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News, views and updates from the Pet Crisis Center



Help From My Friends, Inc.

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Mission Statement

To provide shelter and resources for pets who are owner relinquished.

Center Hours

Tuesday - Saturday 10-Noon
Afternoons by appointment
Closed Sunday and Monday

Check our website and Facebook page for information and events throughout the year.

Help From My Friends loves to hear from adults and kids! Send us your stories, jokes, drawings, and pictures.

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Please keep a copy for yourself, entries can not be returned.

Visit our GREAT adoptable PETS at Petfinder.com & helpfrommyfriends.org
You can also DONATE ONLINE!



REMEMBER when you have shopping to do –



Help From My Friends receives a portion of the sales from this site. Please give it a try, it doesn't cost you and we get a donation!

You'll also find a link to this site on

helpfrommyfriends.org

For those in the Antrim County area...

If you save your receipts (including gas receipts) from the Central Lake, Elk Rapids, and Rapid City Village Markets, or any Family Fare, please mail them to:

Help From My Friends' Pet Crisis Center
3820 Ritt Road · Bellaire, MI 49615

A portion of their Community Cash program will be donated to the center.



Wish List...

Below is our wish list of items the center will need to keep stocked. Any donation is appreciated and needed!

- Cat Beds
- Cat & Dog toys
- Cat & Dog treats (nutritional ones)
- Dishwasher Pods
- Laundry Pods
- Postage stamps
- Recycled newspaper cat litter
- Thick paper towels
- Money for pet supplies and veterinary services
- Motivated volunteers ☺

Check out our wish list on amazon.com (Look for this box on our website)



Leaving a Legacy to the Pet Crisis Center

What is it that you want to be remembered for? Is your love of animals one of them? A bequest is an easy way to do that. This can be made through your will or trust in any of these ways:

- Specific dollar amount
- Specific assets
- Percentage of your estate
- Residue of your estate

**For more information contact
Help From My Friends at 231-533-4070**

To cut costs and save funds for care of the animals at the Pet Crisis Center, we have discontinued inclusion of a donation envelope in the newsletter.

This DOES NOT mean we no longer need your financial support. Please, if you can donate, clip this form or send a note with your donation and include your information so we can send you a receipt. Thank you!

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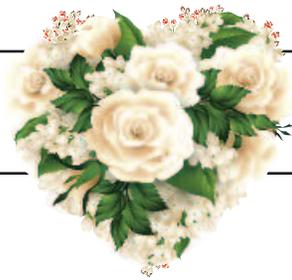
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Cheetoh

A sweet cat my parents adopted from you and loved with all their hearts. He sadly passed but spent his life so loved and brought so much joy to them every day. Thank you for connecting them with such a wonderful animal that brought them so much happiness for many years.
 Melissa Hackett

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A true animal lover
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Our beloved cat of 15 years.
 You are missed Belle.
 McKenna and Bodis Family

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Lou Wojtowicz

A good friend, terrific, woodworker and supporter of Help From My Friends
 Marlene

Happy Mother's Day Mom

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Send your donation and In Memory Of or In Honor Of to:

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 Bellaire, Michigan 49615**

Adopt-A-Pet!



Do you have an active home and want a kitten that can keep up? Meet Petty!! He loves dogs, people and playing hard with the other kittens. Petty is 6 months

old and ready for lots of play time and a lap to nap in. This handsome boy is neutered, up to date on shots and tested negative for FeLV/FIV



Katy represents easy going! She is happy to be with people and doesn't mind any of the other things around her. Katy is 2 years old, spayed, up to date on shots and tested negative for FeLV/FIV.



Coins for Critters Campaign

Looking for a quick and easy community service project that is great for any age? Everyone seems to have spare change and it adds up quickly. Would your classroom, book club, card club, scout troop, youth group, etc consider helping the animals? Join in the Coin for Critters Campaign and help fill this 5 gallon jug! Create a coin drop site with your own jar and help ours grow. Once your container is full, come by the Center and dump it into the big jug!! Proceeds benefit Help From My Friends' Pet Crisis Center.

Happy Endings and Happy Times Here at the Center!



Ralphie never wants for a thing now. Walks, trips to beach, you name it, he is set!

Darling Dash was part of the huge litter of puppies born at the center this March. He landed a great life with the Mailoux family.



Daisy Mae has a ruff life, napping on couches and snuggling with her family!!



Art took over the Pelican Event Room this summer with a wine and art auction. Many wonderful local artists donated one of a kind pieces to help raise funds for the animals. Wine and appetizers from the Blue Pelican made for a great night.



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Gracie and Flo, both Center alumni, enjoy all kinds of adventures with their family. With walks, car rides and beach trips, these two feel like they have hit the jackpot!



Bonsai is growing into his ears and his new life, complete with a fur sister to show him the ways of the world!



Sweet Buddy found his match quickly with an active guy who was ready for a canine companion to enjoy car rides, walks and snuggles on the couch! Buddy, you are one lucky dog! Enjoy your new adventure and new truck!



