

Purrs & Meows



January 2025 Newsletter

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

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Arabella, Available for adoption

2024 – what a great year for Kindred Kitties!

It was a year where we accomplished more than we could have imagined and exceeded our expectations! Long before 2019, the year we created the 'Expanding Our Pawprint' initiative to establish a building fund, we dreamt of having our very own place. And over the span of just five years, our supporters made our dream a reality!! Last year, we not only purchased a building but were actually able to occupy it! We moved into the new Adoption Center at 3200 Sheridan Road in October and opened to the public in November. We just love our new home!! AND, despite the busi-ness of the purchase and relocation, we didn't lose our momentum with the rescue side of our operation. We exceeded 2023 in every aspect of our outreach!

As we move into 2025, Phase Two will include expanding our current Adoption Center. We are planning an open house later in the year and will be sharing more of our plans for future expansion within the building. Stay tuned!!

Rescues / Surrenders

For the full year, we rescued 362 cats and kittens—up from 2023. Of that number, 120 were surrendered pets, 204 were unowned cats, 27 were born to rescued pregnant cats and 11 were transferred from other rescues.



Diamond,
Available for adoption

Spay / Neuter

We facilitated 489 spay/neuters in 2024. 181 of those were owned cats and of that number, 13% were TNR (trap-neuter-release) of neighborhood cats. It has been a challenge this year to find options for low-cost spay/neuter, but even with the obstacles, , we outpaced our 2023 spay/neuter activity.

Adoptions

We re-homed 317 kitties (72 adults, 48 teens and 199 kittens)—higher than our adoption rate in 2023! But even more exciting ... we reached a huge milestone in adoptions last year. By the end of October, we reached the 12,000 mark in adoptions since the year 2000! We are very proud of that achievement!!



About half of our kitties are adopted in less than two months after they are rescued. The overall average for all cats rescued in 2024 was 4.5 months, with the longest stay being 10 months. We have only a few cats (Mama Ethel, Mama Beth, Diamond & Arabella) who have been with us a bit longer, but they are our very special cats that have just not found the right home for them yet!!

Volunteers/Fosters

Volunteers and fosters are the lifeblood of our organization. From the cleaning of the adoption center and spending time with the cats there, to transporting cats for spay/neuter or vet visits, to bottle feeding kittens, to organizing and executing special events, to maintaining our building, to managing intake and dealing with the myriad of inquiries that we get, to caring for foster kitties 24/7, to managing the business side of the organization, to keeping track of and ordering the supplies we need, to just managing the many details there are to make sure our kitties go from intake to adoption in the best way possible.

We currently have over a hundred volunteers--many who play multiple roles in the life of Kindred Kitties. We are so fortunate to have such a dedicated group of individuals, and are so grateful for the contributions they make every day!!!



YOUR GIVING MATTERS

Over and over, we've seen that "little by little, a little becomes a lot," and all that we accomplished this past year was the result of the support we received from so many people who gave of their time, their energy and their dollars. Here are some of the ways that you can continue to make a difference in the life of our organization!

VOLUNTEER

Volunteer – We have a few openings available at the Adoption Center for doing morning cleaning and afternoon socializing with the kitties. There are some opportunities coming up for building clean-up and yard work. We need individuals who can be available to transport cats to the vet or to spay/neuter appointments. But we currently have a **PRIORITY NEED** for a couple of individuals to lead our fundraising efforts.

If you have any interest in participating with us in any of these areas, please submit a volunteer application.

<https://www.kindredkitties.org/get-involved/new-volunteer-application/>



FOSTER

Fostering a cat or kitten can be a very rewarding experience. And the number of cats/kittens we are able to help depends solely on the number of foster homes we have available to support them. To learn more about what's involved in fostering

<https://www.kindredkitties.org/programs/foster-programs/>

2025 Pet Holidays

February 20: Love Your Pet Day
February 25: World Spay Day
March 23: Cuddly Kitten Day
March 28: Respect Your Cat Day
April 4: World Stray Animals Day
April 6: National Siamese Cat Day
April 14-20: National Pet ID Week
April 30: Adopt a Shelter Pet Day

Your Giving Matters



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DONATE

You can donate to our General Operating Fund which will help support our everyday costs of running the Adoption Center and caring for our foster kitties. Or, you can choose to donate to our Building Fund to help us move forward with our Phase II expansion in our new building. There are a variety of ways you can choose to donate:

Memoriam

Remember an animal or person who has touched your life by making a memorial gift. We'll acknowledge your donation with a mailed card to your loved one.

