

# Among Friends

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*News, views and updates from the Pet Crisis Center*



## WITH a LITTLE HELP FROM MY FRIENDS, INC.

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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 Sunday and Monday

## Annual Events

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Cider Tasting and Auction

Thursday, September 7, 2017

### 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Chili Cook Off

Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017

### 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Garage Sale

Saturday, June 9, 2018

**Check our website and Facebook page for more info and events throughout the year.**

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

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**Visit our GREAT adoptable PETS at Petfinder.com and WaLHFMF.org**

**You can also Donate Online!**



## ADOPT-A-PET!

Hello! My name is Snow White, and I am (as you can see) a Princess. Naturally, I am revered for my looks (which are quite extraordinary) but also for my royal nature that keeps me from mixing harmoniously with the peasants with whom I am forced by circumstance to keep company. Even Princesses have hopes and dreams, and mine is for a home where I can reign supreme and give all of my precious purrs and kisses to one or two favored subjects who will become my forever family.



## Wish List —

*Below is our summer 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)
- 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)*



## ADOPT-A-PET!

*I am a lucky little Penny! Lucky because at age 8 I find myself in the company of my new friends here at the Center! I am a little girl MinPin! At any rate, I am full of energy and love and I know that with my luck, a new forever home is in the near future. Meanwhile, I am anxiously awaiting my next play date with my new buddies!*

## 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
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- Residue of your estate

**For more information contact  
With a Little 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!*

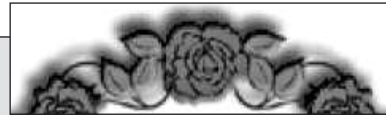
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## In Memory Of GILBERT RICHARDS

Gilbert Richards believed in the center and its mission when the building was just a shell. He was one of the first to donate towards the medical fund and he did not stop there, every birthday and holiday Gil asked his loved ones to support the center. Gil was a kind soul who touched many, his love for all animals will not be forgotten.



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*Edward Castleberry*

*Your friends at Centro, INC.*

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## GILBERT RICHARDS

*(continued)*

To honor the life of Gilbert and to honor all of the help that Gil gave me – *Dr Margaret and Daniel Cunningham*

*J Cromer Mashburn Family Foundation*

*Shelden Jospey Foundation*

A wonderful friend –  
*Sallie and Steve Foley*

*Jay Goldberg*

One of the finest men I ever knew!  
He is up in heaven telling old stories with my dad. Rest in Peace Gil! – *Greg Hatfield*

Such a warm person & big hearted.  
*Bob and Marjorie McClements*

A wonderful man and a great animal lover –  
*Lorie and Bill Houghland*  
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In celebrations of a life well lived,  
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In Memory of Gil and is love for all creatures in need.  
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**In loving memory of my husband Chuck Atkinson, who believed in the important work you do!**  
*Lilo Atkinson*

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**Anita Marten Roland Bunny**  
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**Those who left paw prints on our hearts**  
*Great Lakes Pet Memorial & Crematory*

**Our dog, Kevin, who we lost to cancer**  
*Doug and Arliss Wickstrom*  
**Emerald (Emmy) and Erin**  
*Michael and Sandra Lininger*  
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*Bill and Mona Minish*

## In Honor Of

**Tom and Connie Kiessel**  
*William and Susan Johnson*

**For our dad and grandfather, Gilbert Richards. Merry Christmas, R! We love you!**  
*Kirby, Brian, Fiona, Jackie & Angus*

**Gilbert Richards, Merry Christmas!**  
*Michele Candy & Gilbert Richards III*

**Chris and Merrie Corbett and their beloved "Hart"**  
*James Barber*  
**Jackie Lualdi**  
*Leslie Blissett*

**Big Kitty**  
*The Proudfood Family*

**Merry Christmas**  
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*Michele Renner*

**Bret and Andie Dewey**  
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**Thanks for the tow out of the driveway Bill Minish**  
*Chris and Erin Evans*

**Chris and Merrie Corbett**  
*Pat Czikra*

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**Send your donation and In Memory Of or In Honor Of to:**  
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**Bellaire, Michigan 49615**





