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So many people say to me that they wish they could do cat rescue, but just don't have the space or time or funds or the secret power-of-letting-go when the foster cat gets adopted to be able to do it. But you DID just take part in a cat rescue! How does it feel?

Two days ago I posted about [Barney & his sister Bella](#) [1]. **Barney is a smart cat and somehow figured out he could flush the toilet.** In fact, he seems fascinated by the sound, the swirling water, the sheer power of cause and effect. My post could have simply been to point out this cat's quirky talent and leave it at that, but sadly **Barney and Bella were facing a trip to the Kill shelter because their mama, who's in the Coast Guard, got transferred to New Orleans and at the last minute, the family member who offered to take the cats, backed out, leaving her in quite the jam.**



Bella and Barney, two VERY LUCKY CATS.

With no resources to help her cats, and a looming deadline to meet, she was faced with the only other option-to relinquish the cats to the local Kill shelter. Thankfully, before she did that she turned to our own Maria's, mama, who lives in Virginia and knows Barney & Bella's owner. Mama-Bobby told her friend that her daughter, Maria did cat rescue and she would ask her for help.

I get calls and emails every day about cats needing help. I wish I could promote each one. Many, you never hear about, but behind-the-scenes I try to help them, as well. When Maria asked if I could post about Barney & Bella I admit that her request gets my attention. She's caring for our [Pumpkin Patch family](#) [2]. How can I say no? Toilet-flushing-guru-cat or not, I had to help.

This is what I LOVE about the internet. I did "my part" to help save these cats. I just wrote up a blog post. It took a few hours, getting details right, posting the video, asking all of you to just help me get let everyone in Virginia know, that these cats sure could use some help.

Of all the posts I've written, this one was re-tweeted and shared on Facebook with wild abandon. As I tapped my few connections in Virginia, others tapped their friends and rescue contacts, too. **SO MANY PEOPLE shared this information, that what we hoped would happen, DID.**

The RIGHT people saw the posts; the people who can do their part of a cat rescue. One woman offered to donate money to cover the costs of Barney & Bella's vetting. She couldn't foster them or adopt, but she did her part. Both kittens are in dire need of being spayed/neutered. They were snap tested for FIV+ and Feline Leukemia. They are negative for both! **Maria's mama is going to make sure they get their surgery done on Friday and will keep them at her house to recover for the night.** She is doing her part!

Then Kim Harkin posted a plea for help on the [Facebook Page](#) [3] for [King Street Cats](#) [4], in Alexandria, VA. They are Alexandria VA's only free-roaming no-kill cat orphanage! 100% volunteer-run and Kim is one of their foster moms. She got the OK to take them into the King's program on Saturday! How did Kim find out about these cats?

She said she thought she found the info on the No Kill Ohio Facebook page (I looked but didn't see a post there so we aren't sure who to thank for the post that caught Kim's attention)!



According to Petfinder, KSC already has 47 cats in their program. Asking them to take on two more is a lot to ask. As a THANK YOU to them, I'm going to share a few photos of their Adoptable cats. Make sure you visit their pages to see more if you live in the Alexandria, VA area and want to add to your kitty-family.



Meet Harper Lee ^[5]. What a cutie-patootie!



This is Midnight. She and her brother, Scamp ^[6], a tuxedo, are hoping to find a home together!



Lenore ^[7] has been waiting for 8 months to find a home. She's 10 years old, tiny and though initially too stressed to be sweet, her foster home says she's starting to snuggle up. Lenore needs a place where she can blossom. Let's find her that special home.

King Street looks like a great refuge for Barney & Bella until they find their forever home. Since they're in foster care to start, Barney will have a new toilet to flush!

I wish we could ALL do a BIG GROUP HUG right now! I can't (and won't) take all the credit for this rescue. There are SO MANY POINTS WHERE THIS ALL COULD HAVE FAILED. Their current mom could have just abandoned the cats or given them to the Kill shelter, but she wanted them to have a chance and that good intention was the spark that made everything else start to fall in place. So many of you took some time out of your day to spread the word, some as far away as California offered them a home, another offered to sponsor their Vet care. Maybe many of you thought nothing would come of it, that because you couldn't physically save

them, it wasn't enough. But it WAS ENOUGH. This puzzle was pieced together quickly by a bunch of cat-loving strangers. We should ALL jump for joy that together we CAN make amazing things happen. We just have to do our part and be willing to get involved in whatever capacity we can.

Well done, everyone! Well done!

If you want to thank King Street, please LIKE them on [Facebook](#) [3]. If you're loaded and want to send them a donation, in honor of Barney & Bella, you can find out how to do that [HERE](#). [8]

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Hurrah for Bella and Barney! [19]

So happy to hear the good news about Bella and Barney. Thank you for caring for all cats!! xoxox

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Glad we could help! Thanks to you Robin and everyone who was involved in finding safe haven for these very special kitties. We are all looking forward to meeting them. They will be going into foster for a couple of weeks and will then be in our orphanage. Please visit them on Sat/Sun from 1.30-4.30pm at 25 Dove St, Alexandria, VA 22302. Check out our website/FB for details.

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Thank You! [21]

Thanks to Robin and everyone who was involved in the rescue of Barney & Bella. KSC is happy to have played a part. They will be going into foster care for a couple of weeks and then coming into our free-roaming cat orphanage. If you are in the Alexandria area please come visit them on Sat/Sun from 1.30pm-4.30pm: www.kingstreetcats.org [22].

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