

VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER

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SPCA
southwest michigan

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SPCA of Southwest Michigan
Pet Rescue & Adoption Center
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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 25,000 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
SPCA MERCHANDISE



TO OUR DEDICATED ADOPTERS, VOLUNTEERS & STAFF

We are just checking in with some updates - some of you may have noticed that things are moving a bit slowly currently. One of the side affects of the Covid-19 crisis meant the mandate pausing veterinary care and giving the needed supplies to hospitals in crisis. This has caused a backlog and shortage in the state of Michigan and most of our partner vets are unable to take new clients, and some are booked 3 months out.

What this means for us is we are moving as efficiently as possible to provide spay and neuter, however, we know that this has greatly impacted our ability to function at the level we are used too. We are handling this as mindfully and humanely as possible while still maintaining our mission. We have increased our foster ask to provide animals in need a break from the shelter, we have flexed our policy and ALL dogs (with the appropriate number of vaccines) are allowed to be walked by volunteers, enrichment has increased, our Dr. Stacy is back for behavior analysis several days a week, and we do still have vets coming in, our access to surgery has slowed. We are working toward adding to our 6 vet team and getting as many hands on deck as possible. If any of you are able to help, please let me know and thank you so much for your ongoing support of the SPCA family.

Woof,
Katie Timber
Katie@spcaswmich.org

WATCH US ON TAILS OF JOY



Here is our Hallmark special featuring us, our partner shelters, Cathy Bissell, and our adopters! Very exciting moment for our work to be featured. Watch [here](#)!

CAT FOSTERS NEEDED



The SPCA SWMI loves working with our partners and it's one of the ways we stay successful. Over the last month we have been working with our friends at St. Joe animal control to reduce some stress in this horrendous situation. The SPCA has ended up with 68 cats/kittens from this cruelty case, If you have the ability to foster or donate please think of us as we care for these cats in so much need. See their story [here](#) and if you are looking to foster please email Katie@spcaswmich.org.

LOOKING FOR MORE WAYS TO GET INVOLVED AT THE SPCA?



Office Help is the largest SPCA volunteer need. From greeting adopters, answering phones, and adopting out dogs and cats, you will work with SPCA staff to make the SPCA run more efficiently. Office help hours are during SPCA open hours between 11am-7pm Monday through Friday and 11am – 4pm on Saturdays.

To sign up for an orientation to volunteer in the office, contact: Tricia@spcaswmich.org or give us a call at 269.344.1474.

THANK YOU!



Thank you to all who donated during the month of August, especially during this very trying time with COVID-19. Thanks to you, we exceeded our goal!! A huge shout out and thank you to our Sponsor Maple Hill Auto Group for sponsoring this event! It was a huge success!

10th Annual Doggie Dash

5K

VIRTUAL



Saturday September 19

**~~Spring Valley Park and Virtual~~
5K Your Way | Help Us Help Them**

Presented By



There's still time to join us virtually for our 10th Annual Doggie Dash on Saturday September 19! Get out and walk or run while raising money for the SPCA SWMI.

Please note, due to the abundance of safety cautions that society is taking due to COVID 19, we had to make our 5k completely virtual. We unfortunately will NOT be meeting at the Spring Valley Park as originally planned and we deeply apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused. We are very disappointed about not being able to meet you all in person, however, we are looking forward to the challenge this pandemic is bringing and still plan on making this a fun and enjoyable race for you!

If you already registered, please log into your profile and switch from the "Park" to "Virtual". If you are having problems switching, please send us an email and we will get you switched over. This will allow us to send reminder text messages throughout the race to submit your time results (for those who wish to track their time) with the link attached.

Placement medals will be assigned for 1st, 2nd

and 3rd place winners once all timed results have been submitted. Winners will be contacted to set up a day/time to come out to receive your medal and get a picture taken.

T-shirts can still be picked up before the race at the shelter.

Please make sure to visit our **Facebook** page at 9:50am race day to be greeted live by our Director and Volunteer Coordinator, receive instructions, cheer you on, and start your race off with a bang! We hope you will join us and help us cheer everyone on live via Facebook! And don't forget to take pictures and tag us!

Registration, more information, and update your profile **here**.



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT***Donna Young***

Donna Young is a new volunteer for the SPCA! She has been working hard over the past month coming in regularly and walking all the dogs. Most recently, she has become an adoption counselor. Donna's favorite part about being a volunteer is seeing the dogs she has worked with be adopted into loving homes. A special time for Donna at the SPCA has been working with Malfoy, our blind dog. She says it is a "great gift" to get to spend time with him. At home, Donna has a Yorkie named Copper, a golden retriever named Jac, and Bennett, a beagle. Outside of the shelter, Donna likes to travel with her husband and spend time with her grown children.

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Dog-O-Ween

Dog-O-Ween is coming up next month! Are you ready for it? This fun filled event is a delight for animal and Halloween lovers alike! If COVID regulations and requirements are still on by this time, will determine how we will proceed with the event. As for right now we are moving forward with holding it! Stay tuned!





submit your happy tail to happytails@spcaswmich.org

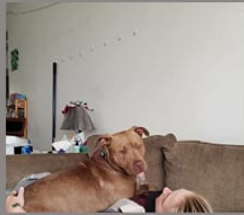
TOM Submitted by: Allison Lee



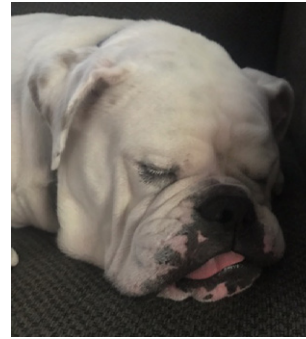
Shy Tom is now Cool Tomo. He is a love! He is getting used to 2 small dogs and I know he is going to rule the house soon. ♥ to SPCA

LEON Submitted by: Nicole Jennings

Just wanted to give an update on Leon, now know as Whiskey. He is such a love bucket. Him and his fur-sister get along great, he likes messing with here LOL like a little brother should. Thank you SPCA for one of the best dogs I have owned. Meant to be!



BRUNO Submitted by: Diane Helton



Bruno was a stray who came up from Georgia. We saw his profile on SPCA website and rushed right over to meet him. To say it was love at first sight is an understatement. He is a big lovable boy! The adoption was a very smooth process and the staff really

cares for their fur babies. They have made follow-up calls and are very happy to get updates on our new family member. Bruno has his own couch and shares our bed at night, all 81 pounds of him. We could not be happier! Thank you SPCA for letting us adopt Bruno. He is much loved and he gives it right back♥





ADOPTIONS - THANKS TO YOU!

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.