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KAR Friends ~ April 2018

Dear Reader;

Spring is here, isn't it? The snow seems to have stopped; the trees are budding; the daffodils, snowdrops, and hyacinths are popping up—and soon will be the kittens and puppies! It's officially [Heartworm Awareness Month](#), but every month needs to be spay/neuter month too. Fortunately, Kalamazoo Animal Rescue will once again be taking part in the [Bissell Pet Foundation's Empty the Shelters](#) adoption event. For details, please check out our [Events page](#).

And speaking of Heartworm Awareness month ... As we know, the warm weather brings sunshine and along with it, the pesky mosquitos that can carry heartworm larvae and infect other animals when bitten. Be sure to talk to your vet about heartworm prevention options to protect your beloved furry friends, both indoor and outdoor. Remember: an ounce of prevention can save a life!

Please feel free to share this issue with friends and family. We appreciate your continued support of KAR's mission to help homeless, stray, and abandoned cats and dogs. Together we make a difference!

Sincerely,

Pat Hollahan
KAR Friends Editor

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Doggie Den

Animal Spotlight ~ Winsome Winnie



By Pat Hollahan

If you're looking for a new best doggie friend, have we got a pup for you! **Winnie, a five-year-old Chihuahua mix, is a super-affectionate dog who wants attention and love.** She likes to play and to be with a human whenever possible. In fact, Dusty (Winnie's foster mom)





says, "When she starts to run out in the morning to go potty, she stops in her tracks half-way there to see where I am, just to be sure she gets her morning strokes. She loves being petted!"

Winnie is learning to sit and stay—and learning about rewards! When she's asked to stay, she waits for her treat. **Winnie is a very loving dog and is always friendly when she meets new people.** She likes toys and enjoys chasing a ball in the yard and even likes to chase it carefully in the house. She would really like to have you come to visit her.

If you'd like to know more about Winnie or arrange to meet her, please [check out her webpage](#).

Cat's Corner

Animal Spotlight ~ Nigel's Neighborhood



By Karren Jensen

Pets of the Month



Read [Sammi's](#) Story



Read [Olaf's](#) Story

Nigel is a very loving and happy black kitty gentleman who lives in our adult cat community room, Meow Meadows. As a way of providing a more roomy and homelike environment for our rescued kitties, **KAR has several cage-free rooms in which companionable cats can enjoy interacting with each other. Let us introduce you to Nigel and a few of his roommates.**

Nigel: Here is a lovely and loving adult male cat who is a favorite of his caregivers. You can't go into his room without a greeting from Nigel and an invitation to pet his soft fur. Nigel is about nine years old but still has many years ahead to devote to his special new family, giving them the loving companionship of a best kitty buddy.



Upcoming Events

- April 28, MVPets
- April 28, Kzoo Books
- May 5, KHS Dog Walk
- May 5, Empty the Shelters, Bissell Pet Foundation

For details on these and other upcoming events, please [see our Events page](#) on the KAR website.

Kwai Chang: A beautiful gray tabby young fellow who is nearly two years old. This sweet guy loves attention and will greet you with lots of purrs when you enter his domain, begging for pets and ear scratches. Kwai Chang is very friendly and gets along well with his fellow residents of Meow Meadows as he waits for a new home and enjoys lounging in the sunshine or playing with the toys in his room.

Romeo: This handsome young fellow is a sweet tabby-white mix who is a little shy at first, but he's willing to come to you for love and attention. He is a playful little guy and really likes playing with his toy mice.

KAR Links

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Anybody approaching Maddie to stroke her soft fur is rewarded with purrs and loving looks from her beautiful blue eyes.

[Maddie](#): This sweet seven-year-old Siamese-mix lady is both lovely and loving. Maddie is calm and quiet, enjoying a nap in her comfortable sleep box or a stroll in the sunshine.



Each of these special felines, ranging in age from about two years old to senior kitties, is a special friend waiting to meet that loving person who will give him or her a forever home. Come meet the wonderful residents of Nigel's Neighborhood and fall in love with your new best friend!

Special Event

KHS Dog Walk And K-9 Festival



Date: Saturday, May 5th
Time: 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
Place: Prairie View County Park, Vicksburg ([map and directions](#))



Come join the fun at the 2018 Dog Walk! KAR has supported the Annual Dog Walk for a number of years and we are looking forward to having a great time again this year. Be sure to stop by to visit and see our adoptable dogs hoping to find their forever homes.

You may register online, by mail, in person, or by phone. [Visit the KHS website](#) for more details and a schedule of the day's events.

Special Thanks

We'd like to thank the volunteers from **Focus Kalamazoo** who came to help out at the KAR office on March 25. Your help is greatly appreciated!



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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