

Among Friends

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News, views and updates from Help From My Friends

Keep the sunshine around all the time...
adopt one of these handsome Beach Boys!



Help From My Friends, Inc.

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Mission Statement

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

Center Hours

Tues. - Sat. 10am-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. Help From My Friends reserves the right, without further consideration, to use all entries in any publication, media and related promotions. 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:

HFMF Pet Crisis Center
3820 Ritt Rd · Bellaire, MI 49615
A portion of their Community Cash program will be donated to the center.

COVID-19 SHUT DOWN, WAS ANYONE READY FOR THAT?

I know in the rescue world there was a brief panic, what about the animals. Then the stories spread about people dropping off their pets fearing they may carry the corona virus. There were many things we needed to figure out.

Adoptions halted, volunteers could no longer come to the Center and visitors could no longer visit the animals. It became the sole responsibility of staff and board members to keep the animals entertained and socialized besides the daily cleaning of the Center. That was something none of us minded and since our personal life was also in lock down, the animals became our sense of inner peace.

Many weeks later the lock down was lifted, and the adoptions began to happen again. People were lonely being home so much and were ready to commit to a pet. This made us all pause and think, maybe this is part of the silver lining we are all taught to find when everything else around us seems dark.

We all hope this virus comes to an end soon. In the meantime, hold tight to the memories you are making with those you love, both two and four legged!



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!

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Please mail your donation to:

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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
- Dishwasher Pods
- Money for Pet Supplies and Veterinary Services
- Motivated Volunteers 😊
- Postage Stamps
- Recycled Newspaper Cat Litter
- Thick Paper Towels
- Laundry Pods
- Gift Cards

Check out our wish list on [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) and [chewy.com](https://www.chewy.com)
(Look for the box on our website: helpfrommyfriends.org)

Many Thanks to Help From My Friends' Board and Staff for all the time, love and tears they gave during this difficult time... and to the following **businesses**.

- Antrim County Animal Shelter for their continued partnership.
- Antrim County Residents for their outpouring of support!
- 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.
- Village Markets for community cash donations and Chili Cook-Off apple cider each year.
- Jack Bodis of Creative Characters in Central Lake for his help in the formatting and printing of this newsletter.
- Family Fare, support with the Direct Your Dollars program.

Pooh Bear wants you know that sending in your slips for bottle and can returns from any major store chain, turns into cash to help take care of his Center friends.



This is what \$150,000.00 in Family Fare receipts look like. For every \$150,000.00 collected Help From My Friends receives a check for \$1,000.00. So please continue sending in receipts from any Family Fare in Michigan and we will turn them into cash for the animals. Thank you!



Happy Endings!



When Kerri Esterley heard about Beth, she knew instantly she needed to come meet her. Beth was known for her quick walking ability on a leash. Kerri had been looking for a walking buddy and now she had found one, in the form of a beautiful feline she named Penny.



Blizzard and Boots were part of the Center's Winter 2020 Litter. Now known as Bugz and Blaze, they entertain the Knight family when they are not cuddled up together.



Coco and Don Sharpe bonded the first day he came to meet him. Now best buds, they spend most all of their time together.

After 1,126 days at the Center, Felix left with her new Dad, Kevin O'Meara. It took that many days for Felix to pick her person and she picked well!



Zazu, Nala & Kion were part of the Lion King litter, the same litter Simba and Mufasa were in. April and Jerry Molitor were having a hard time deciding on which two kittens they wanted. Not having any other pets, the logical answer was to take all three. We are so glad they did!

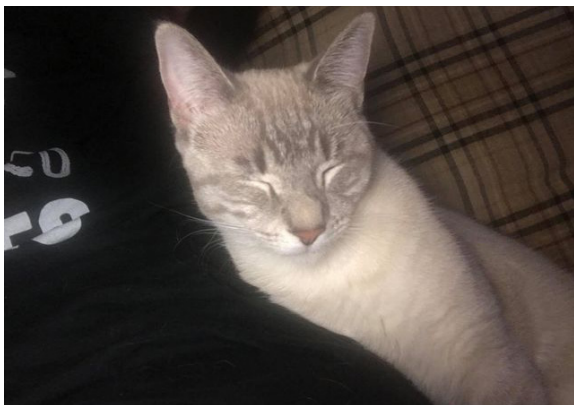


Natasha enjoys the good life with Rhonda Elliott and her canine sibling, Nala. They both enjoy working from home with mom.



Thurston was rescued from Thurston Park in Central Lake after all the campers went home for the season and no one took him with them. Betsy Peterson adopted Thurston very soon after and is so thankful to those who rescued him. Thurston now has all the love and attention he could ever want and so does Betsy!

Snow is a beautiful Tabby Point that came from the Center's Winter 2020 Litter. The Gapinski family fell in love with her on day one and Snow is a big part of their daily entertainment!



Reed left to join the Charboneau family as a small kitten and with so much love and attention, is growing into a handsome cat.



Skippy is such a sweet senior dog that Tim and Sheri McWhirter-O'Donnell wanted to give him his last years surrounded with adventure and love.

Gizmo was so much fun to have at the Center... so it was not hard for Deborah Deridder to fall in love with his cute personality. Gizmo now goes on adventures (yes, that's him enjoying the kayak) with the whole family, lucky dog!



Gypsy found a loving mother/daughter team. Ann & Lakin Baumgartner are more than willing to spoil Gypsy and give her all the love she deserves.



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Grand Dogs, Jack and Rex Great Grand dog, Toquima

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Sarge my wonderful German Shepherd

Donna DeVerney

Proudfoot Family dog, Rex

Tim & Rebecca Finch

Oski best dog ever!

April 2005-April 2019

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Dale Claudepierre

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"Our Wonderful Setter"

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*Angels appear in many
different forms to hold
your hand through the
difficult times.*

– Doreen Virtue

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“I’ll keep an eye out Simba while you head up and secure an observation area.”

Mufasa and Simba are brothers and were part of the Lion King litter that came into the Center over a year ago. Mufasa needs the security of his brother Simba, a very cool cat!

Mufasa does trust “his people” and becomes loveable once he bonds. Mufasa and Simba are FeLV & FIV negative, current on vaccines, neutered and microchipped. They would do best together, in a quiet home with someone that is patient enough to let them slowly adjust to new surroundings.



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