessenich

It is nothing short of amazing when you reflect on the effort that goes into a single adoption. And, in 2017, Kindred Kitties made that magic happen 254 times!

#### The CALL

It starts with that frantic call that comes to our phone line telling us that there is a cat, kitten or many times, a cat with kittens, in need. The cat and/or kittens may need to be picked up by a volunteer or sadly, sometimes, dropped off during the night on our front stoop.

#### **Intake**

Once in our care, our intake team assesses the kitty and gives the appropriate shots, topical treatments and bath, if necessary. Next, the cat or kitten goes to one of our great foster homes.

#### **Foster Care**

In these dedicated foster homes, they are given love and support. This often entails multiple trips back to the center when shots are required, or to a veterinarian if additional medical assistance is needed. [Thinking about fostering? Visit our website for all the details!]



#### **Adoption Events**

Our foster volunteers give their time on weekends to bring kittens to our adoption events. Every weekend from early spring thru the end of the year, these adoption event volunteers staff our table at Petco or Pet Supplies Plus to showcase kittens available for adoption.

### Off to the Adoption Center

When our kitties reach the age of 5 months, some of them take up residence at our Adoption Center - as space permits - to await their forever home.

#### The AMAZING Adoption Center

The Adoption Center (shown below left) is a truly amazing place! Each and every day, teams arrive in the morning to clean the facility and every night to give medications and settle everyone down for the night.

During the day, other volunteers staff the Adoption Center to provide that Kindred Kitties face to the public and greet potential adopters.

While all this is occurring, adoption applications are being submitted that are being reviewed and dispositioned by other KK volunteers.

#### Taking Care of Expenses

To take care of expenses, our always-creative event team volunteers are applying for grants and running events to raise funds at Culvers, craft fairs, Harbor Market, rummage sales, etc.

All this effort culminates when one day a family comes in and meets 'their' kitty ... and that kitty goes to its furever home. There is one element in common to each of these threads.....OUR VOLUNTEERS!

The Kindred Kitties Board of Directors would sincerely like to thank all our dedicated volunteers for all their efforts, energy and enthusiasm on behalf of Kindred Kitties.

# Seven Tips for Senior Pet Care

Source: Excerpts from The Vet Files by Marty Becker DVM (Rescue Proud Magazine, September/October 2015 Issue)

Here are the top seven ways you can protect and pamper your older pets:

- Remember that age is only a number. I've seen this on about a dozen covers of womens' magazine and it's
  also true with pets. If you don't allow your pets to become overweight or obese, and if you keep them active, they
  can look and act much younger than Father Time would suggest.
- 2) Don't assume changes or problems are due to age. Countless times over my career as a vet, I've had care-givers attribute a decrease in appetite, thirst or activity, changes in personality or bathroom habits, hair loss, weight shifting up or down, or even obvious pain to "just old age." WARNING: If you see any changes in a senior pet, never assume it's not a medical problem. I've diagnosed many problems/conditions that were mistaken for "just old age" that once treated returned a pet to normal life.
- 3) Change your pet's diet to bring dramatic results. Senior pets can respond remarkably well to therapeutic diets. There are special vet-recommended diets to help pets lose weight, treat achy joints, calm itchy skin or sensitive stomachs, reverse cognitive decline, even help treat cancer.
- 4) **Teach your "old dog" new tricks.** It's especially important to keep older pets engaged to fight boredom and help decrease brain aging (just like in humans).
- 5) **Get a pet buddy for your "golden oldie."** Getting a new friend for your older friend can "add years to her life and life to her years!" Research from Banfield the Pet Hospital has shown that pets with buddies live longer and have fewer medical problems.
- 6) **Make moving around easier.** As pets age, their eyesight and hearing declines, they are less sure on their feet, and have less fat for padding, and can easily become cold. You can make them feel more comfortable by putting carpet runners around the house for them to walk on, placing stairs or ramps close to furniture, and providing padded orthopedic beds with a heat source. Add a second source of water so your pet doesn't have to go far to "wet his whistle."
- 7) **Pamper your pet**. This is the age where you can really return the gifts your pets have given you. Heat up their food to release its aroma and make it even tastier. Learn pet massage and (if allowed) rub their bellies. Go ahead and give them some special time together or some special treats.

There you have it: your own roadmap to a happy senior citizenship for your beloved pets! I'm sure you'll find your own favorite places to linger along the way, because all pets are individuals. Cherish them while you have them because one thing is true of all pets: we'll never regret the things we did to make their lives happier in their golden years.

<u>Note</u>: In most cases, cats can be considered senior when they are between seven and ten years old. According to the Journal of the American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA), the term "senior" can describe an aging pet, but the number of years considered to be "senior" varies.

