

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



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Your Help Needed to Stop Shelter Gassing & Pound Seizure

The House Committee on Agriculture voted on July 1 to pass **House Bills 6042 and 6043** (to ban gas chamber euthanasia of shelter cats and dogs) and **House Bill 4663** (to ban pound seizure for shelter dogs and cats)! Great news for Animal Welfare in Michigan.



In order to prevent opposition, the committee voted to pass the gas chamber bill with two amendments: one that states the bill does not affect farm animals and another that specifies a Jan. 1, 2012, effective date. Also to prevent opposition, the committee voted to amend the pound seizure bill to allow research facilities to obtain stray animals.

The bills now head to the House for a floor vote. We need you to do two things.

1. E-mail House Speaker Andy Dillion andydillon@house.mi.gov and ask him to set the bills for a vote in July.
2. [Contact your representative](#) and ask them to support these bills. Your phone call or e-mail will make a difference in passing these bills.



2011 Michigan No-Kill Conference - SAVE THE DATE

Michigan Pet Fund Alliance 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 we will eliminate the need to euthanize both healthy and treatable animals due to lack of sheltering space/resources. For more information, call 877-FUR-PALS or visit www.michiganpetfund.org/

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Renew Your Kroger Account
A big Thank You to everyone that signed up with the Kroger Rewards

The Michigan Pet Fund Alliance is producing Michigan's first No-Kill Conference. The conference will be held in Ann Arbor on **Friday, March 25th**. The conference sessions are targeted to shelter staff and volunteers, rescue volunteers, and animal welfare supporters. Most sessions will feature Michigan Shelters and Rescues that are leading Michigan to a No-Kill status through their efforts. Mark your Calendar and plan to attend.



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Want to join the conference committee? Let us know ... info@michiganpetfund.org



Pet-A-Palooza

Michigan's largest adoption event is right around the corner - July 24th and 25th at the Palace of Auburn Hills. Like the International Auto Show, potential adopters have an opportunity to check out hundreds of makes and models and find the furry one that best fits their family and life style and take them home that day. If you have a place in your heart for a homeless cat, dog or bunny mark your calendar and plan to attend. If you are a shelter or rescue group, it [may not be too late](#) to be part of this [great event](#) and find forever homes for those in your care.



WWJ Blog Pet Blog

Michigan Pet Fund Alliance Chairperson Deborah Schutt writes a [Pet Blog for WWJ TV CBS Detroit](#). We invite you to follow her postings.



Trap Neuter Return Workshops

All About Animals and Kitty Fixers are conducting TNR Workshops. Attendees learn how to care for the feral and stray cats in their neighborhood and gain access to special services, including discount spay/neuter at All About Animals Rescue Clinic, free trap rentals, expert advice, and assistance, and more!

Topics covered are: how to trap, best ways to trap, feeding, how to manage the colony, winter



Program and named the **Michigan Pet Fund Alliance** as your chosen charity. We now must ask all new and existing participants to again link their Kroger Plus Cards to the Michigan Pet Fund Alliance. Kroger requires new enrollment each year around April 1st. To [Enroll or Re-Enroll visit](#), "Michigan" and click on "Enroll".



All participants must have a valid online account at Kroger.com and must sign up online to participate.

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[Rescue Organizations and Shelters post your event on the Pet Fund Calendar.](#)

Adopt a Shelter Pet Stamps

Postmaster General John E. Potter unveiled the *Animal Rescue: Adopt a Shelter Pet* commemorative postage stamps and announced the Stamps to the Rescue promotional campaign.

shelter, working with neighbors, educating the community, tricks and other helpful advice. Written materials are provided and techniques demonstrated. Join the TNR movement in Southeast Michigan! Call 586-879-1745 or tnr@allaboutanimals.org.

Puppy-Mill Awareness

What happens when enough families purchase sick dogs and learn about puppy mills? The public gets angry. They want to know how to stop puppy mills. It is a simple case of supply and demand. If we stopped buying or "rescuing" from pet stores and on the internet, the puppy pet trade would collapse.

The simple answer is education. To date, approximately 36 of the 46 Michigan puppy selling pet stores are located in Southeast Michigan. Since Michigan only has six USDA licensed dog



breeders, there are not enough high volume breeders to meet the pet store demands. This means the pet stores have to ship in the puppies from out of state breeders. According to our recent pet store study, most of these breeders are located in the Midwest "puppy mill belt" states.

The *Puppy Mill Awareness Meetup of Southeast Michigan* is set out to do more than educate the public about the pet store's link to puppy mills. We are a grass roots organization confronting pet stores and demanding change through our Petland and Family Puppy Campaigns.

