



# KAT'S KRITTERS RESCUE

Spring 2020 Newsletter

SPRING IS COMING! As the days get warmer, and the sun stays out longer we look forward to spring and summer events, new programs and meeting new supporters and volunteers. In this newsletter we will talk about some of our new community programs, events we will be at, fundraising and volunteer opportunities and more!



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**Subsidized Spay/Neuter Program**

**Pet Food Assistance  
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**Sanctuary**

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KNOW?**

You can become a monthly donor of Kat's Kritters Rescue. Just email Karen at [katskittersmbfundraising@gmail.com](mailto:katskittersmbfundraising@gmail.com) and she will make sure you get a pre-authorized Debit form to fill in and return to us. You can give weekly, biweekly, monthly. THANK YOU to all our current PAD donors!!



## Community Services Programs

As KKR slowly scales back on intake of new animals so that we can focus on the higher needs of the challenging animals already in care, we have been working hard to expand the support services we offer to the surrounding communities. So far this year, we have introduced two new Community Services that we hope will help keep animals in the community healthy, happy, and able to remain in loving homes rather than ending up in the overburdened rescue/shelter system.

### Subsidized Spay/Neuter Program

We recently introduced a Subsidized Spay/Neuter Program for low income households to help encourage responsible pet ownership. Qualifying households will be able to have their dog or cat spayed/neutered for a maximum fee of \$50 through this program. Currently, all appointments will be through the Winkler Veterinary Clinic, and we thank them for working with us to offer this program. In future, we hope to get other rural clinics on board to make it even easier on people to take advantage of this support. Spaying and neutering has many benefits beyond stopping the cycle of unwanted kittens and puppies being born. There are behavioural and health benefits as well, as seen in the chart below. To learn more about this program visit the Subsidized Spay/Neuter program link under the Community Services tab on our website - [www.katskrittersmb.com](http://www.katskrittersmb.com).

\*\*We rely on public funding to have funds available to offer this program. Consider sponsoring a spay/neuter. More info on the website!\*\*

### Pet Food Assistance Program

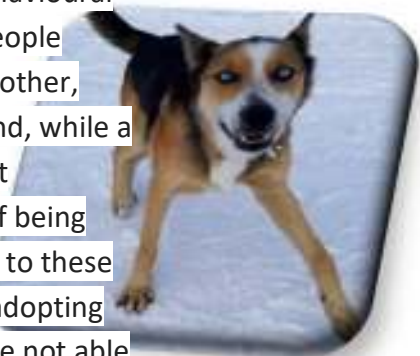
KKR recognizes that hard times can strike anyone, and that during a period of hardship some people have to make difficult choices, such as whether to feed their pets or feed their family. During temporary periods of hardship, we would like to help make sure pets have food available so that they can stay in their homes. We recently introduced a Pet Food Assistance program which is available to pet owners in the Carman, Morden, and Winkler areas. This program will provide food for owned animals in need, up to a maximum of twice per year. To learn more about this program visit the Pet Food Assistance link under the Community Services tab on our website - [www.katskrittersmb.com](http://www.katskrittersmb.com).



## SANCTUARY

Boots came into rescue thin and with a large mass on his chest. He also desperately needed a dental. He has some discomfort from the amputation (declaw). It took some time (a few months) for Boots to start eating regularly and maintaining his weight, but he has finally settled in and is doing well. He is a friendly, sweet old boy. Rather than put Boots through yet another transition at this stage of his life, it was decided that he will remain at the rescue permanently.

