

Meet Gemma!!

Just before the end of the year, we received a call for the surrender of a kitten that had been injured in a fall. She had a broken hip and leg. Her caregiver was unable to afford the surgery required to fix her legs. While we were unsure about the exact cause of the injuries, we were just glad we were able to get her into our care and get her the help she needed.



2021 STATS

Rescues/Surrenders – We took in 229 cats and kittens. Of that number 10 were returned kindred kitties, 65 were surrendered pets, 105 were unowned cats, 13 were transferred from other shelters, and 36 were born to rescued pregnant cats.

Adoptions – We re-homed 218 kitties (43 adults, 23 teens and 152 kittens).

Spay/Neuter – We were able to maintain an active spay/neuter program throughout the year. We facilitated the spay/neuter of a total of 341 cats. Thanks to the awesome response to our “Sponsor A Spay” appeal, we had the funds to assist individuals in getting 151 cats fixed—91 of them owned and 60 neighborhood cats under the Trap-Neuter-Release (TNR) Program. And, as in the past, where we were unable to help in some areas, we were successful in referring many individuals to alternative programs to ensure that we maximized spaying and neutering in general.

Foster Care – We ended the year with 45 cats in foster care. We are so grateful to have such a great team of foster families who are willing to invest their time, energy and emotion in housing and loving (and then letting go of) our rescued kitties. But it’s in the middle months of the year where we fall short and could really use more foster homes. There are times when we receive as many as 15-30 calls in a week from one place or another, and based on our available space, we just can’t help them all. Kindred Kitties continues to need additional foster homes for rescued cats and kittens. Anyone who is interested can call 262/605-0533 for more information or check out the foster information on Kindred Kitties website at kindred-kitties.org/programs/foster-programs/



We got her into a foster home and our vet was able to see her right away! X-rays were done and it was confirmed that she had a break involving her hip joint on one side and her femur on the other. Despite the immense pain she was

in, she was sweet and affectionate (and more active than we could believe).

Thank you Dr. Scott Hodkiewicz and Lake Geneva Animal Hospital for agreeing to perform the specialized surgery! The hip required a Femoral Head Osteotomy (FOH). The femur repair proved quite tricky and involved pinning things back together.

Gemma’s surgery went well and her foster mom said her recovery was pretty smooth. She had a bit of trouble slowing Gemma down. With the pain gone (and because Gemma has such a great attitude), she wanted to do everything right away, and was using both legs for a short walk around the room several times a day. Once Gemma has fully recovered, she will still need to be spayed and then will be ready for her new, forever home.



The Left Behinds

KINDRED KITTY PROFILES

It might be considered the sadder side of rescue to witness a kitty being left behind! It baffles us how someone can just leave their kitties like that. We like to think they had their best interest at heart by at least leaving them somewhere they knew they would be taken care of. Still, we're left to wonder when and where they were born, what they were called, what they loved most, etc. We always wish we knew a few more of the 'bits and pieces' of their lives to start with.

But being left behind can have a happy-ending side to it too – we also get to witness a kitty being taken in to a place filled with lots of love!! Here are stories of some recent kindred kitty 'left behinds.'

Hamish & Lionel

Our volunteers were busy cleaning one Wednesday morning, and as they came into the front room to clean, noticed a carrier on the doorstep that hadn't been there when they came in earlier that morning. To their surprise, there were two big kitties stuffed into that carrier -- two beautiful tabby and white males. We have no idea where they came from or what their story is. And we had not recently received any calls requesting surrender of kitties with their description. But they are really special cats and we feel they must have been well loved to be as sweet as they are.



Here's a little bio on them: Lionel (more white) is very friendly and isn't shy about asking for attention. He becomes quite vocal when he wants you to do something for him. Hamish (more tabby) is very social fellow and made himself right at home with his fosters. He wasn't scared a bit! He loves to window sit, soak up the sun and chirp at the birds. This bonded pair get along well; they sleep and eat at the same time, and play together much of the day. They are still awaiting their chance at a forever home.

Sammy



In late December, a woman rushed into the vet next door, dropped off a kitty in a carrier, and said she'd be right back with his food. But she didn't come back. (We assume she must have thought she was dropping him off at Kindred Kitties.)

We were called to see if we could take the kitty, and we said yes. It turns out he was rather a mess -- he had roundworms and he tested positive for FIV. But, he turned out to be the sweetest boy! Where did he come from? What was his story?

Sammy adjusted quickly to foster life and has done very well with his foster mom and her kitties. He is now living the high life in his new forever home!!





MANY THANKS!!

Your support means everything to us -- both your time and money! We make every effort to acknowledge all who contribute to Kindred Kitties in a variety of ways. If you were not acknowledged below, please know that it is totally unintentional. We know every one of you makes a difference!

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Thanks to the many individuals who had special fundraisers for our kitties throughout the year!! Total 2021 Facebook contributions were **\$14,000!!**

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BETTY WHITE CHALLENGE

Ninety people responded to the national Betty White Challenge by donating to Kindred Kitties for a total of \$3,725! THANK YOU! While most gave in memory of the one and only Betty White, there were some individuals who also gave in memory or in honor of others. We would like to acknowledge them here.

Honorariums

In honor of CC & JJ; Kindred Kitty Shiloh; Loki, Flynn & Lavender; Marcia O'Day; Oliver-Remy; Sisi; and Snowflake James & Chloe Marie

Memoriums

In memory of Dooney; Grandpa Becker; Hayes Thomas; Katniss; Mary; Marge Zaber; and Rutherford

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Thank you...

