

Among Friends

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News, views and updates on animal issues in Antrim County



**WITH
A LITTLE
HELP FROM
MY FRIENDS**

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A non-profit corporation dealing with animal issues in Antrim County
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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 from 7:00pm-8:30pm. For information please call (231) 533-4070.

Annual Events

**Window Night Central Lake –
6th Annual Christmas Pet Photos**
Wednesday, December 1st, 2010
Photographer Melissa Zelenak

8th Annual Garage Sale
Saturday, May 28th, 2011

**10th Annual Chili Cook Off &
Silent Auction**
Sunday, Oct. 31st, 2010

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

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

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Keep a copy for yourself, entries can not be returned.



WaLHFMMF's vision to aid Antrim County residents and their pets during emergencies will soon be a reality, thanks to the many volunteers and donations. A new 2,400-sq. foot building that sits on the sanctuary property in Bellaire will house pets in sudden crisis.

Many people have already experienced situations where they had no where to turn during an emergency. This can be due to a temporary hospital stay, entering a nursing home, a family member's death or a home fire. Pet owners may be forced to make a very emotional decision in the midst of an already stressful time.

When this building opens we can begin to assist the residents of Antrim County with the many animal issues we face. Completed, the sanctuary will have an adoption program for pets whose families can't return for them. It's going to be a safe haven for those special pets with certain needs and adoption problems as they will be able to live out their lives in the sanctuary. The new building will also offer classes for people interested in animal welfare and workshops for the community groups and schools.

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ADOPT-A-PET!



Kitty Kat

"Kitty Kat" was living outside her first year of life, not that she wanted to. It was a cold first winter but thanks to a kind woman she is now spending her time indoors. She is shy at first but once she warms up to you loves the attention. There is no doubt Kitty Kat will make a great best friend!

If anyone would like to give this little gal a home, please contact WaLHFMMF at 231-533-4070

President's Corner



I am down in Alabama on vacation while writing this and I happened to see a Pedigree commercial that really touched home and said it all for me.

Don't feel sorry for the shelter dogs. They aren't broken. They don't need to be repaired. If they were humans we would consider them the wise ones. The ones with many tales to tell. Tales that most of the time deal with something a human did out of ignorance, neglect, evilness or maybe they simply moved and left their animal friends alone to fend for themselves.

These are animals that were dealt a bad hand in life yet face it with courage. Though caged and, in some cases, awaiting their death alone due to the action of some human, they are ready to trust and love again. No conditions necessary.

They are ready for the companionship of a human. A human who could drop them off along side the road or leave them tied out and forgotten. It is a chance they are willing to take. Their tails wag, their eyes plead. They are always ready to give a human, any human, another chance.

Please don't pity the shelter dog...adopt it!

