

# PURRS & MEOWS october, 2022

#### **Cat Stats**

#### **Rescues/Surrenders**

Through mid-October, we've rescued 189 kittens and 66 cats. Of that number 7 were returned kindred kitties, 68 were surrendered pets, 135 were unowned cats, 45 were transferred from other shelters, and 6 were born to rescued pregnant cats.

#### **Adoptions**

So far this year, we've re-homed 204 kitties (39 adults, 31 teens and 134 kittens) which surpasses our number for the same period last year! It is so rewarding to know that we have found loving, forever homes for so many kitties!!

#### Spay/Neuter

We've facilitated spay/neuter of a total of 254 cats year to date. Twenty-four percent of that number were done under a TNR program and returned to their neighborhoods. Where we are unable to help in some areas, we have been successful in referring many individuals to alternative programs to ensure that we maximized spaying and neutering in general... a mission we take very seriously.

#### **Foster Care**

What a great team of foster families we have!!! They invest a huge amount of their time, energy and emotion in housing and loving (and then letting go of) our kindred kitties. While the number is always in flux due to adoptions and intake of new cats and kittens, as of mid-October we are housing a total of 89 cats at the Adoption Center and in foster homes combined. Our ability to respond to calls requesting that we take cats is based solely on the amount of foster space we have available.

If you, or anyone you know, is interested in bécoming à foster family, please have them inquire by calling 262/605-0533 or checking out the foster information on our website at https:// www.kindredkitties.org/ programs/foster-programs/.



#### It's Been A Wild Year!



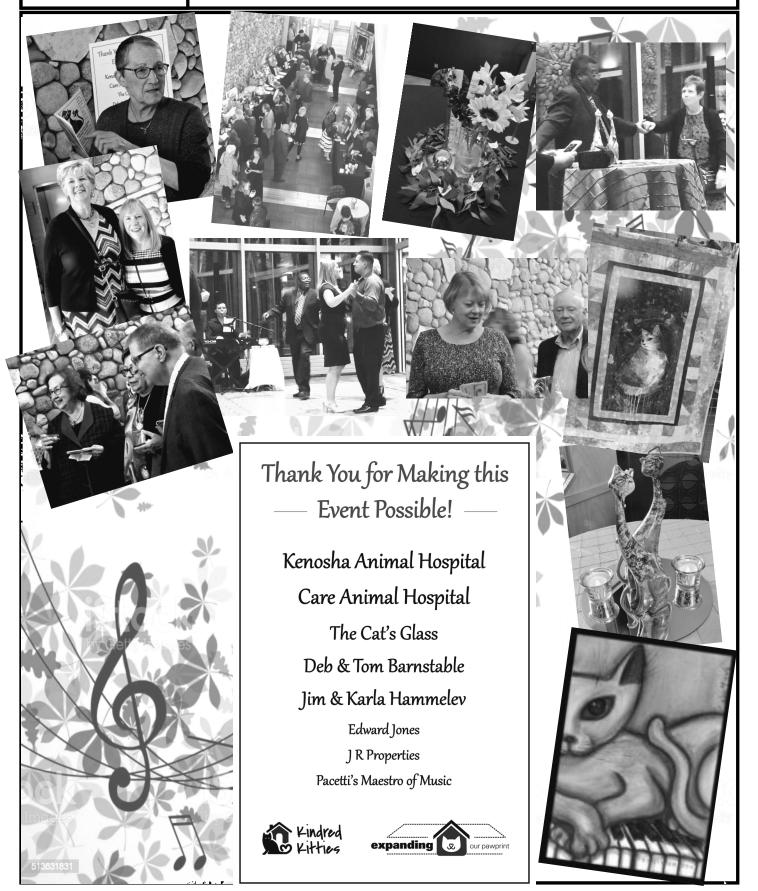
It's been a wild year! Last year through October we took in 199 kitties, which has been about average over the last several But this year by mid-October, we've years. already exceeded that number by 62. That's 32 more kitties than we took in for the whole We've already taken in 10 year last year!! more adults and over 50 more kittens compared to last year. We are so grateful to our foster families who have made it possible for us to keep up with the additional need for more space (and more TLC). And to our generous supporters who keep our cupboards filled with the food and supplies we need to keep our kitties well fed and happy!

We couldn't do it without them!!!

