



Friends for Animals of Metro Detroit Honors Connie VanDeneede as 2018's Top Volunteer

DEARBORN, January 30, 2019—Allen Park resident Connie VanDeneede has been named the winner of the 2018 Heart and Soul Award from Friends for Animals of Metro Detroit. The award is given annually to the animal shelter's top volunteer.

In 2018, Connie logged 915 hours of service and has a total of more than 3,000 lifetime hours with the shelter.

"Connie arrives at the new MaryAnn Wright Education and Adoption Center every morning to take dogs out for their morning exercise and work on behaviors and training for a few hours," said Elaine Greene, executive director, Friends for Animals of Metro Detroit. "She then moves to the Greenfield location to work with those dogs individually and in playgroups. Connie really shines in the work that she does with the shy and nervous dogs. Her calming energy and soothing voice helps animals relax and feel safe and comfortable in the sometimes overwhelming shelter environment."

More than 260 volunteers help FAMD annually. To volunteer, visit www.metrodetroitanimals.org.

About FAMD

After 25 years of nurturing more than 50,000 animals, the Friends for Animals of Metro Detroit has launched their "More Love than Humanly Possible" capital campaign to construct Phase Two of their complex, adjacent to the MaryAnn Wright Animal Adoption & Education Center. For more information about FAMD, a 501 (c) 3 organization, visit metrodetroitanimals.org.

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