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Mission Statement

Protecting and teaching compassion for the animals in Antrim County.

Meetings

Meetings are held the third Wednesday of every month at Central Lake Public Library
7900 Maple · 7:00pm-8:30pm

Annual Events

Chili Cook Off

October 26th, 2008

Window Night

Central Lake –

Christmas Pet Photos

December 3rd, 2008

Garage Sale

May 24th, 2009

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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Construction Begins Soon!



Thanks to an anonymous donation from a very caring person who can't wait to walk into the new sanctuary, With a Little Help From My Friends has begun the building process!

As anyone who has built a new home or business knows, it will be a long journey. However, the end result will be worth the sweat and tears!

Aren't the dog rooms extraordinary? Each dog will have its own room complete with a run. Eventually another building will be built with many more dog rooms — but every great accomplishment needs a starting place and this is WaLHFMF's start.

The cat room will be equally as homey and the meeting room will be inviting.

As the excitement begins to build, WaLHFMF welcomes you to email or send ideas you might have for enriching the lives of pets in Antrim County either at the sanctuary or through programs offered to the public.

The work on the sanctuary needs financial support to continue.

Please consider a donation today; together we can make a difference in our county.

If you would like more information or would like to receive our email updates, call or email With a Little Help From My Friends at (231) 533-4070 or walhfmf_4@hotmail.com.

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Thank You!

President's Corner



I was browsing the classifieds — as I often do — to satisfy what must be a neurotic need for me. Checking the “give away” animals and those for sale. Certainly I have no need for any more animals. It seems like every animal in the universe eventually ends up at my home, at least for a short time, without answering any ads. Still I must check.

I noticed ads for people who had died. *Dear Thomas we still love and miss you after 5 years. If I could only build a stairway to heaven I would reach out to you with open arms.* They were signed by Moms and Dads, sisters and brothers and close friends. I immediately felt their pain and remembered the pain that swallowed me at different times in my life when I lost my Dad and Mom and Brother. You keep thinking of it as a temporary thing and that they will be back. Then the permanence of death sinks in. Birthdays were especially hard for me. Even in our adult lives we had such special birthdays! Then all of a sudden, Birthdays became a day of great sadness and emptiness. I finally decided this is not what my family would want for me nor what I would want for those I will leave behind. What could I do to end this self pity?

Both my Parents instilled in me their great love of animals. My brother also respected that feeling. Now on their Birthdays I look forward to the celebration of honoring them by easing the suffering of some poor animal. **DONATE TO SOMETHING THEY FELT STRONGLY ABOUT!** They can still live on through the love shown an animal. I celebrate their Birthdays with them by making a donation in honor of them to our animal group. Someone gets spayed or neutered, a painful medical issue is addressed or a donation to the sanctuary that will soon provide shelter to these animals. This is a way to celebrate with them. I do for them what they can no longer do for themselves. I feel much better as I know they are smiling down at me and so do the animals. Think about it. Maybe you'll feel much better too.

Thank You,
Heather Knust
President

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With a Little Help From My Friends receives a portion from sales on both these sites. Between the two sites almost every store you shop at is there. Please give it a try; it doesn't cost you anymore and WaLHFMF gets a donation. There are also links to these sites on **www.walhfmf.org**

Also...

For those in the Antrim County area — If you save your receipts (including gas receipts from the Elk Rapids and Rapid City Village Markets) and mail them to With a Little Help From My Friends, a portion will be donated to WaLHFMF.

The latest check was for \$774.00!

Check Out WaLHFMF' NEW Website

A big thank you to Mark Winn of Ellsworth for stepping forward to design WaLHFMF' new website.

Mark has put many hours of his personal time into setting up and maintaining this wonderful site and it shows.

Please take a moment to check out **www.walhfmf.org** and pass it on to family and friends.

Commitment

Commitment is what transforms a promise into reality. It is words that speak boldly of your intentions.

And the actions which speak louder than the words.

It is making the time when there is none.

Coming through time after time, year after year after year.

Commitment is the stuff character is made of;

the power to change the face of things.

It is the daily triumph of integrity over skepticism.

— unknown



In Memory Of

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Gus “best bird ever”

*From Lynda Wolf
Royal Oak, MI*

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-John Lennon

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Adoption Club!**

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You can get questions about your pet
answered and find other resources.

Do dogs feel love?

