

KALAMAZOO ANIMAL RESCUE

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KAR Friends ~ July 2019

Dear Reader;

Happy July, everyone! I'm sure we're all grateful for a break in the heat, as are our furry friends, but we know that there's more of summer to come, though I suspect I'm not alone in noticing how it's flying by.

In this issue of *KAR Friends*, we're focusing on the dogs of summer and the cats of "generally taking it easy." Kim Bourner has a variety of suggestions for keeping our canine friends busy and comfortable even when it's hot, and Karren Jensen and I are focusing on the happiest happily-ever-after cat story and an adoptable kitty who'd be a perfect addition to the household.

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

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Doggie Den

Hot Diggety Dog



By Kim Bourner

Ah, Michigan. We went from the mid-50s to the low 90s seemingly overnight with no time to acclimate. I'm sweating so dreadfully that I look like Niagara Falls, and I'm drinking so many gallons of ice water each hour, you'd think I'd drown, but



I'm still just hot. Our furry pets are feeling it too. What can we do to help them?

- **Checkup!** If the summer brings any changes to your fur friend that air conditioning and bowls of cool water don't solve, be sure to head to the vet. Mosquitos carry heartworm. Ticks and fleas have their own illnesses they enjoy sharing. Remind doggie dear that the vet's office has plenty of treats, and sad eyes with a half-cocked head sometimes double them.
- **Hydrate!** Fresh water is vital for the furry and the not so furry alike. The water is not only for drinking, a splash here and there is nice too. Keep a gallon of cool water, a bowl, and a cup available at all times. When you're thirsty, pour a bowl for pooch and a cup for you. Enjoy this refreshing beverage break together. Bottoms up!
- **No Deathtraps!** When you first get in your car after it's been sitting in a sweltering parking lot, it's an unwanted sauna; the steering wheel is too hot to touch, and you burn the logo of your car's manufacturer onto your hand putting on the seatbelt. If a dog had been in there, its chances of



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Upcoming Events

- July 27, **MVPets**
Westnedge Ave.
- August 3, **Petco**
Westnedge Ave.
- August 10, **Chow Hound**
Drake Rd.
- August 17, **PetSmart**
W. Main St.

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

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survival in that environment are not good. Either take your dog out of the car with you or leave the hound at home. Parking in the shade isn't a good option either, as it's still crazy humid and the sun does move, so its rays may invade your car. We want everyone to survive the heat of summer to enjoy the frozen tundra of winter (no telling what autumn will bring).

- **Stylish Pooch!** Some dogs find the heavy coats too much to bear, so a trip to the spa for a shampoo, shave, and pedi might be called for. Just don't shave to the skin, because a little hair is natural sunburn protection. And unless you're a descendant of Big Foot, you should take advantage of some over-the-counter sunscreen protection yourself. No skin cancer for pooch or parent!
- **Dawn, Dusk, and Shade!** Our fur friends still need to exercise, so bring the dogs out in the dawn, dusk, and shade to play when it is a teensy-weensy bit cooler. If you're going to the beach, ensure there is shade for time out and that aforementioned water for hydration. Some dogs like to lie or play in a small pool or dash through a sprinkler. Let us know if you find some fun ways to keep cool in the suffocating humidity of this ~~Florida~~ Michigan summer.
- **Tiptoe Through the Tulips!** But do so with caution. Summer gardens may include fertilizer and insecticides which can be lethal to the four-footed. Don't mess with a sick pet, get help quick, contact ASPCA's animal poison control immediately—(888) 426-4435. While you're adding that number to your cell phone, ensure that your local vet's number is there as well and also the phone numbers of local vets in any vacation spots you and your dog will visit together.

So, after studying hard to memorize all the pet heat-safety recommendations and passing a 50-question quiz, have a fun, festive, and fabulous summer!

Additional Resources:

- [ASPCA hot weather tips](#)
- [American vets warm weather safety](#)

Cat's Corner

Sandi's Very Happy Tail

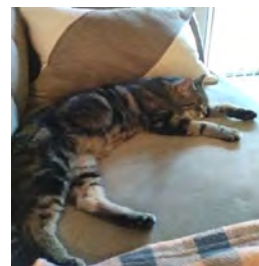


By Pat Hollahan

Sandi is a special girl. She came to Kalamazoo Animal Rescue after being horribly abused while she was giving birth to her kittens. None

of the kittens survived, and Sandi was left with a ruptured eye and considerable physical and emotional trauma.

Fortunately, with the loving care of her foster mother, Kelly F., Sandi began to recover and now her story has a very happy ending indeed!



Once she was healthy again, Sandi was adopted into a wonderful home. As her adopter, Barb, writes: "We love having Sandi here. She loves to be petted, loves to play with her mousie and gets pretty frisky with it! Loves to have her tummy rubbed by both of us, and likes to sleep on her new blanket. She also likes to sit by the sliding door, get smells and look outside. We are so blessed to have found her and so happy that we can give her a new forever home."

And all of us at KAR are delighted and grateful that our sweet Sandi finally has the good life she deserves!

Spotlight On Libby

By Karren Jensen



Libby is a quiet and undemanding older lady who is clearly very grateful to be in a safe place, receiving care and love. She greets her caregivers cheerfully, happy for any attention bestowed upon her. She's especially

fond of head rubs. Libby is a tidy little soul and keeps her cage and herself very clean. This sweet and laid-back girl would make a wonderful companion for anybody looking for a quiet friend to share naps and cuddles.

Pictures do not do our dear Libby justice. You have to meet her to appreciate her fully. **If you think you might want to give this beautiful girl her forever home, [please check out her webpage.](#)**

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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