

# KALAMAZOO ANIMAL RESCUE

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## *KAR Friends* - February 2019

Dear Reader;

February is the month of love, and while Valentine's Day may be over, the spirit lingers on – and for some of us, so do the desserts, which should not be shared with your furry friends.

In the spirit of the month, this issue of *KAR Friends* features a timely reminder from Kim Bourner about holiday foods and decorations and spotlights several cats (Lexie, Laura, Jasmine, Skeeter and Sir Kitty Mcfluffypants) and our wonderful, winsome dog Winnie. They're all eager to share their love with you!

***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.** *As we've been reminded several times lately, February is also a month of Winter. Please be sure to practice winter safety for your pets and to be extra cautious with candles in the event of a power loss.*

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### **Pets of the Month**



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## **Pet Safe Celebrations**



By Kim Bourner

Ah, the month of romance! A special dinner to be enjoyed by candlelight, a fire in the fireplace (it's still winter, after all), flowers, chocolate ... and keeping a watchful eye on those furry friends! Whether you're dining on steak Diane or chicken roasted with grapes or vegan French onion soup, your pet may be interested but this is one time when you're not supposed to share. (This is not a problem for some of us.)



May Valentine's Day be festive and fun.  
Just a few tips to keep your pets safe and sassy  
*Avoid these foods to help in digestion:*

Turkey, onion, meat skins, things that are fatty,  
Chocolate, artificial sweetener, chewing gum,  
Raisins, and grapes make pets unhappy.

When decorating for your love so lovely,  
Beware of candles, potpourris, electric lights,  
And flowers that are not pet friendly.

If company is coming, share with them your delight  
That there are furry Valentines in your home as sentry.  
So, you're celebrating Valentine's fur friendly with  
foresight!



Read [Winnie's](#) Story

### Upcoming Events

- Feb. 23, **PetSmart**  
West Main St.
- Feb. 23, **MVPets**  
Westnedge Ave.
- Mar. 9, **Chow Hound**  
Drake Rd.
- Mar. 16, **PetSmart**  
West Main St.

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

### KAR Links

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### Additional Resources:

- [Valentine's Day \(or any day\) safety tips](#)
- [Valentine's Day pet do's and don'ts](#)

## Doggie Den

*Let Winnie Steal Your Heart*



By Pat Hollahan

If you're looking for a devoted canine friend to be the star of your life, please consider our winsome Winnie.



Winnie is a six-year-old Chihuahua-terrier mix. **She is a very loving dog and is always friendly when she meets new people.**

She likes her toys and enjoys chasing a ball in the yard (and even in the house – carefully). She wants to be with a human whenever possible. In fact, her foster mom says, "When she starts to run out in the morning to go potty, she stops in her tracks halfway there to see where I am, just to be sure she gets her morning strokes." She definitely loves being petted!

Winnie is learning to sit and stay—and she is very motivated, especially when treats are involved! If you're ready to be swept off your feet by this lovely little girl, [please visit her webpage.](#)

## Cat's Corner

*My Furry Valentine(s): Lexie, Laura, Sir Kitty Mcfluffypants, Skeeter and Jasmine*



By Karren Jensen

What would Valentine's Day – or for that matter the whole year – be without a special someone in your life to share your joys, giving you the love and companionship everybody craves? **Here are a few candidates for your next furry best friend who can be there for you whenever you need a sympathetic listener to share your concerns:**

**Lexie:** This lovely gray and white lady can mesmerize you with her hypnotic green eyes. Lexie is a sweet kitty girl who is a little shy but who loves attention once she knows you. She would love to be your one and only fur-baby, and would do best in a home without other cats, dogs, or small children. Lexie always greets her caregivers sweetly, looking for caresses and purring her delight. Won't you come meet Lexie and fall under the spell of her beautiful emerald eyes?



**Laura:** Miss Laura is a beautiful and friendly orange kitty with a white chin and an adorable white tip on her tail. This sweet and confident little girl enjoys other feline companions and would do best in a home with at least one other cat. Laura loves attention and always runs up to her caregivers, begging for a scratch on the head or a friendly caress. Do you have room in your heart for this vivacious redhead?



[Sir Kitty Mcfluffypants](#): If a tiger tabby is your vision of kitty perfection, look no further: Sir Kitty is your guy. This gorgeous boy with a sweet and laid-back personality seems to get along with just about everybody. His glorious

plummy tail and shy but sweet demeanor add up to a precious companion who is beautiful inside and out. Maybe he can be your new furry purry friend for life.



[Skeeter](#): Fluffy white and golden Skeeter is a sweetheart who enjoys



attention from his caregivers and always comes to the front of his cage to greet anybody who comes to visit him. Skeeter's endearing expression with a slightly protruding tongue makes him unique. This lovable guy needs a forever home where he can blossom into an adoring companion for his

new family.

[Jasmine](#): Laid-back and friendly Miss Jasmine is a perfect companion for humans and other pets, both canine and feline. Her gray tabby coat and quiet personality made Jasmine a lovely new friend to keep you smiling through the long winter. If you are a pet lover who is looking for a new kitty friend to join your pet family, come and meet Jasmine.



All these delightful cats are currently living at our [KAR](#) office, where you can see them and many other precious kitties who are waiting for their furever homes. Please come during our open adoption hours and meet your special someone!

## Special Thanks

All of us at Kalamazoo Animal Rescue would like to send a huge "Thank You" to the amazing volunteers from **H2O at Western Michigan University** for coming to help out at our shelter!



## 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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