

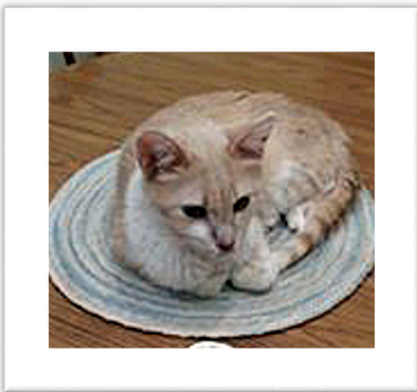


ONCE a Kindred Kitty, ALWAYS a Kindred Kitty

Our kitties have a permanent place in all our hearts, even after they have been adopted. Once they leave for their forever home, we certainly don't forget about them. And these four - Mama Ginger, Rutherford, Shiloh and Zhivago - own a special corner of our hearts.

Mama Ginger

Mama Ginger was rescued from a farm in Hartland after the property was sold and the resident colony of cats abandoned. When the cousin of a Kindred Kitties supporter learned about the situation, she began feeding and removing the cats as fast as possible.



It was obvious that Ginger was older than the other cats and needed extra care, so the Kindred Kitties supporter was contacted and Ginger – along with her umpteenth litter – joined the Kindred Kitties family.

Ginger swiftly stole everyone's heart with her gentle and loving spirit. After she weaned her kittens, it was discovered that she was diabetic and needed twice daily insulin injections. She was moved from the Adoption Center to ensure her insulin was monitored and regulated and was fostered and ultimately adopted by Chris Hammelev, which was the best thing that ever happened to her.

Chris shares, "Ginger was an absolute delight – anyone who spent time with her adored her – and also full of spunk. However, there was a bit of a learning curve.

As a former farm cat she had very bad manners when it came to food. Her first day out in the house she grabbed a donut right out of my mother's hand. We knew then we had to be very careful about what we left on counters – even a loaf of bread wasn't safe."

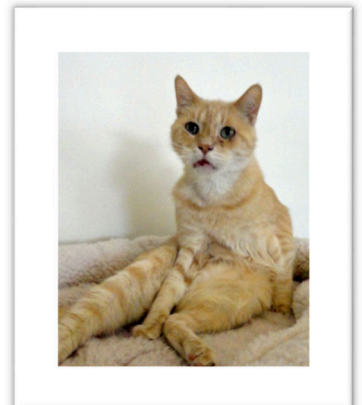
Ginger seemed to be thriving in her new home, but her body began to give out. She'd lose her appetite, the vet would give her fluids and she'd go home.

The last time it happened, it was apparent she was declining rapidly. At the ER vet, we knew it was time to let her go. Even though she was failing, she tried to knead at the bed when we spoke to her. We were absolutely heartbroken by her passing, but so grateful she didn't have a long, drawn-out illness. We really miss her - she was taken from us much too soon.

Rutherford Update

Resident kittle Rutherford gave volunteers quite the shock when they found him flat on the bottom of his cage. By the time he arrived at the ER, he was acting normally, having passed out due to a seizure or hypertension.

Rutherford is now on blood pressure meds every other day but as daring as ever, despite being quite blind. He keeps everyone on their toes with antics like leaping from the top of a nine-pack cage to the counter. This loveable boy is one tough old bird – 12 years and still going strong.