We feel tremendous love for our dogs, and our dogs sure seem to love us. But is a dog really capable of emotions? Or are we just projecting our feelings onto our dogs? Scientists avoid the subject because part of what sets humans apart from the animals is our ability to experience feelings. To say that animals actually have feelings, in the same way we do, would change everything – perhaps disrupt our entire position and standing in the animal kingdom.

However, any dog owner knows that dogs love completely and have a greater capacity for love than most people. If one were to describe the main characteristics of a dog, they would have to be:

1. strong affection
2. warm attachment
3. unselfish loyalty and benevolent concern for others

Wait a minute – those are the Merriam-Webster Dictionary definitions of love. Probably why the author of *Dogs Never Lie About Love*, Jeffrey Moussaieff Masson writes, “dogs are love.” So there isn’t a question of whether dogs love, the mystery is how they have such an enormous capacity for it. Dogs that are neglected or abused still show love for their human and wag their tails in hope of a little affection.

Dogs taken from abusive situations hold no grudges toward the human race. A half an ounce of kindness from a new person results in an abundance of affection from the formerly mistreated dog. Humans rarely have the capacity to so completely forgive and love under those circumstances.

Probably the biggest reason the dog has become man’s best friend is because we know that when it comes to love, a dog can always outdo us. The highest form of love, agape love, which is completely unconditional, is something that people often have to work at or grow into. Agape love seems to come naturally between parent and child, but it’s more difficult between husband and wife, and harder still between friends. To love someone regardless of what wrongs they have done you is very difficult for humans.

A dog, however, is born with an endless capacity for agape love, and doesn’t even have to work at it. You can be a complete grouch, ignore your dog, and refuse him your love. When you decide you’re ready to be sociable again, your dog doesn’t pay you back by ignoring you too. He’s just happy you’re there. More amazing still, is that the love that dogs and owners feel for each other lasts a lifetime. This is the ideal love humans strive for, but often fail at.

As Jeffrey Moussaieff Masson so beautifully writes in *Dogs Never Lie About Love*, “Learning to know somebody intimately is often the beginnings of dislike, sometimes even of contempt. Among humans, love often does not survive a growing acquaintance, but in a dog, love seems to grow with acquaintance, to get stronger, deeper. Even when fully acquainted with all our weaknesses, our treachery, our unkindness, the dog seems to love strongly – and this love is returned by most dog-loving humans. We, too, seem to love our dogs the more we get to know them. The bond grows between us and our dogs.”

This is why we need dogs. They do something for us that rarely a human companion can do. No matter how much you mess up your life, or how much wrong you do, no matter how many mistakes you make or how often you make them, regardless of your looks, income or social standing, your dog never judges you. He always thinks you are wonderful and loves you with all his heart

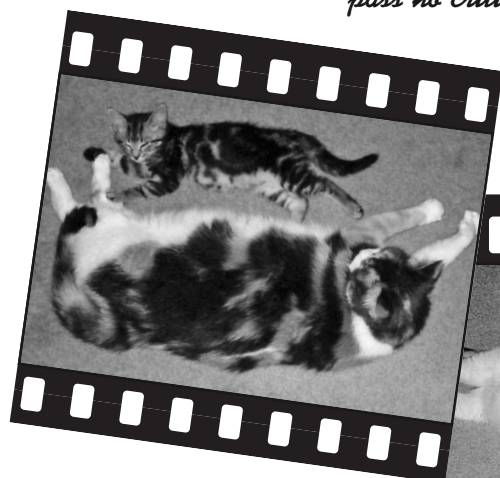
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Let us know about your dog’s love for you. Send us a picture or a story showing his love and it will be featured in WaLHFMF next newsletter.

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They ask no questions, they
pass no criticisms.*
– George Eliot

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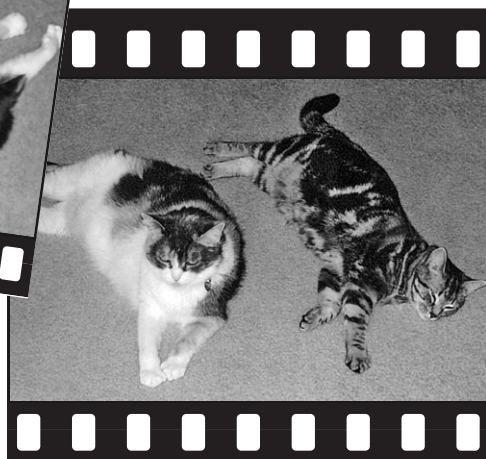
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Summer 2007 (above) and June, 2008



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Dogs Hope on Christmas Morning

The word pet could easily replace dog in this poem.

