



# KAT'S KRITTERS RESCUE

Fall 2018 Newsletter

## A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A RESCUE DIRECTOR

Life in rescue is relentless. The animals require care each and every day. Our Director currently handles almost all day to day operations and animal care on her own due to a lack of regular and reliable volunteers! In a single day, just some of the tasks that need to be completed include:

- \* Feeding and general care of anywhere between 50 and 80 animals
- \* Administering medication, special care (bottle feeding orphaned animals, wound management, etc.)
- \* Exercise/enrichment/socialization
- \* Scooping and cleaning 25—30 litter boxes
- \* Picking up dog poop
- \* Cleaning/sanitizing cat rooms, dog areas, kennels, pet beds/furniture
- \* Loading/unloading donations, stocking supplies
- \* 3-5 loads of laundry
- \* Basic grooming—nail trims, brushing, bathing
- \* Processing adoption applications, arranging meet and greets/adoptions, responding to emails (up to 50 a day at times)
- \* Communicating with volunteers, foster homes, adopters, supporters
- \* Scheduling veterinary care, transport to and from veterinary appointments
- \* Paperwork—updating and managing all electronic and hard copy animal files
- \* Administrative tasks—preparing documents, supply inventory, paying bills
- \* Yard/property/building maintenance and repairs
- \* Updating social media
- \* More cleaning!



Since January 2014, when the Rescue was founded, Kat's Kritters Rescue has taken in: 302 cats, 134 dogs, 1 ferret.

On average KKR has to turn away between 10 -50 animals in need each month!

**WE NEED  
ADDITIONAL  
FINANCIAL AND  
VOLUNTEER SUPPORT,  
AS WELL AS  
ADOPTERS FOR OUR  
CURRENT KRITTERS,  
SO THAT WE CAN  
ASSIST MORE OF THE  
ANIMALS AND PEOPLE  
THAT REQUEST HELP**

# VOLUNTEER

We  our volunteers

KKR currently only has a very tiny, albeit amazing, group of dedicated volunteers. *In order for the rescue to continue to be sustainable, we need more reliable, committed volunteers to join our team.* We need volunteers in many capacities, including the following:

- \* Daily chores at the rescue—cat room chores, cleaning, poop pick up
- \* Events/transport—volunteer at one of our fundraising or adoption events, transport animals/supplies from the rescue to an event and back again.
- \* Donation transport—pick up donations from our donation drop off locations and deliver to the rescue as needed
- \* Fundraising/event coordinator—volunteer to plan and execute regular fundraising events for the rescue
- \* Building/property maintenance—help on a regular basis to identify and repair damage/problems.

**Please contact us to request a volunteer application!**



Volunteer Brittany at 2018 Pet Expo.

# DONATE

The Rescue relies 100% on public donations to operate. Average monthly expenses to run the rescue, not including veterinary care or food, are about \$2,500.00. We go through approximately 300 pounds of cat litter, 200 pounds of kibble, and 50-100 cans of pet food EACH week! ***How can you help?***

- \* Become a regular monthly donor and donate an amount of your choosing on a recurring basis each month.
- \* Sponsor the vet care, either in part or full, for a specific animal.
- \* Make a one time general donation, in any amount.
- \* Sponsor a specific project, either financially or with supplies/labour.
- \* Donate supplies from our wish list. Our most urgently needed supplies include: clumping cat litter, high quality dog/cat food, disinfecting bleach, multipurpose cleaner, pet beds and pet toys.

*Visit our website for a comprehensive list of our needs and to learn more about where/how to donate*  
[www.katskittersmb.com/donate](http://www.katskittersmb.com/donate)

*800 lb. cat litter donation from our friends at Feed the Fur Babies Canada—this will supply us for about 3 weeks.*





You can sponsor, either in full or part, the veterinary care for a specific animal. Learn more about our animal sponsorship program at:

<http://katskrittersmb.ca/donate/sponsor-a-kritter/>

You can donate directly to our veterinary bills by calling the Winkler Veterinary Clinic at 204-331-4200.