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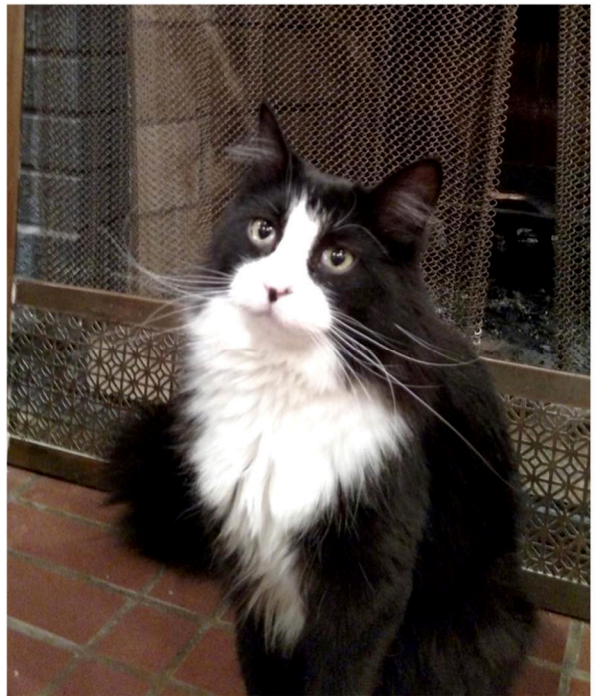
Shiloh

It doesn't take much for an indoor cat to slip out the door; one minute he's sound asleep in another room, the next minute he's dashing out the door and quickly disappears.

When former kindred kitty Shiloh went missing in early December, his mom was extremely worried about this indoor-dwelling senior cat on twice-daily medication.

As the days passed, Shiloh sightings began to trickle in. (It helped that he sports a purple collar). Finally, while following up on a sighting, a Kindred Kitties volunteer retrieved him from deep inside a window well.

Shiloh and mom were reunited at the Adoption Center (picture below), followed by a trip to the vet for a check-up.



Zhivago

And speaking of lost cats ... just after Shiloh's adventure, another kitty went missing in the same area. A diligent search began and, thanks to the efforts of Jane Broughton-Schaefer, Zhivago was quickly found.

Judy, his grateful caregiver, asked that we take this opportunity to give a shout-out to Jane for her diligence in searching for Zhivago and to Jen Gallion for posting him quickly on Kindred Kitties' Facebook page. Another VERY happy ending.



Do YOU know what to do if your cat goes missing?

Be prepared!

File a copy of the article on page 8 in a safe place

A (now) Happy Camper

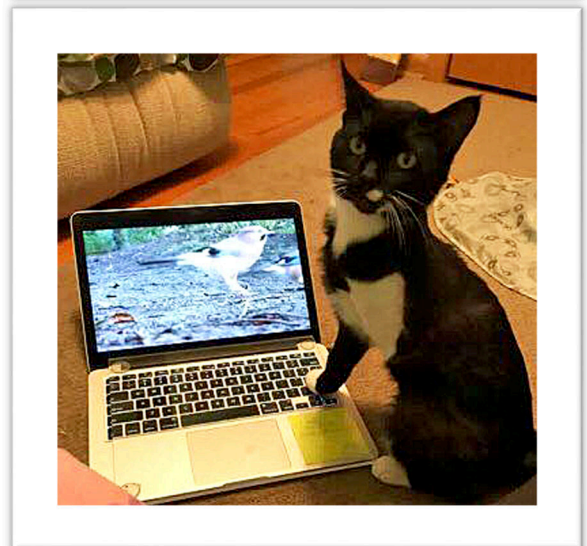
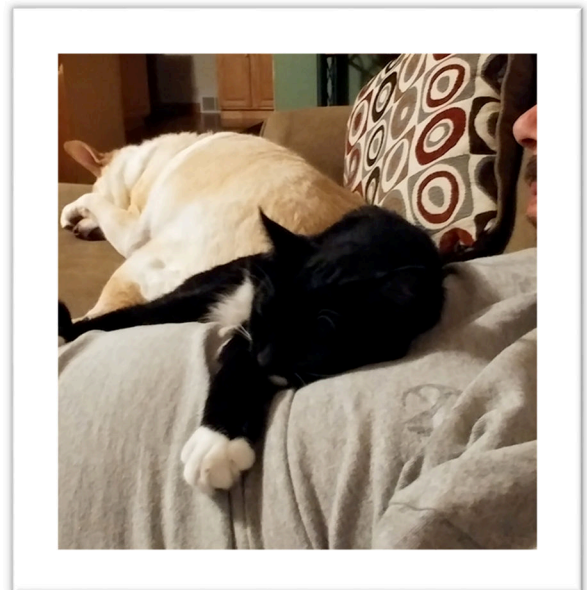
Camper came to the adoption center from the Bong Recreation Area Campground. This extremely thin boy had an umbilical hernia, a limp, and had clearly experienced some rough times in his first year of life. After seeing the vet, it was found that the limp was due to a badly broken shoulder. Unfortunately, there were too many shattered bones to knit together properly, leaving amputation as the course of action.

