

KALAMAZOO ANIMAL RESCUE

KAR Friends

Special 2016 Spring Edition

14 Easy Ways to Support KAR

By Lynn Bolhuis

Help Wanted: Your participation in one or more of these activities, many at no cost to you, will greatly help us rescue and care for hundreds of cats and dogs this year.

1. Volunteer – we need people and skills to help with a variety of activities ranging from adoption events to administration to fundraising. We also need helpers for Kitty Camp—feeding cats, cleaning cages and doing laundry; and for general office cleaning and maintenance.
2. Foster – caregivers for kittens, cats, puppies and dogs wanted! These special people give pets a second chance until they find a loving forever home.
3. Social Media – share profiles of our adoptable animals with your “friends” to increase their chances of being adopted.
4. eScrip Community Card – obtain a Harding’s eScrip card and earn money for KAR every time you shop, at no cost to you!
5. Shop on smile.amazon.com – enjoy the same Amazon.com shopping experience and their foundation will donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases to KAR.
6. ResQwalk – this free app gets you moving and helps homeless animals at the same time. Download the app from the

Apple Store (iPhone) or Google Play (Android) and select Kalamazoo Animal Rescue as the animal welfare organization to support. Start the app before your next walk, run, or bike ride, and then post the distance when you’re done. It’s a simple and free way to earn money for our dogs and cats each time you exercise.

7. iGive.com – register with iGive and a percentage of your purchases will be given to us.
8. GoodSearch.com – select KAR as your favorite charity and every time you search the Internet from GoodSearch, money is earned for our animals without you spending a dime!
9. ebay Giving Works – automatically donate a percentage of your sales to KAR when you sell an item on ebay.
10. Bissell’s Partners for Pets – purchase pet products on Bissell.com and a portion of your purchase will be donated to Kalamazoo Animal Rescue.
11. Advia Credit Union – members can support KAR by enrolling in Advia’s Community Advantage

Program to earn points for charitable organizations like us. At the end of each year, Advia transfers the points to cash and sends a donation check to Kalamazoo Animal Rescue.

12. Gifts in Memory and in Honor – recognize a pet, friend or family member that recently passed away by making a memorial contribution to KAR on their behalf. Or recognize a friend, family member or business for a special occasion or achievement by making an honorarium contribution to us on their behalf.
13. Supply Donations – check our wish list for new or used items that our cats and dogs need as well as our Amazon.com wish list.
14. Donate – make a tax-deductible financial contribution to KAR using the coupon on page 3. Any amount is appreciated.

Check our Donate and Volunteer webpages for additional details on each way you can help KAR. Your support saves precious feline and canine lives! 



Dog Happy Tails ~ Missy and Penny

By Lynn Bolhuis

KAR volunteers rescue animals and give them a chance at finding a loving home. Sometimes a pet is returned to the rescue when unforeseen circumstances prevail, such as when an adopter passes away. Missy and Penny are two dogs that found themselves in this predicament—homeless with an uncertain future. KAR stepped in to make sure both pets had another chance at forever homes, and here are their stories.

Missy is a loving Jack Russell Terrier who first entered the rescue in late 2014. She was adopted and spent a year in her fur-ever home before her adopter passed away. Missy's foster mom took her back without hesitation. With the onset of spring, she found a new home and dad to love. The young man saw Missy online and fell in love with her sweet disposition. He, along with his father, built a fence to keep her safe. She can now explore the yard and play safely. Her dad adds, "We found a good walking route and some areas that we can explore together. This picture shows us having a good time on one of our adventures."



Penny

Penny is a sweet, well-mannered gal that was originally adopted from KAR in 2008 but her adopter died in 2013. Between then and now, poor Penny ended up as a stray at the local animal shelter. Fortunately they were able to trace her microchip back to the rescue and her foster mom. After a few weeks in KAR, a retired lady looking for a mellow, senior dog saw Penny online.

Today, Penny is living happily in South Bend. Her new mom, Lynda, says, "Penny is my shadow and behavior wise, she is a treat and the sweetest dog ever!" Lynda let us know that Penny has some health issues related to her age, including hypothyroidism, being overweight, and arthritis in her rear knees. For therapy and weight loss, Penny goes swimming every Friday night. "She is a hoot and heads straight for the jets in the therapy pool," says Lynda.



Missy

Community Fundraising Efforts

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

- Amazon Smile Foundation
- AT&T Employee Giving Campaign
- Benevity Community Impact Fund
- Branch Gymnastics
- Graphic Packaging
- iGive
- Kalsee Credit Union
- Petco
- PetSmart Charities
- Pfizer Foundation Matching Gifts
- Portage Animal Hospital
- Shaver Road Animal Hospital
- Spartan Stores Foundation
- Stem Academy
- Truist Co.
- Zoetis

Penny is near her ideal weight and we are elated that she has a loving home for the rest of her days. What could be better?