Honorarium

Whether it's a birthday, anniversary, or another life milestone, an honorary gift is the perfect way to show a special person in your life that you care about them, and about cats in need. Make a gift today, and we'll acknowledge your gift to the recipient.

Recurring Gifts

Giving monthly or quarterly is the most convenient way to give. Determine the amount you would like to give and set it up for automatic payment. It will be most helpful to Kindred Kitties to know that they can count on your gift on an ongoing basis.

Employee Giving Programs

Many businesses allow employees to make donations to the non-profit organizations of their choice through payroll deductions, and some companies may even match those donations. You may want to check into that as well.

Sponsor a Spay/Neuter

Spay/neuter is a primary mission of Kindred Kitties. All of our cats are spayed/neutered before they are adopted. We also work within our community to facilitate low-cost options for owned and neighborhood cats. Would you like to help someone who may not be able to afford spay/neuter on their own? Consider donating to sponsor a spay/neuter and provide us the funds we need to manage our low-cost spay/neuter program.

Online Giving

In addition to monetary support, we always need items to help us care for our kitties. Our supplies quickly become depleted and need restocking on a regular basis. Check out our needs at our online

Wish List Sites:

The Amazon logo, consisting of the word "amazon" in a lowercase, sans-serif font with a curved arrow underneath it.

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3N2H4ENPUQIV3/ref=hz_ls_biz_ex

The Chewy logo, featuring the word "chewy" in a white, rounded, lowercase font on a blue rectangular background.

https://www.chewy.com/g/kindred-kitties-ltd_b81396771



Mama Beth
Available for adoption

Upcoming Events



January 2025



Share Night for....
KINDRED KITTIES



Enjoy great food, raffles and fun while supporting Kindred Kitties

Monday April 21st, 2025

5:00pm to 8:00pm

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

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 locations:

- 8th Avenue Tap
- Ace Hardware - 80th St
- Anna's on the Lake
- Bentley's Pet Stuff
- Bindelli's City Zoo
- Century Pub and Eatery
- Champions Sports Bar
- Daily Dose Cafe
- El Sarape Mexican Rest.
- Fec's Place
- Fin and Ale
- Freddie's East
- George's Club Highview
- Hair Clinic
- Intech Medical
- Interlude
- Johnny Z's Pour House
- K9 Kibble
- Kenosha Beer Gardens
- Kenosha Brewing Co.
- Kindred Kitties Adoption Cntr.
- La Fogata
- The Lettering Machine
- Local Folks
- Marina Gardens Rest.
- Modern Apothecary
- Morelli's Deli

- My Animix
- North Shore Animal Hospital
- Our Kenosha Tap
- Pet Supplies Plus
- Pinot's Palette
- The Port of Kenosha
- RK News/Hallmark
- Ron's on Douglas - Racine
- Rustic Road Brewery
- Sandy's Popper
- Scoop's Ice Cream & Candy
- Studio Moonfall
- Tavern on 6th
- Tipsy Kiwi



Paw Prints can be purchased in any denomination. Just Ask!

See's CANDIES.

Time for some Yum-Raising!

Order See's delicious chocolates and candies from the link below thru April 4th, and Kindred Kitties will receive a portion of the proceeds.


https://www.yumraising.com/secure/kindredk_kindred_kitties_spring_16/DawMor2840/candy


Kindred Kitties


Calm Cat Rooms

If you've been to our new Adoption Center, you've noticed the change from the three-room setting that we had at our 59th Street location to a multiple-room environment at 3200 Sheridan Road location. In addition to space for our general population, we have added three "Calm Cat Rooms." One of the biggest challenges when dealing with multiple cat situations is stress. Sharing space with others can be manageable only when there is sufficient space. Research shows that group-housed cats need adequate space per cat to alleviate difficult social interactions and reduce stress.

So, having the calm cat rooms allows us to divide the cats up into smaller groups, to not only better manage the space, but the number of cats interacting within each space as well. The calm cat rooms are being used for a variety of reasons.

 When cats that are anxious, shy, or newly-arrived in the shelter, they need a space where they can feel safe and secure. Larger spaces with a lot of activity or other animals, can be overwhelming, leaving cats feeling vulnerable and stressed. These rooms allow the cats to retreat, observe their surroundings from a safe distance, and adjust to the new environment at their own pace and without sensory overload.

