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## **New Grant for Animal Rescue Groups**

*Michigan Pet Fund Alliance helps groups rescue sick, injured, or older pets from shelters*

Bloomfield Hills, MI - Almost 60,000 dogs and cats were killed in Michigan shelters in 2012. Many of these pets were older or had treatable medical or behavior conditions. They are considered by shelters as hard to adopt, as they require additional attention. These cats and dogs are the ones with the least chance of having a happily ever after ending.

A bequest by an animal lover to the Michigan Pet Fund Alliance will help change their chances. Named after the donor, the Judith Middleton Kroon Life Saving program will give some of these hard to adopt pets the gift of life, and in return, they will provide unconditional love to a new family.

Through this new grant program, Michigan Certified Rescue organizations will be eligible to receive \$100 for any animal that is sick, injured, over 7 years of age, or has a behavior issue. Grants of \$200 are available for a sick or injured animal whose veterinary expenses exceed \$500.

"In large part, the Rescue Certification program was established to encourage rescue organizations to assist Michigan shelters in meeting the goal of making Michigan a no kill state," said Ellen Stuban, coordinator of the Rescue Certification program. "We expect this program will help save lives of shelter animals often overlooked because they are older or have issues."

The program will begin January 1, 2014. Grants will be awarded on a monthly basis, with each month starting a new grant period.

Additional grant information and application is available at <http://www.michiganpetfund.org/rescue-certification/judith-middleton-kroon-life-saving-program-fund/>

Information on becoming a Certified Rescue is available at <http://www.michiganpetfund.org/rescue-certification/>

Tax-deductible contributions to the fund can be made at <http://www.michiganpetfund.org/donation/>. Indicate that it is for the Judith Middleton Kroon Life Saving Program.

*Michigan Pet Fund Alliance is a not for profit organization whose mission is to end the killing of healthy and treatable homeless cats and dogs in Michigan by collaborating with animal shelters and rescue organizations to achieve No Kill through training, technical assistance, education, and advocacy.*