

Mom and Puppy Naming Fundraiser

By Katie Drenth

Recently, Van Buren County Animal Control (VBCAC) contacted our rescue when a female Black Lab mix had given birth to ten puppies overnight. She had been there for over two weeks and the workers didn't know she was pregnant, but guessed she had recently given birth before coming in. When VBCAC called out for help, one of our amazing fosters quickly stepped up and took in mom and all ten of her puppies.

With so many mouths to feed and vet care that mom and her pups will need, we could really use your help! So we're having a naming fundraiser with three special sponsorship packages. To thank you for your generous donation, each of these sponsorship packages allows you the opportunity to name mom or a puppy, with some special perks for you! There are seven male pups and three female pups, so you will want to act FAST to name mom or one of her three girls!

Name That Puppy! Sponsorship Package \$50 (Up to 6 spots available)

- You get to name mom or a puppy
- Special Thank You on our Facebook page and blog
- You get one 8x10 photo of your sponsored mom or puppy

Spay/Neuter Sponsorship Package \$250 (3 spots available)

- You get to name mom or a puppy



- Special Thank You in our Special Spring Newsletter
- Special Thank You on our website, Facebook page and blog
- You get one 8x10 photo of your sponsored mom or puppy
- You get one FREE tickets to our Dinner Auction 2015

Premium Sponsorship Package \$750 (2 spots available)


- Total vet care and supplies are covered by your donation
- You get to name mom or a puppy
- You get one year FREE advertising in our eNewsletter—a sponsor-sized ad in each issue of our eNewsletter with two coupon offers to readers
- Special Thank You in our Spring and Fall Newsletters
- Special Thank You on our website, Facebook page and blog
- You get one 8x10 photo of your sponsored mom or puppy
- You get two FREE tickets to our Dinner Auction 2015

Note: You can accept or decline any benefits from your sponsorship of \$50, \$250 or \$750.

Mom and her puppies will need lots of supplies. If you can donate supplies, please bring them to one of our events or contact us to make other arrangements. Their foster mom has requested pee pads, newspapers, Diamond puppy food (purple bag) and Diamond Lamb and Rice dog food as her most needed supplies. You can find donations on our Amazon Wishlist.

Take a look at how your monetary donations can help mom and her puppies.

Donation Amount	Supplies/Vet Care That Can Be Provided From Donation
\$5	Chew Toy/Dog Treats
\$10	Dog License
\$10	Dose of Heartworm Preventative
\$20	Dose of Flea and Earmite Treatment/Preventative
\$20	Dose of Dewormer
\$25	Rabies Shot (Done at 3-4 months of age)
\$30	Bag of Puppy/Dog Food
\$50	Heartworm Test
\$50	Microchip
\$100	Distemper/Parvo Vaccine x 4
\$160	General Health & Wellness + Office Visits x 4
\$250	Spay or Neuter Surgery

Please visit our website to find out how you can claim a sponsorship package. Check for updates on our website, Facebook and social media pages. 

Happy Tail: Suni and Toni

By Kara Harmsen

Sometimes opposites attract and two friends just complement each other. Here is a wonderful tale about a shy cat named Bandit, who was befriended during his stay in the rescue by an outgoing cat, Noel. The story begins when a young feline was taken in by KAR from the local shelter three years ago. The cute, lovable kitten named Noel caught the eye of a young man who proceeded to adopt him. Time passes and the man gets married. Unfortunately as these things happen, his bride became very allergic to Noel so the cat was returned to the rescue.

Noel was brought into the same foster home as Bandit. Bandit was born outdoors under a porch before he came into KAR. He was so shy around strangers that it seemed unlikely he would be adopted, but Bandit became very attached to his foster mom, Dusty. As soon as Noel, "the friendliest cat in the world" arrived at the foster home, things started to change for the better. In no time at all, shy little Bandit became pals with Noel. The two cats were always seen playing and

eating together, and Bandit would follow Noel everywhere.

One fine day a woman looking to adopt a cat noticed Noel and his friendly demeanor, and she was drawn to him. Fortunately, the lovely lady also noticed how attached Bandit was to Noel and she decided to help him too—both boys found a forever home together!

Noel was renamed Suni because when the adopter first saw him, she said he glowed like the sun and she had to have him. The lady was able to pet Bandit and she knew that he was shy but also a very sweet cat. Bandit was renamed Toni and his adopter is taking her time getting to know him. The lady says Suni is an amazing cat that loves his tummy rubbed and rolls onto his back to get those rubs. These two kitties found the purr-fect home with a true cat lover. Sometimes when opposites attract they can really help each other and make a happy ending possible. 🐾



Community Fundraising Efforts

A sincere thank you to these groups and businesses who held fundraisers to benefit KAR:

- AT&T Employee Giving Campaign
- Benevity Community Impact Fund
- DeGroot Family Foundation
- JM Wilson Corporation
- Network for Good
- Petco
- PetSmart
- The United Way
- Truist Co.

