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News, views and updates from the Pet Crisis Center



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Mission Statement

Protecting and teaching compassion for the animals in Antrim County.

Center Hours

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

Annual Events

13th Annual Garage Sale
Saturday, June 4, 2016

**16th Annual Chili Cook Off
and Silent Auction**
Sunday, October 30th, 2016

**Look for other WaLHFMF
events throughout the year.**

WaLHFMF loves to hear from adults and kids! Send us your stories, jokes, drawings, and pictures.

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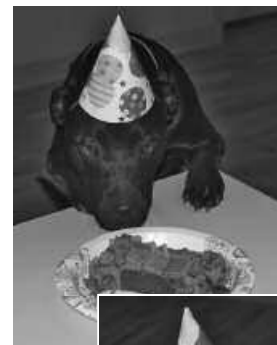
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PETS at Petfinder.com
and WalHFMF.org

You can also Donate Online!



Pet Crisis Center *Almost* Like Home

A fun place for animals, the Pet Crisis Center is not a permanent home but a place as close to that as possible. The pets receive lots of love and attention while their needs are met by volunteers alongside a consistent staff. The animals enjoy excellent veterinarian care and top of the line food, all so they can be happy and healthy for their new home when that day arrives. While waiting for that special day the pets are taken on walks, held, petted and sometimes even get a party!!



ADOPT-A-PET!

Happy 2nd Birthday Vinny!

His birthday wish is a home. Vinny has good manners, loves car rides, walks, dogs, cats and kids. This sweet Lab/Pit mix is neutered and up to date on shots.

A fenced in yard is required for adoption.

Logan's Law Update:

This bill would make a registry of those convicted of animal abuse, and require any animal shelter to refuse sale/adoption of an animal to anyone on the list.

LOGAN'S LAW:

House Bills: 4353/4355 and Senate Bills: 219/220, has the opportunity to benefit both animals and humans.

It's past time to hold animal abusers accountable for their actions and it is our responsibility as humans to protect pets.

Contact these men in Lansing and tell them enough is enough. Let's get this thing done and over with once and for all. **Demand that the House and Senate move these bills NOW!**

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Email:
senmkowall@senate.michigan.gov
- House Majority Floor Leader
Aric Nesbitt
Phone: (517) 373-0839
E-Mail: aricnesbitt@house.mi.gov

Also contact the Logan's Law sponsors and ask them to put some pressure on these people.

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Phone: (517) 373-0835
Fax: (517) 373-9876
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E-Mail:
senrjones@senate.michigan.gov




— Wish List —

Below is our winter wish list for items the sanctuary will need to keep stocked. Any donation is appreciated and needed!

- Wags to Wiskers Pet Supplies Gaylord gift cards (989) 731-4200
- Cat beds
- Cat & Dog toys
- Cat & Dog treats (nutritional ones)
- Disposable Gloves—Large
- Extra large heavy trash bags
- Postage stamps
- Recycled newspaper cat litter
- Thick paper towels
- Medical services pre-paid at Antrim County Veterinary Services
- Money for pet supplies
- Motivated volunteers ☺

Check out our wish list on amazon.com

(Look for this box on our website)



WHY

LOGAN'S LAW

Our Criminal Justice System Is Broken
We Need To Hold Animal Abusers
Accountable For Their Deviant Anti-Social
Behavior. Logan's Law Will Establish A
Data Base To Track And Identify Convicted
Persons Before They Can Do It Again!

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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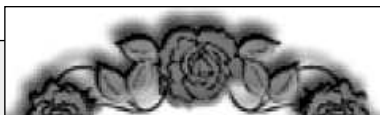


Leaving a Legacy to the Pet Crisis Center

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

For more information contact
 With a Little Help From My
 Friends at 231-533-4070



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Lucky, Deeter, Skeeter and Kutya

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Bonnie, Molly, Cookie and Bingo

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Lynda Wolf and Gene Masta

Happy Birthday Merrie

Jerry and Susan Nickel

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Happy Endings & Happy T



Zoey left the center as a puppy and is now a loved dog in the Hale house.



Raven loves her canine brothers and enjoys spending her days snuggled by their side as part of the Meyer family.



Jazzie and Ella are never far from each other's side, both alumni of the Pet Crisis Center! Once the Sucaet family adopted one beagle they knew their home needed a second!



Miggy and Prince (now Linus and Lucy) grew up at the center, waiting almost 2 years to find a home to call their own. They are now happy to call the Priest home their own.



Forest left the center at just 9 weeks old last summer. He has grown into a very handsome boy and a proud member of the Kerrigan family.



Grace not only gained wonderful fur parents, but also a bird watching sister! Grace spends her days watching over the Voiles home.



Whenever Ronny is not hogging the bed, she loves racing around with her Aussie sister or spending time with her beagle cousin. Ronny is a loved by Lisa Muneio



Gracie learned how to beat the heat this summer, right in front of the fan! She is cherished by Marcia Bingham and Jerry Levesque.



Times Here at the Center!



Jasmine (formerly know as Asia) found the perfect family with John and Carol Taylor along with Golden Abby. Now that Jasmine is part of their family they can't picture it without her.



Summer was full of visitors! We are not sure who was in awe of each other more, the cats or Averie Brown! Averie and her parents Andy and Amy are proud owners of not one, but two cat room alumni!

This summer the center had two bottle babies that were well taken care of round the clock by some dedicated volunteers. Apollo is up for adoption in the cat room and is one snuggly kitten!



When Tabitha is not looking for birds with her sister she is snuggling up with Andrea Bagoon as a cherished member of their family!



