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## Kitty Quarters: Pairing Cats With People to Benefit *Both*

### What's New

*News From Your Editor & Founder*

It's been a busy time! We've also suffered some setbacks - mostly due to the Bristol Real Estate Committee's "rigged" denial of a building for us. BUT we have exciting news to share as well.

First. A very big THANK YOU to all who voted in the Merchant Negotiators Grant. Thanks to your hard work, we came in 2<sup>nd</sup>. But it's still great. We get help and other grantors will value us more. See "Merchant" later in this issue for details.

Also we've had three fundraisers and our first participation in Burlington's famed Tavern Day Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>.

We've applied for seed money grants that are yet to be decided. (December and March). We seek grants daily so we can get closer to our project goals. But PEOPLE

make an organization great.

As we grow, it has become more apparent that YOU and friends of yours, are a critical part of making Kitty Quarters a reality. Many of you spoke up, even showed up, when we all thought Hill St. might be ours (and we can't thank you enough for that) and it still might be ours if we get a chance to bid again. See "The Search" below for more details. Of course we're not waiting around just for Hill St. Grantors want to see a building. So, the help we need next are with fund raising, getting the word out and grant summary. Like any family we will need funds so that when the right building opportunity arrives we can act quickly AND our projects will need money too.

### The Search for a Building Continues (you can help)

The Bristol Real Estate Committee's chairman, Eric Carlson, denied KQ even as we were the only bidder on the Hill St. School building. Despite 89 favorable petition signers, several supporters present and 1 of 3 committee member's support vote, the preprinted denial held. Carlson said "a few people" told him it wasn't the right use for the building. The person "seconding" Carlson's motion frequently doesn't know what meeting he's in! Carlson offered no names or

number of people & no dissenting attendees. **We will rebid** (& look elsewhere). KQ's treatment was front page news in The Bristol Press 9/17/15 [http://www.centralctcommunications.com/bristolpress/article\\_f257cf82-5d65-11e5-97bc-cfb14e038a1d.htm](http://www.centralctcommunications.com/bristolpress/article_f257cf82-5d65-11e5-97bc-cfb14e038a1d.htm) Please voice your support for what Kitty Quarters will bring to a community. email (Mayor Ken Cockayne: [mayoroffice@bristolct.gov](mailto:mayoroffice@bristolct.gov)), or letter: Bristol City Council, 111 North Main St. Bristol CT 06010.

### COMING EVENTS

#### FALL / WINTER



October 22<sup>th</sup>, Thurs. Bertucci's Avon. All day - 11 a.m. 'til 9 p.m. Mention Kitty Quarters or Pickup a coupon on the way in. Bertucci's will donate - no cost to you.



Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>, Sat. Celebrate Life: Plants & Animals together @ Larson's Garden Center - 1 - 4 pm Rt 4 Burlington, CT



November 8<sup>th</sup>, Sun. 2-3 PM Essential Oils for healthier pets & their families. Talcott Family Chiropractor, 230 Farmington Ave. Farmington **RSVP:** [info@KittyQuarters.org](mailto:info@KittyQuarters.org)



November 15<sup>th</sup>, Sun. 2-4 pm Kitty Quarters Meeting - Events Planning - All welcome - 81 Savarese Ln Burlington **RSVP:**



January 9<sup>th</sup> Sat. - Hartford Wolf Pack. KQ's the featured charity - discount tickets at special URL coming to your email. Great gift or group night out.



February 13<sup>th</sup> - Sat. - 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Thrive Drive - 8:30 - Noon. Asbury Methodist Church 90 Church Ave. - Bristol Cans/bottles - see article page 2

## Kitty Quarters Enters the Big Time at Wolf Pack Game

We have a great opportunity for an “everybody wins” event. KQ has been selected as the featured charity at the Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup> Wolf Pack Hockey game in Hartford.

This is one of their few “guaranteed” dates, which means that ticket holders are guaranteed a game on that day.

We’ll be sending out a special URL so you can buy tickets to the January 9<sup>th</sup> game at a discounted rate. What a great way to donate to Kitty Quarters and give holiday or special day presents at the same time. KQ will get a portion of each ticket price through this special, secure web connection where you deal directly with Wolf Pack. Why not make it an event and eat downtown! We’ll let you know where the pre-game gathering is going to be as the time gets closer. It’ll be a blast!

During the game, Bobbie will be interviewed on the jumbotron & KQ will have a booth in a prominent place on the main concourse to get the message out. We’re hoping to announce that we have a building in sight by then but if not, perhaps this publicity will bring out a better opportunity.

If you know of someone who has an empty building and wants special IRS tax advantages for a long term lease or donation, they should email: [info@kittyquarters.org](mailto:info@kittyquarters.org) & read IRS Publications 561 & 526 for details.



*Save the Date – It’ll Be GREAT  
January 9th*



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Thrive Drive Coming February 13th

Save those holiday refundable cans and bottles. February 13<sup>th</sup>, the Saturday after SuperBowl 50, is an important date for Kitty Quarters’ can and bottle drive.

