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Dear Reader:

November is Adopt-a-Senior Pet Month and KAR has some terrific senior cats and dogs looking for loving homes and human companionship. Learn more about each of these adorable, adoptable pets in this issue.

Also this month, we have heartwarming happy tails for Cleo and Bam Bam, a senior cat and a senior dog that found their forever homes and are experiencing the good life in their twilight years.

We have many things to be thankful for in 2014. From all of us at Kalamazoo Animal Rescue, we wish you and your pets a safe and blessed Thanksgiving holiday!

Danielle Wallis
KAR President

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

Blast From The Past

By Lynn Bolhuis

One of a pet owner's greatest concerns is the care and well-being of their beloved dog or cat should something happen to them. It is prudent to think ahead and plan for temporary as well as permanent care of your animal should you become incapacitated or die. Your plans might include:

- Arranging for a family member or a close friend to serve as a temporary caretaker for your cat or dog in the event of an emergency
- Identifying pet sitters and/or boarding facilities for when you travel or for short-term nursing home or hospital stays



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- Setting up a living will or trust, as well as setting aside some funds to provide for your beloved pet's ongoing care in the event of your death
- Contacting Kalamazoo Animal Rescue, especially for people who have adopted a dog or cat from us, should they need assistance re-homing a pet

Check out [Providing for Pets In the Event of Your Death or Severe Disability](#) for more planning suggestions and these previously published articles about the benefits of adopting older pets:

- [Senior Pets Need Homes Too](#)
- [Ask the Vet: Adopting a Senior Pet](#)
- [Pet Years vs. Human Years](#)

Animal Spotlights

Adoptable Senior Pets

By Karren Jensen, Kara Harmsen and Lynn Bolhuis

KAR loves animals and we have a special place in our hearts for older cats and dogs. Mature pets deserve a happy life and we have several seniors looking for forever homes. Perhaps you could open your heart and home to make a dream come true for an older dog or cat, and make their golden years bright.

[Buster](#)

Male, 8 years old, Chihuahua

This love bug had been at Animal Services for over a month. Buster was found as a stray and when no one claimed him, he came into the rescue. He is happy and spritely for his age; and he has a big personality for a petite Chihuahua mix. If you are looking for a snuggler, Buster is your guy!



[Wendy](#)

Female, 8 years old, Grey and White Mix

Pet abandonment affects many loving animals, including Wendy. She was left behind in a trailer park and was fortunate that some neighbors took pity on her and fed her. Living outdoors is hard, especially when the weather is cold. Now, Wendy is safe and happy in a foster home where she can receive the attention she craves. Wendy is an avid bird watcher with a mellow personality who would enjoy a quiet home where she can "camp out" indoors and enjoy lots of cuddling from her new family!



[Pinky](#)

Female, 9 years old, Chihuahua

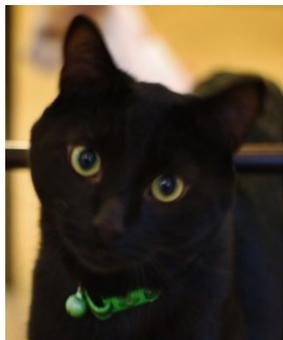
Good things come in small packages and Pinky is no exception! She is a sweet and loving lady who likes to spend time on your lap and snuggle. She found herself homeless after her former owner passed away but KAR took her in. Won't you give this darling girl a loving home to live out the rest of her years?



Pets of the Month



[Chi Chi](#)



[Charlie](#)

Welcome New Volunteers

- Andrea Baker
- Hunter Brown
- Emily Pizza
- Sara Sanders
- Maxwell Schmitt
- Andrea and Meadow Stiemsma

[Prince](#)

Male, 9 years old, Maltese

Are you looking for a fun-loving and lively companion to pal around with? Prince is a charming, mature fellow who enjoys a good time with canine and human friends alike. He enjoys running around but mostly he enjoys going for a leisurely stroll. Care to walk down the avenue of life with him?



