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Dear Reader;

Although Punxsutawney Phil did not see his shadow on Groundhog Day, those of us in southwestern Michigan are having a hard time believing in an early spring! Still, we've been keeping warm with lots of adoptions and the wonderful efforts of all of our volunteers. For easy ways to support KAR, no matter what the wind chill factor is, see our list below.

Also, February 23rd is [World Spay Day](#), time to emphasize that sterilizing pets ensures that they live happy and healthy lives. Remember: don't litter (with thanks from our four-footed friends)!

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P.S. A friendly reminder to dog owners in Kalamazoo County: you have until March 1st to renew or obtain a license for your canine pal. Contact [Kalamazoo County Animal Services & Enforcement](#) at 269.383.8775 for more information.

12 Easy Ways To Support KAR

Give a Second Chance to Animals In Need



By Lynn Bolhuis

Your participation in one or more of these activities, many at no cost to you, will help us rescue and care for hundreds of cats and dogs in 2016.

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,



Pets of the Month



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Upcoming Events

- Feb. 20 & 27; PetSmart
- Mar. 5 & 12; PetSmart

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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](#) – get the 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. [iGive.com](#) – register with iGive and a percentage of your purchases will be given to us.

7. [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!

8. [ebay Giving Works](#) – automatically donate a percentage of your sales to KAR when you sell an item on ebay.

9. [Bissell’s Partners for Pets](#) – purchase pet products on Bissell.com and a portion of your purchase will be donated to KAR.

10. [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.

11. Supply Donations – [check our list](#) for new or used items that our cats and dogs need as well as our [Amazon.com wishlist](#).

12. Donate – make a tax-deductible financial contribution to KAR. Any amount is appreciated. A donation of \$20 buys pet food, \$50 acquires much needed vaccines, and \$100 pays for one dog or two cat spays.

Check our [Volunteer](#) or [Donation](#) webpages for more details on each way you can help Kalamazoo Animal Rescue and the hundreds of animals we take in each year. Your support enables us to save lives.

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By Curley and Jim Timmons

Hi! My name is Curley. I lost my family one day and ended up in the local shelter. It was loud and scary. I was afraid of the other dogs and missed my family. I had a flea allergy and all my hair fell out. The shelter is a hard place for a Chihuahua without hair. The officers knew who my family was, but they could not or



would not come get me. One day, a nice lady named Dusty Reeds came and took me to her home. She had many rescued dogs, but I was the smallest one. I remained afraid of everything, but Dusty was kind to me. She fed me well, treated my skin and gave me a sweater and my own crate.

One day a man and woman came to see me. The woman wanted a Chihuahua. But after they visited, they went away without me! I was sad. Dusty took me to have my bad teeth pulled and my teeth cleaned. Imagine my surprise when the man and woman were there with Dusty to pick me up at the vet! I cried when I saw we were driving away from Dusty, but the man and woman were kind. I was brought home to a pack of my own. There is Bogart, a Chihuahua/Terrier mix, and Sephronia, a Rat Terrier. They told me how they had been rescued also. I remained afraid. It was hard to adjust to a new home. I had forgotten how to live in a house! I was still the smallest one! I clung to the man and followed him everywhere. I did not feel safe without him, even in my crate. He kept me calm and petted me. Gradually I began to feel safe.

Before long, my hair started to grow back. The man would carry me in a pouch when it was too cold for me to walk. My pack did not know what to make of me, but they were kind. One weekend, we visited a house full of Pugs for a weekend retreat. The Pugs showed my stepbrother Bogart that I know how to play. Since that visit, we play together every day. Even Sephronia tries to play, although she is reluctant to share squeaky toys. I am still afraid of large dogs, but my confidence improves every day. I am now healthy, happy and well fed. I even have a shiny license!

I love my new home. I love Carolyn, the woman that wanted a Chihuahua. I love my stepbrother and stepsister. But my heart belongs to Jim, my daddy! He even helped me write this story!

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Cat's Corner

Happy Tail - Bently's Love Story



By Karren Jensen

What mysterious quality makes us fall in love? Is it a special look or a quality of personality? Whatever it is, **Bently had that wonderful experience when he went from an unwanted stray kitten to a cherished pet.**

Bently's story begins when he was taken into KAR from Animal Services where he was one of numerous kittens taken in every week during the spring and summer. Little Bently was born in early May and was about three-and-half-months old at the time. He was a beautiful little orange and white kitten with a sunny and friendly personality to match his sunshine colored fur.



This cuddly and playful kitten caught the eye of adopter Lisa and her husband, who were also considering another kitten as well. Both kittens were adopted so that Bently soon had a new home and a new brother to play with. Bently's classic tabby coat and funny little white "milk moustache" make a handsome contrast to his gray and white brother. Outgoing and friendly Bently also complements his shyer brother's personality. Both kittens are doing well in their forever home and settled in quickly to the life every kitty deserves: loving and being loved. KAR is happy to report that Bently's love story is continuing as he grows into a sweet and happy adult cat.

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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 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.



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