Thanks for listening,
Heather Knust
President



In Memory Of

Harold, Steve & S'kitty
Nancy DeWeese

Kutya & Deeter
Vickilyn & Richard Olsafsky

Cory Smith
Jeannie
Art Craft Display
Lansing, MI

Cory Smith
Boco Enterprises

Cory Smith
Bill & Marian Steidenstucker

Cory Smith
Bill & Mona Minish

**Jeanne & Webb Templin,
my Mom & Dad**
Heather Knust

Max
Chuck & Lilo Atkinson

Jean Saur
Alice Manchester

Scott Webb Templin, my brother
Heather Knust

Kalli Cat
Rest in peace, you'll be missed!
Mona & Bill

**Meow One of the best little kitties
to show up at our door!**
Jim & Heather Knust

Gypsy
William & Karen Scadin

Piper
**Tammy Haberkorn &
WaLHFMF' darling kitty**
Heather & Mona

Merrimack & 8-Bit
Jon & Janet Koch

Faith & Leroy Brooks
Your beloved dog Molly

Debbie Shannon
Marlene Attridge

Debbie
We all miss you!
Mona

Marion Maurer, my mother
Ann Devergilio

Dixie (Kiessel kitty)
Sue Johnson

**Blue Eyes (one of the 40 cats
that were rescued in 2003)**
Rena's sweetheart!
Mona

Lightening & Smokey
Sarah Juntune

Brutus a beloved Great Dane
Barbara O'Hair

"Brother"
Eugene Sheldon

Maggie Zeeman
Cherished, loyal companion
Berry & Michelle Zeeman

Lacey our angel
Denny & Sheri Thompson

In Honor of

Cindy Wilson
Cherie Hogan

Hannah
Marne & Joann Homberg

Gipsy my best mate
Ryan McConnell

Josie Paulshock
Merry Christmas
Trudy & Will Brown

Chris & Merrie Corbett
The Blue Pelican staff

Indiana Jones my little best buddy
Loretta Spontz

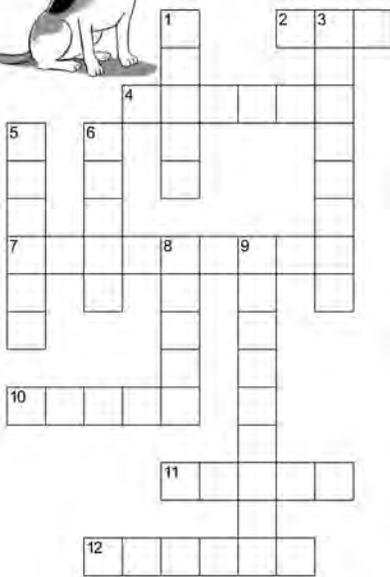
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as well as compassion for a loved one or beloved pet?**

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Canine Crossword



Across Clues:

2. When your dog needs its annual check-up, you take it to the _____.

4. Dogs are members of the _____ species.

7. Old English _____ are skilled in guiding sheep and cattle herds.

10. You should bathe a dog only when it is _____.

11. Always ask a dog's _____ for permission to pet a dog.

12. _____ decide which dogs become winners at dog shows.

3. In order to stay fit, most dogs need regular _____.

5. _____ Hounds have long ears and strong senses of smell.

6. Even in the winter your dogs need plenty of _____.

8. A cute, young _____ can grow to be a large adult dog.

9. _____ training helps your dog learn basic commands, such as heel, sit, and stay.



Down Clues:

1. Always use a _____ when you walk your dog.



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Answers on page 10 www.akc.org



Goobers

Owner Cheryl
Shannon of
Azusa, CA



Jake Crawford and Megan Delaney of Mancelona held a bake sale at the Glen's Market in Mancelona with proceeds going to WaLHFMF's new pet sanctuary. They also bought toys and supplies for the pets that will be staying there.

An Adoption Story...

This is how it begins... Unfortunately our family's first cat, Chassy who was 17 years old had died of old age. A couple weeks later my mom could NOT stand it any more—SHE JUST HAD TO GET A CAT!!!!!!! So we started to look at websites for adopting animals and the first cat we had looked at was Polly. We decided to call "With a Little Help From with My Friends" and Mona said Polly would not be the cat for us... BUT THEN she recommended Stella kitty for us. It was so great to have someone already know what the cat likes and what they don't to get the right home for them... and all involved. Mona said that we could adopt her if she thought that we were good for her... she waited for Stella to accept us. As soon as I saw her I immediately went to her and started to pet her. After my mom signed the adoption papers, I was so excited. Today I love her very, very much and so does my family—my little sis, Marisa and my dad, Shane and my mom, Kim. At first Stella was very loving but not at all a lap cat, but today she is a lap cat for everyone in my family. We are glad we adopted Stella.

— Jake Crawford

Note: Stella was "Susie", our featured pet in last winter's newsletter.