# Happy Endings & Happy T



*Bear found his perfect retirement home, a great back yard and lots of car rides! What more could an old dog want? Oh a lap, he has that too!*



*When Mac is not posing for the camera he keeps his new family safe. The squirrels who dare to forage for seed fallen from the bird feeder receive an ear shattering bark that drives them away!*



*No one can get enough of Carl! He is such a character and keeps his family entertained constantly.*



*Conrad could not be happier to be a member of the Brady Family. He takes his job of family snuggler very seriously!*



*Barbie & Payton aka Luna & Grayson found the perfect home, complete with a great bird watching window!*



*Ellie Mae snagged herself a great home when she was just a wee kitten. She is growing into such a pretty kitty!*



*Flo was a proud finisher of the Boyne City Turkey Trot along with her brother Miller (left) and Parents Marcia Brigham and Jerry Levesque!*

*Johnna found her match and the best window for smells. She is beyond spoiled in her new home with her brother Ro (behind).*





# Times Here at the Center!



*Ralphie is one photogenic pooch! When he is not posing for the camera he is busy on adventures to the lake or in the woods with his Mom.*



*Once Sven aka Lynx burns off all his kitten energy racing around his tunnels he can, and will, sleep anywhere!*



*Duke is enjoying his retirement years with Marney (behind). They spent the winter in California and are back to the lake for the summer. Sounds ruff!*



*Tina and Gurtie became best friends after they met in the cat room. Thankful for the right home, who saw this friendship and could not break it up. The girls are loving their new home needless to say!*



*As you can see Webster has all he needs after being safe from the street life. Instead of looking for food now he looks for the best nap spot with his brother (left).*

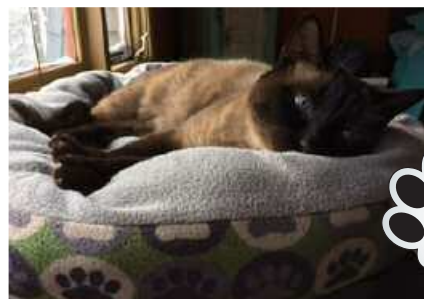


*Technology is not just for humans. The center's feline residents, big and small just love to play on iPads.*

*Sammie has settled into the Astle Family. Her canine and human brother keep her entertained and if they don't there is always a great place to nap!*



*Zoey does not want for a thing, just the way she wants it. When not enjoying a long nap in the sun she plays with her sister enjoying the spoiled dog life!*



*Daisy and Lady tried their hardest to make the cut this Christmas. They may not be part of Santa's team but they did each find just the right home to make their dreams come true!*





## Lazarus



It didn't take long for the ancient Egyptians to realize the importance of storing grain. Unfortunately, grain silos attract rodents and rodents carry disease. Simultaneously, it didn't take long for wild cats to discover a perpetual food source near the Egyptians. Slowly over time, cats

moved in closer and closer to humans. Pure, natural hunters, the feline class are superior predators. Soon, humans and cats were living together in a symbiotic relationship. The cats kept the rodents at bay and the humans had safe food to eat.

According to the Chinese calendar, I was born in the year of the Tiger. There is no question I'm a cat person. My family always kept a Siamese cat for a pet while I was growing up. My first cat was a seal point named Trouble. She lived up to her name. My second cat was a blue point named Suki. She was the runt of the litter and when she was a kitten she could fit in my shirt pocket. She lived for an impressive seventeen years! Then along came Akiku, another blue point. She loved the outdoors but one night

she left and never came back. To this day I don't know what happened to her. I feared the worst. She was gone forever.

I began to volunteer at a local animal shelter: With A Little Help From My Friends, Pet Crisis Center in Bellaire. It helped me heal following the death of my cat. Walk the dogs, play with the kittens, clean the kennels, dust or mop where needed. While I was volunteering, a newborn kitten arrived. He was a Siamese lynx discovered in a barn, barely alive and all alone. He was taken to the Vet and died twice! Two down, seven to go. When he arrived at the shelter he was in pretty rough shape. He needed to be bottle fed. He had a crossed eye and a bald, ratty tail. Brain damage could not be ruled out. A small kitten, he was often startled by the other cats and once sought shelter in my lap.