A Tiny Tale

By Melissa Sarenus

In the lives of animal rescuers it may take a team to save a pet. This was the case when a little kitten was found in the middle of a busy road. Her rescuer acted quickly after watching her nearly get hit by another vehicle. Covered with dirt, eyes and nose caked shut, a tail broken in several places, dehydrated and starving, this baby

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About Us

Kalamazoo Animal Rescue is an all-volunteer, federally recognized 501(c)(3) charitable organization that was founded in 1991 and is funded entirely through donations from the public.

KAR is dedicated to providing safe refuge to homeless, stray and abandoned cats and dogs in Kalamazoo and the surrounding communities.

Our volunteers give their time and energy to the efforts of rescuing animals and helping them to find permanent, committed and life-long homes.

Adopt

If you or someone you know is looking for a furry companion please consider adopting from KAR. Animals live in private foster homes until adopted. To see the available cats and dogs, visit www.kalamazooanimalrescue.org

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was clinging to life. A team of volunteers assembled, knowing that time was of the essence.

Rushing into action, we cleaned and warmed the kitten and then started her on antibiotics. Our hearts sank when she stopped breathing for a moment, but this little girl was a fighter. At first she wouldn't eat no matter what we tried, so we gave her fluids and a high-nutrition gel. After a few days of touch and go, she slowly started to look and behave like a normal

kitty. Soon she was eating and grooming herself.

The vet said it was a miracle that she had no internal injuries, just a scrape on her cheek and a slightly injured eye that would heal completely. Although her tail was broken, it wasn't causing her any pain and she could use it just fine—now it's an adorable quirk. She weighed in at less than a pound at



Tiny the day she was rescued and a week later.

eight-weeks old (half the normal body weight) so she earned the nickname Tiny. Tiny receives lots of love from her foster

dad and family. She also enjoys frequent visits from her rescuer, who hopes to adopt her. If not for the teamwork and dedication of KAR's animal-loving volunteers, Tiny wouldn't be here today. With love and care, Tiny is on her way to a happy ever after. 🐾

Our Sweet Ayla

By Katie Drenth

Hi, my name is Ayla, and do I have a story to tell you. It all started on a fall day back in September 2014, when I was picked up as a stray—injured and abandoned on the streets—by Kalamazoo County Animal Services and Enforcement (KCASE). It was plain to see that I would need extensive veterinary care, so KCASE reached out to Kalamazoo Animal Rescue (KAR).

When the volunteers came to meet me, they could see that both of my front legs were severely deformed from some type of traumatic injury, causing me to hobble

around painfully on my wrists. Despite my unique case and likely expensive veterinary care costs, the kind rescuers at KAR knew I was worth saving, because of my sweet nature and instant love for everyone.

My journey certainly wasn't an easy one. It was a long, tough road with two separate surgeries for each of my legs—I had to spend eight weeks in each cast with months of recuperation, building muscle and strength in my newly healed leg and figuring out how to walk again between each surgery and cast



removal. It was hard learning to walk again and I really didn't like my casts. But I did love all the attention and love that everyone showed me.

I met so many caring people who donated toys and helped raise about \$4,500 of my \$7,000 veterinary care costs. And I loved being an auntie to my foster dog friend, Onyx, her eight puppies, and her adopted puppy. Puppies are so much fun! I love to play but I won't ever be a dog that can go on long walks, but that's okay because I am an expert at cuddling and puppy-dog kisses.

I was going to start my journey to find my special forever home in mid-July, but when I went in to find

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I want to support KAR and give hope to homeless animals. A tax-deductible donation of \$20 can buy dog or cat food, \$50 purchases vaccines, and \$100 pays for 1 dog or 2 cat spays.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Please make your check payable to: Kalamazoo Animal Rescue Amount enclosed: \$ _____

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out why I was still limping after my second leg surgery, the vet found out that my body is relying on the plate for support instead of my leg bone, causing the bone to deteriorate, so the plate has to come out. Meaning I'll have to have a third surgery on September 18th.

I love my foster mommy dearly—she has taken such good care of me and I love her so much—but hopefully my perfect family will find me and want to help me along with my recuperation. I just became an auntie again to ten puppies and their mommy, so my foster mom can use lots of help!

I sure hope I get to meet my new family soon! Be sure to catch up and keep up-to-date on my journey, view pictures and watch videos on my Facebook page. 