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#### **Meowsic at the Museum**

Thank you to all who sponsored, donated auction items or money, or attended our 2022 gala, Meowsic at the Museum.

The evening did not disappoint! There was great entertainment, fabulous food and drink, and some fantastic items in the silent auction. We are grateful to everyone who participated one way or another in the event - you made the evening a success!

A very special thank you to the Kindred Kitties volunteers who spent hours planning and working at the event: Mary Kessenich, Heidi Jones, Jill Taylor Powell, Dawn Morrison, Pam Diedrich, and Jane Broughton-Schaefer. We could not have held the event without your commitment and hard work.

### Feline Festive Online Holiday Auction

Kindred Kitties is holding our 2022 Feline Festive Online Holiday Auction November 24 - December 3. You'll be able to find many great items for the people on your gift list.

Some of the items we have include:

- An Ice Cream Social Cruise for Four with the Lake Geneva Cruise Line
- Admirals Tickets
- · Handmade Cat Themed Quilt
- Custom Painted Pet Portraits
- TOYS! TOYS! TOYS!

Check out the Kindred Kitties website, kindredkitties.org for more information and updates.

# Feline Festive Online Woliday Auction



November 24, 2023 through December 3, 2022

Shop for Your Friends & Family While helping the Cats!

Check out the Auction at http://bidpal.net/feline



### **MANY THANKS!**

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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. Every one of you makes a difference! The following donations were received July through September, 2022.

#### **Honorariums**

#### In Honor of...

Ash & Bailey by Mia Kilgore
Allison Treloar by Henry Emuwawon
Audi, Luna, & Jack by Marnie Wojtanek
Cali Rummelhart by Donald Ott

Cheeky by Dawn Rushing

Judy Armstrong by Gina & Elliot Copen

Kathy Brandy by Mary Ann Toutant, Judy Nielsen, and Jackie Hall

The Wedding of Mark Ciaccio & Kyle McLeod by Amanda Lawrence

Mary Kessenich by Russel & Katherine Wortley

Peanut Butter, Pancake, & Dot by Ella DeNio

Smokey - Proceeds from Piper's Lemonade Stand by Kellie Nelson

Zoe by Janice Craig-Rayat

#### **Memoriams**

#### In Memory of...

Aaron S. by Marie DeBock
Brenda Wilson, who petted all stray cats,
by Lois Van Dahm

Carol Rancing by the Merry Makers Club Eileen Bowers by Karin Gunville, Brooke & John Hofmeyer, and Alise Steed

Erwin Schmidt Jr. by Laura Rozzoni

John Kreger by Bonnie Kreger

"Moose" Karls by Marie DeBock

Olga Rodriguez by Phillip Rodriguez

#### **Memoriams Continued**

#### In Memory of...

Roman by Marnie Wojtanek Simon Kendzierski by Vincent Kendzierski Tornado "Tomi" by Israel Ramon

#### **Sponsorships**

Emilio by Marie DeBock Adoption Center Cats by Stacy Krause

#### **Online Programs**

Amazon Smile Microsoft Rewards PayPal Giving Fund

#### **Donation Jars**

Adoption Center, Martino's on 7th, Pet Supplies Plus in Racine, Serendipity on 7th, Shenanigans





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**Employee Giving** 

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# **Holiday Safety**

Keep your pet safe this holiday season! The following article is from the ASPCA. We felt it was important enough to include in it's entirety.

The holiday season is upon us, and many pet parents plan to include their furry companions in the festivities. As you gear up for the holidays, it is important to try to keep your pet's eating and exercise habits as close to their normal routine as possible. Also, please be sure to steer pets clear of the following unhealthy treats, toxic plants and dangerous decorations.