KAR's commitment to homeless animals doesn't stop when they are adopted. Should any of our pets need our help a second or even third time, we will come to their rescue again. 🐾

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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KAR Friends

Looking for great tips and information on caring for pets? **KAR Friends** is a monthly eNewsletter providing helpful pet-related articles, heartwarming rescue stories, news about upcoming events, and special offers from area sponsors. Previous issues are archived on the KAR website. To receive your own personalized copy, go to our website and subscribe today!



Cat Happy Tails ~ Phineas, Ferb, and Perry

By Karren Jensen

Kittens born in the wild to a feral mother will never make good pets, or so most people believe. The rescue story of brothers Phineas, Ferb, and Perry proves how wrong that can be. These three Maine Coon mix brothers were discovered by volunteer Sue M. in her yard when they were about eight-weeks old. Sue was determined to give these beautiful kittens a better life than they could expect as feral cats, so she live-trapped them and brought them to KAR to be fostered and acclimated to humans. Phineas and Ferb were assessed as being capable of socialization but Perry was initially classified as TNR (Trap/Neuter/Release) and was given a tipped ear to show his semi-wild status. All three went to live with foster volunteer Dianna and her cat Greta, who became their foster sister.

Dianna was won over when she met the kittens and found herself in love with Perry, who fell asleep in her arms when she held him. Dianna vowed that Perry would become the loving pet she knew he could be and not an outdoor cat living wild. The first few weeks with



Ferb

these wild-born babies were an adventure as they showed their very unique personalities. Ferb was the friendliest of the kittens and was soon begging for attention. Dianna noticed that he had a special black spot on his white belly that marked just the right place for the belly rubs the little guy adored. Perry was the most independent of the three but was willing to accept human attention as long as it was on his terms. He is absolutely beautiful with his long black and white fur coat and plummy tail but definitely is his own kitty. His tipped ear shows the wild-at-heart personality that nearly won him a trip back to the outdoors.

The shyest of the three was Phineas, who was terrified of humans and took a long time to accept attention. It turned out that the magic key to unlock the hearts of these sweet but wary kittens was canned cat food. They would put up with nearly anything if a delicious meal of wet cat food was included. All three also became attached to Dianna's cat, Greta, who helped them learn good cat manners and became their favorite entertainment.



Phineas (Peppers) and Buddy

Friendly Ferb was the first to be adopted and his new mom Gail reports that he is a wonderful companion who follows her around, sleeps in her bed at night, and still is partial to belly rubs. Ferb started his new life as a cherished pet with a new name: Jeffrey. After Ferb's departure to his forever home, Phineas and Perry remained in foster care for several more months but they, too, have been adopted into loving homes. Aloof Perry was adopted by Joel, who says that he adjusted well to his new home and has become a playful friend with a special interest in the laser pointer and dangling feather toy. He has learned the typical Maine Coon chirping vocalization and uses it to communicate with his people. Phineas, once so shy he trembled when touched by humans, was adopted by Carole and she says that he is very happy and comfortable in his new home. Phineas is now named Peppers and has a big brother named Buddy, another Maine Coon mix. All of these large kitties are adored by their forever companions and look forward to long lives as beloved family members. 🐾



Perry

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: \$ _____

Mail this coupon with your check to: Kalamazoo Animal Rescue • P.O. Box 3295 • Kalamazoo, MI 49003

Special Thanks

Update: Mom and Puppy Naming Fundraiser

By Pat Hollahan

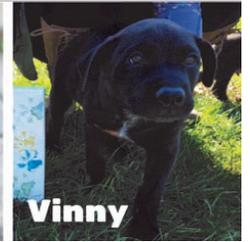
In our Special 2015 Fall Edition newsletter, we told the story of a Black Lab mix who had given birth to ten puppies in the Van Buren County Animal Control shelter. When they called Kalamazoo Animal Rescue for help, our volunteers stepped right up and took in mom and all ten pups. We then opened the floor to our newsletter readers in a name-that-puppy (and mom) fundraiser. And of course you all came through! All ten puppies were named and adopted, and mom, Carley is now available for adoption after having been successfully treated for heartworm. You can find her featured on the KAR website.



Carley



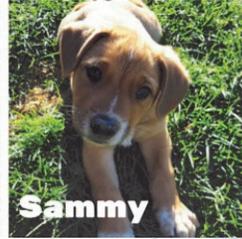
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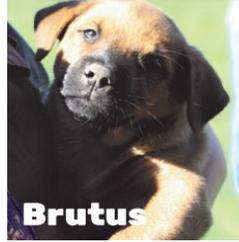
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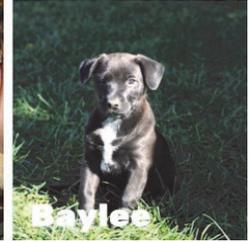
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Henry



Baylee

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