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April 2025 Mewsletter

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

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Ella, Available for adoption

CAT STATS

Rescues / Surrenders

In the first quarter this year, we've taken in 54 cats—20 adults, 15 teens, 14 kittens, and 5 were born to a pregnant mom we rescued. Over half of the cats we took in were owned cats that individuals surrendered, and the remainder were rescued from neighborhoods.



Booker, Available for adoption

Spay / Neuter

Our spay/neuter activity increased by about 10% over last year. We were able to facilitate the spay/neuter of 45 cats in the January through March period. 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.

Adoptions

We are pleased to say that we exceeded our 2024 adoption rate for the first quarter and re-homed 72 kitties (24 adults, 29 teens and 19 kittens). The number of adults adopted is evidence of the difference the Adoption Center makes in increasing the visibility of our older adult cats and finding them their forever homes!



Fosters Needed

At the end of March, we had 86 cats in foster care. This number is mounting at the time of the writing of this newsletter, as we are entering the spring kitten season. 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 <https://kindredkitties.org/programs/foster-programs/>

Why Foster?



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5 Benefits of Fostering

1. Fostering provides a safe and healthy environment for animals who need to heal, grow or get some extra TLC while looking for homes.

Whether you're fostering tiny kittens or adult cats, many of these animals require your love and support to have the best chance of finding an adopter. When you foster, you help give them the space, experiences and resources they need when going to a new home!



2. Fostering animals creates more space in shelters for other animals in need.

Each and every animal in a shelter requires time and resources that could be stretched further if those animals were in foster homes, regardless of if the shelter is crowded or not. Foster caregivers help the shelters and rescues immeasurably!



3. Fostering saves the lives of neonate and pee wee kittens.

Neonatal (zero to four weeks) and Pee-Wee (four to eight weeks) kittens are considered an extremely vulnerable population as they often cannot survive without round-the-clock care. Having a foster caregiver with the supplies and training they need to care for these tiny kittens can literally save their lives and help them become healthy, strong and ready for adoption!



4. Fostering introduces the cat or kitten to new pools of prospective adopters.

Fostered cats and kittens benefit greatly from exposure to their caregiver's friends and family, and their caregiver can offer trusted assessments of the cat's personality and needs. Not only is the foster caregiver the cats' parent, but their publicist, too!



5. Your life becomes a whole lot more interesting—and adorable!

Who wouldn't want adorable cats and kittens around? Think of all the benefits: the companionship, the chance for a new routine and best of all, the potential for the cutest snuggles ever! Fostering is easy to weave into your everyday life and the shelter will provide you with everything you need.

Simply put, fostering saves lives. The animals in your care can go on to loving homes and the shelters will have more space and resources to help even more animals in need. It's a win, win!



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

SPAY - \$80

NEUTER - \$60

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



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

Name: _____ Email: _____

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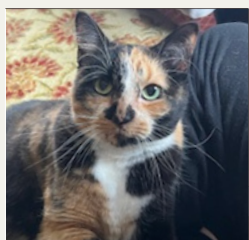
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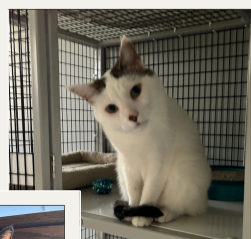
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ADULT CATS

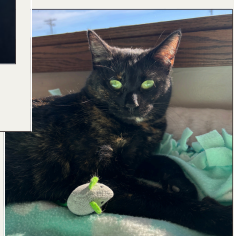
Even though it is kitten season, we have several wonderful adult cats waiting for their forever homes. They're affectionate, already trained, and ready to settle in with you right away. While kittens are undeniably cute, they require a lot of time, training, and energy. If you're looking for a more relaxed, low-maintenance companion, an adult cat might be the perfect fit. Consider giving an adult cat a second chance—you might just find your perfect match!



