



Newsletter

August, 2021

Kindred Kitties Update

As with so many organizations, for Kindred Kitties 2020 was a tough year. We temporarily closed the Adoption Center due to COVID, then had to move the cats from the Center and into foster homes due to the civil unrest in Downtown Kenosha (we were fortunate to get them out the day before our front window was broken). Later in the year, we had furnace issues and moved the kitties one more time (oh my)!! This year has proven to continue to have its COVID challenges, so we've chosen to remain closed to the public. In addition, we've had key volunteers move out of state and the country, and we've had volunteers with COVID and other health issues.



BUT, while things are still not back to "normal," the good news is we continue to fulfill our mission!!



We are pleased that we have not only been able to spay and neuter all of the kitties that we are re-homing, but we've been able to facilitate the spay/neuter of over 100 owned cats as well, and 39 neighborhood cats (TNR)! And, because of the great response of our supporters to our Sponsor A Spay (Neuter) for Mother's Day Appeal, we are able to offer assistance to many more. So please, if you know someone who could use help in getting their cats fixed, have them call 262/605-0533 to learn more about the resources we have available to them.

STATS

This year through July, we've rescued 137 kitties! Our kitten season had a slow start, but it didn't take long to catch up. And while we headed into spring months with mostly adult cats, by June we had a resurgence of little ones—in June and July we took in 83 kittens! So far this year, we've re-homed 110 cats and kittens, and our current foster population is at 64.

Here's the latest information about our Adoption Center Operations:

Volunteers/Visitors

The individuals you see in the Center have been scheduled to care for our resident cats. There is still no drop-in volunteering or visitation for now. For questions regarding the volunteer schedule, call 262/605-0533.

Visitation by Appointment Only

Visit our kitties on Tuesday 3-5pm, Wednesday 2-5pm, Friday 1-5pm, and Saturday 12-4pm. To schedule an appointment, call 262/605-0533. (Please note, the majority of our adoptable cats reside in foster homes and can be seen on our website under the Adopt Tab – Available Cats.)

Surrender Requests

We don't do direct intake into the Adoption Center. Surrender requests are sent to info@kindredkitties.org and we respond via return Email. We are still doing intake of new cats and kittens based on space availability within our foster network.

Giving Opportunities

We very much appreciate all the support given to us! People are still able to drop off food and/or supplies during the visitation times listed above, or you may call 262/605-0533 to arrange an alternate drop-off time.



Polar's Happily Ever After...

If you were ever at the Kindred Kitties Adoption Center, you've met Polar. He is a very special cat who came to Kindred Kitties in 2011 from Silver Lake



where he was found in a driveway in the freezing cold. He was a very shy and frightened kitty when Kindred Kitties received him. Polar was suffering from severe frostbite to his ears and feet and lost the tips of his ears as a result. Additionally, due to exposure to the cold, Polar also has a chronic respiratory condition.

Polar received a lot of tender loving care and attention in the adoption center and was always considered a "resident" because of the severity of his respiratory issues along with his reactions to being handled (which could sometimes result in him biting the handler)!

During the summer unrest in Downtown Kenosha, it became obvious the cats needed to be removed from the adoption center for their safety. When it came to "packing up Polar," he was unusually compliant with being placed in a carrier. After a few days in his temporary foster home, it became apparent that after years of attention in the adoption center (and perhaps with the mellowing of age) he just might be able to make it in the right home with that special someone who would not only understand his special needs but would also understand that on occasion, he could be expected to "sneeze like a person without a tissue." (A sight that's a little unsettling the first time you see it.) Well, that special adopter came along and Polar is thriving in his new home. Here is what Pam Diedrich has to say about the newest addition to her family...

Polar joined our family 9 months ago, and I'm very happy to report that he's adjusted quite well! As many of you know, Polar spent 10 years at the adoption center, so none of us was sure how he would adjust to life in a different setting. He has done remarkably well on all fronts!

He gets along well with my two other cats (except when he's trying to steal food from Ellie or when he's tormenting Abby) and he's grown very accustomed to me picking him up and snuggling with him.



Like his sister Ellie, he loves spending the beautiful summer days outside in the patio.



Thankfully, I've been able to put him in a carrier with little trouble to take him to the vet and his breathing has even improved with some new supplements and drops in his food. He sleeps with me each night and wakes me up in the morning with a little pat to my cheek when it's time to start our day. I couldn't ask for a better or more handsome alarm clock.





We Love Our Friends & Volunteers!



