

Kindred Kitties is a non-profit, no-kill rescue organization aimed at proactively addressing the plight of homeless cats.

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Cat Stats

Rescues / Surrenders

We took a record number of 347 cats in 2023! 223 were kittens, 76 adults, 29 teens and 19 were born to rescued pregnant cats.

Nearly half of the cats we rescued were unowned, while 36% were surrendered pets and just under 10% were transferred from other shelters.

Adoptions

We are pleased to say that we exceeded our 2022 adoptions! In 2023, we re-homed 301 kittens (64 adults, 54 teens and 183 kittens).

Spay / Neuter

Our spay/neuter activity increased by about 10% last year. We were able to facilitate the spay/neuter of a total of 477 cats. Thanks to your awesome response to our annual “Hike to Lower the Spike” event and the “Sponsor a Spay or Neuter” appeal, we had the funds to assist individuals in getting 194 cats fixed - 158 of them owned and 36 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 60 cats in foster care. What a great team of fosters we have! We are so grateful to have foster families who are willing to invest time, energy and emotion in caring for (and then letting go of) our rescued kitties. We don't know what we'd do without you!! And, we added three new fosters in the last few months of 2023...welcome!! Every year, we receive hundreds of calls and emails from one place or another, and we know we can't help them all. But the number of cats that we are able to rescue is totally dependent on the amount of foster space we have available to house them. Anyone who is interested in fostering 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/

What's Happening



January 2024

February is National Spay/Neuter Awareness Month

Help Kindred Kitties prevent unwanted litters by purchasing a pink paw print during the month of February at any of the following Kenosha locations:

Alpaca Arts

Ana's Coffee House on the Lake

Bentley's Pet Stuff

Birchwood Grill

Bullseye Pub

Century Pub and Eatery

Champions Sports Bar

Daily Dose Cafe

El Sarape Mexican Restaurant

Fec's Place

Fin and Ale

K9 Kibble

Kenosha Tap

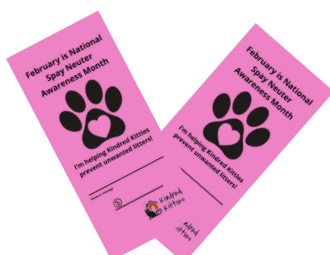
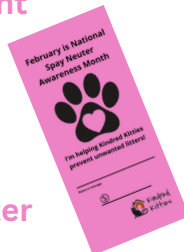
Kindred Kitties Adoption Center

Morelli's Deli and Catering

PeaceTree

Pet Supplies Plus (Racine, too!)

Pinot's Palette



Share Night for... KINDRED KITTIES



Enjoy great food, raffles and fun while supporting Kindred Kitties

Monday April 1st, 2024

5:00pm to 8:00pm

8124 Sheridan Rd., Kenosha (only at the Sheridan Rd. Location)



Sunday, May 19th

HIKE TO LOWER THE SPIKE

2024 Spay/Neuter Awareness Event

Bristol Woods Park



Join us for a hike through Bristol Woods Park and help support our spay/neuter programs! There will be raffles, merchandise, a bake sale, and as always, cat bingo in the shelter!!

Did You Know?



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Very often, the cats we rescue from outside have had minimal human contact. Because of their lack of contact with humans, they are prone to be less social. When they come to us, they are afraid and unsocial. But with time, they generally learn fairly quickly to trust their caregivers and become more relaxed. Some cats, however, take longer. These are the shy cats, who while adoptable, just don't present very well when you come to meet them. They may back off a little or shrink back when you reach out to them. But given a chance -- with the right approach and some patience, shy cats will ultimately come out of their shells and become wonderful companions! Here's an article from The Anti-Cruelty Society that gives some great tips to make the transition with a shy cat a whole lot easier.

ADOPTING A SHY CAT

Provide a small, quiet place for your cat to get acclimated, such as a spare bedroom or bathroom. Ideally the room will be equipped with windows for natural light. This will allow your cat to express natural behavior while in the room. Make sure your cat has access to water and a litter box at all times. Scatter some enticing kitty toys throughout the room, such as a catnip mouse and a ball to bat around.



Offer your new cat a cozy place to hide. This could be a hut-type cat bed purchased from a pet store, a cardboard box with an opening cut in the side and bedding placed inside (keep the top flaps closed but don't seal them), or a plastic shelving unit with bedding on one of the higher shelves and a towel or blanket draped over the front. Use what works for your home. Put your cat's hiding place somewhere that is easily accessible by you and your cat, but that is mostly out of view.

Block off potential hiding spots that are inaccessible to you. Cats often feel safer when elevated; be cautious of loft rafters or attic access doors in closets.

Monitor your new cat's appetite by measuring out the dry food you provide for her. For the first few weeks, monitoring is important to let you know how much your cat is eating daily, or if she isn't eating. Not eating for more than two days can be dangerous for a cat so you do need to see right away what her food consumption is.