I'm a firm believer that love and nurture brings forth life and vitality. In no time at all, he was back to full health and strutting around the clowder. He went from sickly and weak to sleek and strong. His crooked eye straightened out and new fur grew on his tail. I knew right away I wanted to give him a forever home. He captured my heart.

I can't begin to express how much I love this little cat or how much joy he's brought into my life. I'm pretty sure I know the reason why cats have nine lives. It's not because of luck or superstition. It's because of the caring and compassion of some truly remarkable human beings. Many thanks to everyone who helped keep this little kitten alive until he came into my life. From the bottom of my heart, thank you!

— Alan Stadelman

## ADOPT-A-PET!



*Yoda: My name speaks volumes about my personality. Although I am a mere kitten of 9 months, I have a wise and insightful mind which, combined with my wide-eyed view of the world, make me completely irresistible. I love to play and if I could only have a fur sibling in a home of my own, I would so love to share my wisdom with him or her. Around here it is hard to get anyone to listen to my philosophical musings—most of my kitty companions are simply not interested in the ideas of a baby, as they call me. Please listen when I say I have much to share with my forever family.*



*Rizzo is a rather unusual name for a lady cat, but you see, my Mom was named Sandra Dee and I had many brothers and sisters who all lived here with me at the Center. We were very happy together, but since everyone was adopted but me, I am kinda lonely. I am very attractive and, at one year old, fully grown. My sleek black fur and brilliant eyes make me a cat who could easily star in a musical of my own, but I really need to get started. Maybe you could be my agent (adoptive mom or dad), and get me a starring role in a home of my very own.*



*The name Delores means sorrowful. Wow! That is certainly NOT WHO I AM! I am a beautiful female calico, aged 3 years who loves to play and be played with. I love other humans (like me), but not so much those fluff balls I live with. I am looking for a home where I can show my human parents just what a joyful kitty I really am.*



*In Italian, Bella means beautiful! That is both my name and a description of my looks. I am known as a MinPin/Chi mix. I am not sure what that is exactly, but I heard one of the volunteers say that I have the best traits of both the Miniature Pinscher and Chihuahua! Well...I have to agree—I am quite remarkable. I really enjoy peace and quiet, so a calm and loving home is what I am hoping for. I am also a bit on the shy side, but once I get to know you, I just can't wait to shower you with love. I am only 3 years old, so I could easily get used to another small and gentle dog. Cats are o.k. too, surprising as it may seem! Ciao, Bella*

# 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 Residents** for their outpouring of support!
- **The Blue Pelican Inn** for a fantastic job hosting the Women & Wine for Wags Art Show and fundraiser
- **Central Lake School Shop Class** and **Gary Johnson** for making a wonderful cat tower.
- **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.
- All the **Local Artists** that donated to the Women & Wine for Wags Art Show and fundraiser
- **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 support and donations of community cash.
- **Wags to Wiskers Pet Supplies** in Gaylord for their donations and support!

— All our **AMAZING VOLUNTEERS** who keep the center running smoothly —

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Village Markets any Family Fare, please mail them

to: WaLHFMMF' Pet Crisis Center

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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!



*Dervish is my name, playing is my game!  
I really am the perfect size---not too  
small and certainly not too large. I am  
very intelligent and sprightly and would  
appreciate a home where my keen sense  
of humor will be appreciated. I love  
attention and I like to hang out with my  
sister, Hazel. We don't have to live  
together, you understand, but here at the  
Center, we like to play together and are  
pretty good at sharing the couch and  
TV! Like Hazel, I am 5 years old and  
quite active. I too am a Rat Terrier, and  
a very handsome one at that as you can  
see from my picture. Please come and  
meet us soon.*

*Hazel calling...I am so much fun to watch and play  
with. I am known as a Rat Terrier (which I think is  
odd since I am clearly NOT a rodent)! I am a 3 year  
old with the heart and soul of a puppy. Although I  
am quite well mannered, I dearly love attention and  
would like very much to be in a home of my own  
where I can have my own soft bed, my own chew toys  
and my own family. I am here with my brother  
Dervish—who will tell you his own version of our  
story.*