Members of the Meetup can volunteer to help at our information booths, attend a protest, learn how to lobby, and participate in special projects such as our Puppy Friendly Pet Store initiative. We are asking pet supplies stores across the state to pledge not to sell puppies, but instead support local animal adoption programs. So far we have nearly 100 stores in Michigan sign up!

We hope to end the mass production of dogs in commercial kennels (puppy mills) by keeping the focused on education, lobbying for stronger laws and promoting adoption as the first option! Want to know more? [Sign up.](#)

Helping Animals in the "D"

Throughout the state, many Animals Control agencies and shelters are suffering from insignificant funding. But there are none in more need of assistance than Detroit Animal Control and Shelter.

"These stamps continue a Postal Service tradition of bringing attention to serious social issues of the day ... one letter at a time," said Potter. "This campaign will increase public awareness about sheltered pets and our hope is that it will encourage pet adoption and promote humane and responsible pet care."



The stamps were introduced to the public on *The Ellen DeGeneres Show*. The Postal Service is working with DeGeneres and Halo, Purely for Pets, a holistic pet care company she co-owns, to promote the campaign and to bring greater attention to the cause.

"This is a subject that I am extremely passionate about. By working together, we can find good homes for millions of adoptable, homeless and abandoned pets," said DeGeneres. "And until they get adopted, I'm happy to say that Halo and I are giving one million meals to shelter pets that are waiting for you."

Stamps to the Rescue is the name of the promotional campaign created by the Postal Service to provide additional information about the stamps and pet adoption. This campaign includes posters featuring DeGeneres placed in post office across the nation.

The stamps can be ordered at the website or by calling 1.800.STAMP.24 (1.800.782.6724).

The *Animal Rescue: Adopt a Shelter Pet* commemorative stamps feature photographs of five cats and five dogs taken by veteran stamp photographer Sally Andersen-Bruce. All ten animals were adopted from a shelter in New Milford, CT.

Every year, millions of cats and dogs enter animal shelters, and of that number, nearly half are euthanized. Although the problem seems overwhelming, the key to the solution is adopting a shelter pet when seeking a new companion and ensuring that the

Dog fighting, animal abuse - dogs and cats shot or set on fire, dealing with the daily calls that put the officers in life and death situations, finding spay/neuter funds to fix the animals of a homeless person that needs their dogs to survive or for the family pet that provides security in a dangerous neighborhood for a woman with her children - are situations that most Animal Control agencies and shelters are not faced with. But Harry Ward and his dwindling team work hard for the welfare of Detroit's dogs and cats.



The Pet Fund is drawing on some resources to address some of the physical problems at the shelter - welding cage doors, electrical and lighting problems, leaking plumbing and getting a boiler working that will leave the animals without heat this winter unless it is put back on-line.



If you want to make a difference for Detroit Animals or you know of a community service, class or scout project looking for a cause - we could use your help.

The shelter needs leashes, flea spray, laundry detergent, dish detergent, Pill Pockets, flea soap and more. [A complete list](#) of what is needed can be found here along with information on where to send it. If you would prefer to [send a tax](#)

[deductible contribution](#) you can do that also through the Pet Fund..



Michigan Animal Welfare Fund

The Pet Fund has been working with Senator Papageorge to refine and improve the grant program for the Animal Welfare Fund (the income tax return check-off box).

Senator Papageorge has followed up with a meeting with the Department of Agriculture requesting that the Department of Agriculture prepare rules for the program and solicit public input. The Department does not believe that they have the authority to prepare rules. The Senator is following up with other measures to improve the program. Stay tuned.



animal is spayed or neutered.

Animal Rescue: Adopt a Shelter Pet is the Postal Service's 2010 social awareness stamp. Past social awareness stamps have highlighted important issues such as children's health, literacy, breast cancer awareness, organ and tissue donation, philanthropy and Alzheimer's awareness.

Northern Michigan Pet Lovers - Keep informed

Check out [Pet Friends](#) a magazine of Northern Michigan.

MSU Spay/Neuter Clinic

The MSU Spay/Neuter Clinic will be at Waterford Oaks in Oakland County on August 10, 11 and 12. This clinic is a great resource for low-income families that can't afford to have their cat or dog spayed/neutered. We can always use volunteers at the clinic. If you have time available, please contact All About Animals

clinic@allaboutanimalsrescue.org. If you can't be at the clinic, you can always help by donating food for the two legged staff, veterinarians and volunteers. Check out our [list of other ways to help](#) and then send us an e-mail

clinic@allaboutanimalsrescue.org and let us know how we can count on your support!



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