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*KAR Friends ~ January 2019*

Dear Reader;

The new year is upon us, so here's to 2019! The holidays have flown by, and for some of us, our New Year's resolutions are getting a little shaky already (okay, I'm speaking for myself here). This is where your friendly eNewsletter team steps in, to offer some fairly easy but important resolutions for your pets' health and well-being, and some happy adoption stories from the year just past.

**Thanks to the support of our wonderful friends, volunteers, and adopters, Kalamazoo Animal Rescue found forever homes for 682 cats and 54 dogs in 2018. Well done!** And with your help we'll report even more adoptions in the months to come.

**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.** Now that we're really into winter, one of our wonderful volunteers is turning styrofoam coolers into snug shelters for outdoor cats. If you have a chilly cat hanging around or some coolers that you'd like to repurpose, please contact our rescue, or the Kalamazoo Humane Society [HERE](#).

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**Pets of the Month****Ask The Vet: Tips For Your Pet's Best Year In 2019**

By Karren Jensen

Our KAR office vet, Dr. Kathleen Corbett, brings many years of veterinary medical practice and a passion for animals to her work with our rescued pets. We recently asked her for



some tips to share with our readers about how to ensure that our feline and canine family members have their best year ever in 2019. By following Dr. Corbett's suggestions you can give your fur-babies a safe and healthy year:

- **Be sure that your pet receives an annual health examination.** In addition to getting the recommended annual vaccines to prevent life-threatening diseases, your furry friend also needs a physical exam. This allows your vet to spot any health problems that need to be addressed.
- **Handle your pet often and teach him or her to allow examination** of the mouth, ears, and feet. This will help your vet to examine these parts of the body with less stress to your buddy and a better chance to identify any issues.
- **Feed your pooch or kitty the best food you can afford.** Good nutritional support helps your pet



Read [Alice's](#) Story



Read [Winnie's](#) Story

### Upcoming Events

- Jan. 26, **Chowhound**

- Feb. 2, **Petco**  
Westnedge Ave.

- Feb. 16, **PetSmart**  
West Main St.

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

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stay healthy and energetic so that he or she can fight off potential illnesses and stay active. Feeding your four-legged family member low-quality food or table scraps can set her or him up for preventable health problems and avoidable medical costs.

- **Stay in touch with your pet's daily routine, personality, and habits** so that you'll notice even a subtle change. Our dogs and cats are experts at hiding illness because of their nature as small and vulnerable creatures. Unless you have a close relationship with your pet, early signs of a potentially curable but life-threatening disease can be missed until the best treatment time has passed. An observant owner can spot signs of trouble that may not have been evident at the last routine exam and so can get veterinary advice (and treatment if necessary) early on.

We want to take the best care of our precious pets that we can so that their faithful love and friendship can continue through a long and healthy life. Following these easy suggestions can make a difference in your animal companion's life, giving you both the best possible year in 2019.

### Additional Resources:

- [Everyday ways to help your pet live longer](#)
- [Keep your pets happy and healthy](#)

## Doggie Den

### Three Happy Dog Tails



By Kim Bourner

2018 provided many pets with happy homes. **Here are some snippets about three happy dogs.** The full stories, complete with photos, are available at [Happy Tails on the KAR website](#).

#### Stanley

This sweet boy had an unstable beginning because he was re-homed a number of times. He was best suited to be the center of attention in a home where he was the only pet. Here's a quote from his forever family, "He continues to give us so much happiness and love and also continues to show us new naughtiness. He also has decided that the couch is way more comfortable than the floor. He is such a good boy and so, so sweet."



#### Sasha

Sasha was at Animal Services when she entered the rescue. She has found happiness with a forever family who gives her unending love and attention. Here's a quote from her family, "She is fitting in wonderfully... she loves tug of war and belly rubs. She's the most affectionate dog I have ever had. I believe she intuitively knows what we expect and tries to meet our expectations."



#### Kip

Kip (now Kimber) was also with Animal Services when a plea came to the rescue to help him out. He is an older dog, but his foster mom saw his potential. He now resides in the perfect home with his human mom and three dog

siblings. Here is a quote from his forever mom, "Renee, I believe that someone fits right in to our family. He loves sleeping in the chair with me. He doesn't care if his brothers or sister are up there with him or on him. He loves playing in the snow with them. He even started giving me kisses when I come home from work at the back door. He is a love bug for sure."



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## Cat's Corner

*Cat Happy Tails ~ Featuring Billy Bob and Wanda and Mr. Simba*



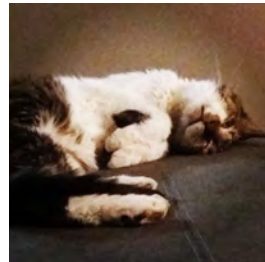
By Pat Hollahan

### **Billy Bob and Wanda**

came into the rescue when one of our volunteers found them by her apartment and got them into foster care. The kittens were friendly and loving right from the start and when their foster mom posted pictures, they caught the eye of their forever mom right away. As she says, "Wanda and Billy Bob have been a welcome and fun addition to my household. I have an eight-year-old golden retriever who absolutely loves them. When I first brought them home, the dog stood by them as if protecting them. The kittens love him as well and many times I will come home to see them sleeping or playing together!"



Most of **Simba's** past was a mystery when his owner reluctantly relinquished him to KAR. Simba's owner had rescued the elderly fellow from a rough life outdoors. Unfortunately, his rescuer's work situation required a move out the country, so Simba came to KAR still struggling with health problems resulting from the years of neglect and abuse common to strays. But he soon found a new home and his adopter says, "underneath that tough guy appearance this tabby wants love and attention just as much as any other cat and he takes pleasure in the reminder that his glory days are not yet behind him."



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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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