But the road to recovery was not smooth, as his surgery had to be pushed out due an upper respiratory infection. While getting over his "kitty cold," Camper charmed his foster family.

"Even as lousy as he was feeling, we could tell he was a special boy. Loving and appreciative, he was a snuggler, purring with all our pets and cuddles, giving us head butts and putting a paw on our faces and gazing into our eyes!"

After two weeks of pampering, Camper breezed through his surgeries. As his foster parent remarked, "He may be missing a leg, but he is complete in his amazingness! We don't know what happened to him before he came to Kindred Kitties, but what we do know is this: he has spunk, adaptability and LOTS of sweet spirit."

Before long, Camper went to his forever home, complete with an older canine brother. Reports are that he is rapidly adapting to life as a "tripod" and enjoying being a baby brother. As the pictures at right show, he is one happy camper.



Soooo ... Fostering

More foster homes means more kitties get a chance at a wonderful new life. If you're thinking about fostering, here are the top five things you need to know. Everything you need to know is on our website.

- 1) Fostering saves lives.
- 2) You will be helping make the perfect cat-cat 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!

Share! Share!

- Do you have a great Kindred Kitties **FOSTERING 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 over to getting 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: **info@kindredkitties.org**. Be sure to use "NEWSLETTER" as the subject.

2017: It's a WRAP

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

As we move into 2018, we want to say a huge THANK YOU to all of you who helped make a difference. Thanks to YOU, we changed the world for 250+ cats in 2017 - and are currently housing about 100 more who now have a chance at a wonderful new life.

Whether you donated your time and energy, your money, needed items or opened your home as foster (or permanent) parent to one or more kitties, it is because of your generous, ongoing support that we are able to continue making a difference.

We enter the new year with confidence that it will be another great year of helping many cats in our community - one cat at a time.

254 Adoptions

- 136 kittens + 58 teens (5 months-1 year) + 60adults
- 2016 adoptions = 258

253 Spay/Neuters Facilitated

- Of the 253, 55 (22%) were TNR (Trap-Neuter-Release) neighborhood cats. Kudos to Safe Harbor for working so diligently to get the Kenosha TNR ordinance passed.

257 Surrenders

- Of the 257 cats and kittens, 26 were kittens born in a foster home to very pregnant mamas.
- Sadly, this is a VERY SMALL percentage of the cats we were asked to take. **The more foster homes we have, the more homeless cats we can help.**

Every Penny Counted

Teacher Elissa Barnabee (*Kindred Kitties supporter/failed foster mom - now mom to three kindred kitties*) held a two-week Penny War at Woodland Intermediate School in Gurnee, with the #1 hall winning a movie and popcorn. The kids and staff opened their hearts, cleared out their pennies and raised an incredible **\$1,133.77**. **Thank you, Woodland Intermediate School, for your generosity!** Kindred Kitties ♥ you.

\$1,133



We our Volunteers & Supporters

All we do happens because of YOU, our volunteers and supporters. Your generous giving includes donations of money, supplies, talent or time, sponsoring a kindred kitty, helping with vet bills for a sick cat, remembering or honoring a special someone (human or feline), committing to a monthly donation or taking part in an employee giving program.

Please know that if you weren't acknowledged it was unintentional. You can be sure we are VERY grateful. THANK YOU ALL for being the foundation of our success. Note: These reflect September-December donations.




In Memory of ...

