

Purrs & Meows

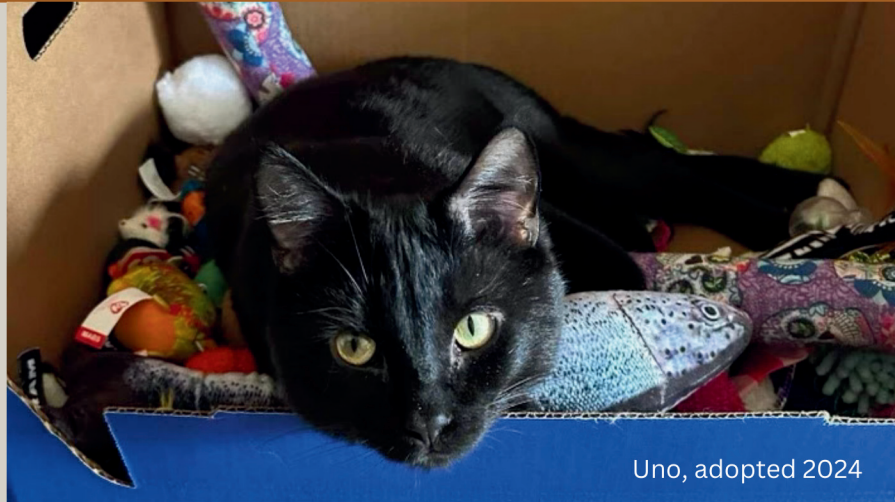


April 2024 Mewsletter

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

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Uno, adopted 2024

Cat Stats

Rescues / Surrenders

In the first quarter of the year, we rescued 57 cats and kittens. Of that number, 36 were surrendered pets, 15 were unowned cats, and 6 were born to rescued pregnant cats.

Adoptions

We also re-homed 65 kitties (27 adults, 19 teens and 19 kittens)—20 more than last year!

Spay / Neuter

We facilitated 127 spay/neuters in the first quarter and with just 10% being TNR (trap-neuter-release). It has been a difficult year for TNR due to a shortage of low-cost alternatives for this important service. We continue to look for new options to assist individuals who are working in their neighborhoods to manage their outdoor cat population.

Foster Care

We have slightly more cats in foster than we had last year—particularly adult cats. PLEASE spread the word that Kindred Kitties continues to be in need of committed foster homes. If anyone you know is interested, please have them inquire by calling 262.210.1999 or check out our website for more information: <https://www.kindredkitties.org/programs/foster-programs/>

Volunteers

And it is worth repeating again and again that we are so appreciative of the efforts of all our volunteers. There are more hours than we can possibly count being invested by those volunteers who keep our Adoption Center clean and monitor the well-being of the cats that reside there, by those who foster and love our kitties on a daily basis, by those who coordinate getting cats into foster homes, or to the vet, or making sure they are up to date on vaccines and properly medicated, and by those who work so hard to plan and execute events that generate the funds to keep Kindred Kitties going both in the short- and long-term. It is the dedication of our volunteers at every level of our organization that truly makes Kindred Kitties what it is! Thank you volunteers for all that you have done and continue to do for all the kindred kitties!!

What's Happening



April 2024

Hike to Lower the Spike



Spay/Neuter Awareness Event

Sunday, May 19, 2024
Bristol Woods Park
9800 160th Avenue, Bristol, WI
9:00AM Registration - 10:00 AM Hike

Stop by
Shelter 1 for
raffles,
merchandise,
bake sale and
cat bingo!

\$30 Registration (May 5th – May 19th)

Children 8 & under are free... Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult

Join us for a hike through Bristol Woods Park & help support Kindred Kitties spay/neuter programs!



Bristol Woods has 4.28 miles of hiking trails, so you can pick the distance you want to hike.

Want to get involved?
Scan QR code to find out how or visit
www.kindredkitties.org/2024hike



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Sponsor a Spay



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Sponsor a Spay for Mother's Day!

*Did you
know?*

One cat can have up to 3 litters of kittens a year.
Each litter can have as many as 6-7 kittens.

Just 1 un-spayed female cat, her mate, and all of
their offspring, producing just two litters per year,
with 2 surviving kittens per litter can result in:

1 year - 12 cats 4 years - 2,107 cats 7 years - 370,092 cats!

Spring is here and so is kitten season!