Thanks so much for helping us not only meet our basic needs and continue our rescue/re-homing efforts, but also for believing in us enough to support our vision to accomplish even more as we move into the future!!

We truly believe that every bit we receive makes a difference, so if by chance you were not acknowledged, please know it was unintentional.

In Memory of...

- Cousin Marilyn who loved cats...remembered by Kristine Wineland
- Cynthia Bernard...remembered by Mary Arnould, Beth & Dave Boettcher, and Laura Ellerd
- David Schmidt...remembered by Kathi Young
- Edna Dillonaire...remembered by Jay & Sherri Dillonaire
- Helen Havranek - longtime Kindred Kitties supporter...remembered by Rudolph Havranek
- Kindred Kitty Magnolia...remembered by Stephanie Lichter
- Kindred Kitty Nathaniel...remembered by Chris Hammelev, and JoAnn Anen
- Kindred Kitty Sassy, who crossed the Rainbow Bridge 03.29.21...remembered by Danielle Schweitzer
- Marilyn Schumann...remembered by Kevin Odom
- Mary Jane Lewis...remembered by Gerald & Linda Hartung, Marquita Hynes, Jill Johnson, David Jokisch, Carol Kuehn, Paddock Lake Sporting Goods, Rosemary Palmer, Carmela Parker, Linda Phillips, Thomas & Michelle Steinkamp, and James & Mary Fleck
- Mary Stone...remembered by Mary Lou Wydeen
- Kindred Kitties foster, Mike Kirchen...remembered by Anonymous, Elaine Ford, James & Linda Frederickson, Janet Fredricks-Lindie, Steven Hogan, Nell Howard & Dale Bottema, Ken Long, Donald & Carol Odegaard, Brian & Patti Stamm, and Phillip Tobin
- Mike Ramsey...remembered by Mary Ramsey
- Paul Robbins...remembered by Gordon & Carol Jo Barnett
- Regina Ditkus who loved life, music, and cats...remembered by Crosswinds on the Creek, Kathleen Haggert, and Lara Schrader
- Richard Linn...remembered by Patricia Michael, Cecelia Sanchez, and David Walker
- Simon Kendzierski...remembered by Vincent Kendzierski
- Vicki Bruneau...remembered by Debra Schaefer

Sponsorships...

- Kindred Kitty Emilio...sponsored by Marie DeBock
- Adoption Center Kindred Kitties...sponsored by Stacy Krause

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- Advocate Aurora: Anonymous, Sheryl Hawkins, Jaime Jones, and Mary Lobue
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- Allstate Match: Krystal Smuda, and Laura Wagoner
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- United Way of Lake County: Karen Ficcardi, Carrie Mich, Susan Scherer, and Beth Schuetz-Wilson
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- Abbie: Anonymous, Erika Fietze, Heidi Hocker, Laura Tonyan, Lisa Baker, Marion Refici, Sommer Johnson, Tamara Streilitzer, Teodor Cabili, and Wendy Copeland
- Liberty Mutual: LaurieAnn Perkins
- Henry Crown & Company: Marybeth Burdelak
- Costco: Anonymous, Joan Bojarski, and Stephanie Brown

Online Programs...

- Amazon Smile
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- Give with Bing,
- Microsoft Rewards
- PayPal Giving Fund

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- Martino's Master Drycleaners
- Pet Supplies Plus
- Shenanigans



Merci! Gracias! Dankeschön! Спасибо! Thank You!



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Donations Continued...

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 Kitties Twinkle & Truffles ...honored by Cathy & Frank Pacholec
 Kindred Kitties kitten Starsky... honored by Brian Miller
 Kindred Kitties Bosco & Athena... honored by Michael Kukulka
 Kindred Kitties Spidey & Laney (Luna & Molly)...honored by Ellen Baker
 Maria Cargille...honored by Josephine Serpan


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LOOK NO FURTHER!!

Shop the
Kindred Kitties Feline Festive Fundraiser
 at **Boon Supply!**

Monday, Nov. 1 Through Friday, Dec. 17

You'll find a wide variety of items for an eco-conscious lifestyle and Kindred Kitties will Receive 40% of the Sale!

Shop the fundraiser at **boonsupply.com**
 Be sure to search for (and choose) **Kindred Kitties** as your charity!





2020 Online Auction In Review

The past year and a half has been challenging for holding fundraisers for Kindred Kitties.

As "in person" events had/have been out of the question, we held our first ever online auction in November, 2020. It was a great success thanks to the many donors and bidders who participated. Thanks to all who participated in one way or another. A special thank you to the individuals and businesses who donated items and made the event so much fun!

