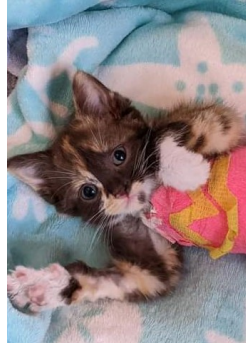


## Meet Coral!!

At the end of February, Mama Calypso and her four kittens—just a week old—were surrendered to us. After a few days, their foster mom noticed that one of the kittens was “flat chested” which made it difficult for her to nurse and she wasn’t gaining weight at nearly the weight that her siblings were. A trip to the vet confirmed that her problem was one that definitely needed to be dealt with.



Coral was diagnosed with a condition referred to as *Pectus excavatum* or “Funnel Chest” which is a congenital condition causing the sternum and rib cage to be misshapen and sunken into the chest. It can lead to serious issues if there is not enough space for the heart and lungs to grow. Surgery to correct this condition is most effective and successful while the kitten’s bones are still pliable and involves shaping the ribs and expanding the chest.

Thanks to Dr. David Brdecka at VSC Surgery Department in Bannockburn IL, Coral is on her way to a normal life! She was initially fitted with her first chest plate, which was replaced by a second one as she grew. Throughout the whole process, she had to be kept quiet and isolated—not natural for a kitten! She’s been so good about that. Once that second plate is removed, and after a short recovery, she will be able to do all the things a normal kitten does! And we’ll be able to get her ready for her forever home!!



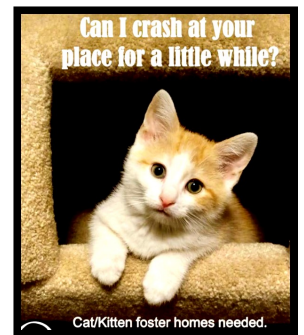
## 2023—January thru April

**Rescues/Surrenders** – We took in 123 cats and kittens. Of that number, 72 were surrendered pets, 31 were unowned cats, 6 were transferred from other shelters, and 14 were born to rescued pregnant cats. This number was a 43% increase over what we took in during the same period last year.

**Adoptions** – We re-homed 63 kitties (18 adults, 28 teens and 17 kittens).

**Spay/Neuter** – We facilitated the spay/neuter of a total of 99 cats. This year, we are able, with funds provided by generous donors, and thru a grant provided by the John & Ruth Kloss Foundation to continue to assist individuals in getting cats fixed. So far this year, we have facilitated the spay/neuter of 58 owned and neighborhood cats. And, as in the past, where we were unable to help in some areas, we were successful in referring individuals to alternative programs to ensure that we maximized spay/neuter in general.

**Foster Care** – We are currently housing 96 cats, and are grateful for the great team of foster families who make themselves available to house our kindred kitties. 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. Because of the increased number of cats we have taken in this year already, our need for fosters is even greater. If you have ever considered fostering, now would be a great time to start! Call 262/605-0533 for more information or check out the foster information on Kindred Kitties website at [www.kindredkitties.org/getinvolved/programs/fosterprograms](http://www.kindredkitties.org/getinvolved/programs/fosterprograms)



Welcome to our new fosters: Alyssa Belotti, Amber Nichols, Pamela See, Jeanette Zampanti

## Sometimes Special Needs Arise!

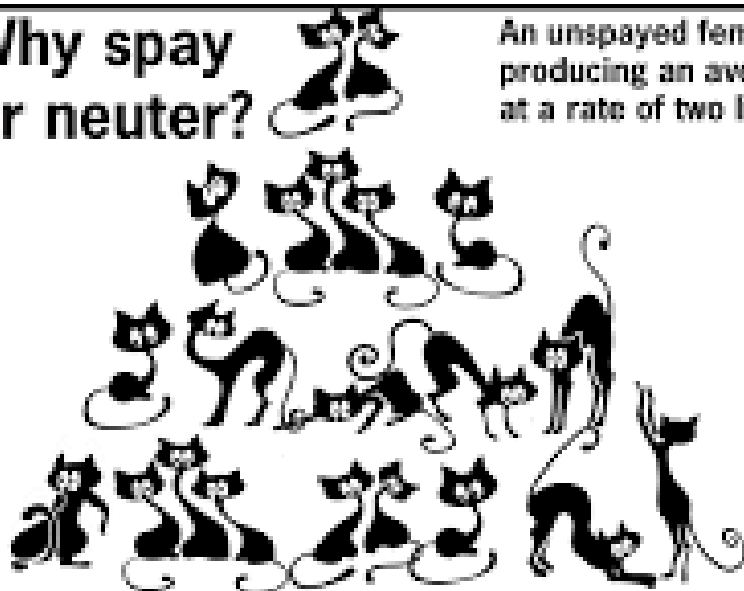
We are finished out the month of April taking in a record number of 78 cats and kittens — 44 in the last week (17 adults and 27 kittens). So to say our volunteers and fosters were busy is an understatement.