Bob and Billie are now spoiled members of the Smith family. Toys, treats and grandkid visitors, what more can you ask for!



Out with the old, in with the new!! Thanks to Great Lakes Stainless for helping with the design and custom building of the new cat condos. A BIG thank you to all who donated and made these possible, they are bigger, brighter and easier to clean (yay)



Cheeto and River came over from Antrim County Animal Control. While there, they were housed together and became close friends. We would often see that friendship in the cat room. Lucky for them the right family fell in love with Cheeto and River who are now loving life in their own home.

Rosie and Queen making the best out of a sunny day in the office. One of the many great things at the center is that the dogs can roam and enjoy naps in the office.



You might have seen us on 9&10's The Four this summer and fall. The center's animals have been making the journey to Cadillac and enjoy time both behind and in front of the camera.



A BIG thank you to Stonewaters Inn, Bee Well Mead & Cider, Cathy Peterson and all the donors and supporters who made the 3rd Annual Cider Tasting and Auction such a great night!!



Darling Ronny did not stay at the center long and with a face like that no questions are needed. He is now enjoying life with a few fur siblings and a great Mom!



Roger and Albert got the dream, a home together. Roger who was born deaf and blind needed just the right home and one with his seeing eye dog Albert. The boys are now spoiled and even have a big fur brother to snuggle and love.



A Big thank you to Shelly & Gary Bowling, The Moderns and Short's Brewing Company for hosting such a wonderful benefit concert!! \$2,489.00 was raised to help support the medical care for both Antrim County Animal Control and Help From My Friends' Pet Crisis Center. The animals of Antrim County are so thankful for all of you!

Gracie snagged herself a home on the lake and spent her summer in the sun with her parents and fur siblings. Sounds ruff!



Georgette and everyone at Help From My Friends would like to thank Family Fare for the



A huge thank you to all the volunteers who have given of their time to the garden this summer! All their hard work surely paid off!



Volunteer lesson learned - Paper towels must be put away whenever not in use, if not they make great cat beds. At least according to Alice! The Center is always in need of paper towels, among other things. Check out the wish list on page 2.

SECOND \$1,000 check!! And a extra BIG thank you to everyone who has been collecting slips for us, we are working our way to the next big check.

Educate Yourself

- Know what disasters could affect your area, which could call for an evacuation and when to shelter in place.
- Keep a NOAA Weather Radio tuned to your local emergency station and monitor TV, radio, and follow mobile alert and mobile warnings about severe weather in your area.
- Download the FEMA app, receive weather alerts from the National Weather Service for up to five different locations anywhere in the United States.

Make a Plan

Remember, during a disaster what's good for you is good for your pet, so get them ready today.

If you leave your pets behind, they may be lost, injured – or worse. Never leave a pet chained outdoors. Plan options include:

- Create a buddy system in case you're not home. Ask a trusted neighbor to check on your animals.
- Identify shelters. For public health reasons, many emergency shelters cannot accept pets.
- Find pet friendly hotels along your evacuation route and keep a list in your pet's emergency kit.
- Locate boarding facilities or animal hospitals near your evacuation shelter.
- Consider out-of-town friend or relative
- Locate a veterinarian or animal hospital in the area where you may be seeking temporary shelter, in case your pet needs medical care. Add the contact information to your emergency kit.
- Have your pet microchipped and make sure that you not only keep your address and phone number up-to-date, but that you also include contact info for an emergency contact outside of your immediate area.
- Call your local emergency management office, animal shelter or animal control office to get advice and information.
- If you are unable to return to your home right away, you may need to board your pet. Find out where pet boarding facilities are located.

- Most boarding kennels, veterinarians and animal shelters will need your pet's medical records to make sure all vaccinations are current.

If you have no alternative but to leave your pet at home, there are some precautions you must take, but remember that leaving your pet at home alone can place your animal in great danger!

Tips for Large Animals

If you have large animals such as horses, cattle, sheep, goats or pigs on your property, be sure to prepare before a disaster.

Ensure all animals have some form of identification.

Evacuate animals whenever possible. Map out primary and secondary routes in advance.

Make available vehicles and trailers needed for transporting and supporting each type of animal. Also make available experienced handlers and drivers.

Ensure destinations have food, water, veterinary care and handling equipment.

If evacuation is not possible, animal owners must decide whether to move large animals to shelter or turn them outside.

Take extra time to observe livestock, looking for early signs of disease and injury. Severe cold-weather injuries or death primarily occur in the very young or animals that are already debilitated.

Animals suffering from frostbite don't exhibit pain. It may be up to two weeks before the injury becomes evident as the damaged tissue starts to slough away. At that point, the injury should be treated as an open wound and a veterinarian should be consulted.

Make sure your livestock has the following to help prevent cold-weather problems:

- Plenty of dry bedding to insulate vulnerable udders, genitals and legs from the frozen ground and frigid winds
- Windbreaks to keep animals safe from frigid conditions
- Plenty of food and water

Build a Kit

Include basic survival items and items to keep your pet happy and comfortable. Start with this list, or download *Preparing Makes Sense for Pet*

Owners-Emergency Preparedness Pet Kit List (PDF) to find out exactly what items your pet needs to be Ready.