But it’s much more than that. Like all our

events, we want to help as many animals and people as possible. We will remove the can tabs (and collect those **you** have saved) for the Shriner’s Children’s Hospital Fund. Your donated can and dry food & dollars for the feral collection will help local trappers feed strays & ferals keeping them from starving & help pay for their springtime surgeries. Also collecting back-pack food for the children of Bristol who don’t have much to eat on the weekends. Non-breakable containers of fruit, soup, juice, cereal, peanut butter, & gluten-free food for the children’s backpack program & Toiletries, for the battered women’s fund, are most welcome too. – Volunteers Needed

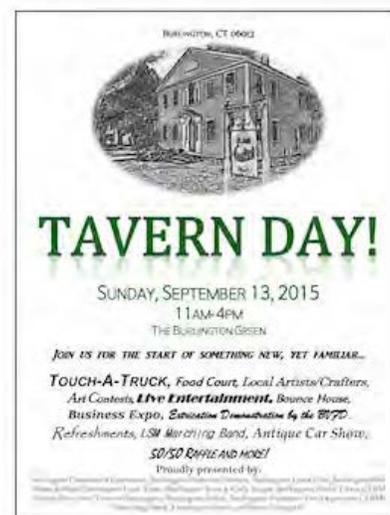
email: [info@kittyquarters.org](mailto:info@kittyquarters.org)



*Food for families, strays & ferals, Feral shelter  
build instructions, Can/bottle collection,  
Can tab & Dollar donations*



Our thanks to Lindsay Total Graphics –Manchester, for donating the banner printing



## Tavern Day September 13<sup>th</sup> 2015

Tavern Day is a long-standing tradition in Burlington. It's a time when the towns people gather and learn about our town, the people and the groups, the industry and politicians that make it such a great place to live and raise a family. Kitty Quarters was honored to make its first public debut there as one of several non-profits on the town green.

The "cat in the cage" attracted a lot of attention. Hopefully next year we will have a bigger cage with live kittens awaiting adoption!

Many people signed the Hill St. building petition in favor of KQ getting a building even if it's not in-town. Of course, we will continue to strive to be in Burlington.

The best thing about the booth was to get the word out about our mission and to attract more people to join our team. Many of them had

questions that were either answered on sight or through research and email response. Even more, people expressed their desire to be kept informed of our progress and events.

The donation jar produced a small amount of money but the reason for participating outweighed the donations. And we made some good contacts.

The poster (above right) next to the black bin – a feral shelter demonstration - gave us a chance to discuss the benefits of therapy cats, the need to keep cats indoors, the need for compassion with animals and of course, draw attention to the need for feral cat protection.

It also gave us a chance to collect more cans & bottles. Now the local bank saves them for us.

The weather was cold, damp and threatening but it was a very successful day – and just as we packed up the booth, the very much-needed rain came.

## Our Very First Grant! ...

KQ sincerely thanks all of you who faithfully voted each day watching our numbers wax and wane against Chris' 2<sup>nd</sup> Guacamole Restaurant. (They'll use the money to pay a broker.) Sadly we came in 2<sup>nd</sup> but this was a *national voting contest* and our first time entering. "You done good!" Next time, we need more twitter action. The grantors told us that's how we missed out on the 1<sup>st</sup> prize of \$2,500. But 2<sup>nd</sup> prize means we'll have help with our web site and our 2 web masters will appreciate that as your founder (hopefully) won't have to rely so much on their generosity.



## I Want to Support Kitty Quarters As A Friend of KQ

- General Membership \$35. (equals ~1/3 of a cat's initial vet check/protection visit)
- Senior Membership (age 65 & over) \$20.
- Annual Youth Membership \$10 (ages 16-18 inclusive plus proof of age) plus 40 hours community service at Kitty Quarters each year to vote in that year. (Service waved until we have a facility)
- I'll make a monthly donation – send me information on how to make it easy
- No membership now but here's my tax deductible donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Members help build the organization, get a tax deduction for their participation including mileage & get previews of events non members don't get.

I prefer to be contacted by: (we don't: text message, share your email address, send junk mail, or quote you)

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_  Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ How you Know KQ \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Other info: \_\_\_\_\_

- I would like to receive "Meowser", the Kitty Quarters News Letter, by email. (to save costs & time) (Your computer will need to be able to read .pdf – Adobe Acrobat file format.)

### I'd like to help. Please email me more information about:

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| Help with Fund raising     | Find Grants (read supplied URL/fill form) | Help Find Facility Space  |
| Volunteering at rescue     | Grant Committee & Tutorial                | I'll make or distribute Posters   |
| Driving cats to vet visits | Put KQ events on my Face Book page        | I'll send fund raiser ideas   |
| c Newsletter – Meowser     | I'll hep organize events                  | I'll seek out celebrities   |
| A Adoptions                | I'll send Tweets about KQ                 | I'll send email updates to my friends   |
| F Fostering                | I'll write to my congressperson           | I'll trap strays with a HAVE-A-Heart trap & transport them for free spay/neuter & return them to their colony (TNR) |
- Build winter protection for outside cats

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Mail this form to: Kitty Quarters, Inc. – PO Box 1412 – Burlington, CT 06013-1704

Or email it as an attachment to: [info@kittyquarters.org](mailto:info@kittyquarters.org)