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SPCA of Southwest Michigan
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The SPCA is a non-profit animal rescue group based in SW Michigan. Thanks to volunteers like you, we have rescued over 16,000 dogs, cats, puppies & kittens since we started in 2002!

OUR MISSION

SPCA of Southwest Michigan is dedicated to working for the well-being of animals and creating an adoption-focused community in Southwest Michigan. Our goal is to end senseless animal euthanasia in SW Michigan, and provide all animals with a loving, caring home.

UPCOMING EVENTS
AMAZON WISH LIST



EXPANDED OPEN HOURS

Starting October 8th, we will be open M-F from 11-7 and Saturday from 11-4. We are always looking for volunteers to help with answering the phones, greeting, and showing people through the kennels and even get trained to help with adoptions! If you are interested in helping at the front desk during open hours, please email info@spcaswmich.org to get more info!



THANK YOU FOR BEING A PART OF 8TH ANNUAL DOGGIE DASH FUN RUN!



It was a perfect day for Doggie Dash and we loved seeing you all there!

For the 7th year in a row, Lee and Lilly crossed the finish line into first place!

However, we think the SPCA of SWMI was the real winner, thanks to you, because the race earned over \$13,500 for the organization!

Photos are posted, click [here](#) to check them out!
If you want to give your feedback, please fill out this [survey](#)!

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We are not the "A"SPCA. It's a common misconception and we often get asked "do you put out those sad commercials?" - the answer is no.

The names might seem similar but the SPCA you know and love is not an ASPCA. Both organizations are working for the well being of companion animals, believe in spay and neuter, have animal adoption facilities, and are registered 501c3 non-profits. But that's where the divergence really happens.

We are located in Kalamazoo, Michigan and have been since 2002. We are a local, grassroots organization with no ties to any national organizations. The ASPCA has their head quarters in New York City and funds activities going on all across the U.S. We focus on companion animals where as the ASPCA is known to take much broader view when it comes to all animals. In 2016, the ASPCA raised over \$215 Million, little old us in comparison raised \$717,000. The ASPCA distributes funds and grants to other organizations (\$14 million) and also advocates for animal rights nationally via legislative efforts where all of our money stays with us. The ASPCA is one of the largest animal welfare organizations and does great work nationally, setting standards for the animal welfare communities and blazing the path for groups like ours. We are blazing a smaller, but equally impactful path here in West Michigan.

We currently do not receive any funds from the ASPCA or other national originations. We rely solely on fees from adoptions and donations from our supporters. All of our efforts in providing assistance for animals in need stay right here in our community. We need your support more than ever so please consider supporting your local animal rescue!

Upcoming Events (see our [website](#) for all events and more details)

October 20th - Dog-O-Ween is fast approaching. October 20th from 11am to 3pm. Come out and join us for some fun and entertainment. You will find costume and peanut butter licking contest, agility course, tricks for treats, spooky photography, kids crafts, dog and cat adoptions, door prizes, vendor booths and a food truck! This event helps us to raise funds for our programs and the help us help more animals in southwest Michigan.

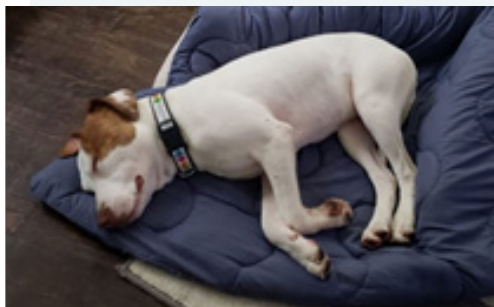
BISSELL EMPTY THE SHELTER ADOPTIONS

Some adoptions from Bissell "Empty the Shelters" October 6th. 25 dogs and 12 cats were adopted that day. Thank You to the Support of the Bissell Pet Foundation for sponsoring adoption fees.



Oh thank you all for the great event!! I have had such an amazing night with this handsome big dog [Snow Bird]!! He gets to meet my daughters on

Monday, so much love!!



Jambalaya is so happy to be home she is settling in.



Mocha is loving her new home.

We couldn't be more happier with Grooter he fits in perfect with our family and our Balla loves him!!



Reinhardt formerly known as Jerry has had a long day of new firsts, but this big boy has found his favorite spot on the couch and is fast asleep! He loves his new forever home!



