


Creating a no more homeless pets (no-kill) state



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Did you know in Michigan, the number of pets euthanized can be as high as 80% in some shelter? Many of these animals are healthy kittens, puppies, cats, and dogs. When we join our voices and efforts we can make change.



New Website will help give Pet Lovers an organized voice in Michigan

We finally have the new website up and running and hopefully worked the bugs out www.michiganpetfund.org. As time goes by the website will become more robust. However, we need your help in doing so. It is our goal to make it the single source of news and events for companion animals in Michigan. If you want your event listed....go to [Adoption Events & Things To Do](#) and fill out the form to post it on the site. If you have news you want to share - go to [What's Going On](#) and send us an e-mail.

Hopefully there will come a time when only fun enjoyable information is listed on our website. However, now we need to rally Michigan Pet Lovers to institute changes. We need to apply pressure to stop the handful of shelters that still [gas animals](#) or [sell shelter animals](#) to Class B dealers. We need to educate our elected officials that using euthanasia as a means of eliminating overpopulation is bad government and wasting taxpayer's dollars. We need to make our voices heard and let U of M know they need to STOP [using shelter dogs for trauma tests](#).



Book mark the website as a favorite, visit it often, and let us know what is happening in your neck of the woods so we can post it. Finally, suggest to your friends, relatives, neighbors, veterinarian, shelter staff, rescue organization volunteers, pet supply store to - [sign-up to receive our electronic newsletter](#). The more Pet Lovers become aware - the sooner we will be a *No More Homeless Pets* state.

Michigan Pet Fund Alliance, formerly the Oakland Pet Fund, was formed to bring the *No More Homeless Pets (no-kill)* philosophy and programs to Michigan.

This 21st Century approach includes new thinking about animal welfare, effective programs and best practices. When Shelters and Rescues follow the program, we will solve the problem of companion animal overpopulation - which will eliminate the need to euthanize both healthy and treatable animals to provide sheltering space. For more information, call 877-FUR-PALS or visit <http://www.michiganpetfund.org/>

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Tax Time

Did you know that you can contribute to the Animal Welfare Fund on your tax return? The funds go to support spay/neuter procedures and education. Your contribution makes a difference. Check the box on your Michigan Tax return and designate it to the Animal Welfare Fund.



PCRМ objects to U of M's use of shelter dogs

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

The University of Michigan has their medical students practice emergency trauma intervention techniques on live shelter dogs, and then, after the dogs have been cut open, injected, and thoroughly used up, they kill them.

The University's use of perfectly healthy dogs for this purpose is not only unconscionable, it is illegal, according to the [Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine](#) (PCRМ), which has filed a formal complaint against the University of Michigan's Ann Arbor facility with the USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, alleging that the practice is a violation of the federal Animal Welfare Act "because the principal investigator provided false information about alternative non-animal technologies to justify animal use in his protocol."

[for more information and what you can do](#)

Spay B4V

A new public awareness campaign is being launched [Spay before V](#). Over the years, public awareness campaigns have made great progress in reducing the pet overpopulation. Thirty years ago, 10% of cats and dogs in the United States were spayed or neutered, today that number has increased to over 60%. As spay/neuter rates have increased, the shelter death toll has steadily dropped. In 1970, more than 20 million cats and dogs were euthanized, today the number is 4 million - 109,000 in Michigan. Plus...it decreases your pet's chances of getting cancer by 90% and of course a pregnancy by 100%.



Michigan Pet Fund Alliance encourages you to spay/neuter your pet as soon as they are 8 weeks old and weigh at least 2 pounds.

Michigan's Low-cost Spay/Neuter Clinics

Did you know there are two full time [low-cost spay/neuter](#) clinics in Michigan? One is located in Warren in Southeast Michigan - [All About Animals](#) and in Kentwood on the west





side of the state - [C-Snip](#). Both clinics are available to the general public and rescue organizations.



Michigan Animal Welfare conversation to start next month

Starting next month - we kick off our first article "What is No-Kill". We will then invite your comments at the website blog. If you have an issue you feel we need to discuss - - - let us know info@michiganpetfund.org.



Selling Shelter Animals for Research

There are 4 shelters in Michigan that sell or give animals to Class B dealers. Don't lose your pet in those counties because next week they could be part of a lab experiment....concern you? It does us....[read more](#)



Rosemary Guaiana Dumas Medical Assistance Fund established

The Pet Fund set as a goal to establish a medical assist fund to assist individuals with the medical treatment of their animals that might otherwise be euthanized due to lack of financial resources. In the fall of 2008, the Beatrice Paul Foundation provided the Michigan Pet Fund Alliance with a seed grant to launch the program in Memory of Rosemary Guaiana Dumas (September 18, 1951 - April 18, 2008).

Susan Garin, spokesperson for the foundation, noted that "the foundation felt it important to honor the memory of Rosemary who loved her dogs Wesley & Charley (her furry children) in establishing a program which would have been near and dear to her heart." Rosemary unfortunately couldn't always provide the finances she needed to care for her dogs' due to her own illness which resulted in more than a year in 6 hospitals that left her without money and insurance to cover her own medication and treatment.

John Dumas, Rosemary's husband, her sister Jaye Guaiana Beste and other family members were present when the Michigan Pet Fund Alliance was presented with the check to launch the program.

Program requirements and applications are anticipated to be available by summer.

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