Jake and Stella



Dangers of Dogs in Pick Up Trucks

Dogs can easily fall, jump, or be thrown from the bed of a pick-up truck. Veterinarians and police officers report that countless dogs have been injured or killed after they were launched from pick-up trucks. They commonly suffer from multiple fractures, abdominal and thoracic trauma, and severe cuts and bruises. In many cases, dogs who manage to survive the fall are hit and killed by other vehicles. Tethering dogs to the trucks can also pose a danger because dogs that jump or fall may be hanged or dragged alongside the vehicle, causing terrible abrasions.

A survey conducted in 1988 by the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals found that 141 veterinarians in the state had treated 592 dogs who had been ejected from truck beds in that year alone. Imagine what the statistics are now!

Even if dogs do not fall, the hot metal of the truck can burn dogs' feet. Dogs riding in the hot sun without shade may suffer



from heatstroke. Several studies have indicated that covering the bed of the pick-up with a tarpaulin or shell may expose dogs or other passengers to potentially lethal carbon monoxide poisoning. In addition, dogs can get corneal ulcers when bugs, sand, debris, or other objects are blown into their eyes when trucks travel at high speeds.

The safest way for an animal to travel is inside the truck with his or her guardian. If that is not possible, leave the dog at home. In fact, it is illegal to drive with a dog in the bed of a pick-up in some cities, counties, and states. For example, Florida, New Hampshire, California, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Virginia, and Oregon have laws prohibiting and/or restricting animals in cargo beds of trucks. Check with your local animal control to find out what the ordinance is in your area.

Whenever possible, inform people about the dangers of driving with dogs in the back of pick-ups. You can also write a letter to the editor of your local paper, encouraging pick-up owners to keep their dogs up front with them.

*I Am an Animal Rescuer
My job is to assist all creatures*

*I was born with the need to fulfill their needs
I take in new family members without plan or forethought
I have bought dog food with my last dime
I have patted a mangy head with a bare hand
I have hugged someone vicious and afraid
I have fallen in love a thousand times
and I have cried into the fur of a lifeless body*

*I have "Animal Friends" and "friends who have animals"
I don't often use the word "pet"
I notice those lost at the road side
And my heart aches
I will hand raise a field mouse
And make friends with a vulture
I know of no creature unworthy of my time*

*We may be master of the animals,
But the animals have mastered themselves
Something people still haven't learned
War and abuse makes me hurt for the world
But a rescue that makes the news gives me
hope for mankind*

*We are a quiet, but determined army
And we are making a difference ever day*

*There is nothing more necessary than warming an orphan
Nothing more rewarding than saving a life
No higher recognition than watching them thrive
There is no greater joy than seeing a puppy play
Who only days ago, was too weak to eat*

*I am an Animal Rescuer
My work is never done
My home is never quiet
My wallet is always empty
But my heart is always full!*

In the game of life, I have already won!

— Author unknown

*Submitted by: Merrie Corbett
www.springerrescue.org
MI-ESRA Shelter Coordinator
Central Lake, MI*



Oliver's Story

When the kitten, later named Oliver, was found in the middle of a road in Mexico, he was probably only a week or two old. My brother-in-law, Bill, who has never ignored a stray cat or dog brought him to my sister, Kate. After she expelled several deep sighs, accepted the poor little thing.

Although not having much hope for his survival, they none the less took him to a local veterinarian.

Mexican vets have a "not to be defeated" attitude and Bill and Kate heard a lot of "si, si." They were given a kitten formula and a syringe type mouth feeder. My sister claims she

knows now what new mothers endure, as she was up every two hours throughout each night and day feeding him. She was also taught a technique to stimulate the elimination process.

They had been scheduled to come to Bellaire for some time, so when Oliver was barely two months old, off they went. By now, Kate had switched his diet to moist kitten food, which he lapped up with relish.

After being here about a week, I called Mona, for litter training suggestions. It took only about 5 or 6 tries putting him in it and him hopping out, before he got the message. Not only did he use the litter faithfully and regularly, he was meticulous about scratching and covering. We were all impressed and proud. We actually thought about changing his name from that of an orphan to that of a genius - "Albert"!

