

Michigan Rescue Certification Program

Overview



Introductions

- Ellen Stuban
 - Program Coordinator
 - President and Founder PapAdopters & Placement Service
- Committee Members in attendance
 - Courtney Protz-Sanders
 - Executive Director and Founder Paws For Life Rescue
 - Pam Sordyl
 - Founder Puppy Mill Awareness of Southeast Michigan

Designed to...

- Save more lives at shelters
- Encourage more collaboration between rescues and shelters
- Establish best practices and a Code of Ethics
- Advance Michigan to become a no-kill state



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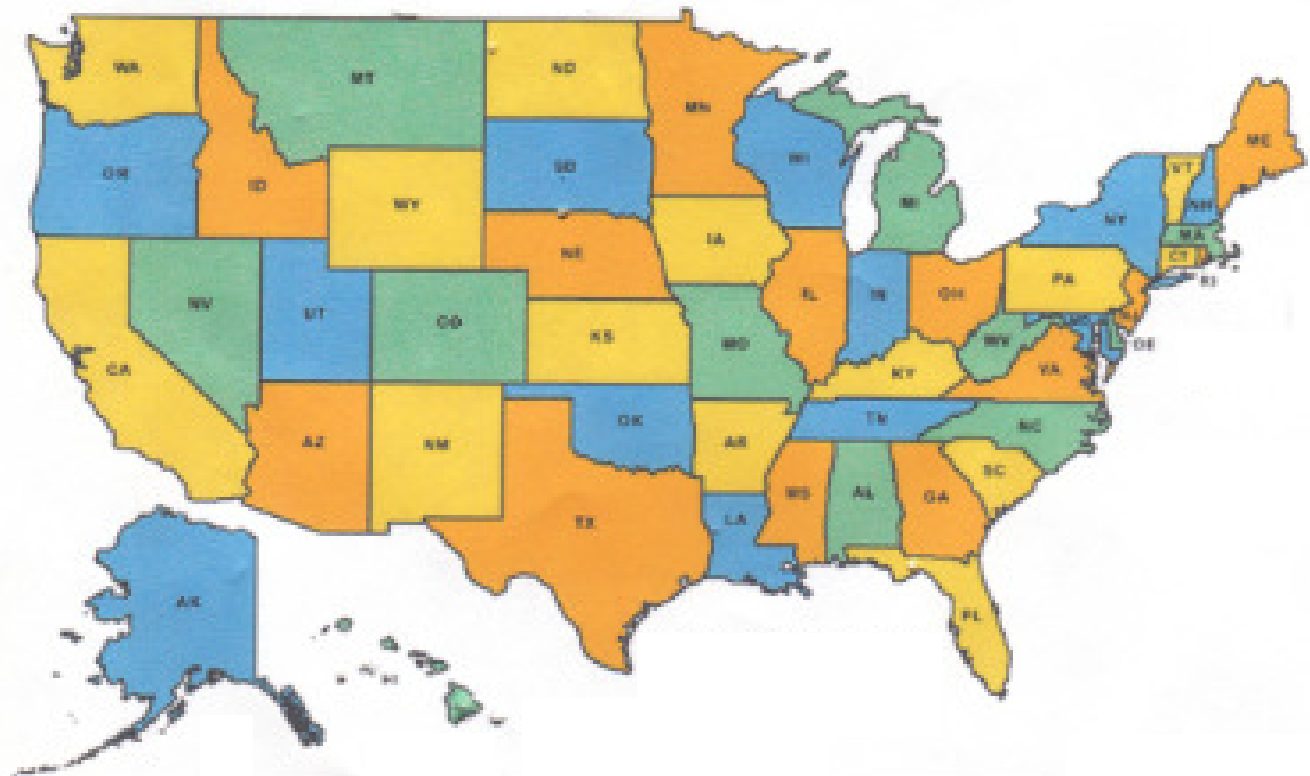
Initial Task Force and Current Committee Members

- **Linda Gardiner**
Board of Directors Michigan Pet Fund Alliance
- **Courtney Protz-Sanders**
Executive Director and Founder Paws for Life Rescue
- **Mary C. Rupley**
DVM Senior Consultant, Director of Surgery Humane Society of Huron Valley
- **Debbie M. Salinas**
Volunteer Humane Society of Huron Valley
- **Deborah Schutt Chairman**
Board of Directors Michigan Pet Fund Alliance
- **Kelly Schwartz**
Director of Volunteer Programs and Operational Support Humane Society of Huron Valley
- **Mike Segna**
President and Founder House of Critters Animal Rescue
- **Pam Sordyl**
Founder Puppy Mill Awareness of Southeast Michigan
- **Ellen Stuban**
President and Founder PapAdopters & Placement Service
- **Jaime Wolfe**
Co-founder N.B.S. Animal Rescue



One of a kind

Michigan
is leading
the way!



Who is Certified?

2013/2014 Certified Rescues



- All About Animals
- Canine Companion Rescue Center
- Furry Friends Rescue, Inc.
- Last Chance Rescue
- Leuk's Landing, Inc.
- Lucky Day Animal Rescue
- Michigan Orphan Kitten Rescue
- NBS Animal Rescue
- PapAdopters & Placement Service
- Paws For Life Rescue
- Richland Animal Rescue
- Shelter To Home
- Up-Cycled Pets

Shelters Too

Follow Best Practices



- Animal Welfare Society of Southeastern Michigan
- Eaton County Humane Society
- Friends of MI Animals
- Sanilac County Humane Society

Who can apply?