# **Be Careful with Seasonal Plants and Decorations**

- Oh, Christmas Tree: Securely anchor your Christmas tree so it doesn't tip and fall, causing possible injury to your pet. This will also prevent the tree water—which may contain fertilizers that can cause stomach upset—from spilling. Stagnant tree water is a breeding ground for bacteria, and your pet could end up with nausea or diarrhea should he imbibe.
- Avoid Mistletoe & Holly: Holly, when ingested, can cause pets to suffer nausea, vomiting and diarrhea. Mistletoe can cause gastrointestinal upset and cardiovascular problems. And many varieties of lilies can cause kidney failure in cats if ingested. Opt for just-as-jolly artificial plants made from silk or plastic, or choose a pet-safe bouquet.
- **Tinsel-less Town:** Kitties love this sparkly, light-catching "toy" that's easy to bat around and carry in their mouths. But a nibble can lead to a swallow, which can lead to an obstructed digestive tract, severe vomiting, dehydration and possible surgery. It's best to brighten your boughs with something other than tinsel.
- That Holiday Glow: Don't leave lighted

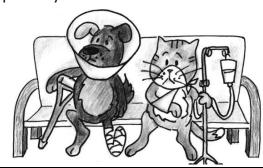
candles unattended. Pets may burn themselves or cause a fire if they knock candles over. Be sure to use appropriate candle holders, placed on a stable surface. And if you leave the room, put the candle out!

 Wired Up: Keep wires, batteries and glass or plastic ornaments out of paws' reach. A wire can deliver a potentially lethal electrical shock and a punctured battery can cause burns to the mouth and esophagus, while shards of breakable ornaments can damage your pet's mouth and digestive tract.

#### **Avoid Holiday Food Dangers**

- Skip the Sweets: By now you know not to feed your pets chocolate and anything sweetened with xylitol, but do you know the lengths to which an enterprising pet will go to chomp on something yummy? Make sure to keep your pets away from the table and unattended plates of food, and be sure to secure the lids on garbage cans.
- Leave the Leftovers: Fatty, spicy and no-no human foods, as well as bones, should not be fed to your furry friends. Pets can join the festivities in other fun ways that won't lead to costly medical bills.
- Careful with Cocktails:

If your celebration includes adult holiday beverages, be sure to place your unattended alcoholic drinks where pets cannot get to them. If ingested, your pet could become weak, ill and may even go into a coma, possibly resulting in death from respiratory failure.





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Selecting Special Treats:

Looking to stuff your pet's stockings? Stick with chew toys that are basically indestructible, Kongs that can be stuffed with healthy foods or chew treats that are designed to be safely digestible. Long, stringy things are a feline's dream, but the most risky toys for cats involve ribbon, yarn and loose little parts that can get stuck in the intestines, often necessitating surgery. Surprise kitty with a new ball that's too big to swallow, a stuffed catnip toy or the interactive cat dancer.

### Plan a Pet-Safe Holiday Gathering

Put the Meds Away:

Make sure all of your medications are locked behind secure doors, and be sure to tell your guests to keep their meds zipped up and packed away, too.

#### A Room of Their Own:

Give your pet his own quiet space to retreat to—complete with fresh water and a place to snuggle. Shy pups and cats might want to hide out under a piece of furniture, in their carrying case or in a separate room away from the hubbub.

#### New Year's Noise:

As you count down to the new year, please keep in mind that strings of thrown confetti can get lodged in a cat's intestines, if ingested, perhaps necessitating surgery. Noisy poppers can terrify

pets and cause possible damage to sensitive ears. And remember that many pets are also scared of fireworks, so be sure to secure them in a safe, escape-proof area as midnight approaches.

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NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

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### We thank our human parents for adopting us



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#### 2023 Events

We're looking forward to having **A LOT OF FUN** while raising money to help the kitties in 2023!

Plan on joining us for dinner at Culver's and Noodle's. Find your inner Picasso with Kindred Kitties at Pinot's Palette. Get ready to shake your groove thing at Caturday Night Fever. Take a hike through Bristol Woods and help Kindred Kitties' spay/neuter efforts.

There's more to come so visit kindredkitties.org and check out the Events tab for updates!

#### **Paint & Sip Fundraiser**

Saturday, January 14, 2023

2:00 - 5:00 PM - Pinot's Palette Pleasant Prairie



#### "Happy Snowmen"

Enjoy an afternoon of painting, raffles, snacks, & FUN while helping the kitties!

Watch for more info at kindredkitties.org

Monday, February 20, 2023 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM



8124 Sheridan Road, Kenosha, WI

#### Caturday, March 4, 2023



Caturday Night Fever At Cortese's



**Sunday, May 21, 2023** 

HIKE TO LOWER
THE SPIKE

Bristol Woods Park Bristol, WI

Monday, October 2, 2023 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM



You must mention Kindred Kitties for us to receive credit. Only at the Kenosha East Location

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