A very funny story regarding teeny, tiny Oliver and my (also Mexican adopted) cat, Daisy, who's big as a cougar. Daisy tried talking to Oliver in the strange language, using sounds I've never heard. Oliver, however, was in no mood for advice and hissed. Daisy leaped and bolted like he'd been threatened by a lion. What wimp!

Anyway, Oliver has thrived. He's healthy, playful and a real "brat cat". I'm leaving for Mexico in about a week, so will reunite with him.

— *Bonnie Murray, Bellaire*

The well-being of your "fur family" is solid evidence of the well-being of your own human heart.

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A Tired Visitor

An older, tired-looking dog wandered into my yard; I could tell from his collar and well-fed belly that he had a home and was well taken care of.

He calmly came over to me, I gave him a few pats on his head; he then followed me into my house, slowly walked down the hall, curled up in the corner and fell asleep.

An hour later, he went to the door, and I let him out.

The next day he was back, greeted me in my yard, walked inside and resumed his spot in the hall and again slept for about an hour. This continued off and on for several weeks.

Curious I pinned a note to his collar: "I would like to find out who the owner of this wonderful sweet dog is and ask if you are aware that almost every afternoon your dog comes to my house for a nap."

The next day he arrived for his nap, with a different note pinned to his collar: "He lives in a home with 6 children, 2 under the age of 3 - he's trying to catch up on his sleep. Can I come with him tomorrow?"

— Author Unknown

*Submitted by Larry Eckhardt
Central Lake, MI*



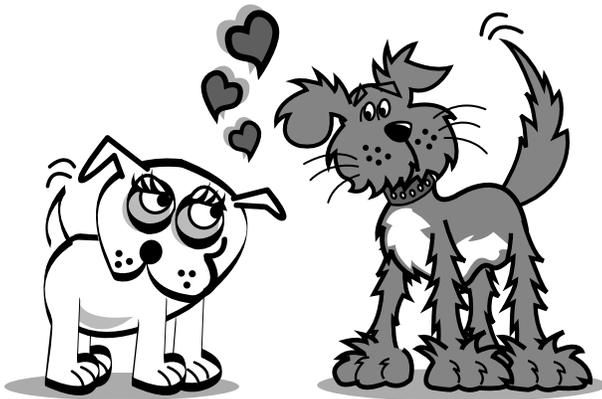
Be a part of the solution! Neuter your pet!

A neutered pet ...

- will be healthier
- will live longer
- will listen better and be easier to train
- will be calmer and more affectionate
- will be less likely to roam, run away, and fight with other animals
- will NOT produce kittens or puppies!

Invest in your pet's future ...

it's a small price to pay for a lifetime of love.



Hello — my name was Lonesome, but now it is Mr. Thomas. I was an orphan, not now...I'm the KING! I really love my new home; they have lots of soft pillows. I also have two new friends; Amber, the dog, and Obadiah, a Siamese cat. My two new servants give me lots of love, which I crave. If you are very fortunate you may be able to take one of my kind home.

*Sincerely,
Thomas*

Thomas was adopted from WaLHFMMF in 2009 by Carolyn and Stewart and Amber Lee Bryce, Bellaire.

Household Items that Double as Cat Toys

- Paper bags (remove any handles)
- Cardboard boxes (spice things up with a cat fort or make a cat scratcher)
- Old or torn sock (pour in some catnip to make it more interesting)
- Crumpled up scrap paper
- Milk rings (with supervision)
- Old newspaper
- Pencils (unsharpened) or pens (remove ink)
- Animal Planet also suggests:
- Toilet paper tubes (try putting treats inside)
- Wine cork
- Shower curtain rings
- Egg carton with treats inside

Note: for your cat's safety, don't let them play with anything smaller than a ping pong ball without supervision. Also be wary of strings and ribbons, cats can easily choke on these.



