



Friends for Animals of Metro Detroit

Inspiring healthy relationships between
people and their companion animals.



2018 COMMUNITY REPORT

Letter from Our Board Chair

Dear FAMD Supporters,

2018 was a milestone year for Friends for Animals of Metro Detroit as we worked to reduce animal homelessness and neglect in our community. A few of the highlights from 2018 include:

- ♥ **High-quality care and adoption services.** Phase I of the new state-of-the-art MaryAnn Wright Animal Adoption and Education Center opened in September. The 10,000-square-foot building has lots of natural light, multi-compartment kennels for cats and dogs to sleep, eat, and play in, as well as a sophisticated purpose-built heating, air conditioning and ventilation system to ensure the comfort and health of our two- and four-legged residents. There is also a large area outside for the dogs to play, socialize, and stretch their legs. The new facility helps the animals feel less stress and better prepares them for their new homes. Read about our work to complete Phase 2 below.
- ♥ **Saving all adoptable animals.** For the 19th consecutive year, we saved 100% of all adoptable animals, with more than 2,800 new homes being enhanced through adoptions. This is a cornerstone value of our organization and a true differentiator from other animal welfare organizations.
- ♥ **Delivering innovative outreach and learning programs.** We achieved the highest rating of four stars with Charity Navigator, the world's largest and most-utilized evaluator of charities in the U.S., providing data on 1.8 million nonprofits and ratings for almost 10,000 charities. This rating demonstrates our commitment to allocating the majority of our funding to programming and ensures our donors that their charitable gifts are going to a financially and managerially well-run organization.



Programs include

- ♥ **Read to Rover.** Children struggling with reading can hone their skills by reading to a dog at the adoption center. The kids are in a comfortable and non-judgmental environment and the dogs get much-needed love and attention.
- ♥ **Veteran Pet Adoption Program.** Retired or active military are eligible for no-cost or reduced adoption fees.
- ♥ **Feed Fido.** We provide pet food to families who are experiencing financial challenges, which enables them to keep their beloved pets at home with their families.
- ♥ **Blue Star Service Dogs.** Selected shelter dogs are paired with vetted prisoners at the Thumb Correctional Facility in Lapeer, Michigan to be trained as support dogs for veterans and first responders. The benefits of this program are twofold: better trained and socialized dogs and inmates who learn and practice empathy and responsibility. The positive impact of this program has been well covered in the media.
- ♥ **Hope's Heroes.** This fund pays for medical and surgical expenses for animals in our care with extensive health issues (i.e. heartworm treatments) or injuries. This program ensures our animals receive the care they need.



Planning for the future:

We are extremely proud of all that we achieved in 2018. Now we are laser-focused on completing Phase 2 of our project so we can bring all of our services under one roof. Phase 2 of our new project will include the

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animal intake and medical evaluation and treatment operations as well as expanding our learning and outreach programs. Not only are we one of the top animal welfare organizations in the region, we have a far-reaching impact on our community through the programs we offer because of YOUR generous donations. Phase 2 will require \$3.5 million to complete. To date, we have raised and have pledges totaling \$1.5 million. The fundraising committee is working every day to get this project completed as soon as possible so we can all come home.

FAMD continues to grow and change to meet the increasing needs in our community for excellent animal care and learning programs. The staff, volunteers and board are so thankful to our donors and supporters to help us succeed. We are successful as an organization because our entire community comes together by supporting our events, capital campaign, volunteering, fostering, and, of course, adopting our animals.

On behalf of the entire Friends for Animals of Metro Detroit organization, thank you!

With gratitude,



MaryAnn Wright
Board Chair, Friends for Animals of Metro Detroit

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Our Mission

The Friends are dedicated to the rescue and protection of animals in the community, while inspiring healthy relationships between people and their companion animals. As animal advocates, we are committed to:

- Saving all adoptable animals
- Providing high-quality animal care and adoption services
- Delivering innovative outreach programs and activities that promote learning
- Promoting animal welfare legislation
- Embracing environmental responsibility with Earth-friendly practices and facilities

About FAMD

Friends for Animals of Metro Detroit (FAMD) was founded in 1993 by inspired volunteers who believed that homeless animals in our region deserve a second chance at life. Building on our strong sense of animal welfare, FAMD has grown in the past 25 years to an organization of great impact in the companion animal welfare community. We are a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt, nonprofit organization.