Thirty nine of the kitties have come from one home who asked for our help to reduce the number of cats both in and around their home. What probably started as a couple neighborhood strays spiraled quickly out of control. Cats can reproduce so fast!! This is why spay/neuter and TNR are so important. We are thankful they asked for our assistance and that we have been able to help with this big task! The kitties are settling into their foster homes and while they are very scared, they are also quite approachable and sweet. We look forward to getting to know them as they decompress and helping them find their forever homes. You will be hearing more about them in the near future!!

As we always say, if you ever considered fostering, there is always a need! But we also have a need for individuals who are available at times to help transport kitties from foster to and from spay/neuter appointments (in Milwaukee) when our fosters are not available to do so.



## Why spay or neuter?



An unspayed female cat, her mate, and their offspring producing an average of 2.8 surviving kittens per litter at a rate of two litters a year adds up quickly.

1 year: 12 cats  
 2 years: 67 cats  
 3 years: 376 cats  
 4 years: 2107 cats  
 5 years: 11801 cats  
 6 years: 66,088 cats  
 7 years: 370,092 cats  
 8 years: 2,072,514 cats  
 9 years: 11,606,077 cats

Spaying or neutering one cat saves many lives.

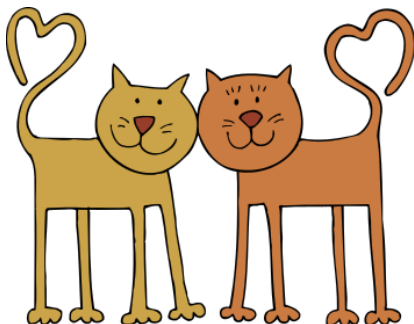


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## **MEMORIAMs**

### **In Memory of...**

All our babies by James Mitchell  
Carol Talakowski by Joan Doucette  
Charlene Williamson by Brock Williamson  
Clarence by JoAnn Anen  
Deborah Guzman by Justin Guzman  
Emilio by Marie DeBock & Sheryl McGrath  
John Kreger by Bonnie Kreger  
Kitten by Linda Schwefel  
Kitty Grace by Don & Joan Logan  
Loki & Chessie b James & Mary Neubaum  
Lorna Stock by Craig & Patricia Waswrick  
Luna by Judy Reynolds  
Mary Keen by Sigrid Marks  
Midge by Suzanne Landis & Catherine Meyer  
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Patches by Judy Munson  
Ran by Mikolai Jindrich  
Roman by Marnie Wojtanek  
Roxie by Julia Bishop  
Simon Kendzierski by Vincent Kendzierski  
Stubby by Kathy Irish  
Tornado 'Tomi' by Ramon Israel



## **HONORARIUMs**

### **In Honor of...**

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Audi, Luna & Jack by Marnie Wojtanek  
Bella & Chloe by Scott & Dawn Lofquist  
Bob Hoban by Jean Steele  
Cathryn McDowell by Kristin Agner  
Diane's Birthday by Pat Baird  
Don Jones by Sue Kuryanowicz  
El Chapo by Diana Chafey  
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## ***Special Pet Awareness Dates***

**May 7-13 —Be Kind To Animals Week**

**JUNE—Adopt-A-Shelter Cat Month**

**June 4—Hug Your Cat Day**

**June 19—Take Your Cat To Work Day**

**June 24—Cat World Domination Day**

**&**

**World Day Against the Abandonment of Domestic Animals**

**July 1—ID Your Pet Day**

**July 10—Nation Kitten Day**





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Kitties  
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Adoption Center Visitors  
Martino's on 7th Customers  
Pet Supplies Plus

## **We were in the news!!**



SUBMITTED PHOTO

### **A LITTLE WINDOW SHOPPING**

This image of Freddy checking out a cat in the window at Kindred Kitties in Kenosha was submitted by Jill Letven. It almost seems like Freddy's doing some window shopping.

## **Kindred Kitties Board of Directors**

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## Save the Dates!!



