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Two Cats Rescued from Suspected Hoarder Available for Adoption

GRAND RAPIDS - Nearly one month after they were rescued from a now-condemned mobile home, two cats have completely recovered and are ready for adoption from the Kent County Animal Shelter. When Animal Control arrived at the home, Officer Joe Danelis said he found unsanitary conditions. But he also found two, six month old kittens that stood out from the others. "When they came in they had fleas and smelled horrible, but they were not injured like the others," Danelis recalled. "Unlike many others who were visibly injured and scared, these two exhibited very social behavior. I was surprised that they were in such good condition." The owner of the home faces a misdemeanor count of Animal Neglect/Cruelty.

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The two cats, now named K.C. and Little Tiger, were quarantined, treated for fleas and temperament tested by Shelter Veterinarian Dr. Laurie Wright. They are ready for a new, forever home. K.C., a male, and Little Tiger, a female, are accustomed to living with each other, so they could be adopted as a pair or individually. June is Adopt-a-Shelter-Cat month. Adoptions start at \$25.00, and you can get a microchip for your cat for just \$5 through July, thanks to a partnership with Vicki's Pet Connection. The Kent County Animal Shelter is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m.- 6 p.m., and Saturday from 8 a.m. – 12 noon, and adoptions must be completed one hour before closing. The shelter can be reached at (616) 632-7300.

(*Adoption fee does not include cost of spay/neuter or vaccinations.)

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