Dog-O-Ween

A FUN-FILLED DAY FOR YOUR DOG & FAMILY



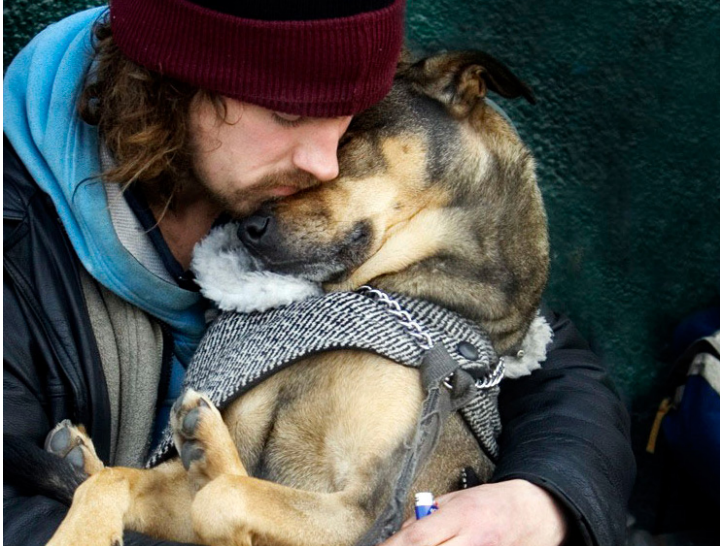
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20TH
11 AM - 3 PM

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- PET ADOPTIONS
- DOG COSTUME CONTESTS
 - 11:30AM & 1:00PM
- DOG TRICKS FOR TREATS COURSE
- AGILITY COURSE
- DOOR PRIZES
- PEANUT BUTTER LICKING CONTEST
 - 12:30AM & 1:30PM WIN A PRIZE!
- PET PHOTOGRAPHY
- HAUNTED TRAIL
- KIDS CRAFTS

FOR MORE INFO, VISIT WWW.SPCASWMICH.ORG

Why Our Community Programs Are Important



What do we stand for? Our mission and vision is as follows: *The SPCA of Southwest Michigan is dedicated to working for the well-being of animals and creating an adoption-focused community in Southwest Michigan. Our goal is to end senseless animal euthanasia in SW Michigan, and provide all animals with a loving, caring home.*

This means that our purpose extends beyond just rescuing and rehoming, but also addressing the issues that lead to animal homelessness in the first place. Did you know that it is estimated that 10% of the homeless population are pet owners? This can lead to issues because animals are not permitted in homeless shelters, leaving pet owners few options. Often, they will refuse shelter or any assistance because they won't part with their pets. Human welfare professionals can work to understand a homeless person's relationship with their animal, offer support, and find resolutions that will keep animals with their owners. These include making referrals to low-cost or free veterinary care and to pet food pantries. The SPCA of SWMI is the animal welfare organization that provides these services to our community, the only one working on pet retention based programming. We understand that although low income pet ownership is controversial it is also reality of the world we live in. We believe that the best place for a pet is in the loving care of their owner and we do what we can to help ease the burden of pet ownership by providing food assistance regularly

with Loaves and Fishes and medical services at least once a year with Kalamazeuter. These are just two of our programs that provide essential services for the most needy animals in our community. Ending senseless euthanasia is only possible if we address the problems at their root and working to improve pet retention and educate pet owners.

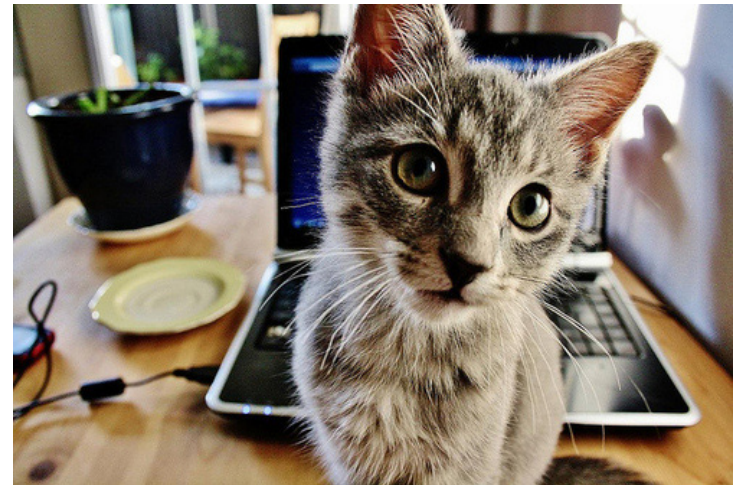
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Have A Question You Need Answered?



Do you have a question you would like to see answered? Or do you want to know more information about something the SPCA SWMI does? Submit your content requests to newsletter@spcaswmich.org.

Want to be Part of the Newsletter Team?



Do you have an interest or talent in writing, editing, or social media marketing? We are looking for a qualified candidate to help write content for the newsletter! Please email haase@spcaswmich.org if you're interested!

