



## *KAR Friends ~ June 2018*

Dear Reader;

Not sure how it got to be the middle of June (I know, I know – the usual way) but here we are, really into summer except for when it feels like spring again. And, more to the point, July is right around the corner, which means the Fourth of July with all the attendant festivities. Yup, fireworks coming right up. **Please be sure to check out Kim Bourner's article on how to keep our furry friends as safe and comfortable as possible during the flash-and-boom events.**

We're also featuring a rather unusual adoptable dog (Old English Bulldog, which is an American breed – how's that for an Independence Day theme!) and three charming cats. See their spotlights in the Doggie Den and Cat's Corner articles.

***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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## **Scaredy Cat or Wise Cat (and Dog)**



By Kim Bourner

Bing, Bang, Boom! This is a part of Independence Day that many Americans enjoy: fireworks. But not all people or pets enjoy loud, vibrating noises.



**The Fourth of July is often celebrated with parties, meals, and fireworks. And all of these lead to things that our furry friends may not enjoy.** Although the food might make their noses wiggle, we need to be wary of the treats we give them, since common dishes like potato salad, pork and



beans, and sandwich toppings often contain onions, which are poisonous to both cats and dogs. [Here is a list of foods to be cautious about.](#)

**What really gets to our four-legged friends is the bing, bang, boom.** In our home, we've found that fireworks even more than a mile away send our cats under the couches and our dog under the end table – all with their paws over their ears and occasional whimpers of fear. One year the exploding sounds, even a couple of miles away, sent our dog running into the woods, and we hunted for hours until we found her. On July 2nd! Turns out we hadn't checked to see if (and when) our local township was going to celebrate. So be sure to check your local schedule.

***Once you know what's coming and when, here are some hints for keeping your pet safe:***

- Microchip your pet and ensure your contact information is up-to-date.
- Use a breakaway collar with your contact information on it.
- If you're heading out to the fireworks, leave your pet at home. Make sure all your windows are shut (even the top floor!).
- If you're at home, provide distraction with lots of loving pats, soothing words, and maybe a treat or two. Stay in your happy place together, whether it be your living room, kitchen, or bedroom; be with your pet in the room where they are most comfortable.
- If your pet hides, periodically check to make sure they're okay but don't try to coax them out.
- Desensitize ahead of time: Make loud noises in your home when your furry friend is doing something they love to show them that not all loud sounds are bad.
- For extreme cases of fear, contact your veterinarian for assistance.

### Pets of the Month



Read [Daisy Mae's Story](#)



Read [Moose's Story](#)

### Upcoming Events

- June 23, PetSmart
- June 30, MVPets on Westnedge

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

### KAR Links

Do what you can to make the holidays enjoyable for your pets. The old saying goes, "no one is happy if mom isn't happy" – but, for many of us, it's "I'm not happy unless my pets are happy too"!

### Additional Resources:

- [Fourth of July fireworks](#)
- [Pets and fireworks](#)

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**Doggie Den**  
*Cheers for Chester!*



By Sue Brodasky

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Hi there...I'm Chester. I'm a six-year-old [Olde English Bulldogge](#) (an American-bred version of the English bulldog) and I'm livin' the dream with my foster mom, Sue B., while I wait for my forever family.



**I'm quite sociable with everyone:** I really like meeting new people. I love people, I love to go for walks with them, I love to play tug with them, I love to be petted by them, I love to lick them, and I love to go for car rides with them. **I also really like cats**, they are fun to hang around with, but I don't like to share attention. I don't care for other dogs and would prefer a home where I am the only one. My foster mom says I am a very gentle bully dog, but to tell the truth I get scared by a few things around the house, like the vacuum and trash bags, which make me want to hide ... I love my crate.

I have a very sensitive tummy, which means that I need special food and some medicine to keep me feeling my best, but my foster mom has got this down and knows how to keep me healthy. So, if you're interested in a friendly, loving, loyal companion, [please fill out an application to meet me.](#)

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## Cat's Corner

*Romeo and Dove and Tommy, Oh My!*



By Karren Jensen

Are you looking for a new friend to keep you smiling? We're happy to present a trio of cuties who'd love to come light up your life!

[Romeo 2:](#) It is hard to believe that anybody could have let this wonderful boy slip away. After being relinquished to an animal shelter, Romeo was taken in by KAR and added to our family of adult kitties looking for the perfect forever



home. Romeo is very friendly and beautiful, always coming to his caregivers with a cheerful greeting and an invitation for an ear scratch and some petting. This lovely guy gets along well with the other cats in the community room where he lives as he waits for his happily-ever-after to begin.

[Dove \(Mama\):](#) Dove came into KAR as a mom, and after



caring for her babies she is now ready for her own home and family. What a friendly and loving girl Dove has become, always greeting her caretakers and ready to purr her appreciation! Dove's physical challenge means that she

needs to have plenty of water to drink but she is otherwise healthy and ready to play and be a companion to her new forever family. She gets along well with the other kitties in the room where she lives and would be great with other pets in her new home.

Tommy: A big loving orange tabby boy, Tommy is about the friendliest guy you could hope to meet. He is just under a year old and still has plenty of kitten energy but is past that crazy youngster stage. Tommy aspires to be a lap cat and gets along well with the other cats he shares a room with, being calm and sweet. Do you have room in your life for an orange tiger who'll greet you with purrs and head bumps every day?



If you'd like to meet any of these fine kitties, please check out their web pages. They'd love to see you!

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## Special Thanks

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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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