# Share! Share!

- Do you have a great FOSTERING or Kindred Kitties RESCUE story to share? Send us your pictures and stories.
- Got questions? Send your cat-related questions to us; in each newsletter we'll answer one or more.
- Switch to the emailed version of this newsletter you'll save mailing costs, trees AND see everything in COLOR!!! Send your news, questions and requests to get on the email list to: **administration@kindredkitties.org.** Be sure to use "NEWSLETTER" as the subject.

#### "Act as if what you do makes a difference ... it does."

William James

To all of you who over the past eight months have contributed endless hours of volunteering, fostering (an often thankless task), doing special projects, planning, executing and participating in events, assisting with adoptions, socializing the cats, thank you from the bottom of our hearts! We couldn't do what we do without the your dedication not only to the kitties, but to our organization as a whole.

And to those of you who have consistently provided us with the things we need to take care of the kitties (and the volunteers): food, water, toys, cleaning supplies, fire alarms, doing needed repairs at the Adoption Center (Allen, Jo, Riley and others -- thank you). We apologize that we are not able to recognize each of you individually, but you can be sure you make a HUGE difference in the day-to-day operations of Kindred Kitties and the lives of our kitties.

If we somehow missed acknowledging your support, please know that it was unintentional. You can rest assured we are VERY grateful. THANK YOU ALL for being the foundation of our success. Note: These reflect donations through August.

# **Donation Jars Adoption Center Visitors** Craft Fairs **Harbor Market Customers** Martino's Customers Milwaukee Expo Pet Supplies Plus Customers **Petco Customers Rockheads Customers Shenanigans Customers**

#### General Monetary Donations

- Sandra Ambrosini

- √ Tina Cukierski
- Jody Davis

- √ Linnea Elrod
- Margaret Gebhard

- ✓ Edwin Keyse

- **★** Louise Loy

- ✓ Juliann Manning

- ✓ Olga Rodriguez

- ✓ Kathleen Schroeder

- ✓ Jeffrey Soderquist

- Mike Starr

- ✓ Jerrilynn Tzakis

- √ Amy Watson



#### In Memory of ...

- **♥ Ardis Schaefer** ... remembered by Jane Broughton-Schaefer, Belinda Grantham, Christine Hammeley, Clarice Hartman, Steve & Linda Seymour, Krista Sikora, Mary Lynn & Walter Tarczewski, Michael Williams, Robert & Nana LoCicero, Gary & Debra Dieter, Jay & Lisa Sorensen, Carol Wagner, Mike Williams, Cindy Maier, Merle Harnden, Stefanie Scheviak, Diane Delany, Belinda Grantham, Mary Kessenich, Jane & Adam Schaefer, Brenda Schaefer, Elsie Broughton, Deb Schaefer, Steven Seymour, Sepulveda Family, Paul Kielstrup, Nick & Ursula Angotti, Nora Savaglio, Somers Elementary Staff, Warren & Ruth Beth, Paul Schrandt, Mark & Ramona Young, Dan Sikora, Carol Frederickson, Mary Ziccarelli & Anonymous
- **♥ Boomer, Tweaker & Merlot** ... remembered by Richard Gallo
- **♥ Bruno** (Dedicated Condo) ... remembered by Carol Oberst
- ♥ Carrie Jo Peters ... remembered by S. Albert, Anne Ausderau, Peter Barca, Educators Credit Union, Betty Ernst, Gerald & Linda Hartung, Kurt Jorgensen ,David Kastenholz, Thomas Mielke, Northwestern Mutual, Edwin Stuckey & Daniel Tenuta
- ♥ Charles J. Jordan Jr. & daughter Tia Marie ... remembered by William Jordan
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- ♥ Dick Cross ... remembered by Caryn Cross, Steven King & Irene Lemnus
- **♥ Noreen Pecnick** ... remembered by Jane Broughton-Schaefer
- ♥ Ron Burnett ... remembered by Esteban Kumorkiewicz
- ♥ Simon Kendzierski ... remembered by Vincent Kendzierski
- ♥ Sister of Letitia Trathen ... remembered by USMEPCOM Family

#### In Honor of ...

- **√ Jane Broughton-Schaefer** ... honored by Judith Fai-Podlipnik
- **√ Daniel Kisielewski** from KUSD Orchestra Staff ... honored by Helen
- **Jane Broughton-Schaefer -** for her persistence in finding lost cats!
- √ Jane Broughton-Schaefer [birthday] ... honored by Kim Schroeder

- ★ Kindred Kitty "Shiloh" ... honored by Marilyn Simpson
- **¼ Marci Jungbluth,** "Penny's" Foster Mom ... honored by Lori Norman
- **✓ Sophie** (2008) ... honored by the Isaacson Family