KKR has received an increased number of requests over the past few years, often from other rescues/shelters, to take in animals that are not doing/would not do well in a traditional shelter environment, or that are unable to be fostered in a private home due to lack of availability of experienced foster care providers. These animals range from senior animals, to animals with health issues, to feral animals, to animals with reactive/difficult behavioural issues. Due to KKR's unique rural environment, with limited number of different people involved, and co-habitation with other dogs allowing the dogs to learn from one another, some of these dogs thrive here! Some of the dogs have issues that are workable and, while a specific type of forever home placement is required, they are adoptable to the right home/situation. Some of these dogs do well here, but do not progress to a point of being adoptable to the general public. When possible, we will offer permanent sanctuary to these animals to allow them to live a high quality of life in our care. The transition from adopting rescue to more of a sanctuary facility for these "difficult" animals means that we are not able to take in as many new animals as we have in the past, and it also means higher expenses in some cases as medications, training, etc. are usually involved. In order for our vision of helping these often overlooked/outcast animals to be sustainable, we require ongoing funding both to meet their day to day needs and to plan additional housing and improve existing housing conditions to better accommodate the needs of animals that will spend their life in our care. We are proud to offer a high quality of care to all animals here, but need help to do so! We accept general donations towards our sanctuary program as well as annual sponsors for specific animals. Learn more about the current Sanctuary Kritters and how to help on our website - [www.katskrittersmb.com](http://www.katskrittersmb.com).





# UPCOMING EVENTS

Here is where you can find us in the next few months. Watch our Facebook page for updates!

Come and see our display, possibly meet an adoptable animal or one of our great volunteers (without our volunteers these events would not be possible!)

**March 17 – 21 – Online Auction.** Join us on Facebook for our largest fundraiser of the year. See the last page of the newsletter for more information!

**April 11 – Pet Valu Rivergrove** 2595 Main St. Winnipeg. Come see our display and some of our fundraising items for sale.

**April 25 – Pet Valu Southdale** 35 Lakewood Blvd. Winnipeg. Come see our display and volunteers and possibly an adoptable!

**April 25 – Pet Valu Kenaston** 670 Kenaston Blvd B, Winnipeg. We're keeping our volunteers busy today. Stop by to see our display and volunteers and possibly an adoptable!

**May 16 – Spring Supply Drive at Homestead Co-op Carman, MB.** Help us stock up on much needed supplies at our spring supply drive. Come and shop and help us fill our truck (we're getting a bigger one than last year!!) to stock up the rescue with supplies for the summer.

**May 29 – Fundraising Social hosted by McGee's Restaurant the Carman Golf & Curling Club** 225 4 Ave SW, Carman, MB Watch for details about this new event!

**June 14 – Manitoba Pet Expo – 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.** 3450 Pembina Hwy. Watch for details!

**July 4 & 5 – Manitoba Cat Show –** Watch for details!



## FUNDRAISING

Did you know that we have volunteers who make items for us to sell at events to raise money for the kitters?



**Snuffle Mats - \$25.00** A Snuffle mat is a great enrichment tool for both cats & dogs. Hide treats and let them snuffle away to find their treats hidden amongst the fleece. More pictures available on our Facebook page.

**Cat Nip Toys - \$1.00** – Our best seller! Cat nips toys provides lots of enjoyment for your cat. Made with scraps of fabric donated by our friends at Small Town Baby, these toys are a must have!

**Bandanas - \$5 – small/medium; \$8 – large/XL** – For the best dressed dog around! Bandanas come in lots of sizes and patterns for all occasions.

**Dish Scrubbies - \$3.00** – Make doing dishes fun with our sparkly coloured scrubbies.

**Dish Clothes - \$3.00** – Cotton dishcloths for all your dish cleaning needs.

**Jewelry** – We have a volunteer who keeps us stocked with beautiful jewelry. See at events or in our album on Facebook. Various prices.

Want to order...[katskrittersmbfundraising@gmail.com](mailto:katskrittersmbfundraising@gmail.com). Some orders can be mailed – some are too expensive! Want to pick up at an event? Just let Karen know and we will have it ready for you!



# Kat's Kritters Rescue Auction

Kat's Kritters online rescue is our largest fundraiser of the year. Thanks to all who donate, and bid on items the auction has raised much needed funds to help care for the animals in care. Volunteer Crystal has organized the auction for several years and we are so thankful!!

This years auction runs from 9:00 a.m. March 17<sup>th</sup> – March 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:59 p.m. To bid you first have to like and have read the rules (see first picture in the photo album for the 2020 auction.)

Preview of items is now available. Have a look at some of the great items – Jet's gear, Gift Card/Certificates, Kids items, jewelry, home décor, pet items and so much more!!