[Puffy](#) and [Grizabella](#)

Male and Female, 9 years old, Mixes

Puffy is a long-haired gentleman in a dapper tuxedo, and he is looking for a home where he can have a quiet and stable life. His sister, Grizabella, is a friendly, gray and white lady who loves to be held and petted. Both cats were loved by their former family but they had to be surrendered when the apartment rules changed to limit the number of pets they could have. So, the siblings were relinquished to KAR in the hopes that we can help them find a new home together where they will be cherished family members.



[Maxine](#)

Female, 10 years old, Black and White Mix

Would you like a best kitty friend who keeps you company by answering when you talk to her? Maxine is a chatty girl with beautiful blue-green eyes who would love to be your one and only feline friend. Although she has some back problems that don't allow her to run fast or jump on counters, Maxine still enjoys playing and snuggling with you. Would you like a cuddly companion to keep you warm this winter? Please give Maxine a chance to be your new BFF.



[Oscar](#)

Male, 10 years old, Black and White Mix

Here is a one-eyed cat that has seen it all and survived. Oscar and his siblings were rescued from a house fire prior to being welcomed into KAR. He is a healthy, happy cat who has mastered the art of energy conservation—naps. This feline fellow has been waiting patiently for a home and a cozy place to snooze, as well as someone who loves to cuddle as much as he does. Could this be with you?



[Lincoln](#)

Male, 12 years old, Labrador Retriever Mix

This senior chap was found as a stray—scared and dehydrated—by a KAR volunteer's neighbor. His owners were located but they didn't want him back. They said that they would euthanize him. It turns out that Lincoln had one of the worst urinary tract infections the vet had ever seen, which made him incontinent. After two rounds of antibiotics, good food and lots of TLC, he has made a full recovery. Lincoln loves everyone and is great with kids, cats and dogs!



Adoption Events



November 22nd and 29th
December 6th



November 13th



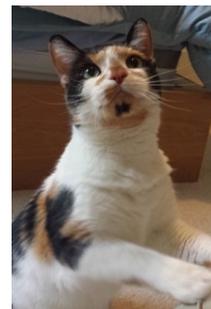
November 22nd and 29th
December 5th and 13th

Visit the [Events](#) page on our website for upcoming adoption and other special events.

Cassie

Female, 13 years old, Calico

Once upon a time two adorable calico sisters were adopted. They were playful and fun, as all kittens are, but they grew up and their family lost interest in them. As children were added to the family, the felines were pushed further into the background—put in a laundry room to spend their lives in isolation because they were “a burden.” The situation changed when the sisters were relinquished to KAR. Cassie has had quite an adjustment but she is enjoying lots of attention and a new lease on life. She is healthy and still has plenty of life and love to share with a caring adopter. Could you be that person?



Doggie Den

Happy Tail ~ Bam Bam

By Lynn Bolhuis

Bam Bam was an adorable little guy that caught the eye of one of our volunteers during a visit to Animal Services in April. This ten-year old gentleman, a white Poodle, was brought into the rescue and then adopted out a month later. The wonderful lady, Thea, who adopted Bam Bam was hoping to fill the void in her heart after losing her previous dog, Gizmo, also adopted from KAR.

Thea had kept in touch with our foster volunteer, Dusty over the years, sending updates about Gizmo and then about his death. When Bam Bam came into the rescue Dusty thought he would be perfect for Thea and the match was made. The fluffy and cuddly Bam Bam provides the unconditional love and companionship his adopter yearns for.

In a recent update from Thea, “Bam Bam is super spoiled, and I like it like that. After a walk, he chooses between three kinds of treats. He loves to eat and, at his age, he seems unconcerned about his figure. If I’m on the computer and I ignore him, he tilts his head back, puts his little Poodle nose in the air and lets out a yell. Needless to say he gets my attention.”