The Pet Crisis Center was represented at many events including the 28th Annual Rubber Ducky Festival in Bellaire by volunteers Diane Brown and Peggy Mira.



Panda took his time to make sure the Steiner family had everything they needed for Florida.

A busy day in the cat room.



It did not take long for Cooper to capture the hearts of Ken and Marilyn Gusfa and now is the center of their world.



The Moore family's photos were not complete without Izzo right in the middle! Izzo was adopted last year and is loving her family of 5!



Asia and Vinny went on a field trip to visit Wags to Wiskers Pet Store in Gaylord, where not only were they fitted with harnesses, but they enjoyed many snacks!



Fancy is the queen of the Kiessel house and they wouldn't have it any other way!



Milo is a classy lady! She is always looking for cats to play with and volunteers to give her a pet. This playful 6 month old is Spayed, tested negative for FEL and FIV and up to date on shots. Indoor home only please.



Sassy arrived at the center after both her owners died within months of each other. She is a wonderful cat looking for a quiet home and someone to brush her. Sassy is 8 years old, spayed, up to date on shots and tested negative for FEL and FIV. Indoor home only please.



Stash is just simply charming! This ball of fluff is 3 months old and enjoys playing with everyone in the cat room and being held by the volunteers. Stash is up to date on shots and tested negative for FEL and FIV. Indoor home only please.

ADOPT-A-PET!



Ralphie is a fine young gentleman. He enjoys long walks in the woods, playing with his housemates Vinny and May, kissing on the occasional kitty and napping in your company. This Boxer/Lab/Pit mix is about a year and a half old, neutered and up to date on shots. A fenced in yard is required for adoption.



May is a 1 year old Mountain Cur who has been at the center all summer. She came in stray and has learn how wonderful it is to have other dogs, cats and kids around. May would love a canine companion to spend her days with. She has been spayed and is up to date on shots. A fenced in yard is required.



Jack and Jake are 2 year old brothers. They are a stunning team and would love a home together as Jake is rather shy. Jack more than makes up for it with his curious personality! The brothers have been neutered, are up to date on shots and tested negative for FEL and FIV. Indoor home only please.



WPBN/WGTU reported 10/9/15

Senate Bill 239, which is now headed to the state house, would make it illegal for communities to ban certain dog breeds, including pit bulls.

According to the Associated Press, there are 27 communities in Michigan that have breed restrictions in place, like the Village of Kalkaska.



“Viciousness or aggressiveness of a dog, whether it’s with other dogs or pit bulls, is really determined by many, many factors,” said Kim Nelson, a dog trainer. “It really has very little to do with breed.”

Those factors can include how and where the dog is raised and the behavior it’s taught. “It depends on their environment and how they’re trained in the first couple of months of life,” said Nelson. “It depends on the circumstances in that particular moment, not only who and what is in the environment, but the type of environment.”

Nelson says every case is different which is why she believes every dog should be treated on an

individual basis rather than singling out specific breeds considered to be vicious.

Senator Dave Robertson, the sponsor of Senate Bill 239, agrees. “What we’re talking about here are domesticated animals. There is nothing about a domesticated breed that is by itself inherently vicious, unless an owner trains that animal to be vicious or through abuse and neglect.” Robertson says the bill will put more responsibility on the dog owner.

“I think it’s going to be better because it’s more genuinely humane, my legislation is genuinely more humane.” said Robertson.

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 outpour of support!
- All the **Antrim County Restaurants** that kindly donate chili for our cook-off every October.
- **Antrim County Review** for their help with advertising.
- **Antrim County Veterinarians** for their dedication to the cause.
- **Bellaire Chamber** for continued support of all events.
- Jack Bodis of **Creative Characters** in Central Lake for his help in the formatting and printing of this newsletter.
- **Chris and Merrie Corbett** for their continued support.
- **Elk Rapids News** for their help with advertising.
- **Emma Moser** for collecting \$110 for center at her family's garage sale.
- **GT Industries-Mancelona** for their volunteer hours.
- **Mancelona Veterinary Hospital** for hosting a wonderful Spooktacular open house and donating proceeds to us and the other area animal rescues.
- **Specialty Silicone Fabricators** for collecting the most Village Markets Community Cash slips.
- **Tammy Stead** of Bellaire for grooming the center's pets.
- **Village Markets** for support and donations of community cash.
- **Wags to Wiskers Pet Supplies** in Gaylord for their donations and support!
- **The Dedicated Volunteers** who come out every week to clean.

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cost you and WaLHFMF gets a donation!

You'll also find a link to this site on
walhfmf.org

For those in the Antrim County area...

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

WaLHFMF' Pet Crisis Center

3820 Ritt Road / Bellaire, MI 49615

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

*"I am in favor of animal rights as well as human rights.
That is the way of a whole human being"*

—Abraham Lincoln



Please recycle, pass this newsletter on! ☺

ADOPT-A-PET!



*Sylvia has done more than her fair share of time at the center. She has been at the center since **SEPTEMBER 2013!!** She is making the best of it and everyone here loves her but it's not a home. Sylvia came in with a dangling leg from a car accident and had to have it removed. She has adapted well and is such a sweetheart. Sylvia does not mind gentle dogs, kids and maybe one cat as a feline friend. She would also do well as an only pet since Sylvia is very affectionate! Of course Sylvia is spayed, tested negative for FEL & FIV and is up to date on her shots. So let's get her cute face out there and see if someone is looking for a new best friend. Indoor home only please.*