We are holding another online auction this fall, October 22 – October 31. More information is included in this newsletter.

As always, we truly believe that every bit we receive makes a difference, so if by chance you were not acknowledged, please know it was unintentional.

Online Auction Donors

Allen Roscoe
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Salon on 6th
The Bottle Shop, Lake Geneva
- Beth Tumas
The Cat's Glass,
- Mary Kessenich



The Cat's Glass Special Event

Saturday & Sunday
October 9 & 10, 2021
10:00 - 3:00 (Rain or Shine)
1551 45th Avenue
Kenosha, WI



If you haven't seen the beautiful hand-painted glassware made by our very talented volunteer, Mary Kessenich, you have really missed out! Mary paints cats (and dogs...**over 35 different breeds!**) on various types of glassware – stemmed and stemless wine, footed mugs, coffee cups-- she even can do **custom images from a photograph!**

Not only that, but she donates **100%** of the proceeds to Kindred Kitties! During *normal* times, Mary and a team of volunteers set up a booth at various craft fairs to offer these items. However, due to COVID 19, most of this year's events through December have been cancelled. In an attempt to make up funds from these lost opportunities Mary's work will be available for purchase at this very special event.

In addition to her glassware, there will be textile items including: cat and dog fabric pot holders, microwave bowl holders, dish towels, beautiful wallets, cat-shaped pillows, cat toys, and so much more! Come out and find something special for yourself, or the animal lovers in your life! It's never too early to start shopping for those on your holiday gift list!

Questions can be directed to Mary at mjkessenich@wi.rr.com



ONLINE AUCTION - Friday, October 22-Sunday, October 31

More information to come. In the meantime, we are in need of...



Some of the items we need include: Gift Baskets, Gift Cards, Sports Memorabilia, Liquor, Artwork, Home & Garden Items, Toys, Jewelry, Services (such as salon, plumbing, electrical, etc.), Experiences (theater tickets, hotel stays, use of a cabin, vacation home or timeshare, etc.)...or just use your imagination!!

Please consider donating to our auction!

Item Drop-Off Dates:

Monday, October 11 - 5:30 to 7:30 PM
Wednesday, October 13 - 5:30 to 7:30 PM
Friday, October 15 - 5:30 to 7:30 PM
Sunday, October 17 - 1:00 to 4:00 PM

Email events@kindredkitties.org if you need items picked up.

Drop Off Location:

6520 54th Avenue - Kenosha, WI

Questions? Call 262.605.0533, or email events@kindredkitties.org

Are you a Thrivent Financial member?

Did you know that Kindred Kitties is eligible for Thrivent Financial's Thrivent Choice program?

Thrivent Financial's Thrivent Choice program provides members with the opportunity to make a financial impact on the causes and organizations they care about. By directing Choice Dollars® through Thrivent Choice, eligible members can recommend Kindred Kitties as the organization to which Thrivent Financial distributes some of its charitable outreach grant dollars. Please consider Kindred Kitties the next time you're able to recommend an organization to receive your Choice Dollars®.

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We appreciate all you do for us, but today we have a different kind of ask. Would

you consider donating the gift of your time to Kindred Kitties? We've just had a number of key volunteers move out of the area and are in need of cleaners for the Adoption Center as well as people willing to open their homes to foster kitties and (especially) adult cats.

If you are interested in fostering, please check out *Foster Programs* under the *Get Involved* tab at kindredkitties.org.

Adoption Center: Teams of two work together each day in the Adoption Center to clean and socialize with the cats from 9-11 AM. Then in the afternoon we have volunteers who spend a couple hours with the cats and ensure all is well with them before they are "tucked in" for the night.

We are looking for additional adult volunteer help for the following slots:

- Wednesday Mornings, 9:00 -11:00 AM: 1 - 2 people
- Thursday Afternoons, 1:00 - 3:00 PM, 1 additional person
- First Thursday of each Month, 9:00 - 11:00 AM, 1 additional person
- January through March only:
Tuesday Mornings, 9:00 - 11:00 AM, 1 additional person

If you can commit to any of these times, please contact Cathy at 262/210-1999.

Kindred Kitties Fundraising Night at



Wednesday, Sept.29, 2021

4:00 PM - 8:00 PM

ONLY AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATION:

Kenosha East Noodles

6320 Green Bay Road

Kenosha, WI

Enjoy some fabulous food while supporting Kindred Kitties!

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Thank you for your support!!!