- ♥ **Shirley Aldred** ... remembered Cathy McDowell
- ♥ **Dick Cross** ... remembered by Caryn Cross, Carol Gilbert, Dorothy & Steven King, Inez Lemnus, Lynda Romero & Peggy Zoromskis
- ♥ **Dottie** ... remembered by Franklin Gail
- ♥ **Simon Kendzierski** ... remembered by Vincent Kendzierski
- ♥ Kindred kitties **Twila & Junie** ... fondly remembered by Christine Hammelev
- ♥ Kindred kitty **Bear** ... remembered by Cathy & Rick Keffer
- ♥ Mama **Ginger** ... remembered by Christine Hammelev
- ♥ Beloved cat **Max** ... remembered by Carol Oberst
- ♥ **Mr. Whiskers** ... remembered by Marion Refiici-Buhr
- ♥ **Muriel Ringdahl** ... remembered by Thelma Jenkins, Adolph & Judith Migliano & Barbara Smith

In Honor of ...

- ♥ **Jane Broughton-Schaefer** ... honored by Judith Fai-Podlipnik
- ♥ **Jill Fonk** ... honored by Karen Warnke
- ♥ **Harry & Ostrov's 70th Anniversary** ... honored by Barbara Delaney
- ♥ **Chris Hammelev at Christmas** ... honored by James Hammelev
- ♥ **Chris Hammelev's Birthday** ... honored by "Network for Good" Facebook Donation Appeal
- ♥ **Emily Kastelic** ... honored by Diane Kastelic
- ♥ Kindred kitties **Addison & Clark** ... honored by Susan G Watson
- ♥ Kindred kitties **Bosco & Athena** ... honored by Michael Kukulka
- ♥ Kitties **Chewy, Pokie & Winnie** ... honored by Cat Mom & Dad
- ♥ Kindred Kitten Foster **Marie Furrer's Birthday** ... honored by Briana Furrer
- ♥ Kitty **Stanley** ... honored by Susan Spencer
- ♥ Kindred kitty **Valentina** ... honored by Judith Allce
- ♥ **Marvin Myers** ... honored by Franklin, Ardis, Deb & Sheri Schaefer
- ♥ Employee **Krystal Smuda** ... honored by The Allstate Foundation

Upcoming Events

<p>Monday, 2/5 Monday, 5/7 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.</p>  <p>Culver's 8124 Sheridan Rd.</p>	<p>"Culver's Share Night"</p> <p>Treat yourself to a Monday night out at Culver's while supporting a great cause! Culver's will donate a percentage of sales during this time period to Kindred Kitties.</p>
<p>Sunday, 3/11 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.</p>  <p>9020 76th St. Suite E2 Pleasant Prairie</p>	<p>"Paint & Sip" Fundraiser at Pinot's Palette</p> <p>Give your inner artist free rein and create a masterpiece with fellow cat lovers AND raise \$\$ for Kindred Kitties.</p> <p>(More information will be at kindredkitties.org or the event calendar at pinotspalette.com/pleasant-prairie.)</p>
<p>SAVE the DATE</p>	
<p>Sunday, 4/29</p> 	<p>"Beat the Heat" Spay/Neuter Awareness Walk</p> <p>- Watch for a separate mailing with details -</p>

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- ♥ *Cody* ... Stacy Krause
- ♥ *Emilio* ... Marie Debock
- ♥ *Marcie* ... Cristian Asby
- ♥ *Polar* ... Jennifer Alferi & Meagan Fournier
- ♥ *Rutherford* ... Meagan Fournier
- ♥ *Adoption Center Resident* ... Stacy Krause

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*"If the world could
see how much adoption
means from a cat's
point of view, shelters
would be empty."*