Every year, our dedicated staff and volunteers love and care for thousands of animals who find refuge at our shelter - including those who are lost, abused, abandoned, injured or ill. All animals adopted from FAMD are vaccinated, spayed or neutered, and microchipped for identification.

Fundraising Events

Your support of FAMD events helps us raise funds, make new Friends, and care for thousands of homeless animals each year while finding them loving homes.



Mutt Strut “Walk and 5K Run”

Last year we celebrated our 13th annual Mutt Strut, with Dearborn Family Pet Care returning as the presenting sponsor. With more than 400 pre-registered walkers, we raised over \$100,000 to support the many animals that FAMD cares for. 2018 was the second year the Mutt Strut also included a dog-friendly 5K run, which took runners through the scenic Gateway Trail and on to University of Michigan’s campus. While the weather did not cooperate and the event had to be called due to lightning before the strut and afternoon festivities took place, it was our most successful Mutt Strut to date when looked at from a fundraising standpoint. ♥

“Fore the Animals” Golf Invitational

In 2018, the Friends annual golf outing returned to the Dearborn Country Club for a day of golf “fore” the animals. The gorgeous day provided a perfect backdrop for the 92 golfers. With the addition of a putting contest, 50/50 square board and games on the course, the fun-filled day raised over \$50,000 to support FAMD and our programs. Non golfers could purchase a dinner-only ticket that enabled participation in the program, the silent auction, and a meeting with the special guest of the evening - an adoptable dog. ♥



Black Tie and Tails Gala

To coincide with the opening of the new Animal Adoption and Education Center, the theme of our 18th annual Black Tie and Tails Gala presented by MaryAnn Wright and Bob Sayles was Welcome Home, celebrating both FAMD being in our new home and the welcoming home of an animal once they are adopted. Held at The Dearborn Inn, the night involved a moving program showcasing the work performed by Friends, a live and silent auction, music by the Rick Lieder Band and recognition of all those whose efforts make the organization great. ♥

2018 Big Heart Award winner Pat Ludwig, who was acknowledged for her dedication to FAMD. The event - our biggest fundraiser of the year - raised more than \$170,000.



Third-Party Events



“Many of our members have pets and realize that by supporting FAMD they are making a difference for the animals.”

Patrick D’Ambrosio
Dearborn Exchange Club

While not hosted by FAMD, there were three major third-party events held in 2018 that benefited our organization and the animals we care for. On April 28, Michigan Animal Welfare Foundation hosted their third annual Fur Ball Gala event at the Suburban Showcase in Novi. As one of the three benefactors, FAMD received \$14,163. Michigan Animal Welfare Foundation also hosted their 13th annual Bowl 4 Animal Rescue on August 11 at Country Lanes in Farmington Hills where FAMD was once again a benefactor, and received a donation of \$14,500. On Columbus Day, longtime FAMD volunteer and supporter Patrick D’Ambrosio hosted his famous fifth annual Pat’s Paw-sitively Pasta Dinner at Park Place Catering. This spaghetti dinner raised more than \$12,000 for FAMD. Pat used his family’s secret recipe to cook up wonderful sauce and meatballs, and offered both eat-in and to-go options.

For specific dates and locations as well as our full calendar of events, please visit metrodetroitanimals.org



New Animal Adoption and Education Center Update

Phase 1 – 10,000 square feet

On September 18, 2018, FAMD celebrated the grand opening of our new MaryAnn Wright Animal Adoption and Education Center (MAW-AAEC). This successful Phase 1 of our development expanded our facility from 4,000 to 10,000 square feet, providing a healthier, more soothing environment for our animals and an improved experience for adopters, staff and volunteers. And with a central location in downtown Dearborn integrated with other public services, we're more connected with the community than ever before.

Phase 2 – 6,000 square feet

Phase 2 of our current capital campaign will increase the new center by 6,000 square feet to 16,000 and enable us to consolidate the Greenfield facility with the new adoption center and expand the scope of work we do in the community.