Sponsorship of Foster Kitties & Adoption Center Residents

- **♥ Cody** ... Linda Blackford
- ♥ Joey ... Linda Borneman
- **♥ Emilio** ... Marie Debock
- ♥ *Polar* ... Jennifer Alferi
- ♥ Fred ... Rebecca Torgerson
  ♥ Adoption Center Kitties ... Stacy Krause

#### **Special Thanks**

- To the dedicated ladies of the **Comfort** for Critters organization, who continue to provide us with beautiful crocheted carrier liners to give to our new adopters.
- To **Andrea** for stepping right in and enthusiastically filling the ENORMOUS gap left by Denyse's absence at the Adoption Center. (And we miss you too, Denyse!)
- ✓ Special thanks to Florence Hammelev for once again coordinating not one, not two, but THREE Kindred Kitties rummage sales. It's a lot of work sorting through items, pricing and standing out in the hot sun! We appreciate the efforts of you and your crew - Scott Sanborn, Vickee **Griffin, Christina Brown, Linda** McReynolds, Theresa Giannotti and Heidi Jones.
- Many thanks to **Mary Kessenich** who, through her businesses The Cat's Glass, and **Doggone Glassware** sells exquisite hand-painted glassware and hand-sewn articles. Mary donates 100% of the sales to Kindred Kitties! We are very grateful to Mary's sister, **Pat Frieman**, who spends hours and hours sewing with Mary so more Kitties can be helped.



#### **Employee Giving**

#### ABBOTT LABS

- Schultz Clinton
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#### Grants

Thanks to the following for their generous grants.

- **★** Bissell Pet Foundation
- **★** John Kloss Foundation
- ★ Petco Foundation
- ★ Thrivent Financial

A special call-out to Allstate volunteer **Krystal Smuda.** She gave of her time and enabled us to receive a \$500 Allstate Foundation Helping Hands Grant. The Allstate Foundation supports causes that Allstate agency owners, financial specialists and employees care about most by providing Helping Hands Grants to nonprofits where they volunteer their time in their communities.

## Special Events on Behalf of Kindred Kitties

- Arvato Bertelsmann ... Bake Sale (Tina Brewer)
- ✓ Culver's night Sheridan Road
- Fitness Loft Yoga Event (Mary Albrecht)
- Kenosha Human Development Services ... Penny War Fundraiser (Stephanie Karls)
- Network for Good ... Thanks to all those individuals whom Facebook keeps anonymous when transferring funds to us for FUNDRAISERS FOR KINDRED KITTIES on Facebook. Your efforts have already raised over \$2,500 through June!



#### Subaru Kenosha ... Share the Love Event

Each year, Subaru Corporation holds the **'Share the Love'** event from mid-November to January 2. This great program allows each customer buying a Subaru during this timeframe to contribute \$250 to a charity of their choice. There are 5 national charities from which to choose, with each dealership choosing a "hometown" charity.

# Last fall, Kindred Kitties was chosen as the hometown charity by Kenosha Subaru!

They also agreed to supplement the corporate donation with an additional \$50 – adding up to **\$300** per vehicle if we were chosen by the customer! We supplied the dealership with our information flyers and a large picture board about Kindred Kitties.

It was nail-biting as the program started, as we wondered how many customers would choose us as their beneficiary. This past May we were presented with a check for **\$7,499** - the largest check our local dealership had ever awarded to a hometown charity.

Kindred Kitties would like to thank Kenosha Subaru, Corporate Subaru and of course all the Subaru owners who picked us! We greatly appreciate it!

#### Upcoming Events - with more on the way Sunday, 2/10/19 Paint & Sip for Kindred Kitties 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. "Project Pet" PINOTS PALETTE. Kick back with a glass of wine and paint a picture of your own wonderful pet while raising \$\$ for Kindred Kitties - all for just 9020 76th St. \$65! Don't miss out - registration is now Suite E2 open: Pleasant Prairie pinotspalette.com/pleasant-prairie/event/267633 Monday, 3/18/19 "Culver's Shares Night" Monday, 5/20/19 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. Treat yourself to a Monday night out and the best custard around while supporting a great cause! Culver's will be donating a percentage of sales during this time period 8124 Sheridan Rd. to Kindred Kitties. Sunday, 4/28/19 "Beat the Heat" 9:00 a.m. Registration Spay/Neuter Awareness Walk 10:00 a.m. Walk Head out to Pleasant Prairie and stretch Lake Andrea your legs, enjoy the early spring weather **Beach Pavilion** and raise awareness. 6:00 a.m. "Pet Photo Contest for the Monday, 7/29/19 2020 Kindred Kitties Pet Calendar" through 10:00 p.m. Start capturing calendar-worthy pix! Just Monday, 9/9/19 \$20 to enter, votes just \$1 (\$5 minimum).

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#### Orders due at the Kindred Kitties Adoption Center by October 31, 2018

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