Winnie, adopted from WaLHFMMF May 2008.

Owners Betsy Davidson and Sheryl Coston, Traverse City.



Know the Risk Factors for Animal Neglect and Animal Abuse

Some situations, like moving and travel, are more likely to result in lost, neglected, abused, or injured pets. Read about the risk factors below for a more complete understanding of risks. Be aware of pets in your neighborhood who are at risk. Be a Good Samaritan for pets.

A note about the mortgage crisis: it has also created a crisis for some household pets of foreclosed-upon owners. The former homeowners leave their pets behind, trapped in empty homes, because they can't take their pets with them for various reasons. They don't understand that weeks or months may elapse before agents inspect the home. Please take action when a home is foreclosed upon in your neighborhood. Be a Good Samaritan. Go stand near the home and call out repeatedly for the pet; it may bark or meow or come to the window. Listen and watch for signs of life. Do this several days in a row because some traumatized pets may be frightened, too frightened to respond at first. You may save a life!

- Moving households—pets get trapped behind closed doors because they follow their owners everywhere when they sense that something is going on, and then the door shuts in their faces by accident
- Traveling with pets, who slip out a car door, get confused by unfamiliar surroundings, and run away because they are afraid
- Living next to busy highways—pets are injured or killed by vehicles
- Outside and farm dogs are at high risk for neglect in three ways: lack of food or water, lack of veterinary care, and exposure to extreme weather (heat, cold, storms)
- Dogs kept in large numbers, such as hunting or sled dogs, have a higher risk of neglect or bad living conditions
- Pets living in abusive households—the link between wife abusers and child/pet abusers is proven and common
- Pets waiting in parked cars on hot days—6 minutes or less is all it can take to heat your car interior above 100 degrees
- Dogs and cats that roam at will, without wearing collars and tags
- Dogs who have not been obedience-trained or house-trained are more likely to be dumped or kept on a chain or in a kennel
- Thunderstorms and fireworks that scare pets into running away
- Give-away pets—many end up in product-testing facilities
- Drug houses—addicted pet owners forget about feeding and watering their pets, or skimp on food to save money for drugs; worse, dogs are sometimes trained to attack strangers

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*Because animals seem to dwell in the present moment,
because their own presence is so instinctive,
their attention so unwavering, they offer us
a different kind of compassion than humans do.
Anyone is lucky to have both human and
animal comfort in their lives."*

— Author Brenda Peterson



Conner and Tiger

Simon was adopted from WaLHFMMF in 2007 by Jimmy, Gloria & Conner Campbell, Bellaire, MI

Here's Simon with best bud Tiger.



How To Save Your Pet's Life

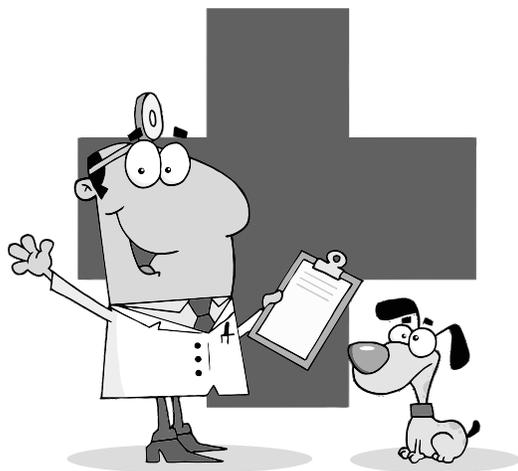
By Dr. Karen Halligan

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**

Is Your Dog Senile?