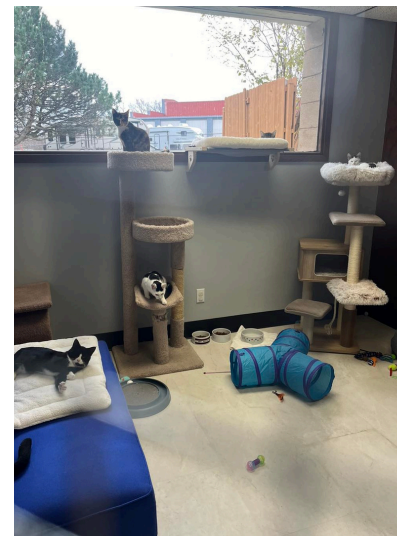
 For cats with behavioral challenges, such as those that are territorial or assertive with other cats, it provides a space where they can be more closely monitored and managed. For instance, some cats become more defensive when stressed, and a large, open environment causes them to act out. A smaller space allows volunteers to provide the individual attention these cats need. It's also an opportunity to assess whether the cat's behavior is a temporary response to the shelter environment or part of a deeper behavioral issue that needs to be addressed.

-  Those cats that are more fearful of human interaction or unfamiliar surroundings need smaller rooms to be a stepping stone to gradual socialization. The quiet environment allows volunteers to build trust with the cat through low-pressure interactions. For example, they can spend time sitting near the cat, offering treats, or engaging in gentle play without overwhelming them. Gradually, the cat may start to feel more comfortable with human interaction, and may eventually be able to be moved to more open spaces.

Our calm cat rooms are not about limiting space—rather they are about providing a specialized space. They give stressed, shy, or anxious cats a place to retreat, recover, or regain confidence. By offering a sense of security and reducing sensory overload, these smaller spaces improve a cat's emotional and physical well-being, which ultimately increases their chances of finding a forever home.

By prioritizing individual care, calm cat rooms can be a crucial tool in ensuring each cat has the opportunity to thrive and adjust at their own pace.

Each cat in the Adoption Center is placed in the space where s/he will thrive best – whether it's in the general population or in a Calm Cat Room. Our aim is to provide the optimal environment for each of our cats, so that they can feel relaxed and happy until the right person walks in, spends time with them, and decides to adopt them!




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 thru December 2024.



Anonymous
Artis, Geraldine
Aude, Carol
Baird, Pat
Becker, Linda
Becky, Hanna
Beljaeff, Mary
Beth, April
Bero, Jennifer
Binzel, Charles
Bounds, Peggy
Brand, Kathy
Broughton-Schaefer, Jane
Cabali, Teodoro & Tamara
Clark, Dr. Ken & Sheryl
Collier, Claudette
Condon, Noelle
Craig-Rayat, Janice
Cunningham, Kevin
Currington, Linda
David, Barb & Christopher
Devine, Deanna
DeWolfe, Holly
Duller, Jamie
Egan, Sheryl
Erdman, Stacie
Forsberg, Carol
Geyer, Jolene
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Ide, Wren
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Johann, Kelly
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Kernan, Colleen
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Smuda, Krystal
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Stanke, Mary
Surratt, Linda
Swan, Irene
Tart, Suzanne
Taylor, Robert & Karen
Thomas, Jeanne
Toff, Deb
Treloar, Allison
Truby, Todd
Umfress, Nylorec
Vierra, Shannon
Vozel, Mary
Woller, Michelle
Wonderling, Ainsley & Robert
Woodbury, Lezley



Lula
Available for adoption



Equipment / Supplies

Bialk, Mark
Blom, Zena
Capriotti, Ally
Carls, Kitty
Czaplicki, Danielle
Danko, Robin
Decesaro, Sandra
Driscoll, Amy
Ehrmann, Elizabeth
Fitch, Jackie
Grissom, Sheila
Hancock, Jill

Jaskolski, Michelle
Juliana, Angela
Kessenich, Mary
Kirby, Sherry
Kirchen, Linda
Kurklis, Dave & Brenda
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Mich, Lorraine
N, Anne
N, Tom & LeeAnn
Oster, Carol
Rivest, Jill & Joe

Roeder, Kelly
Rucinski, Cheryl
Schultz, JoAnne
Sizemore, Kori
Snider, Elizabeth
Stepp, Rob
Strache, Kathy
T, Marla, Darla & Kari
Tabitha
Taylor, Jill
Trego, Mark
Wismer, Ana