Wholly Voluntary

- All-breed rescues
- Purebred rescues
- Dog-only rescues
- Cat-only rescues
- Small companion mammals
 - Rabbits, ferrets, hamsters, gerbils, guinea pigs, mice, rats




Requirements

- ✓ Approved 501(c)...organization
- ✓ Able to meet model standards of best practices
- ✓ Can provide annual animal statistics
- ✓ Is not the subject of any complaint substantiated by documented and verified tangible evidence and/or being actively investigated by another organization/ agency, such as the IRS or Michigan Attorney General's office

Requirements

- Two levels of certification
 - Basic
 - Platinum 
- Specific criteria for each is found in the Program booklet

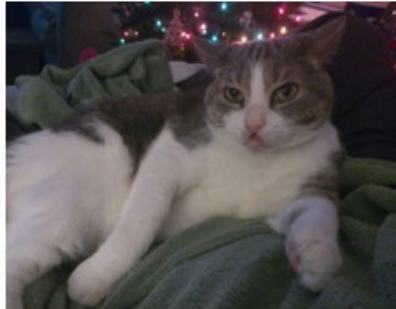
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Pearl after treatment



First Recipient of Judith Middleton Kroon Life Saving Program

Pearl, a cat rescued by [Shelter to Home](#) in Wyandotte, had severe dental issues and was about to be euthanized but is now comfortable and happy thanks in part to grant funds. See Pearl's story and other grant recipients [here](#).


Certified Michigan Rescues are eligible for grants to assist in saving the lives of shelter animals who are sick, injured, older than 7 years of age, or with behavioral issues. Find out how your group can qualify [here](#).

What is no kill?

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Rescue Certification
The Michigan Rescue Certification Program is designed to:

- Save more lives and maximize the capacity of animal shelters
- Establish best practice and a code of ethics
- Encourage more collaboration between rescues and shelters
- Advance Michigan to become a no-kill state

This wholly voluntary program was launched at the 2012 Getting to the Goal No Kill Conference. The first group of Certified Rescue organizations are posted on the Certified Rescues page and a second round of applications will be accepted starting March 1, 2013.

Click here for the [Michigan Rescue Certification Program](#)

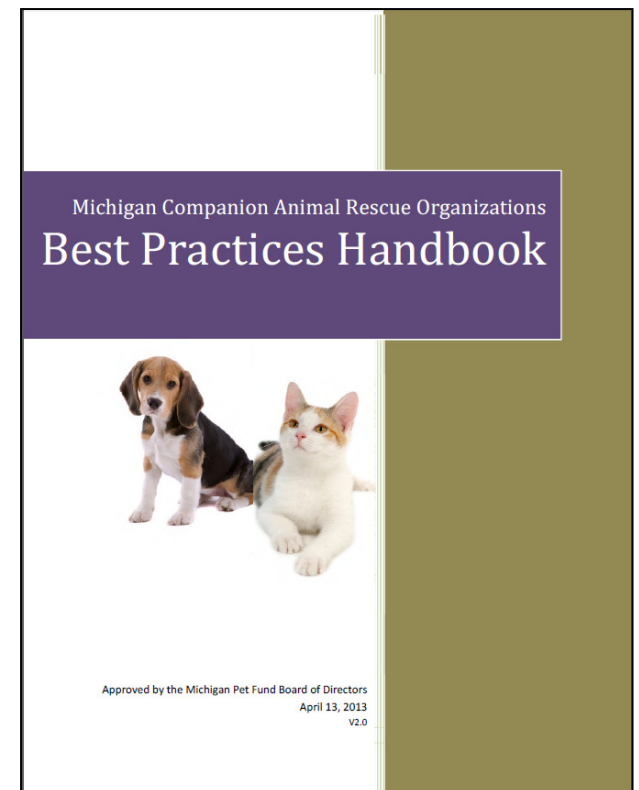
Click here for [Michigan Companion Animal Rescue Organizations Best Practices Handbook](#)



<http://www.michiganpetfund.org/rescue-certification/>

Available Tools

- Rescue Certification Program Book
- Best Practices Handbook
- Application Checklist
- Online Application
- Model Documents



Review Process

- Committee review of applications
 - Evaluated against criteria
 - If needed, request additional information
 - May request a conference call with committee members
- If rescue does not meet criteria, an explanation is given
 - Opportunity for change
- If criteria is met, recommendation goes to the Michigan Pet Fund Alliance Board for approval

Review Process - Waivers

- Purpose: Allow the time needed to change an area of operations so that a rescue may become compliant
 - NOT meant to circumvent the criteria
 - i.e. Currently some animals brought into Michigan from out of state
 - Purebred rescues are exempt as explained in the Program book
 - Follow up will be done the next year

Grievance Process

- Grievances can be filed against certified rescues
 - Must be accompanied by documentation
 - Cannot be initiated via anonymous phone call
- If the grievance is warranted, certification can be revoked

Benefits - Current

Judith Middleton Kroon Life Saving Program

- Saves the lives of animals at risk in Michigan shelters
- Must be a current Michigan Certified Rescue
- \$100 Grant Awards
 - Any animal 7 years of age or older pulled from a Michigan shelter or with a non-routine illness costing < \$500
- \$200 Grant Awards
 - Any animal 7 years of age or older pulled from a Michigan shelter and sick/injured or behavior issues where non-routine veterinary expenses exceed \$500



Benefits - Future

- Network of Michigan veterinarians who discount to certified rescues
- Discounts on insurance
- Priority given to certified rescues at shelters
- Michigan establishments willing to fundraise with certified rescues
- Discounted or free food for the animals of certified rescues
- Registration Discounts at MPFA Workshops and Conferences

Training



- Training will be provided at the next No-Kill Conference
 - September 4 - 5, 2014

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QUESTIONS

- Contact Ellen Stuban
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