



KAR Friends ~ October 2017

Dear Reader;

Here in southwest Michigan we're having an interesting October indeed – dinner on a restaurant patio on Friday evening and a flooded football stadium by Saturday afternoon. Who knows what we'll have by the time the trick-or-treaters come around! But despite the torrential rains last Saturday, **KAR had a very successful Empty the Shelters event. Huge thanks to the Bissell Pet Foundation, our dedicated volunteers, and the wonderful adopters** who came out in the pouring-down rain to find their special friends and give our cats their forever homes!

There are still plenty of delightful KAR cats and dogs available for adoption, though, so please check out Pete, Petunia, and Porthos (see their spotlight below) and the other cats and dogs on [KAR's website](#).

October is also [National Pit Bull Awareness Month](#) (see Paige's Happy Tail below) and October 16th was [National Feral Cat Day](#). A lot going on for October ... If you want a break, check out [Burgers and Beer to the Rescue](#) at Feed the World Café on October 24th.

And KAR's annual Dinner Auction is less than a month away. See details below; we hope you'll join us!

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

P.S. Our Special Fall Edition newsletter with more great rescue stories and news is available now. [Check it out here!](#)

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Are you a busy multi-tasker looking for new ways to achieve your goals quickly and efficiently? How would you like an event that lets you have a great evening of entertainment support the vital animal rescues performed by KAR throughout the year, and find unique gifts for those hard-to-shop-for people on your holiday list?



(Click on the image above to enlarge)

You can do all of these things at once by participating in KAR's annual Dinner Auction on Sunday, November 12th! A special evening of delicious food and entertainment accompanied by an auction to raise funds to support KAR is a wonderful way to usher in the season and put you in a holiday mood. Every year our donors and business partners outdo themselves coming up with special auction items which will delight even the most discriminating person on your gift list. Plan to support KAR while enjoying a delightful time with your fellow pet lovers at the Dinner Auction. Make your reservation today!

Date: Sunday, November 12th

Time: 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Place: [Gull Lake Country Club](#)

Cost: *\$40 if tickets are reserved by November 6th.* \$45 if reserved after. Visa and MasterCard accepted.

Help! KAR is still in need of items for the auction. [Check out our wish list here.](#)

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Pets of the Month



Read [Thosmo's](#) Story



Read [Pita's](#) Story

Upcoming Events

- October 21 & 28 ; PetSmart
- October 24; Lake Forest Blvd., Greenhill

Doggie Den

Happy Tail ~ Pretty Pitty Paige



By Kara Harmsen

Two KAR fosters, Shannan and Rebecca, pulled six dogs from Calhoun County Animal Shelter after the staff called Kalamazoo Animal Rescue with a desperate plea for help. They had to free up some space or they were going to have to euthanize. One of the dogs we pulled was Paige, a sweet young pit bull. [Here is Paige's story from Samantha, the wonderful woman who adopted our](#)

Apartments (see [KAR's website](#) for details)

- November 4 & 11; PetSmart
- November 12; KAR Annual Dinner Auction

KAR Links

- [VOLUNTEER](#)
- [Become a Foster Family](#)
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pretty Paige:

"If someone had told me six months ago that I would adopt a pit bull mix, I would have been surprised, as I grew up with a golden retriever and two golden doodles. But Paige has the sweetest heart and spending time with her has quickly become the best part of my day - coming home to her, walking her, and snuggling with her. Paige's favorite things to do include: eating, looking for (and yes, chasing) bunnies during our walks, playing with Malibu, my parents' golden doodle, and eating PEANUT BUTTER. In the short month and a half that I have had her, we have frequented Arcadia Brewery, gone on too many walks to count, traveled up to the Sleeping Bear Dunes in northern Michigan, and started puppy class! Paige has absolutely stolen my heart, as well as the hearts of everyone close to me - she is always excited and eager to greet and snuggle with my boyfriend, my parents, and their two dogs, as well as my siblings and friends."



As you can see, Samantha takes Paige on all kinds of exciting adventures - it's wonderful seeing the two of them so bonded!

Cat's Corner

Animal Spotlight ~ Petunia and Porthos and Pete – Oh My!



By Karren Jensen

[Petunia](#) is a sweet-natured and affectionate gold and white lady with a tough start in life. She came to KAR from a home where over 100 cats were hoarded. Poor Petunia had just about given up on humans when she came to live at Kitty Kamp, but she soon blossomed with the attention and care she received from our volunteer team. She has had several roommates and gets along well with other cats. Although she has [FIV](#), Petunia is a great pet and can be a companion for many years with proper care and nutrition. Please consider Petunia if you're looking for a loving companion who will repay you with her quiet and loyal friendship.



[Porthos](#) is another loving and friendly cat who came from the hoarder's collection and has had a rough start. This sweet tuxedo gentleman is always grateful to his caregivers for any attention he receives and will greet each person with a shy but hopeful plea for a chin scratch and petting.



Porthos lost an eye to a bad infection, another unfortunate side effect of the cruelty and neglect suffered by hoarded animals. Porthos is [FIV positive](#) but can live many years as a dear kitty friend in a caring environment where he receives the thoughtful attention every pet deserves. Please consider Porthos as a new family member if you're looking for a precious kitty to cherish, one who will reward you with his steadfast love.

[Pete](#) is a very friendly tabby and white guy who loves to greet the Kitty Kamp volunteers with an invitation for a cuddle. Pete came to us through our contacts at Animal Services, where his caregivers were anxious to see this charming and outgoing fur person given a good chance to find a new home and family. Pete loves to play and be petted and also gets along well with other cats, as shown by his friendly interactions with his cage mates. Pete would be a perfect addition to any family where a playful, handsome, and friendly kitty is needed to make the home complete. Please consider Pete for the position of your new best friend.



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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