To keep Bam Bam healthy and looking his best, Thea utilizes mobile veterinary and grooming services in the area. As you can see, this pooch is much loved and looks great in his Poodle cut and baseball cap!



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Cat's Corner

Happy Tail ~ Cleo

By Kara Harmsen

Cleo had lived in a home since she was a little kitten. As the family expanded, both Cleo and her sister, Cassie, became very low priorities. The cats ended up being restricted to the laundry room because the children frightened them. Sometimes the family even forgot to feed them. According to this family "they became a burden" and yet the one good thing they did was relinquish both cats to KAR instead of to the shelter or have them euthanized. Here is the happy ending...

Cathy and her husband, Ernst, weren't planning to adopt another cat but they occasionally looked at the adoptable cats on the KAR website. When Cathy saw Cleo she knew that this feline would be perfect for their home. She was a senior cat, 13 years old, and she needed a quiet home with no kids. They brought Cleo to her new home two weeks ago and they are having so much fun getting to know her. Cleo is sweet, affectionate, energetic and playful. She is the second senior cat they have adopted from our rescue. Senior cats need loving homes just as much as the kittens do. In Cathy's words, "I'm thankful her foster mom, Tracey, took her in and gave her a chance to find a forever home. Cleo seems very happy in our home, and I'm so happy she's here." The couple is totally smitten with Cleo and couldn't be happier!

P.S. Cleo's sister, [Cassie](#), is still looking for her new forever home.

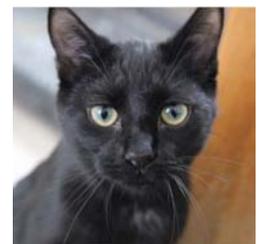


Ernst took this photo of Cleo basking in the sun. She's quite the sunbather!

Special Events

Black Friday Online Adoption Event

Rather than battling crowds the Friday after Thanksgiving, make it a Black Friday to remember by adopting a cat who needs a loving home. Back by popular demand, KAR is offering reduced adoption fees on all black or mostly black cats if an adoption application is submitted and approved between Friday, November 28th and Saturday, December 6th.



Black cats posted on the [Adoptable Cats](#) page of our website are \$30 (regularly \$60) and on the [Adoptable Kittens](#) page they are \$75 (regularly \$90). The adoption fee includes sterilization and all basic medical care.

Here are the fabulous felines looking for their forever homes. Submit an [online application](#) if you are interested in more information and want to meet any of these black beauties.

Over 1 year old (\$30) ~ [Charlie](#)

Under 1 year old (\$75) ~ [Sparkles](#) ~ [Marquette](#) ~ [Josie](#) ~ [Zoey](#) ~ [Osborne](#) ~ [Sirius](#) ~ [Merlin](#) ~ [Clapton](#) ~ [Severus](#) ~ [Tesla](#) ~ [Springsteen](#) ~ [Blair](#) ~ [Belle](#)

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Generous Hands for Rescued Pets Food Drive

Double your donations for kids and pets this November! Shaver Road Animal Hospital has partnered with KAR and Generous Hands to help local kids and local rescue pets in need with their "Generous Hands for Rescued Pets" Food Drive.



All November long, you can drop off your "people food" donations at Shaver Road Animal Hospital to assist with the Generous Hands Friday Backpack program. You can learn more about [Generous Hands](#) and view a list of suggested donations items on their website.

At the end of the month, Shaver Road Animal Hospital will match "people food" pound for pound and donate cat and dog food to KAR. You can check out the daily totals on [Shaver Road Animal Hospital's Facebook page](#). So far 214 pounds of "people food" has been donated!

Please help us make a positive impact for kids and pets in need. Don't forget you can always drop off pet food and supply donations at one of our adoption events or send us an [email](#) for other arrangements.

Shaver Road Animal Hospital: [9987 Shaver Road, Portage, MI 49024](#)
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 Hours: M-T-TH-F: 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
 Wednesday: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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.

Visit our [website](#) for more KAR information!