Kindred Kitties is asking for your help to prevent pet over-
population through spaying and neutering of cats

SUPPORT OUR MISSION and BECOME A SPONSOR

Scan the QR code to donate online, visit our website at
kindredkitties.org/giving or
mail in form below

SPAY - \$50

NEUTER - \$40

Yes, I want to sponsor a spay and/or neuter!

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zipcode: _____ Phone: _____

\$40 Neuter _____ \$50 Spay _____ Total Enclosed \$ _____

Please make checks payable to Kindred Kitties

Please return completed form and payment to Kindred Kitties, 614 59th Street, Kenosha WI 53140

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Did you know?



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Earlier this year, one of our adopted kittens, Mindy (now Dahlia) was experiencing pain on being touched. Vet examination and further diagnostics revealed that the kitten had rickets. Rickets is a disease caused by a Vitamin D deficiency and is characterized by imperfect calcification, softening and distortion of the bones, which can lead to delayed growth and lameness. In cats, it is most likely caused by an inherited Vitamin D Receptor Defect.

Talking with the foster mom of this kitten, we learned that two of the other three kittens in that litter had exhibited some symptoms that were also suspicious, so we contacted the other adopters and learned that their kittens, while not showing signs of pain, were very quiet and inactive. Our vet conducted specialty blood tests and X-rays and determined that Dahlia's siblings—Morton and Miles (now Winston)—also had rickets. There are two types of rickets: VDDR1 Vitamin D Dependent Rickets is caused by a deficiency in an enzyme that produces the active form of Vitamin D and VDDR2 Vitamin D Resistant Rickets (which is far more rare and harder to treat). Our kittens were diagnosed with VDDR1.

The treatment for rickets is a medication called Calcitriol (an active form of Vitamin D) which is given daily. They will need to stay on the medication until they reach skeletal maturity (usually 12 months of age). The kittens are weighed regularly to ensure they are growing. They have periodic vet exams which include X-rays to check bone growth and bloodwork to determine calcium levels. Their bones will continue to remodel and improve with time. They will have chronic limb deformities (whatever they had when they began treatment will remain the same) but should live an otherwise normal life.

It will be about a year before the treatment is complete, but we are so happy to report that the treatments are working and these kitties are making good progress. Thanks to a foster mom, Barb, who always gets to know her kittens well enough to spot when something isn't "just right;" thanks to the Dr. Alison at Harris Pet Hospital for her diligent research and great communication in treating these kitties; and thanks to three wonderful adopters for their loving care!!



DAHLIA (Formerly Mindy)

She's a tiny, super sweet girl. She loved to sit on laps and purr. When not sitting on a lap, she always felt secure laying in a cozy cat bed. She didn't move around much, and when she did, she didn't go very far and walked gingerly—almost looked like a waddle. The vet determined she was in quite a bit of pain and that the rickets affected her growth significantly. Fortunately, she liked to eat and meowed loudly if the food wasn't dished quickly enough. She was really good at taking her Calcitriol Supplement right away, but was not too fond of the Gabapentin (for pain); she learned to spit it out if not given just right.

Dahlia has shown significant improvement in her mobility and energy level, especially since the increase in dosage of Calcitriol last month. She is running around and playing like a normal cat. She is still very cautious and does not jump down from any height, but she really enjoys using stairs to get on and off the bed/couch.



Meet the Kitties



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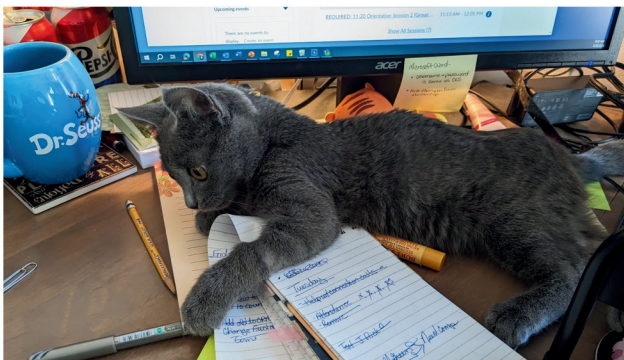


WINSTON (Formerly Miles)

Winston began his adopted life as an active, normal kitten, but that quickly changed. He became less active and was suddenly content just to stay curled up on a lap. He also was no longer gaining weight. A vet examination revealed that while he was in no pain, he did have rickets. As it turned out, in addition to rickets, Winston had other challenges.