If your cat is very fearful, offer her canned food several times a day and remain in the room while she eats. This will help create a bond and help your cat learn to trust you. In the beginning, spoon feeding your cat in her hiding place may be the best option. If she won't eat from the spoon, place the food as close as you can to the cat and simply sit at the farthest point in the room. Warming the food a bit could stimulate the appetite in a cat who otherwise isn't eating in your presence. As she becomes more comfortable, you can move a little closer and hand feed her, then transition to giving the food on a plate and luring her out of hiding to eat.

Invite your cat to play. You might be surprised how many shut down, fearful cats spring to life when invited to play. Interactive toys are a great way to bond with your new cat and help her feel more comfortable. Wand toys are the obvious choice. Wiggle the toy back and forth across the floor or base of your cat's hiding spot.

Spend time each day visiting with your cat. There is no magical amount of time that will work with every cat. You might choose to spend one longer chunk of time in the room or divide it up into several shorter visits. Be sure that you are speaking softly and moving slowly when in the room. Slow blinking, commonly called "kitty kisses," does help to soothe some cats, and you might even get your cat blinking back at you. Reprimands or other forms of punishment will only stress the cat further and will cause her to be more wary of you, potentially thwarting any chance of building a lasting, loving relationship.

If you would like information from an Anti-Cruelty Society Behavior Specialist regarding this behavior topic, please call 312-645-8253 or email behavior@anticruelty.org.

Source: The Anti-Cruelty Society

Meet Our Shy Cats



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As many people who visit the Adoption Center know, this is the place where many of our shy Kindred Kitties will be placed after they have spent time in their initial foster home. You will often hear us say that a particular kitty is “foot shy” or “shy but unaggressive.” These are the kitties that when you do spend time with them will reward you with their gratitude and love! Most often, they are the kitties who will distance themselves from you when they are playing on the floor, but once settled somewhere, are extremely approachable and thoroughly enjoy human interaction. They will love petting and brushing and even playing with toys as long as they are in their “safe zone.” But they very often will become fearful if they think you are going to “handle” them. They seem to need to be in control of their situation.

These are the kitties that are most often overlooked for adoption because they aren’t “lap cats.” But we have learned that those shy cats that have been adopted have proven to be great house cats!! Most often they are best suited for a quiet adult home, and given time to adjust to a new environment, they have become playful and relaxed. While they still have the shyness that is part of what defines them, they are affectionate and lovable. All they need is a human who has a bit of cat experience and truly understands cats to befriend them!!

Meet some of our current shy cats...

Our beautiful Ethel (DOB 4/1/21) came to us from a multi-cat household where she didn’t get a lot of attention. Because of this, she had a tendency to be more cautious, and when initially approached would shy away. Over time she has become quite approachable, and loves to be petted--becoming quite animated in the process! But, she does not like to be picked up, and will react strongly if she feels you might try to control her. Ethel loves her perch in the window, enjoying the sunshine and watching the world go by. She does well with other cats and she loves to play! She would be best in a quiet household with at least one other cat. She would be fine with older children, but no dogs. She's an independent girl who needs a safe, loving forever home where she can just be herself.



Alexis (DOB 7/14/21) is a beautiful girl who came to us from a multiple cat situation. She didn't get a lot of attention there, so she's very shy and reserved. She allows us to approach her and allows petting and being brushed. She just can't quite fully relax

and has not yet become comfortable enough to free roam when we're around. She needs someone who can devote significant time, patience and TLC to help her adjust to a new environment and give her a safe place to live, where she is allowed to just be herself. A home with no dogs or small children is a must. We think she would be fine with older children. We feel she would be best in a home with other cats to keep her company.

Christopher (DOB 4/1/21) came to us from a multiple cat situation where he didn't get a lot of attention, so he's very shy and reserved. He's a big, handsome boy.

But he just can't quite get relaxed enough yet around humans so, he stays well away from us. When he finds himself in a place where we can approach him, he's totally unaggressive and will allow pets, but he prefers to be on the sidelines just watching us. He needs a home where he can live and be cared for, but mostly keep to himself. It would need to be a quiet house--with at least one other cat--a home with no dogs or small children. We think he would be fine with older children.



Diamond (DOB 3/1/23) is a beautiful and unique kitty. She's come a long way since coming to us in early January. When confined, she is approachable, unaggressive and accepts pets. She's OK with other cats, but she is very bashful when it comes to humans. She's still a

"work in progress." She needs someone who can devote significant time, patience and TLC to help her adjust to a new environment and give her the forever home she deserves. A home with no dogs or small children is recommended. We think she would be fine with older children, and she would be compatible in a home with other cats.



Many Thanks!



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THANK YOU! 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 mentioned below, please know that it is totally unintentional. Each of you makes a difference!

The following donations were received September through December 2023.



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More Thanks!