## VETERINARY CARE

With the help of our partner veterinary clinics—the Winkler Veterinary Clinic and the Winnipeg Humane Society Clinic—all animals that come into rescue are seen by a veterinarian and are spayed/neutered, tattooed, vaccinated, dewormed, blood tested, and receive any other necessary care/treatment before being placed up for adoption. Our average monthly veterinary expenses can range from \$500—\$3,000! It costs the following to prepare an animal for adoption:

-cats/kittens—\$160—\$200    -dogs/puppies—\$375-400

The cost for a single animal can skyrocket into the thousands of dollars if he/she requires additional care. Some examples of extra care include: diagnostic testing (x-rays, ultrasounds, lab fees, skin scrapings, etc.), dental or other surgery, medication, special diet, etc. We have had dozens of animals enter the rescue requiring special care. In the last year alone, the rescue has had animals require special care for diabetes, kidney disease, upper respiratory infections, hip dysplasia, broken bones, soft tissue injuries, hernias, broken teeth, rectal prolapse, cancer, mange, and so much more. Every animal receives the specialized care they require to either prepare them for adoption to a new home, or to allow them to live out their remaining time with the highest quality of life we can provide.

## 2019 SPRING ONLINE AUCTION

Our annual online auction is our single largest fundraiser of the year! Hundreds of hours of volunteer effort goes into planning our auction. In 2018, the online auction brought in close to \$5,000 and we would love to beat that number in 2019! We are looking for donations of new, or very gently used, items to auction off. Visit our Kat's Kritters Rescue Auction page on Facebook, or email us, for more information or to arrange for drop off/pick up of donated items. Deadline for auction donations is February 1, 2019. Know a business or crafter that might donate items?—ask them!!



# PROJECTS NEEDING YOUR SUPPORT

Kat's Kritters Rescue always has several projects on the go, many of which require additional funding and donor support to progress. A few of the current projects include:

- \* Insulating, finishing work, and electrical hookup for our new 16x12 office/temporary animal holding building
- \* Yard repair/improvement—landscaping, gravel, crushed rock, patio blocks, fencing
- \* Building repair/improvement—fixing damage, replacing current materials with more durable and animal friendly materials, building individual holding pens in our outbuildings
- \* Outdoor catios—building of outdoor spaces to enrich the lives of the cats in care and to provide sanctuary for “unadoptable” or long-term cats
- \* Cat rooms—building of cat “walks”, general repairs, painting
- \* Cat cage bank—the rescue is in need of a proper cat cage bank to quarantine sick animals
- \* Spay/neuter initiative fund—need funds for a spay/neuter program we hope to introduce in the near future

Can you help with any of the above projects, either by donating supplies, funds, or your expertise? Businesses that support us will receive ample public thanks via our social media pages, which have a combined following of nearly 10,000! Please contact us if you can help in some way!

## THE FUTURE OF KAT'S KRITTERS RESCUE

KKR is proud of what we have accomplished during our nearly 5 years of operation and we know many animals have gone on to live happy, healthy, long lives in loving homes thanks to our work! We are so grateful for the support we have received to make it this far, but must acknowledge that the struggle to stay afloat has become increasingly challenging . We find ourselves currently in a position of having to make some important decisions about the sustainability of the rescue, and must recognize that continuing as we have been, with such limited volunteer and financial support, will be *impossible*. Not only do we desperately want to continue to help animals in need for many years to come, we also want to expand and improve our involvement in the surrounding communities to include more community resources and education. We can't do it without you! ***Please join us on our rescue journey.*** Consider volunteering just a few hours of your time each week or month. Become a monthly donor. Sponsor an animal or adopt one! Volunteer to help us plan and execute fundraisers and adoption events. ***Together we can positively impact the lives of thousands of people and animals long into the future!***

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