Snickers



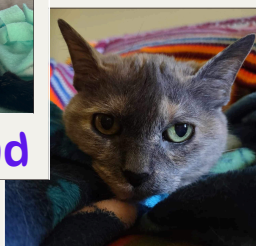
Simba



Diamond



Merry



Tanqueray

WHY ADOPT AN ADULT CAT?

Here are the top benefits:

1. Known Personality – What you see is what you get in terms of both temperament and behavior. Choose a cat that matches your lifestyle.
2. Calmer Energy – Adult cats are more relaxed, perfect for busy homes or quieter lifestyles.
3. Good Habits – They already use a litter box and scratching post. Fewer messes, less training.
4. Easier with Other Pets – Socialized adults often adjust better to homes with other animals.
5. Deep Bonds – Adult cats form strong, loving connections with their adopters.
6. Low Maintenance – They need less supervision and training than kittens.
7. Great for Seniors – Calm, affectionate companions without the chaos of kittenhood.
8. Years of Love – Even older cats can offer many wonderful years—many live past the age of 16!



BUILDING UPDATE



Construction is well underway to expand our Adoption Center at 3200 Sheridan Road into the adjoining suite! Walls have been removed to create a spacious new Community Cat Room, and we're adding a kitchen and storage area to better support our daily operations. The six existing offices will be transformed into cozy cat spaces, similar to those in our current adoption center. The new suite also includes two additional bathrooms for added convenience.

This week, painting will be completed and brand-new LED lighting will be installed. Flooring installation begins on May 12th, and after that, cabinets will be installed in the kitchen and then our design team will begin decorating—creating a fun, functional space for both our feline friends and the community.

We are deeply grateful to all of those who helped monetarily and to the amazing volunteers who have made this possible. Huge thanks to Ralph and Kristin Agner, Jim Dunn, Heather Parisi, and Jim Foszcz for the countless hours spent on demolition, construction, and painting. Special thanks to Pat Woller with Top End Builders for crafting the beautiful screen doors. And heartfelt appreciation to our design team: Kristin Agner, Charity Bektesi, Kristin Dunn, Emily Gatton, Chris Kuras, Andrea Parisi, Heather Parisi, and Jill Taylor-Powell and to the Kindred Kitties Board of Directors for overseeing the entire project.

We are thrilled about this expansion! It will allow us to provide more comfortable, enriching spaces for the cats in our care—and help even more kitties find their forever homes.

Please consider donating today to support this incredible project and the animals who depend on us at:

<https://www.kindredkitties.org/giving/buildingfund/>

Did You Know?



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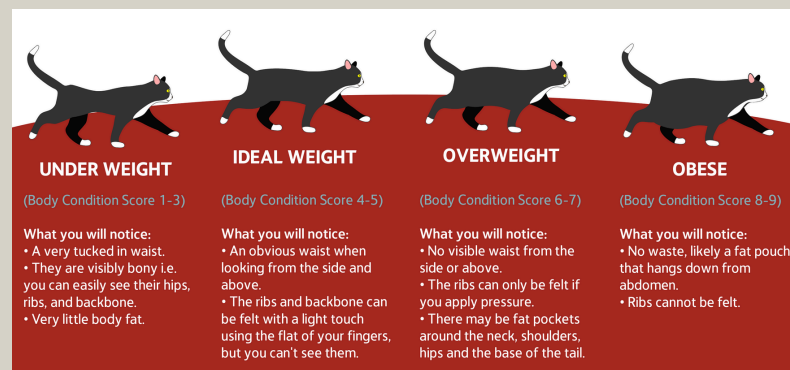
Cat Obesity

In the past month, we have taken in several extremely overweight kitties, which has prompted us take the time to do a bit of research on the subject. Surveys over the last couple of decades have revealed that overweight cats have become increasingly common in the United States, with estimates suggesting that up to 63% of cats are overweight or obese.