In February, Winston became extremely constipated and was admitted to a specialty hospital for a 72- hour stay. Being such a little guy, the medical team was not optimistic. A series of X-rays revealed that he had somehow fractured his pelvis when he was just a baby. That fracture did not heal properly and, as a result, his pelvis is narrowed. Thankfully, the team was able to relieve the constipation, and came up with a care plan to prevent future complications.

While he still can't jump or run like a normal cat, he can totally keep up with his two kitty siblings. His caregivers have set up ramps around the house so he can access couches and his favorite bed. He spends his days playing with toys, and enjoys perching on the back of the couch and watching the birds outside. He's made great progress!

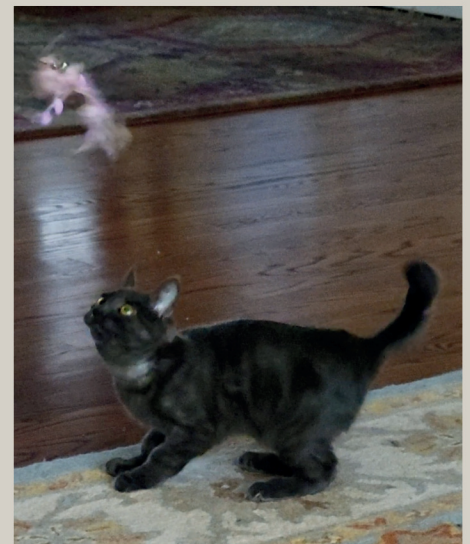


MORTON

Morton & Molly were adopted together. While she was extremely active, Morton didn't play at all. He was content laying in whatever bed they'd put him, and just watching her. He barely ever walked around, but there was no evidence that he was in any pain. He loved attention and seemed quite content—purred all the time. While his appetite was always good, he was slow to gain weight. Upon examination, only Morton was diagnosed with rickets; Molly was not affected by the disease.

His foster mom says he's been a pleasure to give meds to which makes the process a whole lot easier! As of late April, the difference the Calcitriol has made is amazing.

He's now very active, and can climb up and down furniture. He plays with toys! It's been an unbelievable transformation!



Many Thanks!



April 2024

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 January thru April 2024.



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Evie, Adopted 2024



Maxine, Adopted 2024

With Gratitude



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Employee Giving / Company Match

Abbott Labs

Anonymous, Elizabeth Anderson,
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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.

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CarMax

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United Way of Lake County

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Papaya, Adopted 2024



With Appreciation



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Honorariums

Zoe

by Janice Craig-Rayat

Pixie, Trixie & Dixie

by Jo Dell Faraone

Stephanie Gottschalk

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Calla Johnson

by Calla Johnson

Ghost & Noche

by Christine MacCrindle

Independence Corrugated

by Karen Seibert

Jennie Paal

by Alan Paal

Meatball

by Allison Treloar

Audi, Luna & Jack

by Marnie Wojtanek

Memoriams

Stan Lee

by Jenna Gospodarek

**Bentley, Bob, Willy, Buddy &
Garfield**

by Linda McReynolds

Long Hair Lily

by Dawn Morrison

Tornado "Torni"

by Israel Ramon

Penny, Hunter & Olive

by Joanne Thompson

Pumpkin

by Ruth Ann Wieland

Roman

by Marnie Wojtanek

Susan I Eberhardt

by Brian & Alice Zabielski

Paw Print Event

Alpaca Art

Anna's Coffee House on the Lake

Bentley's Pet Stuff

Bullseye Pub

Century Pub & Eatery

Champion Sports Bar

Daily Dose Café

El Sarape Mexican Restaurant

Fec's Place

Fin & Ale

K9 Kibble

Kenosha Tap

Morelli's Deli & Catering

PeaceTree

Pet Supplies Plus - Kenosha

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Online Programs

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**Adoption Center
Kittens**

by Stacy Krause

Mama Ethel

by Marie DeBock



Pawsitively Exciting News!

WE DID IT!

**Thanks to the generosity of the Kindred Kitties community,
we are truly humbled to announce that we have purchased a building in Kenosha!**

We could not have gotten this far without you, our dedicated and loyal supporters!! We are excited to soon share with you all the amazing possibilities this new building will provide for Kindred Kitties to better serve our cats, our organization, and our community.

Stay tuned for more information, and as always, thank you for your support!