*Hannah Simone
-Actress*

Vet Bills

- For *Camper*
... Melissa Poltrok
- For *Ginger*
... Florence Hammelev



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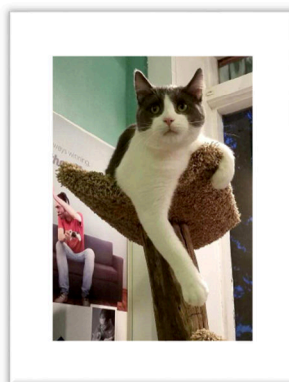
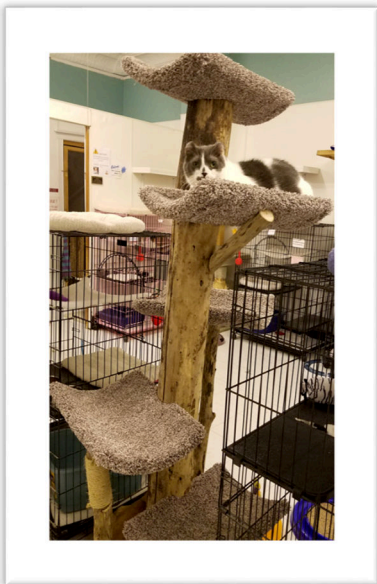
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- 👤 Nancy Huck ... updated fire extinguishers
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- 👤 JoAnn Schlosser ... Comfort for Critters Blankets
- 👤 Woodland Intermediate School "Penny War" ... student & teacher donations. See article for details



We have [new] TREES!

Thanks to the generosity of an anonymous donor, we were able to upgrade THREE cat trees in the Adoption Center. As you can see in the pictures at left, the kitties are in love with their new "furniture."

LOST Cat? Top Tips to Bring Your Fur Baby HOME

While every cat owner hopes their fur baby never, EVER goes missing like Shiloh or Zhivago, it happens. Here are the top tips to know to help bring your baby home.

- ❑ **Know they LAY LOW** ... most cats don't go very far, probably staying within a five-house radius for the first few days and weeks.
- ❑ **HIDE & SEEK** ... yes, cats often hide in impossible places. Before assuming kitty is missing, grab a flashlight and yummy treats and thoroughly search around the porch, garage and yards .
- ❑ **DON'T wait. Act right away!**
- ❑ Contact the company where your cat's **CHIP** is registered **IMMEDIATELY**.
- ❑ **Keep CALM and think like a cat** ... if you know your cat's missing, grab your cellphone with kitty's picture uploaded, a flashlight and treats and head out. If you were a cat where would you go? Start around your house and spread out to the immediate neighbors on all sides. Crouch low under porches, scan high on roof lines and tree branches.
- ❑ **ASK** ... while you're searching, ask pedestrians, knock on doors and show the photo. Ask if you can check their garage, sheds, under the porch. Multi-task during the search: leave a missing cat report with your vet, Animal Control, all the other local vets, shelters and rescue groups.
- ❑ **Set the table** ... leave food and water outside your door. Setting a baby monitor near the food may detect faint meows. Go outside one last time to check and call your cat's name before bedtime. Try to get some rest.
- ❑ **Bait the trap** ... rescue groups will often lend a trap. Using their suggestions, set up a trap. Be prepared, you may trap a raccoon or other cat.
- ❑ **Posters & flyers** ... make sure the words "Lost Cat" can be seen from a passing vehicle or pedestrian.
 - Use two pictures: a large close-up of the **face** and another showing the entire body.
 - Include: cat's name, description, identifying marks or collar, when and where last seen.
 - Your phone and e-mail ONLY.
- ❑ **Enlist your village** ... recruit family and friends to search, post flyers, and spread the word.

- ❑ **Go ONLINE** ... post missing cats reports online at Tabbytracker, Craigslist, local online newspapers.
- ❑ **Get SOCIAL** ... put it out on Facebook and Twitter. Ask everyone to share.
- ❑ **Pound the pavement** ... visit all your shelters, even if say they don't have a cat of your description.
- ❑ **Recently relocated?** ... search your old neighborhood.
- ❑ **Persevere!** ... cats have returned weeks and months later. Keep networking and freshen your flyers and posters with a "Still Missing" header.

We hope you never lose a cat, but be prepared by keeping this checklist with your fur baby's records.

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