Magic, Available for adoption

While the optimal weight of a cat depends on its breed and health history, the average domestic feline should ideally weigh between 8 and 10 pounds. Weight gain is most likely to develop between the ages of 2 and 10 years old, when cats use less energy. Cats are considered to be overweight when they reach 9 to 20% above their ideal body weight—meaning a cat that weighs just 0.72 to 2 pounds heavier than average could be considered overweight. Obesity would be 20-30% above ideal body weight.



If you don't own a scale, but you want to know if your cat is overweight, there are several signs of cat obesity that may suggest your pet is heavier than it should be:

- Lying down or sitting more than usual
- Disinterest in physical activity
- Difficulty climbing stairs or jumping
- Spine, ribs, or hip bones can't be felt
- No discernible waist
- Dirty or messy coat
- Less frequent bowel movements or constipation

Not surprisingly, the primary causes for overweight in cats are no different than humans!

1. **Overeating & Poor Diet Increase Calorie Intake:** excessive calorie intake, or consuming more calories than they burn; high-calorie diets (diets high in carbohydrates or processed foods); high-fat, sugary treats.
2. **Lack of Exercise Reduces Calorie Expenditure:** limited opportunities for physical activity; lack of playtime and exploration.

And the result can significantly impact both the cat's health and lifespan. Following are the health risks related to obesity in cats:

- **Reduced lifespan:** Obese cats can have significantly shorter lifespans than healthy cats, with some studies showing a 2.8-fold increased mortality rate in obese cats between 8 and 12 years old compared to their lean counterparts.
- **Increased risk of diseases:** Obesity can increase the risk of diabetes, heart disease, arthritis, respiratory issues, and certain cancers.
- **Metabolic problems:** Obesity can lead to metabolic deterioration and hormonal changes.
- **Difficulty with anesthesia:** Obese cats can be at higher risk during anesthesia and may require special care during procedures.
- **Decreased activity and quality of life:** Overweight cats may become less active, playful, and energetic, affecting their interaction with their families.
- **Grooming issues:** Obesity can make it difficult for cats to groom themselves, leading to poor hair coats and increased risk of skin problems.

What to do if your cat is overweight/obese:

- **Consult your veterinarian:** Develop a weight loss plan with your vet.
- **Measure food portions:** Control your cat's calorie intake by measuring food portions.
- **Choose a healthy diet:** Opt for a high-protein, low-carb food.
- **Encourage exercise:** Engage your cat in interactive play and consider walks on a leash.
- **Limit or eliminate treats:** Reduce or eliminate treats to help with weight loss.
- **Gradual weight loss:** Avoid rapid weight loss, as it can cause fatty liver disease. A gradual approach over time is recommended.
- **Monitor progress:** Track your cat's weight loss and adjust the plan as needed.

It's really easy for a cat to gradually gain weight and for caregivers not to notice, which is just another good reason why it's so important to schedule those annual preventative exams with your vet. It's a great way to track both weight gain or loss, and oversee the general well being of your cat.

Many Thanks!



January 2025

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!

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We are grateful for your support!



Nala, Available for adoption

With Appreciation



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by Monika Pusteinik, Donna LaRue, Keepstock Team, Julianna & Miroslaw Wato

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by Ramon Israel



Ethel, Available for adoption

Honorariums

All Our Babies

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Aprilstar Ritta Birthday

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by Emily Olszak

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Zoe

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Florence, Available for adoption

With Gratitude



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Bradley Santeler, Steven Wendling

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Heather Edwards, Marion Refici,
Laura Tonyan, Meredith Wood

Advocate Aurora Health

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Anonymous

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Lilla, Alice

Marquardt, Bianca & Andrew

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Simons, Larry

Truby, Todd

Wasurick, Jane

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Agner, Ralph

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Dunn, Jimmie

Dunn, Kristin

Gatton, Emily

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Parisi, Andrea

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Stuart, Available for adoption



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Adoption Center
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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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