I wish...

For every dog searching trash cans for breakfast...

A filled bowl with his name printed in bright letters.

For every dog who slept fitfully last night, chained in a frozen yard...

A soft, warm bed with a person snoring gently nearby.

For every shelter dog, spending Christmas morning in a soiled run...

A forever home, filled with sounds and smells of family.

For every "Christmas" puppy given away today...

A tolerant, caring owner who won't abandon you as you grow into a real dog.

For every ailing pet...

Enough money for your owner to pay the bills to make you well.

For every lost dog...

A clear, safe road and well marked path, to lead you home.

For every old and tired friend...

A warm fire and a soft bed to ease your aches and pains.

And, for every Beloved Dog at the Bridge...

A moment when you know that you are remembered today, missed again and loved forever.

Author Unknown

Submitted by Shana Minish

Miami Beach, FL



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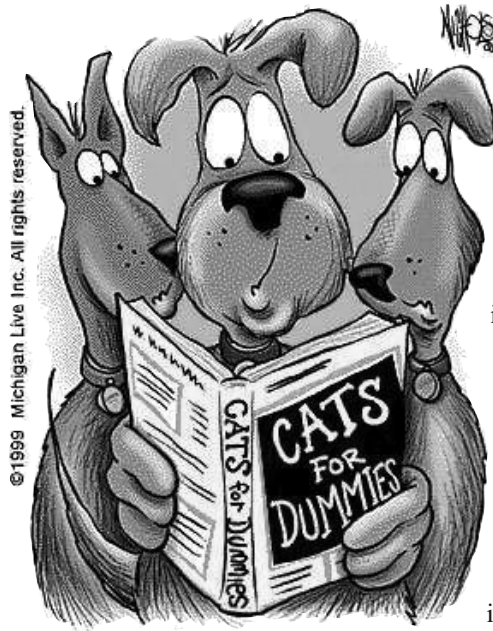
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Why does a cat purr?

Some scientists think the vocal cords vibrate when cats inhale and exhale; others think it's produced by blood passing through a large vein in the chest cavity. Kittens are born blind and deaf—the mother's purring acts as a sort of honing device during nursing. While purring usually signifies pleasure, it can also mean a cat is ill or in pain, so pay attention.

Why do cats chase their tails?

They are probably just bored. Many experts say that the movement of a cat's tail catches their eye and offers a convenient opportunity to run off some energy. If it doesn't look like she's having a good time, check the base of her tail for fleas or irritation.

Why do cats knead?

What she does: Purrs, then steps on you with sharpened claws.

What it means: Kneading, or "milk treading," is an instinct learned during nursing. A kitten gently pushes on mother's stomach with her paws to increase milk flow. In adult cats, it's usually a sign of contentment.

Playing with Prey

What she does: Greets you at the door with a live mouse or a toy.

What it means: Presenting a hunting find is your cat's way of taking care of you—much like she'd provide for her kittens in the wild. Most likely, she plays with her prey because, unlike a wild cat, she's not hungry. The instinct to hunt is still in her, but the necessity of killing may not be.

Tail Talk

What she does: Quivers, swishes and flicks her tail.

What it means: A quivering tail can mean mild irritation.

A tail that's erect and trembling all over means excitement. Cats swish their tails to gain balance before leaping and to mesmerize prey. If your cat is waving her tail gently from side to side, she's most likely content.



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How To Save Your Pet's Life

By Dr. Karen Halligan

Published: June 22, 2008

It can happen in a second. A bone lodges in your dog's throat or your cat darts into traffic. What should you do? In any emergency, the best thing is to be prepared, stay calm, and make quick decisions. But act cautiously—animals in severe pain or fear may bite. Be sure that you have a fully stocked pet first-aid kit (see box) and that you know where the nearest 24-hour clinic is. Knowledge is power, so take the steps right now to learn how to handle an emergency. It could mean the difference between +life and death.

CAR ACCIDENTS

A pet that has been hit by a car needs to see a vet immediately. Internal bleeding is common, and outward signs of distress may not show for several hours. Also, puncture wounds that close rapidly can cause life-threatening infections later on. Enlist someone's help in moving the animal by sliding a heavy towel beneath it. To avoid being bitten, tie a strip of cloth over your dog's nose, or cover your cat's face with a coat.