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Feline Festive Online Auction

Akstulewicz, Patricia L.
Barnstable, Deb
Barsuli, Lisa
Bentleys Pet Stuff
Birchwood Grill
Borneman, Linda
Bottle Shop
Brat Stop
Broughton Schaefer, Jane
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Carmichael, Kim and Frank
Coffey, Mary
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North Shore Animal Hospital
Nudi, Julie
Otwaska, Carol
Ozog, Libby
Paper & Birch
Parisi, Heather
Pet Pals Grooming
Reynolds, Judy
Rhode Theater
Spear, Beth
Tobias, Belinda A.
VanHooser, Barbara
Zgorzelski, Jill

Giving Tuesday

Anderson, Judy Williams
Aude, Carol
Blom, Zena
Bobst, Victoria
Dabbs, Tish
Darling, Riplee
Kraus, Kari
Lees, Deb
McCoppin, Cecelia
McHugh, Kari
Mich, Lorraine
Nielsen, Alexandria
Peterson, Susanna
Rasch, Jake
Smith, Steven
Torgerson, David
Tudjan, Loni
Vukosich, Christine

Happy Rehab

Emerick, Rachel
Hancock, Jill
Staci, Marano
McGrath, Cathy
Ogren, Sue
Quilling-Peterson, Paulette

Peterson's Pumpkin Patch

Binninger, Kris
Boerner, Kristoffer
Bridlemann, Kevin
Carlson, Kevin
Cima, Jodie
Dane, Amy
Gallo, Paula & Richard
Green, Amber
Green, Rich & Bonnie
Huizenga, Elizabeth & Jason
Hupp, Katy
Peterson, Brady
Peterson, Owen
Quintero, Matthew
Schmitz, Kelly Lewis
Soens-Francetic, Candia
Uttech, Cheryl
Van Haverbeke, LeNette
Wood, Maggie



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Hall, Thomas
Hammelev, Florence
Hancock, Jill
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Toff, Deb
Treloar, Allison
Walker, Jeanice
Watson, Amy
Young, Kathi

With Gratitude



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Employee Giving / Company Match

Abbott Labs

Anonymous, Elizabeth Anderson,
Letitia Dabbs, Lorraine Mich,
Bradley Santeler, Steven Wendling

AbbVie

Anonymous, Lisa Baker,
James Baum, Heather Edwards,
Erika Fietze, Alexander Golkar,
Heidi Hocker, Marion Refici

ADP

Meredith Wood

Advocate Aurora

Anonymous, Mary Lobue,
Michelle Penberthy

Allstate Giving

Krystal Smuda

AT&T

Anonymous

BMO Financial Group

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Stephanie Brown

Discover Financial

Kathleen Anstrand
David Menke

Global Reward Solutions

Anonymous

JCPenney

Jennifer Maguire

Sun Life Financial

Carla Angelici

Target

Anonymous

United Way of Lake County

Susan Scherer

Zendesk

Taylor Nelson

Food, Supplies & Equipment

Anonymous Donors

Faith Armbruster
Larry & Barbara Arquilla

Faith Bose

Kate Bose

Stacey Clark

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Doug

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Randi

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Debbie Rueber

Mary Shahbazian

Bill Sparks

Craft Fair Donations

Deb Barnstable

Nancy Huck

Mary Kessenich

Paper & Birch

Online Programs

Facebook Contributions

Microsoft Rewards

Paypal Giving Fund

Employee Giving Programs

Many businesses allow employees to make donations to the non-profit organization of their choice through payroll, and some companies may even match those donations. The following area employers have Employee Giving Programs and some of our current donors use them to make a difference for us! If you are an employee of any of these companies, consider making a donation to Kindred Kitties through work. If your employer is not listed below, ask them about employee giving, and also if they match donations. Some companies are also known to match the donations of their retirees' charitable contributions; you may want to check into that as well.

Abbott Labs

AbbVie

Advocate Aurora

Allstate Insurance

AT&T

BMO Financial Group

CarMax

CNH Industrial

Costco Wholesale

Discover Financial

Hospira

IAC

JCPenney

Liberty Mutual

Microsoft Rewards

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UBS

United Health Care

United Way of Lake County

United Way of Metro Chicago



Collection Jars

Adoption Center
Visitors
Pet Supplies Plus
RK News Hallmark
Shenanigan's

With Appreciation



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Honorariums

Sweet Black Kitten
by Cheryl Antcliff

Bella
by Richard Benson

Dr. Mario & Mrs. Leona DeGuzmann
by Madeline Buencamino

Zoe
by Janice Craig-Rayat

Peterson Family
by Jennifer Dooley-Hogan

Doug & Randi (Balsam) Fur
by Robin Gesinski

Jill Hancock
by Kathy Gordon

Ernie & Minnie
by Fred & Catherine Keffer

Beanie & Nortie
by Robin Lester

Jill Hancock
by Esther Letven

**Grandpets: Karma, Willow & Emma;
Lucy, Charley, & Henry**
by Dona Rae Lundin

Noche and Ghost
by Christine MacCrimdle

Slate and Cole Mayew
by James & Stephanie Mayew

Michelle Woller
by Mii Meetings International

Jennie Paal
by Alan Paal

Michaell Phegley
by Karen Seibert

Lizard
by Luke Seitz

Gaffney Family
by Lisa & Gene Sharkey-Ha

Meatball
by Allison Treloar

Charlie & Jersey
by Barb Wermeling

Memoriams

Stanley Harrod
by Amy Andresen

Loki
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