

# VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER

Joining Hands Saving Lives



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## SPCA of Southwest Michigan

Pet Rescue & Adoption Center  
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[www.spcaswmich.org](http://www.spcaswmich.org)

*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

We are here to rescue, rehabilitate, and find responsible homes for the forgotten pets from area Michigan pounds. We save adoptable pets and make families complete.

### Current Events Calendar

[http://www.spcaswmich.org/  
eventstosupport.html](http://www.spcaswmich.org/eventstosupport.html)

### Volunteer Bulletin Board

[http://www.spcaswmich.org/  
volunteer/whatvolunteersdo.html](http://www.spcaswmich.org/volunteer/whatvolunteersdo.html)

Check us out on Facebook & Twitter!



## DONATIONS BEFORE YEAR END



Donations are the driving force for the work the SPCA does. Don't forget to make your donation before the end of the year for a 2018 tax deductible donation before its too late! Making a donation also makes a great holiday gift for someone you love! Donate [here](#).



## WELCOME OUR NEW BOARD PRESIDENT



Dr. David G. Serota (Dave), Ph.D., DABT is one of the longest serving members of the current SWSPCA Board of Directors, having joined the board in 2012. He has continuously provided the organization with financial assistance and leadership talent, and has now accepted the leadership mantle of Board President. He and his wife Tammy and cats Kallie and Jasper live in Maple Hill Farms.

Dr. Serota received a B.S. in Pharmacy from Auburn University in 1969 and a Ph.D. in Toxicology from the University of Tennessee Medical Center in Memphis in 1975. After teaching one year at the School of Pharmacy at Washington State University, he spent 40+ years in the preclinical contract research industry as both a Senior Principal Toxicologist and Senior Vice President/Director of Research. He received certification and became a diplomat of the American Board

of Toxicology in 1981. He is a member of the Society of Toxicology (SOT) and the American College of Toxicology (ACT), serving on ACT's Executive Council for 7 years including President in 2012. In 2015, he was awarded the ACT Distinguished Service Award. He is a member of the Dean's Council of the Harrison School of Pharmacy at Auburn University and a past member of the Board of Trustees of the Association for Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care (AAALAC). From 1982-91, he served on the Board of Camp Virginia Jaycee, a summer camp for people with mental disabilities near Lynchburg, Virginia, holding the position of Board President from 1989-91.



# Holiday open house

JOIN US for cookies and punch on Saturday, December 23. We are open our normal hours on Saturday.

We are CLOSED on Sunday and Monday to the public but volunteers are more than welcome to come in any day from 8am-7pm unless otherwise noted.

## GROWING, CHANGING & IMPROVING


Thanks to all our supporters, we have grown as an organization in both reach and impact. Expect to see some major changes in 2018 including:

- a new and improved logo
- an updated webpage
- more programs in the community


We are tirelessly working to improve the lives of as many animals in our community as possible. This includes more than just helping animals find homes, our community programs are directed at preventing pet overpopulation and preventing pet relinquishment. We are all very excited to welcome in the new year!

### Tips for Holiday PET SAFETY


*Decorations to Avoid During the Holidays*




Ribbons & Tinsel



Ornaments



Holiday Lights



Candles

#### Plants That Cause Sickness in Your Pets

**POINSETTIA**s have a sap that can cause vomiting and will irritate an animal's mouth and stomach.

**HOLLY BERRIES** and leaves can cause vomiting, belly pain, depression and diarrhea.

**MISTLETOE** is extremely toxic and an animal that has ingested some should be taken to the veterinarian immediately.

**PINE TREE NEEDLES** can be toxic and cause irritation of the mouth.

**LILY** is deadly to cats. Any animal that has ingested any part of a lily should be taken to the veterinarian immediately.

#### 4 Reasons Nuts are Dangerous for Pets

- High fat content
- Many are toxic
- Causes an upset stomach, gastrointestinal distress, and pancreatitis
- Found to cause obstructions in the throat and intestinal tract


#### Deadly Snacks to Avoid

**CHOCOLATE** sometimes contains ingredients that can be lethal to dogs and cats

**MACADAMIA NUTS** are very toxic and can cause seizures in animals

#### 9 Other Foods to Avoid Feeding Your Dog or Cat

- Onions
- Grapes
- Raisins
- Fatty Foods
- Fried Foods
- Avocados
- Fat trimming from meat
- Bones
- Xylitol-containing products such as sugar-free candy and sugar-free gum



HAPPY PAW-LIDAYS

# Happy Tails

submit your happy tail to [happytails@spcaswmich.org](mailto:happytails@spcaswmich.org)