BLEEDING

Using direct pressure, apply a clean, dry cloth to the wound. If blood soaks through the first layer of fabric, add more so you don't disrupt any clots that may be forming. Use a tourniquet only as a last resort, and make it just tight enough to significantly reduce the flow of blood. Loosen it every five minutes, and don't keep it on for longer than 20 minutes. Transport your pet to the vet as soon as possible.

CHOKING

Dogs or cats that are choking may breathe loudly, drool, paw at their mouth, cough, gag, become anxious, or faint. If this happens, gently open your pet's mouth to locate and manually remove the object. If your pet isn't breathing and you can't find what is obstructing its windpipe, perform a modified Heimlich maneuver. With your pet facing away from you, clasp your hands around its waist, just beneath the rib cage. Compress the abdomen three to five times with quick upward thrusts. Repeat as necessary. If that doesn't work, take your pet to the vet.

LOSS OF CONSCIOUSNESS

If your pet exhibits signs of cardiopulmonary arrest—unconsciousness, a weak or irregular pulse, no heartbeat, and no obvious signs of breathing—begin CPR. The techniques used on humans can be modified easily to work on animals. If possible, enlist someone else's help—it's best to perform CPR on your way to the hospital, so that resuscitation can be continued there. Do not attempt it on a conscious animal.

POISONING

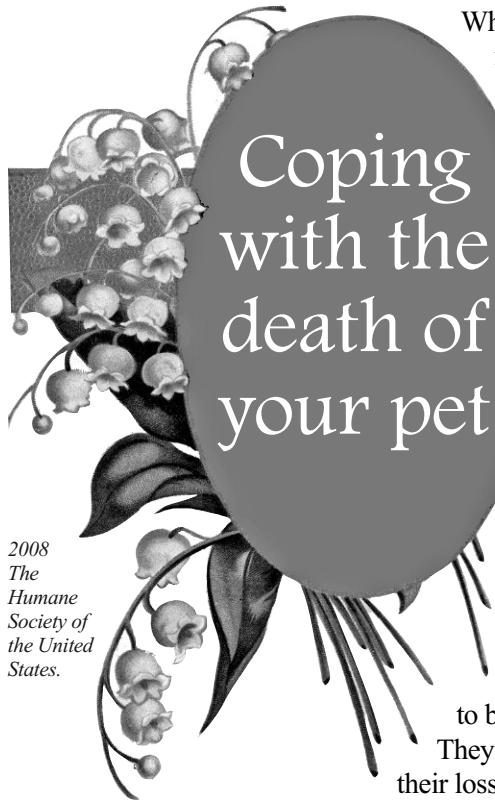
Symptoms of poisoning include vomiting, diarrhea, salivation, excitability, difficulty breathing, disorientation, poor coordination, twitching, convulsions, and collapse. Common sources are medications, household cleaning products, rat poison, antifreeze, insecticides, and plants. Not all poisons are treated alike, so if you think your pet may have ingested something dangerous, head to the vet immediately. Try to bring any plant material, vomit, or toxic substances with you.

As you transport your pet to the hospital, provide a cover for warmth and talk in a soothing voice. That way, it'll know it's in good hands.

First-Aid Kit

Here are just a few of the items you should have on hand for your pet:

- Phone number and directions for the closest 24-hour clinic
- Tweezers, to remove ticks, burrs, and splinters
- Antibiotic ointment, for wounds
- Gauze bandage and bandage tape
- Wound disinfectant
- Heavy towel or blanket to use as a stretcher
- Diphenhydramine (Benadryl), for allergic reactions
- Sterile saline, for flushing eyes
- Disposable latex gloves
- Muzzle



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When a person you love dies, it's natural to feel sorrow, express grief, and expect friends and family to provide understanding and comfort. Unfortunately, the same doesn't always hold true if the one who died was your companion animal. Many consider grieving inappropriate for someone who has lost "just a pet." Nothing could be further from the truth.

People love their pets and consider them members of their family. Caregivers celebrate their pets' birthdays, confide in their animals, and carry pictures of them in their wallets.

So when your beloved pet dies, it's not unusual to feel overwhelmed by the intensity of your sorrow. Animals provide companionship, acceptance, emotional support, and unconditional love during the time they share with you. If you understand and accept this bond between humans and animals, you've already taken the first step toward coping with pet loss, knowing that it is okay to grieve when your pet dies.

