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Mark Your Calendar

- **Saturday, July 29:** 7th Annual Abraham's Open House for Hope's Heroes; Dearborn; 5 pm
- **Saturday, August 12:** Bowl 4 Animal Rescue Bowl-a-Thon; Country Lanes, Farmington Hills; 7 pm
- **Monday, October 9:** Pat's Paw-sitively Pasta Dinner; Park Place Catering, Dearborn; 5 pm
- **October 27:** 17th Annual Black Tie & Tails; Dearborn Inn; Dearborn; 6:30 pm

See full list of events at MetroDetroitAnimals.org/Events

COME SEE US!

Dearborn Animal Shelter
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Adoption hours
Monday, Wednesday, Friday
12 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Tuesday, Thursday
12 p.m. – 7 p.m.
Saturday
12 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Closed Sundays & holidays

The Dearborn Animal Shelter is located about one mile south of Michigan Avenue (one-half mile south of Rotunda) on the west side of Greenfield.

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A HAPPY REUNION

Microchip reunites stolen dog with owner.

Conor arrived at the shelter as a stray. He came in heavily matted and covered in burs. A quick trip to You Dirty Dog groomers had him looking brand new.

Shelter staff scanned the sweet pup for a microchip. Turns out Conor was actually named George and belonged to a family in Franklin, MI. He had been stolen from their yard more than a year ago.

Since January, we have reunited 15 animals with their owner thanks to microchip technology. Every animal adopted from the shelter is microchipped and we offer low-cost microchip vouchers for community members who need them.

BREAKING NEWS...WE'RE BREAKING GROUND



Our vision becomes a reality this summer!

The announcement came during our Black Tie & Tails gala event this past October. Friends Board Chair, MaryAnn Wright called shelter staff up to the stage to share the good news.

The time has come. Construction on phase one of the Friends new Adoption & Education Center will begin in late summer of 2017.

The initial phase of construction will include housing for adoptable animals and a new space for community members to visit and meet their future furry companions. Animal intake and medical housing along with administrative offices will continue at the current facility on Greenfield Road.

The new center will be located on Michigan Avenue in Dearborn at the former Amtrak Station, which was donated by

the City of Dearborn. With its proximity to other city services and the new city dog park, this location is ideal to create a one-stop-shop for the community.

Because of the support of community members like you, we have successfully raised \$4.9 million of the \$5.7 million needed to complete construction on this first phase. But there is still more work to be done. A dedicated committee of volunteers is currently working on securing the additional funding needed to finish the project. Now more than ever, support from the community is critical to ensure these animals get the shelter they deserve.

Visit RaisetheWoofNow.org or call 313.943.2697 for the latest news and information on how you can help.



THANK YOU!

Because of YOU 2016 was a huge success! Thank you to all of our supporters, volunteers, adopters and community members who changed the lives of thousands of homeless animals in need. When you help an animal, you get back more than what's humanly possible!

2,555: Animals cared for at the Dearborn Animal Shelter
(970 dogs, 1,404 cats, 181 other species)

1,720: New families created through adoption.

100%: Adoptable animals saved for the 16th straight year

450: Registered volunteers who donated 18,397 hours.

42: Foster families cared for more than 600 animals

601: Community animals spayed/neutered through our low-cost voucher program.

129: Community animals microchipped through our community voucher program.

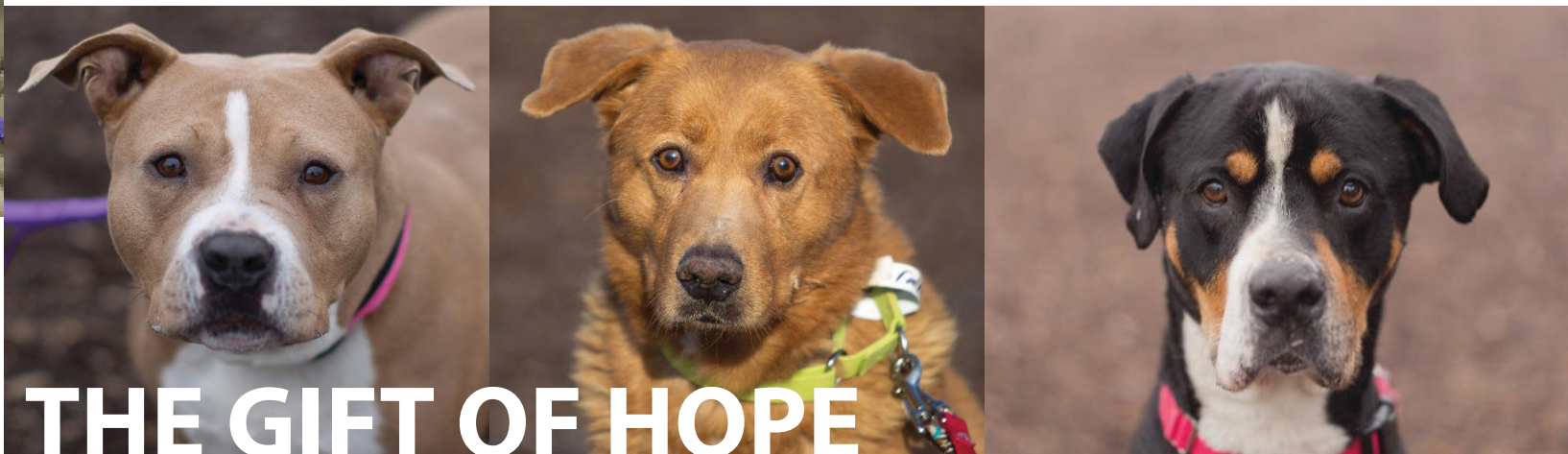


FORD VOLUNTEERS GIVE BACK

Ford team helps beautify our shelter.