- Food. At least a three day supply in an airtight, waterproof container.
- Water. At least three days of water specifically for your pets.
- Medicines and medical records.
- Registration information, adoption papers and vaccination documents. Talk to your veterinarian about microchipping and enrolling your pet in a recovery database.
- First aid kit. Cotton bandage rolls, bandage tape and scissors; antibiotic ointment; flea and tick prevention; latex gloves, isopropyl alcohol and saline solution. Including a pet first aid reference book is a good idea too.
- Collar or harness with ID tag, rabies tag and a leash.
- Crate or pet carrier. Have a sturdy, safe crate or carrier in case you need to evacuate. The carrier should be large enough for your pet to stand, turn around and lie down.
- Sanitation. Pet litter and litter box if appropriate, newspapers, paper towels, plastic trash bags and household chlorine bleach.
- A picture of you and your pet together. If you become separated, a picture of you and your pet together will help you document ownership and allow others to assist you. Add species, breed, age, sex, color and distinguishing characteristics.
- Familiar items, such as treats, toys and bedding can help reduce stress for your pet.

Adopt-A-Pet!



Quinlee has the current title of cutest kitten. Not only does she have a fun personality but she loves to snuggle! Quinlee is up to date on shots, tested negative for FeLV/FIV and is micro-chipped

Many Thanks to our **Hardworking Volunteers** for all the time, love and tears they give for the cause... and to the following **businesses** and **individuals**.

- **Antrim County Animal Shelter** for their continued support.
 - **Antrim County Businesses** for their support of the Silent Auction and other events.
 - **Antrim County Residents** for their outpouring of support!
 - **Bee Well Mead and Cider** for supplying all the tasty spirits for the 3rd Annual Cider Tasting and Auction.
 - **Blue Pelican Event Room** for a fantastic job hosting the Art Auction and Wine Paring and all the **Local Artists** that donated to the event
 - **Chris and Merrie Corbett** for their continued support.
 - Jack Bodis of **Creative Characters** in Central Lake for his help in the formatting and printing of this newsletter.
 - **Dr. Pantenburg and staff at Bellaire Animal Hospital** along with **Dr. Ackler and staff at Mancelona Veterinary Hospital** for their dedication to the animals here at the center.
 - **Participating Restaurants** that kindly donate chili for our cook off every October.
 - **Village Markets** for donations of community cash and Chili Cook-Off apple cider each year.
 - **Family Fare**, support with the Direct Your Dollar program.
 - **Ruthanne's Gourmet Bakery** for their continued support.
 - **Stone Waters Inn** for hosting the 3rd Annual Cider Tasting and Auction.
 - A Big thank you to **Shelly & Gary Bowling, The Moderns** and **Short's Brewing Company** for hosting such a wonderful benefit concert. The funds raised help support the medical care for both Antrim County Animal Control and Help From My Friends' Pet Crisis Center.
 - **Helena Township** providing the hall for the Chili Cook-Off the past 18 years.
- All our AMAZING VOLUNTEERS!**
who keep the center running smoothly!

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Need a little color in your life?

Athena, Rouge and Delores are looking for loving homes. All three are spayed, up to date on shots, tested negative for FeLV/FIV and microchipped.

Athena and Delores' personalities warrants an only cat home however they might warm up to a gentle dog. Rouge would definitely enjoy a friend!



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Misconceptions about adopting from Help From My Friends' Pet Crisis Center



1. It will be Costly

Truth: There is NO adoption fee and never has been. We always appreciate donations to keep the center running, but we do not require them. Pets also come spayed/neutered, up-to-date on shots, tested for heartworm/FoLV/FIV, and microchipped.

2. It Will Be Harder Than Adopting a Child

Truth: Despite the reputation of some other places, the center operates by having a simple, informal discussion about what you will want in a pet. It is important to us that you and the pet end up in the right home.

3. Animals At the Center Have No Idea How to Live in A Home

Truth: About 80% of the animals come from loving homes. The others learn from the center what a loving home looks like. All are wanting to be placed in the perfect home for them.

4. If Adoption Doesn't Work Out, I Am Stuck With The Pet

Truth: Not at all. If the fit isn't right, the animal is welcome back to the center at any point in their life.

5. If I Adopt from Help From My Friends, That Means One Dies at the County Shelter

Truth: Quite the opposite. For every animal adopted from the center, we are able to pull one from the Antrim County shelter. Sometimes, we can even take two!

Adopt-A-Pet!

Queen (right) and Rosie have been through a lot together!

They are beginning to come into their own at the center and are always together. We are looking for a home for these two that will continue to spoil them with lots of love and attention.



Queen is 13 years old and Rosie is 5 years old. They are both spayed, up to date on shots, on heartworm preventive and micro-chipped.

Please share Queen & Rosie so we can find them that special home :) thank you!