



King Street Cats

A Cat Welfare Organization
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2009 Annual Report

An Exciting Year of Change!

King Street Cats had a very exciting 2009. In July, we said goodbye to our longstanding location at 213 King Street. It was sad to leave the heart of Old Town and all the wonderful visitors, but our new location just off of Duke Street is much larger, brighter and the kitties are happy with the abundance of windows and sunlight. We have two rooms to house our kitties: one larger room (with the green floor) that has a fun cat walk on the wall and a kitchen (which has become a mainstay for kitties that love to drink from the faucet). We also have a second room that is an isolation room for new arrivals, kittens and our elderly kitties. Our landlord has been wonderful to us in providing renovations to help make the orphanage more cat-friendly.



Our new cat orphanage



Our main cat room



Our main cat room



Our isolation room



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KSC helps those in need

In 2009, we created a Pet Food Pantry Program to assist local owners in obtaining free pet food in order to keep their pet. We want to thank Banfield Veterinary Clinic in Alexandria for assisting us with the food collection. We assisted dozens of families in feeding and keeping their cats. King Street Cats also assisted a lady who adopted two cats from us. She lost her job and her home, and returned her cats to King Street Cat for re-adoption. She was heartbroken to be separated from her boys. After working with her, we housed her cats, free of charge, for three months while she looked for employment. All worked out when she found a job, reclaimed her home and was reunited with her cats. We also assisted another family who returned their two kitties to King Street Cats due to assisting an ailing family member out of state. But after a few weeks, everyone missed each other and the family returned to take Jenny and Scooter home. King Street Cats was thrilled that we could assist in keeping the kitties with their families.

Adoptions

We had a three-year high in adoptions in 2009! We cared for 264 cats and kittens during the year and adopted out 197 into wonderful homes. A majority (82) of our cats come from owners surrendering them into our care, but we also brought in 43 strays from the outdoors (including 5 that were abandoned at our facility). We increased our efforts to help shelters that have very little local help. In January 2009, we started assisting the St. Croix (Virgin Island) Animal Welfare Center shelter that has a high euthanasia rate due to limited adoption options on the island. King Street Cats prides itself on helping all cats, regardless of where they may originate. King Street Cats has committed to helping the shelter. Each cat travels to us through a person who carries the cat as a carry-on item. We also rescued 19 cats from Virginia shelters and 69 needy cats/kittens from West Virginia and Maryland.



Shammy



Queen of Sheba

We pride ourselves on having the “cat-friendliest cats in town”. Due to our free-roaming facility, even the grumpiest feline learns that life can be better when living with cats! We also are pleased that we are able to help cats and kittens that need extra attention. We continue to take in pregnant and nursing momma cats, orphaned newborn bottle-baby kittens, senior cats, and cats with medical conditions needing extra care.



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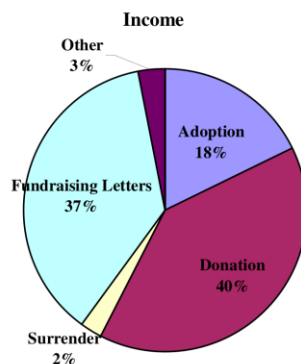
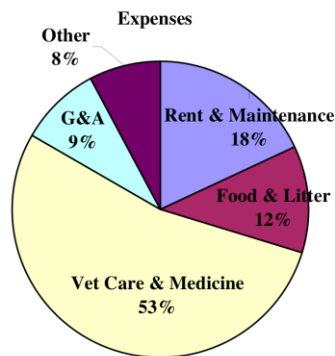
Fundraising Events

In 2009, the fundraising committee hosted four fundraisers which raised approximately \$33,000. Our Spring “Kitten” Fundraising Letter was sent to our donors and monies raised helped us with the influx of kittens we received. Our Summer Bake Sale at the Cobblestone Gallery in Old Town was a great success. Our annual Christmas Bake Sale, the weekend of the Scottish Christmas Walk, went ahead as planned in spite of the first storm. And our Year-End letter to donors raised over \$20,000. Thank you to everyone who donated to us during 2009, and to the volunteers who helped us make our fundraising events a huge success!

Financial Information

King Street Cats received over \$99,000 in donations and fees in 2009. Over 75% of our income was from private donations and 18% from adoptions. At the conclusion of 2009, King Street Cats had spent approximately \$95,000. In line with previous years, our costliest expense was veterinary care for our kitties. For 2009, King Street Cats spent over \$50,000 on veterinary care; the next costliest expense was Rent & Maintenance at \$17,000; followed by Food & Litter at \$12,000.

Realizing that veterinary care is the one expense that will be truly unknown, we’ve implemented many measures in an attempt to reduce our veterinary expenses such as using several local low cost spay/neuter clinics and providing allowable treatments such as deworming, distemper and topical flea/parasite application in house by volunteers.





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Volunteers

We are so proud and thankful for individuals who offer help to King Street Cats. Our volunteers not only clean the cat room and feed the cats each day, but we also have volunteers who assist with adoptions, provide foster care to needy cats and kittens, transport cats to our veterinarian, pick up cats and kittens from local shelters, deliver cats to their new homes, help with fundraising, and so much more. We are always looking for more volunteers that can be short-term and long-term foster parents, as well as assist with transports to veterinary clinics. Please contact us if you are interested.

Our Friends

We wish to thank our friends who help us in a variety of ways. We are so appreciative of their help:

Barkley Square
Cobblestone Art Gallery
Eclectic Nature
Fort Hunt Veterinary Hospital
Furry Friends Web Design
ITONIX (providing us complimentary web and email hosting service)
Karing by Kristina
King George (VA) Animal Shelter
Last Chance Animal Rescue (MD)
Pet Sage (all-natural pet food store in Alexandria)
Potomac Highland Animal Rescue (WV)
Prince George's (MD) Animal Shelter
Prince William (VA) Animal Shelter
Diane Roadcap (Animal Communicator)
St. Croix (VI) Animal Welfare Center/Pets from Paradise
Sunset Pet Services (cremation services for pets that have passed on)
Dr. Andrea Tasi (homeopathic feline veterinarian)
Walmart (thank you for the 2009 community grant)
Washington Humane Society

And a big thank you to all our supporters in 2009 and throughout the years. Without your generosity, we would not exist.

Sincerely,

The Board of Directors and Volunteers
of King Street Cats