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King Street Cats

A 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization

2010 Annual Report

A Successful 2010!

King Street Cats had a successful 2010, which involved expanding our outreach to help find loving homes for cats and kittens that simply needed our helping hand. In 2010, we launched our mobile adoption events to compliment our weekend adoption events at our cat orphanage. We were thankful to the following locations for giving us a little space on weekends to show our cats and kittens: Barkley Square in Del Ray, Books-A-Million in Old Town Alexandria, Petco in Alexandria, and ProFeed in Alexandria.

To showcase all of our work and our cats, check out our “A Wonderful Life – 2010” video on our website! The work of King Street Cats was also featured in The Gazette and Alexandria Times, as well as on NBC News 4 for our efforts to help a kitty named Second Chance (see his story below).

Every cat deserves a great home!

We took in 197 cats and kittens in 2010 from various sources:

- Owner surrender = 117
- Local shelters = 45
- Out-of-state shelters/rescue organizations = 21
- Strays = 5
- Born in our care = 9

We had a few cats returned to us from many years ago (even one adopted when King Street Cats was The Albert Foundation). These now-senior cats won over our hearts and we were able to place them all in loving homes: Ariel, Bella, Mia, and Moloko.



Ariel (9-years-old)



Bella (11-years-old)



Mia (10-years-old)



Moloko (8 years old)

King Street Cats always welcomes back cats that have been previously been adopted. While we work with families on options to keep their kitty, we understand that there are situations where the cat needs to be returned and to find a new home.

As a result of our expanded visibility across the area, we adopted out 167 cats and kittens to wonderful homes in 2010. Our adoption process includes follow-up phone calls and e-mails to

adopters to answer their questions; to provide advice; and to receive photos and stories of how the cats have settled into their new home. We post these photos and stories on our website (under Adoption Updates). In 2010, we also created a Facebook page where adopters can post photos and stories. We love receiving follow-up news to know that the cats are happy and healthy.

Extraordinary Stories

Because of generous donors, King Street Cats is able to provide the best veterinary care to all of our cats, but especially to those that really need a second chance. In 2010, we took on three cats who had suffered unimaginable cruelty. First, we helped a cat that was aptly named “Second Chance.” Second Chance was found with a severe jaw injury and close to death. He was taken to a veterinary hospital but the hospital was not able to keep him. That’s when they called on King Street Cats to help. Second Chance was taken into foster care so that he could heal and learn to trust people again. Second Chance was adopted to a wonderful home in April and traveled with his family in the summer to their home in Alaska. It warmed our hearts to see Second Chance have the loving family that he desperately wanted. We were saddened when he passed away, from complications due to his prior injuries, later in the year. And while we will never forget the special kitty we called Second Chance, we are grateful that King Street Cats had the ability to help him heal and find love, even if only for a few short months.



Second Chance

Then came Luke & Leia who were found abandoned in a home in D.C. They were locked inside without food or water. No one knows what happened to their family but when police discovered them they were barely alive. Washington Humane Society provided initial care to Luke & Leia and then transferred them to King Street Cats where we spared no expense to save these sweet cats. After spending two months in foster care and having several close calls requiring emergency veterinary visits, Luke & Leia were on their way to their happy ending. These two bonded cats were adopted together to a wonderful family in Falls Church. They had a mom, dad, and four kids who showered them with love. Although Luke & Leia struggled to eat after their trauma, everyone was hopeful for a full recovery. Unfortunately Leia passed away in the arms of her family a few months later. And while we all mourn the loss of Leia, Luke is doing well and is very loved by his family.



Luke & Leia

Although it is heartbreaking to help cats that have been victims of abuse and neglect, King Street Cats takes whatever steps are necessary to help. And while some pass over the Rainbow Bridge, we never regret helping them and hope that the love they receive in their final days makes a difference.

