

## Ten things you can do to help Michigan become a No Kill State?

1. **Tell** your neighbors, friends, township board members, councilpersons, county commissioners and state legislators that euthanasia is NOT an acceptable method to address the homeless companion animal situation. There is a proven program called the No Kill Equation that shelters need to follow that when seriously implemented will save 90% of the shelter animals.
2. **Hold** your elected officials accountable for the operation of your local animal shelter. Are they wasting your taxpayer dollars killing animals or using it to implement practices that save lives and solve the problem? Do they employ compassionate shelter management? Do they have a killing perspective or a lifesaving perspective?
3. **Direct** your charitable contributions to a shelter with a life-saving mission. Use the Michigan Pet Fund Alliance Save Rate report to find those shelters.
4. **Write** a letter to the Board of Directors of your local not for profit shelter with a poor save rate – and tell them you will not support their efforts until they are transparent, develop a plan for a live saving mission and will hold them accountable for improvement.
5. **Volunteer** your talents. Your time makes the difference between success and failure of our programs. Volunteers are the lifeblood of the “no-kill” movement and the MPFA. Work directly with a shelter with good save rates or have publically stated they are trying to improve or directly with the Michigan Pet Fund Alliance.
6. **Licenses** your pet and have them wear the tag. It is their ticket home if they should become lost.
7. **Spay/neuter** your own pet—this not only prevents unwanted births but there are many health benefits for your companion animal.
8. **Foster** -open your home to be a foster parent for a dog or cat on their way to finding their forever home.
9. **Sign-up** to be kept informed by the Pet Fund.
10. **Support** legislation that will help get us to the goal.