Winnie
Available for adoption



Collection Jars

Adoption Center
Cat's Glass Craft Fairs
Pet Supplies Plus

With Appreciation



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Memoriams

Bridget Kennedy Krupp
by Kristin, Agner

Clay Murray
by Kathleen Young

Denise Nelson
by Amber Folkers and
Robert & Patricia Udstuen

Friday, Nikki, Fizzgig & Anhyzer
by Trisha Burnett

Jani
by Linda McReynolds

Jeanne Marie Arneson
by Danielle Running

Juliet, Minnie, Tut & Gremlin
by Stacy Krause

Kamikazee
by Christine MacCrindle

Karen G
by Ruth Ann Wieland



Khali
Available for adoption

Katie & Eddie
by Karen Wollert

Keberlein Family's Beloved Cat
by Heather Thompson

Kitty
by Don & Joan Logan

Lois Van Daym & Sheba
by Liz Wescott

Stanley Harrod
by Amy Andresen

Stan Lee
by Jenna Gospodarek

Steve, Lil Dude, Bruiser & Buddy
by Alisa Malinowski

Stover
by Jonathan Marshall

Tornado "Torni"
by Israel Ramon

Zoe
by Shannon Anderson

Honorariums

AJ Zydzik
by Maurizia Johnson

Andrea Parisi
by Kristin Agner

Chris & Ron, Dax & Angelica
by Nicole Rojas

Clay Urn Publishing
by Shannon Vierra

Doug & Randi
by Robin Gesinski

Elisa Weeks Birthday
by Kari Kraus, Karl Kugler

Hazel Jean & Foster mom, Jill Hancock
by Jill Letven

John Yarbrough Birthday
by Amanda Walker-Clark, Adriana Lopez,
Genevieve Lopez

Kasandra Zavrie-Higdon Birthday
by Lori Curtiss, Tom Dunk

Kindred Kitties Bottle Babies
by Gutter Cat Adoptions

Kristin Agner Birthday
by Jane Broughton-Schaefer, Kitty Carls,
Lori Vogel, Cathy McDowell, Chris
McCarthy, Keith Anderson, Joanie Elhert-
Brookhouse, Robert Placke

Lauren Sanchez
by Jessica Liptak

Lizard, KK Alumni
by Luke Seitz

Mariah & Ariana
by Valari Villalobos

Meatball
by Allison Treloar

Michelle Woller
by MII Meetings Intl.

Minnie & Ernie
by Fred & Catherine Keffer

Mole & Asher
by Jodi Reilley

Muffin
by Joseph Tiso

Nelson Rivest
by Yvonne Thomas

Noche & Ghost
by Christine MacCrindle

Sue Tirabassi Birthday
Vicki Lorenz

Thomas & Tina
by Tim & Ruth Smith

Tigger
by Theresa Reitz

Building Fund

Agner, Kristin
Bernstein, Blue
Bojarski, Joan
Cunningham, Kevin
Cunningham, Muriel
DeCesaro, Sandra
Dimoulas, Dimitrios
Elrod, Linnea
Fournier, Meagan
Garland, Tim

Gesinski, Robin
Gospodarek, Jenna
Grissom, Sheila
Ide, Wren
Kaplan, Jennifer
Keffer, Fred & Catherine
Kruckenberg, Reona
Lay, Jeremy
Leousis, Ryan
Leveque, Sheila

Lilla, Alice
Logan, Don & Joan
Matton, Mary
McDowell, Cathryn
Miller, Cathy
Navin, Paul
Olsen, Angie
Osborne, Barbara
Peterson, Jenessa
Rasch, Jacob

Robertson, Barbara
Seibert, Karen
Severson, Gerald & Kathleen
Shimp, Michael
Spaulding, Linda
Spranger, Kimberly
Toff, Deb
Torgerson, Jill
Wescott, Liz
Woller, Michelle

Employee Giving / Company Match

Abbott Labs

Anonymous, Elizabeth Anderson,
Debra Benson, Lorraine Mich,
Bradley Santeler, Steven Wendling

AbbVie

Anonymous, Lisa Baker, Anthony Cannon,
Heather Edwards, Sara Holcomb,
Marion Refici

Allstate

Krystal Smuda

American Express

Nancy Kriens

Aon

Marcia O'Day

AT&T

Anonymous

Costco Wholesale

Stephanie Brown

Discover Financial

Kathleen Anstrand

Frontstream-Costco

Stephanie Brown

JCPenney

Jennifer Maguire

Microsoft Rewards

Anonymous

Target

Anonymous

Trustmark Insurance

Susan Scherer

Voya Financial

Andrew Becker, Abigail Philips

Sponsorships

Mama Beth
by Marilyn Hanson

Mama Ethel
by Marie DeBock



Mama Ethel
Available for adoption

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

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