Understanding how you grieve and finding ways to cope with your loss can bring you closer to the day when memories bring smiles instead of tears.

The grief process is as individual as the person, lasting days for one person or years for another. The process typically begins with denial, which offers protection until individuals can realize their loss. Some caregivers may try bargaining with a higher power, themselves, or even their pet to restore life. Some feel anger, which may be directed at anyone involved with the pet, including family, friends, and veterinarians. Caregivers may also feel guilt about what they did or did not do, and may feel that it is inappropriate to be so upset. After these feelings subside, caregivers may experience true sadness or grief.

They may become withdrawn or depressed. Acceptance occurs when they accept the reality of their loss and remember their animal companion with decreasing sadness.

Not everyone follows these classic stages of grief—some may skip or repeat a stage, or experience them in a different order.

- While grief is a personal experience, you need not face loss alone. Many forms of support are available, including pet bereavement counseling services, pet-loss support hotlines, local or online Internet bereavement groups, books, videos, and magazine articles. Here are a few suggestions to help you cope:
- Acknowledge your grief and give yourself permission to express it.
- Don't hesitate to reach out to others who can lend a sympathetic ear.
- Write about your feelings, either in a journal or a poem.
- Call your veterinarian or local animal shelter about available pet loss hotlines.
- Explore the Internet for pet loss support groups and coping information.

The loss of a pet may be a child's first experience with death. The child may blame himself, his parents, or the veterinarian for not saving the pet. And he may feel guilty, depressed, and frightened that others he loves may be taken from him. Trying to protect your child by saying the pet ran away could cause your child to expect the pet's return and feel betrayed after discovering the truth. Expressing your own grief may reassure your child that sadness is ok and help him work through his feelings.

Coping with the loss of a pet can be particularly hard for seniors. Those who live alone may feel a loss of purpose and an immense emptiness. The pet's death may also trigger painful memories of other losses and remind caregivers of their own mortality. What's more, the decision to get another pet is complicated by the possibility that the pet may outlive the caregiver, and hinges on the person's physical and financial ability to care for a new pet. For all these reasons, it's critical that senior pet owners take immediate steps to cope with their loss and regain a sense of purpose. If you are a senior, try interacting with friends and family, calling a pet loss support hotline, even volunteering at a local humane society. If you know seniors in this situation, direct them to this page, and guide them through the difficult grieving process.

Surviving pets may whimper, refuse to eat or drink, and suffer lethargy, especially if they had a close bond with the deceased pet. Even if they were not the best of friends, the changing circumstances and your emotional state may distress them. However, if your remaining pets continue to act out of sorts, there could actually be a medical problem that requires your veterinarian's attention. Give surviving pets lots of TLC, and try to maintain a normal routine. It's good for them and for you. Each animal has his own unique personality and a new animal cannot replace the one you lost. You'll know when the time is right to adopt a new pet after giving yourself time to grieve, carefully considering the responsibilities of pet ownership, and paying close attention to your feelings.

When you're ready, remember that your local animal shelter or rescue group is a great place to find your next special friend.

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Animal Control Laws of Antrim County

Antrim County has ordinances pertaining to confinement and treatment of animals for the safety of the general public as well as your pet. Below are some points of interest that you should familiarize yourself with to avoid violations.

Section 800.1. It shall be unlawful for the owner of any dog, ferret or other animal, licensed or unlicensed, to permit the animal to run at large or to enter upon the property of another without prior permission.

Section 800.2. It shall be unlawful for the owner of a dog, cat, ferret or other animal to permit the animal to be outside (including in an enclosed fenced area) and allowed to whine, yelp, howl, yowl, bark or make other sounds common to its species in such a manner that said noise could disturb adjoining property between the hours of 10:00 PM and 5:00 AM or at any other time in a habitual manner. This section excludes hunting dogs while engaged in the act of hunting and any activity protected as a farm or farm operation. It also excludes a person with a current kennel license or a licensed veterinarian who keeps or harbors dogs, cats, or ferrets in the regular course of operating a commercial veterinary hospital or clinic, or an animal control shelter/animal protection shelter.

Section 800.3. It shall be unlawful for the owner of a dog, cat, ferret or other animal to permit or to create a malodorous or unsanitary waste conditions on the owner's property or to create a malodorous or unsanitary waste condition anywhere on the property of another person. This provision shall not include any animal or activity protected within or upon any farm or farm operation.