Happy Tails

submit your happy tail to happytails@spcaswmich.org

SUMMER SECRET

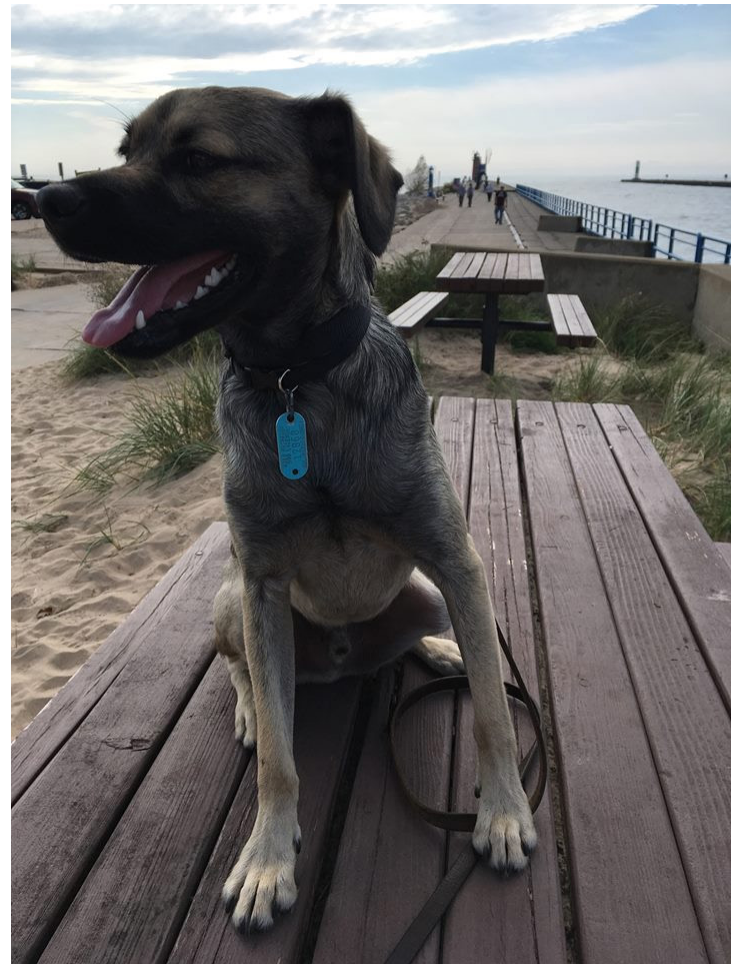
Submitted by: Emily Young



This cutie is Cuda, formally known as "Summer Secret". It has been two whole weeks since she joined our family and our hearts could not be fuller. She came from a beyond neglectful start at only 12 weeks and with the help of our vet, she has gained weight, got healthier, and is the best snuggle buddy. I don't think we could love her more!

RUSSELL

Submitted by: Ellie Klemm



Sparky (aka Russell adopted Apr 2018) at the South Haven pier. He had admirers. No interest in sand or water, but did enjoy remarking all the grasses, bushes, corners, etc along the boardwalk.



KAPRICE

Submitted by: Carin Wilber

Dixie (formerly Kaprice adopted in 2013) having a great time at the dog park.

KYA SUN

Submitted by: Carissa Pfau Gilbert

Ruxin aka Kya Sun, has settled in well at his new home. He keeps us, especially Charlie, on our toes.



NAMPA

Submitted by: Crystal Murray

Nampa (now called Misty) is fitting in great with our family. It looks like our dog Bella has adopted her too.

TEETEE

Submitted by: Tami Paterala

Happy Gotcha Day to our sweet Kizmet.... formerly TeeTee. One year ago today, he stole our hearts. Thank you SPCA of Southwest Michigan for bringing us together. We appreciate all you do. He is a testament to how wonderful senior dog adoption can be.





ADOPTIONS - THANKS TO YOU!

CATS: Allie, Ashley, Aspen, Athos, Aurora, Bailey, Ben, BG, Boise, Brandi, Brenda, Capone, Chris, Cisco, Cord, Diana, Ely, Hank, Hope Valley, Jeanne, Kallie, LG, Lynx, Malibu, Mallory, Maybelline, Nampa, Patsy, Peabody, Porthos, Prim, Rico, Scotts, Shenandoah, Smalls, Squeek, Tandy, Waller, Wuzzy

DOGS: Avery, Bagel, Barbie, Birthday Cake, Blinky, Bundt Cake, Butterbean, Carrot Cake, Cheese Cake, Cinderella, Colorado, Confetti Cake, Corona, Deloris, Diesel Doobie, Faye, Flint, Flora, Ford, Fred Fallon, Frisco, Fruit Cake, Giselle, Gumbo, Gus, Harry Perry, Jacoba, Jambalaya, Jamie Jewel, Jaq, Jayna, Jonny, June, Kaboodle, Kitty Kat, Kodiak, Kya Sun, Lazarus, Lily Sue, Little Bit, Lolita Lucy, Maddie Boy, Mama Chi Chi, Mandy Moon, Mary Moss, Maverick, Memphis, Mickey Manu, Minie, Murphy, Nala Morning, Nevada, Oreo Oz, Patches, Perla, Petey, Poly, Poppy Petal, Prada Pete, Scooter, Short Cake, Sponge Cake, Stinky, Sugar Too, Summer Secret, Tiny Tyler, Tito, Tony Boy, Zoey

Thank you for opening your hearts and your homes to these animals! See all our adoptable dogs, cats, puppies & kittens at www.spcaswmich.org.

Please send Volunteer Newsletter submissions to Jess Duncan @ newsletter@spcaswmich.org.