

Critter Herding (via TCG)

First: Access the Evening Shade Group

- On the DailyKos home page, look for the image of the DK guy with the flag. For me, that appears in the upper right-hand corner of the web page (near the comment icon and the Kosmail icon).
- Click on the DK guy and a menu of options appears. Click on the “My Groups” option.

Second: Access the draft of the Evening Shade diary for which you will herd

- Under the “Groups” heading, find and click on Evening Shade. You should see a selection of options for the Evening Shade (for me, these appear in five different “boxes” on the left-hand side of the page).
- Select “Manage Queue.” That will take you to a list of the diaries, with the most recently queued diary at the top of the list. Click on “Evening Shade—Resistance Rising—” that you need to review.

Third: Deciding Which Videos to use for Cat Herding

- I read through the diary about an hour before it is posted, making note of the “National Day” items.
- Not everyone queues their Shade diary, so you won’t be able to reread what the “National Day” items might be. When that happens to me, I go to the [National Day Calendar](#) and scroll down for the current day’s date. You should find several “National Day” items to help you start looking for possible YouTube videos.
- I use those to do YouTube searches that fit (sometimes nicely, sometimes “as broadly interpreted” 😊), keeping in mind that cats (domestic and wild) are our focus, but that we also need otters, beagles, and bunnies.

For anyone thinking about becoming a cat herder, I strongly encourage you to do so. It is fun! If you have questions, feel free to ask in a reply to this comment or send me a Kosmail.

Kraigo: I put it into my notes so I can share them with anyone who would like to take a stab at it. There are others, but of the regulars, Nanny, TCG and I are Admins and can get you set up to become an Editor. It entails someone inviting you to become a Contributor, you'd receive the invitation via an e-mail (not a Kosmail) to complete the process. Once you're a Contributor we can promote you to editor.

To the best of my knowledge:

Contributors can write diaries as from the Evening Shade group, which is of limited usefulness.

Editors can do everything Contributors can and manage the Evening Shade group's queue, which means you can preview queued diaries and nudge things out if for some reason they don't go out correctly.

Admins can do all of that and have greater control over the members. The only time I've used Admin powers was when, as an exercise, I promoted Robby to be an Editor.

I would love to deepen our bench a bit.

I'm horrible about checking my Kosmail. I'm usually around in the Shade and I've mostly maintained a "no secrets" approach.

Nanny: Evening kraigo and thank you! The one bit I would add is the email invite goes the account you used to sign up to dkos. In my case, I used a secondary email, for just that purpose. So, if you do request an invite, remember which email you used and check that one.

Kraigo: The easiest way to see the e-mail address is to click on your name in a comment of yours (at the top). That will bring you to your profile. Click on "Edit my profile" on the left. On the left hand side of that, it will list your e-mail address. Almost no one else can see it, but I imagine that the dKos HelpDesk can.

Kraigo: 1) Although it is highly recommended, it takes a while to get someone set up as an Editor. I won't reiterate the steps it takes, but with communications lags and misunderstandings factored in, expect to wait for upward of a day to pull it together. Details available upon request.

The group queue can be found at [Evening Shade:: Diary Queue](#)

2) It is highly recommended that (unless some coordination is understood by all) **no one but the author edit the Shade**. It would be very easy to overwrite the author's work. Consider peeking ahead as a privilege.