Kindred Kitties Night  
at Simmons Field

**Saturday, July 15, 2023**  
**Kenosha Kingfish vs Kokomo**  
**Jackrabbits**  
**6:05 Gametime**

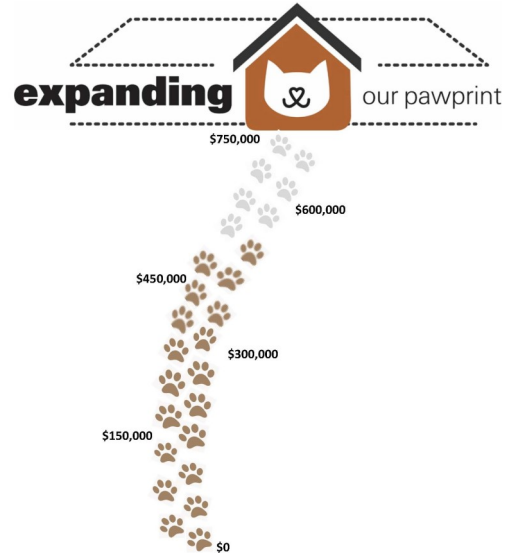
*Tickets - \$17 includes seat & a hat*



**Monday, October 2, 2023**  
**4:00 pm - 8:00 pm**

**6320 Green Bay Rd, Kenosha**  
(only at the Kenosha East Location)

**You must mention Kindred Kitties for us to receive 25% of qualifying sales**



You've been hearing us talk about our dream to provide the best possible environment for our cats by working toward the purchase of a new building.

While we haven't reached our goal, we are making significant progress. Recently, a generous donor sponsored a two-month Match Challenge which added \$14,923 to our building fund and pushed our total up a paw print to \$492,000!

We are now moving into the planning and investigative phase to search out what our best options will be for the new Adoption Center, and to even check out a few buildings.

We have not reached this point on our own! You, our supporters have made it possible for us to dream big! We look forward to continuing this journey with you, as we make our vision a reality!



## DECLAWING FACTS KNOW THE TRUTH



**DECLAWING = AMPUTATION  
OF CAT'S TOE AT FIRST JOINT.**  
(LIKE CUTTING OFF A HUMAN'S FIRST KNUCKLE)



**33%**

**OF CATS SUFFER AT  
LEAST ONE BEHAVIORAL  
PROBLEM AFTER  
DECLAW SURGERY**



**18%**  
SHOW INCREASED  
BITING



**17%**  
SUFFER WOUNDS  
RE-OPENING



**15%**  
WILL NOT USE  
THE LITTER BOX



**11%**  
SUFFER FROM  
LAMENESS



**10%**  
SEE NAIL  
REGROWTH



**UP TO 50%** OF DECLAWED CATS DEVELOP  
ACUTE PHYSICAL COMPLICATIONS

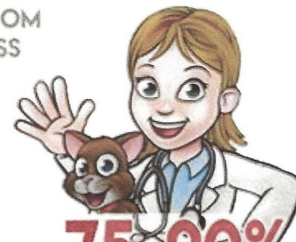
### DECLAWING CAN CAUSE:

CHRONIC PAIN, ARTHRITIS, NERVE DAMAGE, GANGRENE, ABSCESSES PAW PAD  
ATROPHY AND BONE REGROWTH



**UP TO 20%** OF DECLAWED CATS DEVELOP  
LONGTERM PHYSICAL COMPLICATIONS

“CLAWS ARE A  
PHYSICALLY, SOCIALLY  
AND EMOTIONALLY  
VITAL PART OF EVERY  
CAT.”



**75-90%**  
OF PET OWNERS  
CHANGE THEIR MIND  
ABOUT DECLAWING  
ONCE THEY KNOW  
THE RISKS



**2X**  
MORE LIKELY TO  
DEVELOP LITTER  
BOX ISSUES



**30%**  
OF DECLAWED  
CATS EXPERIENCE  
PAINFUL BONE  
INFECTIONS



**JACKSON GALAXY**  
CAT BEHAVIORIST

“YOU WOULDN'T DECLAW  
A DOG...YOU'D TRIM  
THEIR NAILS...”

**AniMeals** 

NO-KILL ADOPTION CENTER AND ANIMAL FOOD BANK

## CAT LANGUAGE



INTERESTED



FRIENDLY



ATTENTIVE



RELAXED



TRUSTING



FRIENDLY, RELAXED



CONTENT



CONFLICTED, CAUTIOUS



PLAYFUL



EXCITED



"THIS IS MINE"



ANXIOUS



PREDATORY



WORRIED



FRIGHTENED



THREATENED



TERRIFIED



SUPER TERRIFIED



IRRITATED



DISGUSTED