By Melissa Breyer, Senior Editor, *Healthy & Green Living*

Did you know that older dogs can exhibit signs of dementia just like older adults do? As your dog ages, you may find him appearing lost or confused in familiar surroundings, wandering aimlessly, seeming disoriented, or showing decreased responsiveness—among other symptoms. Although these signs can be caused by other undiagnosed health problems, in the end many dogs are diagnosed with cognitive dysfunction. Although this might just sound like a fancy name for old age, when the brains of dogs diagnosed with this disorder are autopsied, there are changes in the brain tissue very similar to what is seen in humans with Alzheimer's. What they find is the deposition of amyloid plaques in the cerebral cortex and hippocampal part of the brain; alterations in neurotransmitters, including dopamine; increased levels of monoamine oxidase B (MAOB) in the brain; and increased levels of free radicals



It's important to note that these signs may be caused by other undiagnosed health problems in your dog including thyroid disease and arthritis, so the first step when your dog exhibits one of these behaviors is to have him seen by his veterinarian for a full physical and blood work.

Not all dogs exhibit all symptoms, and some may simply show odd behavior, such as agitation or barking for no apparent reason. The clinical symptoms of cognitive dysfunction are progressive and will eventually impair the dog. Interestingly, the rate of dogs affected at 10 years old, 12 years old, or 14 years old, mirrors the age-related demographic for cognitive dysfunction in humans.

Symptoms of cognitive dysfunction in dogs

The symptoms for cognitive dysfunction vary from dog to dog. If your dog is showing any of these signs, it is important for you to make an appointment with the veterinarian to rule out other health problems.

Disorientation	No longer stands for petting (walks away)
Wanders aimlessly	Less enthusiastic greeting
Appears lost or confused in the yard or house	No longer greets owners
Gets "stuck" in corners or behind furniture	Abnormal Sleep/Wake Patterns
Stares into space or at walls	Sleeps more in a 24 hour day
Has difficulty finding the door	Sleeps less during the night
Does not recognize familiar people	Decrease in activity
Does not respond to verbal cues or name	Increase in wandering or pacing
Appears to forget reason for going outdoors	Loss of Housetraining
Decreased or Altered Response to Family Members	Urinate/defecates indoors
Solicits attention less	Signals less to go outdoors

What you can do if your dog is diagnosed with cognitive dysfunction, talk to your vet about options. He or she may suggest medication—there are pharmaceuticals that have shown success in treatment. However, holistic treatment has shown to be successful as well. Holistic approaches include:

- Antioxidant treatment
- Supplements of omega-3 fatty acids
- B vitamin supplementation
- Mental stimulation including playing, walking, petting, and talking
- Extra attention and guidance during his daily activities
- Keep your yard fenced and to use a leash when walking your dog to minimize the risk of getting lost
- Try to avoid making any sudden changes to his surroundings or his daily activities in order to minimize confusion
- Lots of love and affection

Progress Update: Animal Related Bills in Lansing

House Bill 4663, known as Koda's Law, would eliminate pound seizure. Pound seizure is the practice of allowing shelter cats and dogs to be used in experimental research. Koda's Law permits veterinary training and research activities with shelter cats and dogs, including spay-neuter training, correcting pre-existing medical conditions and allowing blood banks to obtain blood.

House Bill 6042/6043, sponsored by Reps. Rick Jones and Fred Miller and modeled after legislation drafted by the American Humane Association with the assistance of the State Bar of Michigan Animal Law Section, would ensure that the state's unwanted, sick or unadoptable shelter animals will be euthanized only with injection of sodium pentobarbital. American Humane considers euthanasia by injection to be the only acceptable and humane means of euthanasia.

House Bill 5762 would make it illegal to own or possess non-human primates as pets. Violations could mean fines from \$250-\$1,000; jail time up to 93 days and 500 hours of community service. The bill exempts zoos, research labs, veterinarians, primate sanctuaries, law enforcement or those that are kept under a permit. The bill has passed 2 committees and should be scheduled for a vote in the House of Representatives at any time.

Senate Bill 1122, amends MCL 750.50b to specify periods when a court may order the convicted animal abuser to stay away from animals:
(a) For a first violation, not less than 5 years or for the lifetime of the defendant.