Indeed, we are becoming known for our efforts to help not just the cute kittens but also senior cats and cats in need. We received the following testimonial in 2010:

I want to tell you how much I appreciate the time you have taken to help me with Bush Kitty [a feral cat]. I recognize that rescue organizations are volunteer driven but in the last few days, I haven't spoken with anyone as friendly or truly dedicated to the cause as you have been. As an animal lover and former foster home, I recognize the difficulties that come in heavy seasons and economic downturns. However, I've never been treated so poorly by rescue organizations as I have in the last few days. King Street Cats deserve a lot of credit as you all are the promptest and most helpful of any of the NOVA rescue organizations. I hope that in June (when our allergic room mate moves out) that I can help you out by being a foster home to two kitties. Again, I thank you so much for your help and your time. -- Aida Carini (Arlington, VA)

Fundraising Events

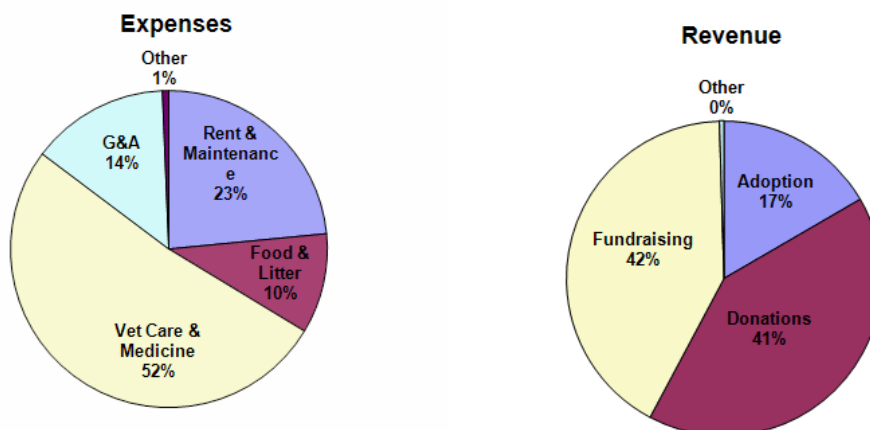
It was a busy year for fundraising and public relations for King Street Cats. We held our 4th annual theater fundraiser on Friday, June 4th at the Little Theatre of Alexandria. It was a very successful event that raised over \$13,000. In August, one of our volunteers hosted a jewelry party at her home that helped to raise \$800. To celebrate our first anniversary at our new location on Dove Street we held an Open House in September. As a result, one very generous donor who attended the event agreed to pay for several updates to the shelter including, the installation of new safety-glass windows and a new floor.



During the year, several volunteers also did their own fundraising for King Street Cats including, our youngest members who did fundraising through their girl scout troop. At the end of the year, we sent out our “year-end” fundraising letter, which raised an additional \$20,000. And what we most appreciate are those donors who think of us throughout the year and send in donations to help us with the day-to-day care for our cats.

Financial Information

King Street Cats received over \$100,000 in donations and fees in 2010. Over 75% of our income was from private donations and 17% from adoptions. At the conclusion of 2010, King Street Cats had spent approximately \$87,000. In line with previous years, our costliest expense was veterinary care for our cats. For 2010, King Street Cats spent over \$45,000 on veterinary care; the next costliest expense was Rent & Maintenance at \$20,000; followed by Food & Litter at \$9,000.



Volunteers

We would not be able to perform the life-saving work for our cats without our amazing volunteers. 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. When a cat is depressed and needs extra TLC, we have volunteers who selflessly spend extra time with those cats and give them a will to live. We are always looking for more volunteers that can be short-term and long-term foster parents, especially to kittens and pregnant cats, as well as assist with transports to veterinary clinics. Please contact us if you are interested.

We thank you!

Most of all, we thank all of our supporters from 2010 and throughout the years. Without your generosity, we would not exist.

Sincerely,



The Board of Directors, Volunteers and cats
of King Street Cats

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