Extinguish Fire Protection, Inc. for the annual update of our fire extinguishers.

Christine Turcotte for sharing this year's birthday presents with us.

Lynn Day and Comfort for Critters for the beautiful crocheted blankets to our kitties

Dr. Carolyn Newton, MD



It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our friend and founder of Kindred Kitties, Dr. Carolyn Newton, MD.

Carolyn lived an amazing life. In addition to being a medical doctor, she had been a flight doctor, a Colonel in the US Air Force, a flight attendant, and of course a passionate cat lover who founded Kindred Kitties.

We would like to believe that Carolyn's legacy lives on through Kindred Kitties and that she would be proud of the organization she established.

Special Pet Awareness Dates

Feb. 14 Pet Theft Awareness Day

Feb. 20 - 26 National Justice for Animals Week

Feb. 20 Love Your Pet Day

Mar. 3 If Pets Had Thumbs Day

Mar. 20 - 26 National Pet Poison Prevention Week

Mar.28 Respect Your Cat Day

Pet Safety

Pet Theft

Two very important awareness campaigns regarding animal safety are approaching.

Monday, February 14th is National Pet Theft Awareness Day.

What would you do if your pet was lost or stolen? Is your pet microchipped? Is the chip registered in your name? Is your contact information up to date?

Microchipping increases the chances of you being reunited with your pet if it's lost or stolen. Consider the following situation that recently happened.

One of our volunteers had a very social kitty wander into her garage. With the cold weather, she took the kitty inside. The next day, she picked up a chip scanner from Kindred Kitties and proceeded to scan him for a microchip. Success—he was chipped! But when she called the company, the chip was not registered. The microchip company was able to tell her to which organization the chip had been sold, however it was a holiday weekend and the animal shelter that chipped the cat was closed. A couple days later she was able to make contact with the shelter and they called the phone number on file to see if an owner could be located. As luck would have it, the shelter was able to look up the chip and provide information so the owner could be contacted.

Turns out kitty had been missing for 3 weeks and was more than 25 miles away from home! This is one of those times that we wish cats could talk. We will never know for sure, but it is our hunch that someone found this friendly lost guy and scooped him up to help him out, perhaps tried to find an owner and was unsuccessful and then maybe took him home, or found him a home, and that's how he got so far from his home.

This is why it's so important to not only have your cats microchipped but also to make sure you register the chip and keep the information up to date. And if you ever find a cat, please bring it to a shelter or veterinarian to have it scanned for a microchip to ensure it has the best chance for reunification with its family!

We are happy to report that the kitty has been reunited with his family and they were thrilled to have him back!



Pet Poison Awareness

There are many people foods and medications, chemicals, and plants - indoors and outdoors - that can make your pet sick or worse. The ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center (APCC) is an excellent resource for educating pet parents like yourselves about poisonous items to keep away from your animal companions. The APCC provides lists of toxic items, has monthly podcasts, and also posts articles on timely issues. The website for the APCC is aspca.org/pet-care/animal-poison-control.

Although you should always seek care from your veterinarian or ER if you believe your pet has ingested an item that is toxic, the ASPCA's APCC operates a 24 hour Poison Control Hotline 365 days a year. In 2020, They assisted over 370,590 families and their pets through their Poison Control Hotline. The number for the hotline is 888.426.4435.

We are SO EXCITED to be back to in-person events and getting to see you face to face! We have a number of things planned for the year and a couple of events will have a new look in 2022.

**LOOK
WHAT'S
NEW!**

Our annual (pre-COVID) spay/neuter awareness walk will be a hike this this year. It will take place on the trails at Bristol Woods County Park on Sunday, May 22. There are several different trails offering a variety of distances to trek enabling participants to

choose the walking distance with which they are most comfortable. It's important to note that these are not paved trails - it is a walk through the woods. If you don't feel like hiking - there will be Cat Bingo as always. Along with a new feel to the event, it also has a new name. "Hike to Lower the Spike" will replace the former name, "Beat the Heat."

Once again, we will hold Meowsic at the Museum to raise money for the Kindred Kitties Building Fund. The event will be held on Saturday, October 8, at the Kenosha Public Museum. We are working on finding entertainment a little different (but just as good) as last year's groups to make the event unique. More information will follow as details are firmed up.

Of course some of our events will remain the same. We'll be back at Culver's and Noodles so be ready to come out for some great food and fun. We'll be back with the Kingfish the end of June, we will once again be holding a photo contest for a calendar, and we'll have an online auction in early November.



**See You
Soon!**

Upcoming EVENTS



Monday, February 21

5:00 - 8:00 PM

Only at 8124 Sheridan Road in Kenosha!

Monday, March 21, 4:00 - 8:00 PM,
Only at 6320 Green Bay Road in Kenosha. * Note - you must bring the enclosed flyer, or mention Kindred Kitties when you order.



Monday, April 25

5:00 - 8:00 PM

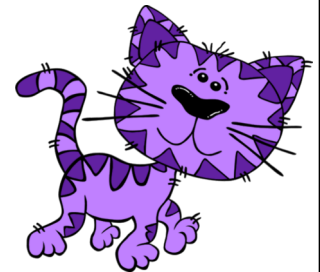
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"Hike to Lower the Spike"
Spay/Neuter Awareness Walk

Sunday, May 22

Time TBD

Bristol Woods County Park
9800 160th Avenue
Bristol, WI



Kenosha Kingfish vs
Lakeshore Chinooks

Saturday, June 25

Gametime is 6:05

More info to come



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