From spreading mulch to painting walls these volunteers are built Ford tough! We are very grateful for all of the help the Ford Volunteer Corps has provided to the shelter over the years.

In addition to helping with our annual Mutt Strut, this year Ford volunteers helped spruce up the former Amtrak Station and future site of our new Adoption & Education Center. With their help, the space will now be used as a showroom as we plan to break ground in August.



THE GIFT OF HOPE

Animals are given a second chance at a happy, healthy life because of Hope's Heroes!

This year, the Dearborn Animal Shelter has seen a significant increase in the number of dogs testing positive for heartworm. This serious and potentially fatal disease is caused by foot-long worms found in the heart and lungs, causing severe lung damage, heart failure and damage to other organs in the body.

Treatment for heartworm is very expensive, averaging \$480 per dog. Without the generous support of our Hope's Heroes donors, we would not be able to provide this life-saving treatment to so many deserving animals.

Every animal that arrives at the shelter receives a thorough medical exam and basic care: spay/neuter, vaccines, microchips and the occasional treatment for minor illness or injury. Sometimes, however, an animal needs some extra TLC. Our Hope's Heroes fund provides for those that need extraordinary medical care. With this fund we are able to ensure that every adoptable animal has a second chance at a happy life.

For more informaton on how you can give the gift of hope, visit MetroDetroitAnimals.org/Hopes-heroes.

THANK YOU FOR BEING A FRIEND!

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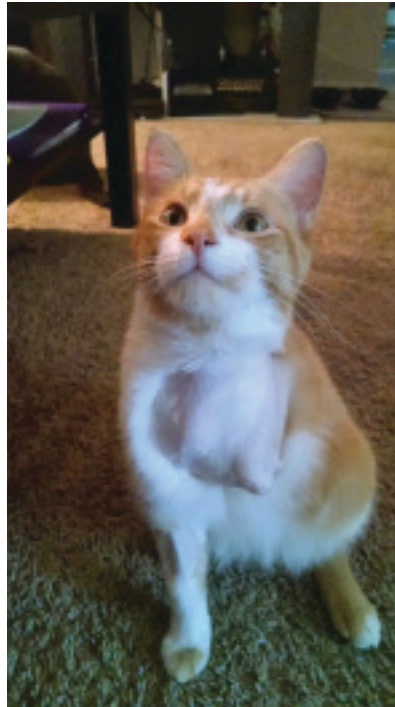
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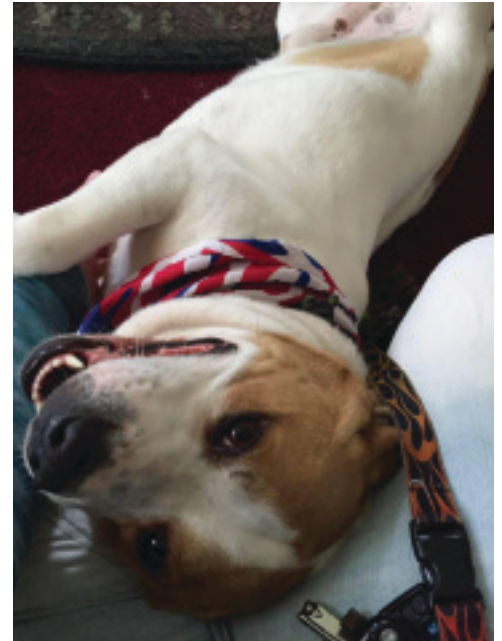
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“Omelette came to us thanks to one of your animal control officers who thought he would be a perfect fit for us! He loves to cuddle and talk to everyone and is making friends with his big brother and sister (both kitties). He is our second three-legged fur baby and his sister is showing him the ropes. We love our little three-legged Omelette and wouldn’t trade him for the world!”
—Courtney S.



“Mack is just the best companion and perfect fit for my boyfriend and I! He’s a bundle of energy and is the best behaved dog. He absolutely loves his ropes and balls and has a new love for car rides with his car harness. Everyone who meets him loves his personality and thinks he is so handsome!” —Amanda S.



“Jager (formerly Meatball) is my and my boyfriend’s baby. Before starting heartworm treatment, we took him for a walk by the river. I didn’t know there was a young couple laying in the grass, but he did and crawled on his belly over to them and laid his head on the woman’s lap. Everyone who meets Jager adores him to the end of the universe and back!”
—Alexis C.



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THE PURRFECT PARTNERSHIP

Partnering with local pet stores helps increase cat adoptions.

In the summer of 2016, the Friends began a partnership with four pet stores in the Metro Detroit area to increase cat adoptions. This partnership has been extremely successful, with 232 cats adopted in 2016.

Currently, our adoptable cats can be found at PetSmart Dearborn, Pet Supplies Plus Dearborn, PetSmart Taylor and Petco Detroit. Partnering with local pet stores is beneficial in several ways. First, it allows our adoptable cats to be seen by a wider audience, thus increasing their chances of finding a forever home and decreasing the time they spend in our care. Second, placing adoptable animals at these facilities frees up more space in the shelter, allowing us to care for more animals every year.

Thank you to our pet store partners and volunteers who are making this program possible.