

It's Kitten Season

By Anne Pancella

Every spring it is the same: KAR's phone rings off the hook with requests for help from people who have found kittens. Kittens appear, with or without their moms, under decks and trailers, in woodpiles and in lawns. Most of these calls for help come from lower-income rural or urban areas that have populations of stray and unaltered cats.



We take in as many kittens and momma cats as we have room for. Every kitten and cat that we take in is spayed or neutered prior to being adopted so that they will never reproduce. If we take kittens but don't have room for their mom, we make sure the momma cat gets fixed so that she will not have any more litters.

The first kittens of the season have recently come up for adoption and are posted on our website. For the rest of the year we will have a



variety of kittens looking for permanent homes. 🐾

A Happy Ending for Miah's Offspring

By Lynn Bolhuis

Miah was just 28 pounds, extremely thin and very pregnant when she was brought to Animal Services as a stray. Four days later she gave birth to six puppies, American Bulldog and Pit Bull Terrier mixes. The staff at Animal Services wanted the family to have more comfortable surroundings so they approached KAR about getting them into foster care.

Fortunately for this mom and her newborn babies, they found refuge with long-time dog foster volunteer Faye D. and her family. After weeks of nurturing, supplemental bottle feeding and lots of TLC, the puppies grew. They received their puppy shots, were spayed/neutered and then made available for adoption in early March. All of the pups found forever homes and several of the families have kept in touch.

Bella is now living in Battle Creek. Her new mom says that Bella loves to go on walks and/or runs! She is very active and will spend as much time outside as

possible. That is as long as her family is outside so she can show all the cute little maneuvers she can do. She runs and runs, looks back real quick to make sure that we saw her 'new move' and then does the



Miah before (above) and now (below)



next new thing. When Bubbles' family saw her for the first time they were head over heels in love, and they are still smitten. Her family says that she has been a great puppy, learns easily and is always "Bubbly." When we are out and about with Bubbles, people always ask what kind of pup she is and where we got her. I always recommend they check the KAR website. Thanks KAR for such a nice addition to our family!

Brother, Gooch, has settled in too. His new owner mentioned that his favorite place is sitting in front of the woodstove when he comes in from the frigid outdoors. The smart pup is working on "roll over" to add to his repertoire of tricks that include down, sit, speak, shake, high five and stay. His family is very proud of their "little fella."

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Pet Adoption Events

KAR holds adoption events at the following locations every month:

- The first Saturday and Sunday of the month we are at The Crossroads Mall in Portage.
- The second Saturday of the month we are at PetSmart on West Main in Kalamazoo.
- The third and fourth Saturday of the month we are at PetCo on South Westnedge in Portage.
- The fifth Saturday of the month we are at Oak Ridge Feed on Stadium Drive.

We do participate in other special events, so check our website for future event dates and times. Drop in to see us when you can ... the cats and dogs would love the attention and pets. 🐾



Community Fundraising Efforts

A sincere thank you to the following people, groups and businesses who recently held fundraisers to benefit Kalamazoo Animal Rescue:

- Alfred E. Bike
- Amberly Young Fives
- Lisa Fender
- Kalamazoo Office, Michigan Department of Natural Resources
- Kalamazoo Office, Michigan Department of Human Services
- Kalamazoo County Probate Court
- Keystone Community Bank
- Lauryn Thompson

Adopting from Kalamazoo Animal Rescue

Are you thinking of getting a new pet? KAR has many wonderful cats and dogs waiting patiently for someone to open their heart and home to them. Because we are a foster-home only rescue group without a kennel, our animals are spread out in homes across the area. Our foster parents usually know their dogs or cats well and can share a wealth of information about each animal with you. For many adopters, this is an advantage that outweighs the inconvenience of not being able to go to one location to meet many animals at once.

Your first resource for finding information about our adoptable pets is our website. We have

pictures and biographies of most of our animals there. If you see a cat or dog that you would like to meet, fill out an application and someone will contact you. If they think the pet would be a good fit for you, they will put you in touch with the foster home, who can arrange a meeting. The front page of our website will also tell you where our weekend adoption event will be held and the animals that are signed up to attend.

We appreciate your patience with our adoption process. Our goal is to make great matches between people and pets, for the lasting happiness of all involved, and to keep our animals comfortable while they wait for permanent homes. 🐾

About Us

Kalamazoo Animal Rescue is an all-volunteer, federally recognized 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that was founded in 1991 and is funded entirely through private donations.

KAR is dedicated to providing refuge to homeless, stray and abandoned cats and dogs in Southwest Michigan.

Our volunteers give their time and energy to the efforts of rescuing animals and helping them to find permanent homes.

Adopt

If you or someone you know is looking for a furry companion please consider adopting from KAR. All foster animals live in private homes until adopted. To see the available cats and dogs, visit www.kalamazooanimalrescue.org.

Other Ways to Help

- Donations to help us pay vet bills
- Cat and dog food
- Cat litter
- Dog crates and cat carriers

KAR Friends

Looking for great tips and information on caring for pets? **KAR Friends** provides helpful pet-related articles, heartwarming dog and cat rescue stories, news about upcoming events, and valuable coupons and special offers from area sponsors. Previous issues are archived on the KAR website. To receive your own personalized copy, go to our website and subscribe today!



Miah's Story


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Butter is doing wonderfully. Her family says she is a little ham and is also very popular in the neighborhood. She knows she's cute so she'll stop, sit and wag her tail any time she sees a little kid in sight. Butter recently graduated from puppy training class and is looking forward to continuing her education.

Teagan, also wants to make friends with everyone she meets. She loves it so much when people come over that she runs to greet everyone. Teagan also loves to ride in the truck and go places with her new family. Her new mom says Teagan is such a joy to have. They love her so much and are so happy that she is part of their family.

Brother Buddy is also doing great and is full of energy according to his new dad. He and his best friend, a 70 pound boxer that lives next door just love to play together.

Miah is still in foster care due to some continuing health issues; however, "She is an amazing dog and is the best foster we've ever had!" says foster mom, Faye. "I am so thankful for the wonderful

adopters who have given Miah's puppies great homes. This little family had some angelic-divine intervention in their lives!" 



Miss Bubbles



Mr. Gooch



Mr. Buddy



Miss Teagan



Miss Butter



Miss Bella

Cat and Dog Foster Volunteers Needed

KAR needs people who are willing to open their hearts and homes to animals in need until a forever home can be found. Food, supplies and vet care are provided by KAR. New foster volunteers receive training and mentoring from experienced volunteers. For more information and to fill out a volunteer application, visit our website at www.kalamazooanimalrescue.org and click on Volunteer Now.

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Adoption Stories Needed for the 2011 KAR Dinner Auction Video

Back by popular demand, the "I've Been Adopted!" video that debuted at the 2009 Dinner Auction will be back in 2011! We are looking for stories and photos of cats and dogs that have been adopted from KAR. You can help us by sending an adoption story and photo of your pet to KAR@kalamazooanimalrescue.org.

KAR's 2011 Dinner and Silent Auction will be held on Sunday, November 13th at the Gull Lake Golf and Country Club in Richland. In addition to the video, your pet's story and photos may also be featured on our website or in our newsletter. 🐾



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