## SCRAPPY

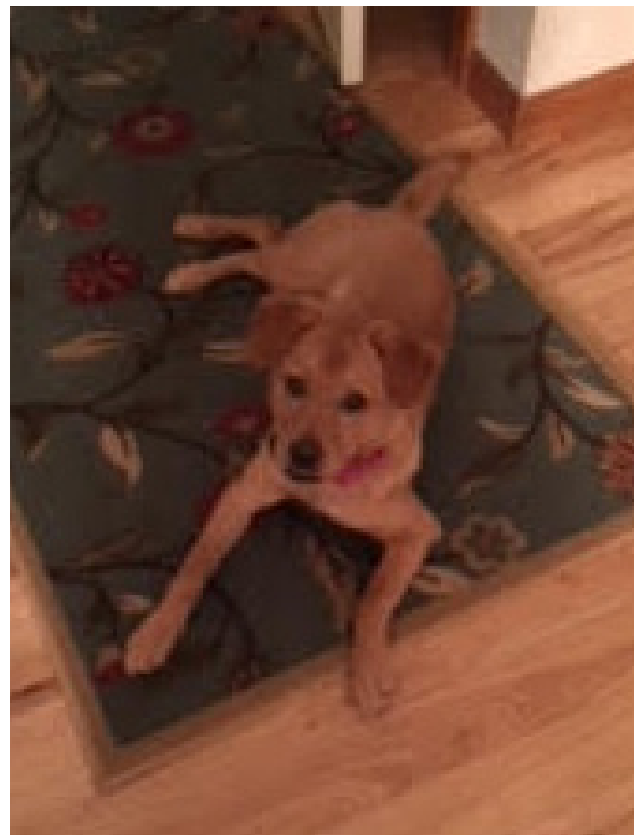
Submitted by: Erik & Kat Gincig-Raederscheidt



Hiya guys. Just writing you guys to let you know Scrappy is doing great. Though we have changed his name to Anubis, and he is taking it quite well. He is playing hard, and gets a bit aggressive towards me, he knows not to bite too hard. He loves to play. He was scared at first, and didn't want to leave our side. No matter where we went, he was right there. But he is getting better. Warming up to his new home quite well. At the moment we are trying to teach him to lay down. Baby steps. But he is doing an amazing job. Thanks guys.

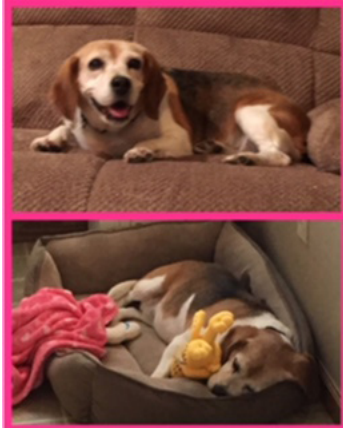
## TEAGAN

Submitted by: Marie Lugar



We adopted our dog from you in July. Her name is now Marley. Just wanted to say she's a great addition to our family and has made our older dog happy again! We love her crazy little naughty self to pieces!



**BEA****Submitted by: Stephanie Kilcoyne**

Just wanted to let you know that Bella (Bea) is settling in nicely with our family. She is doing well with her restrictions while she's healing from her injury. She really likes her

new bed and enjoys her nice long afternoon naps. We've gotten a kick out of how loud she snores lol. We've attached a picture below. Happy Holiday SPCA!

**JAX****Submitted by: Shirley & Louis Felicioni**

Although we had some health problems with Jax (Giardia) and some bad jumping behavior he has turned into a great family member and his best friend is our little granddaughter. We always had small dogs



so Jax was more active and also his mix breed of Australian Cattle Dog and Border Collie. He goes camping with us and loves to ride in the car. He has been to

training class at Pet Smart and dog association at Camp Bow Wow. Still likes to jump when someone comes over but getting better.







## ADOPTIONS - THANKS TO YOU!

**CATS:** Alvin, Arrow, Ashy, Carley, Charles, Charlie Brown,, Conrad, Coraline, Daisy, Dave, Dice, Ellen, Fergie, Finn, Florence, Francesca, Franklin, Hillary, Jester, Lee, Linus, Linwood, Lucy, Maia, Major, Marlene, Mirage, Oden, Peebles, Rainbow, Sassy, Simon, Sophie, Spooky, Sunset, Theodore, Tiffany, Xanadu, Yahtzee, Zander

**DOGS:** Abner, Andy, Anna, Annie, Aussie, Bartholomew, Benelli, Bridget Kal, Buttercup, Caleb, Carl, Cassie, Coco Snow, Copper, Daisy May, Dean, Dietz, Dixie, Elsa Lee, Flanders, Ghost, Hank, Hannah Lynn, Homer, Jewels, Jimbo, John Snow, Jojo, Julie May, Kora, Ladee Babee, Leah, Lisa, Manny, Marge, Mary Louise, Mia Sue, Mo, Moose, Mya Kzoo, Nymeria, Oakly, Oliver, Ollie, Patsy, Ralph Jackson, Rocko, Roxy, Royal, Sandi Lynn, Sasha JC, Shaggy Dog, Squishie, Stewie, Summer, Swayze, T. Hall, Taco Chip, Tyson Bill, Yates

Thank you for opening your hearts and your homes to these animals! See all our adoptable dogs, cats, puppies & kittens at [www.spcaswmich.org](http://www.spcaswmich.org).

Please send Volunteer Newsletter submissions to Jess Baker @ [newsletter@spcaswmich.org](mailto:newsletter@spcaswmich.org).