Section 800.4. No animal shall injure or destroy any real or personal property belonging to another person, including but not limited to breaking or tearing open any garbage bag or

container or otherwise spreading garbage or rubbish on another person's real property. The owner of the animal will be held responsible for such acts.

Section 800.5. No person shall have, keep or harbor more than a total of seven (7) or more dogs, cats, or ferrets or any combination of same over the age of four (4) months, at the same house, single apartment unit, or any type of structure or enclosure; yard or real property, or any other place within the County. This section, however, shall not apply to a person with a current kennel license, breeders or hobby breeders of ferrets pursuant to the provisions of Act 358 of Public Acts of 1994, as amended, or to a licensed veterinarian who keeps or harbors dogs, cats, or ferrets in the regular course of operating a commercial veterinary hospital or clinic, animal control shelter or animal protection shelter.

Section 800.6. It shall be unlawful for any owner to have any dog over 4 months of age or any ferret over 12 weeks old without a license securely attached to a substantial collar.

Section 800.7. A guard dog shall not be kept upon any property unless the guard dog is within an enclosed building or fenced area, which has a sign posted upon the property, prominently displayed and clearly visible to the public, containing the words "WARNING-GUARD DOG".

Section 800.8. No owner or authorized agent of an owner of any guard dog will permit such a guard dog to be outside of an enclosed building or fenced area unless such guard dog is upon a leash not longer than 6 feet in length.

Please note these sections were edited slightly for space. The complete 11 page ordinance including the entire Section 800 is available in pdf format online at:

www.antrimcounty.org/downloads/animal-control-ord.pdf



ADOPT-A-PET!

Taffy was brought to Antrim County Animal control as a stray. Never claimed and not adopted, animal control needed to make room for incoming cats. Taffy is in WaL-HFMMF care now along with Jasmine and they are fast becoming friends. Taffy is a character; she has no fear and is so sure of herself. No self esteem issues with her :) Not only is she beautiful but she would make a wonderful addition to any family who would promise to love her forever!



Jasmine was dropped at the Antrim County Animal Control along with the rest of her litter. Once everyone was cleaned up and treated for ear mites, worms, etc. the kittens were put up for adoption. However after 2 1/2 months at the shelter it was time to move on. Jasmine is now with WaLHFMMF waiting for her forever home. She is shy until she gets to know you and then she is such a charmer! Jasmine was sprung from Animal Control along with Taffy and they are becoming good friends. If there is someone out there looking for a new best friend Jasmine would love to be yours.



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Progress Update: Animal Related Bills in Lansing

Hoarding: Pending

Bill Number: MI H.B. 5946

HSUS Position: Support

Legislature Status: In Session

Provides that a person's affection for or humanitarian purpose in acquiring animals is not a defense to animal cruelty.

Abandonment of Exotic Pets: Pending

Bill Number: MI H.B. 5961 and H.B. 5962

HSUS Position: Support

Legislature Status: In Session

Makes it a Class F felony to abandon an exotic animal or allow their release into the wild.

Dangerous Animals: Pending

Bill Number: MI H.B. 1258 and H.B. 1259

HSUS Position: Support

Legislature Status: In Session

Makes it a class F felony to own a dangerous animal who kills a person.

Animal Torture: Pending

Bill Number: MI H.B. 6007 & H.B. 6008

HSUS Position: Support

Legislature Status: In Session

Increases the penalties for killing or torturing an animal to a Class D felony. Requires psychological counseling evaluation.

Animal Fighting: Pending

Bill Number: **MI S.B. 1405 & S.B. 1406**

HSUS Position: **Support**

Legislature Status: **In Session**

Provides for penalties for engaging, soliciting, or possessing items that depict animal fighting and for recording, baiting, or shooting an animal.

Pet Lemon Law: Pending

Bill Number: MI H.B. 5738

HSUS Position: Support

Legislature Status: In Session

Creates protections for purchasers of cats and dogs.

Swine in Canned Hunts: Pending

Bill Number: MI H.B. 6339

HSUS Position: Support

Legislature Status: In Session

Prohibits owning or possessing feral swine, including for confinement on a shooting preserve.

Pet Dealers: Pending

Bill Number: **MI H.B. 6395**

HSUS Position: **Support**

Legislature Status: **In Session**

Creates a licensing scheme for pet sellers, requires them to provide health certificates, undergo background checks and prevents those convicted of cruelty from getting a license.

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