(b) For a second violation, not less than 15 years or for the lifetime of the defendant.
(c) For a third or subsequent conviction, not less than 15 years or for the lifetime of the defendant. This bill also requires a court to order an abuser to pay for the costs of prosecution, care including veterinary care for an animal seized for abuse or neglect and place the animal with a humane society or other animal welfare agency.

House Bill 5655 would amend the Revised Judicature Act (600.4702) to allow, in the case of a crime involving animal fighting, all real or personal property to be subject to forfeiture if it contributed directly and materially to the commission of the crime, was used to conceal the crime, was used to escape from the scene of the crime, or was used to conceal the identify of one or more of the individuals who committed the crime. Also subject to forfeiture would be real and personal property that are the proceeds of a crime.

House Bill 5656 would amend Chapter 25A of the Michigan Penal Code, entitled "Criminal Enterprises" (750.159g et al.). Under the code, racketeering is defined as committing, attempting to commit, conspiring to commit, or aiding or abetting, soliciting, coercing, or intimidating a person to commit an offense for financial gain that includes any of the listed criminal acts. The bill would amend this list to include a violation of Section 49, concerning animal fighting.

These bills have passed the House and remain in the Senate Judiciary Committee. Contact your state representatives and senators to urge them to support these bills.

You can contact any of these elected officials at www.michigan.gov

Carl Levin, Senator
Debbie Stabenow, Senator
Bart Stupak, Representative

Jennifer Granholm, Governor
Kevin Elsenheimer, House
Jason Allen, MI Senate

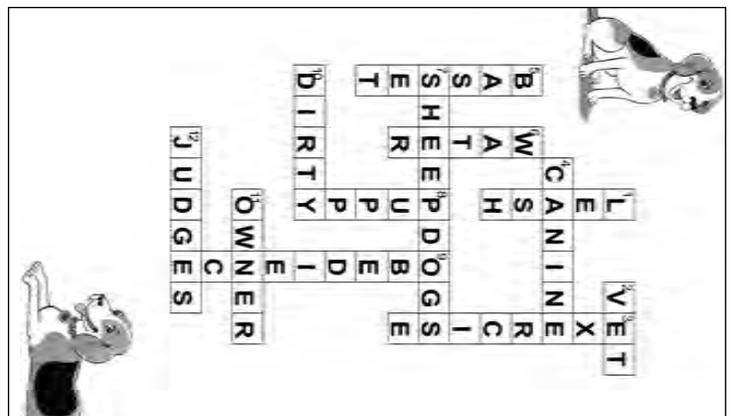


Laydi Joi
Owners Dave & Joyce Looman, Alden



Sophie
Adopted from WaLHFMF in 2009 by Sue Ellinwood and Cyndi Ellinwood-Boyer. Sophie lives in Fort Wayne, Indiana and will be spending her summers in northern MI.

Don't Cheat!
Answers to Crossword Puzzle on Page 3.



Preparing to Open: Phase III

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Watching this building come together has made WaLHFMMF realize more than ever how much Antrim County really cares about their pets and just how much a facility like this is needed here.

In order to open in 2010, more donations are needed to prepare the dog and cat areas as well as setting up the office and vet clinic. Please consider making a tax deductible contribution today to impact the lives of Antrim County pets tomorrow.

For more information or to receive email updates please visit www.walhfmf.org or call 231-533-4070.

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 to WaLHFMMF.
- **Antrim County Review** for their donation and help with PR.
- **Antrim County Veterinarians** and their caring staff for taking care of the animals.
- **Helena Township Hall** for the continued use of their facility.
- **Antrim County Businesses** for their support of the Silent Auction and other events.
- Jack Bodis of **Creative Characters** in Central Lake for his help in the formatting and printing of this newsletter.
- All the **Antrim County Restaurants** that kindly donate chili for our cook-off every October.

A Very Special Thank You to those who have made donations and worked hard getting the sanctuary ready to open!

Buffman Excavating Central Lake, excavating and septic
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