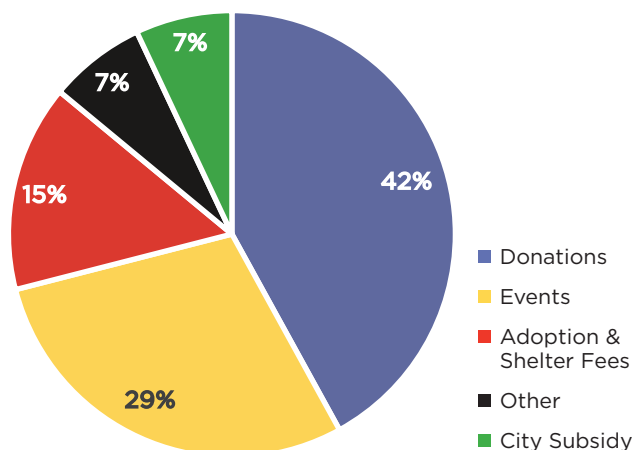
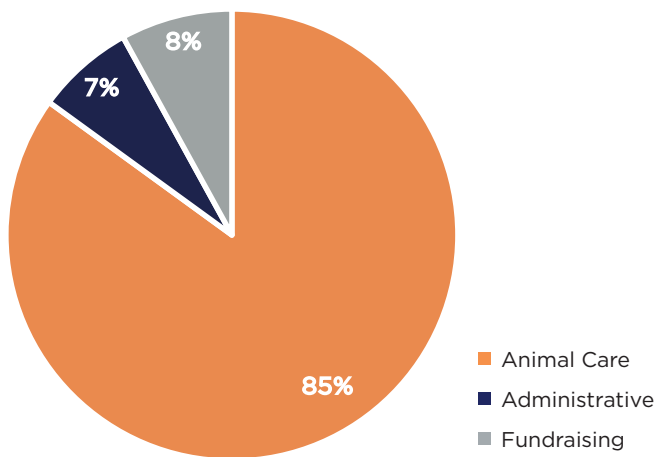
Improving Our Community

Because of YOU, 2018 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.

Our programs include:

- Low-cost spay/neuter vouchers
- Low-cost microchipping vouchers
- Feed Fido
- Read to Rover
- Blue Star Service Dogs
- Veteran Pet Adoption Program

Financial Operations



DIFFERENCES MADE

2,806

Animals cared for (1,019 dogs and 1,644 cats) plus 143 other domestic animals and wildlife

10,000

Square foot state-of-the-art adoption center opened in September 2018

100%

Adoptable animals saved for the 19th straight year

12,330

People visited our adoption center

229

Registered volunteers

14,680

Volunteer hours

741

Animals fostered by loving families

296

Low-cost spay/neuter vouchers distributed

70

Low-cost microchip ID vouchers distributed

We Love Our Volunteers!



Karen Krawczyk is a wonderful volunteer who puts in lots of hours at FAMD. She recently paid for special tests for a little dog (pictured above) brought into the adoption center who had been hit by a car. In addition to paying for this little guy's medical needs, she fostered him during his recovery and even found a friend to adopt him! The small white dog's name is Lucky, which is perfect because Karen saved his life and FAMD is lucky to have volunteers such as Karen.



Batoul and Rayan Seklawi, the 'Wonder Twins', can often be found walking FAMD's residents. Here they are with Rover.

Our Donors

Friends for Animals of Metro Detroit is grateful for our donors who provide the necessary funding that enables us to help thousands of animals every year. We would like to especially thank the following donors who gave in total at least \$1,000 during 2018:

\$100,000 to \$500,000

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Ms. MaryAnn Wright

\$50,000 to \$99,999

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Julie Walker

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“At Fairlane Ford, giving back is core to our culture. We support FAMD because we believe it’s important to provide for the forgotten animals in our community.”

Julie Walker

President, Fairlane Ford
FAMD Board Member

Happy Tails



Max

“We adopted Max, formerly Reese, in May of 2018. He was a small 6-month-old Shih Tzu/ Poodle mix. He had a terrible time with kennel cough for a few weeks, but he got well, put on weight, and traveled 2,700 miles across the U.S. to our new home in California. He is doing well and is healthy and energetic. He is the most clever and devoted dog I have ever had. And of course, he is spoiled but is well behaved and deserving. The experience of adopting through FAMD was a very positive one. We lived in Romeo at the time and it was worth the hour drive every time to come to Dearborn to find our new family friend. Thanks again!”

Marlene McLean

May 17, 2018

Laserbeam

“Laserbeam is a large cat. He was found a little beaten up with scrapes and cuts when he came to the shelter. He is looking great now! He has gained weight and his hair is growing back. We love him a lot!”

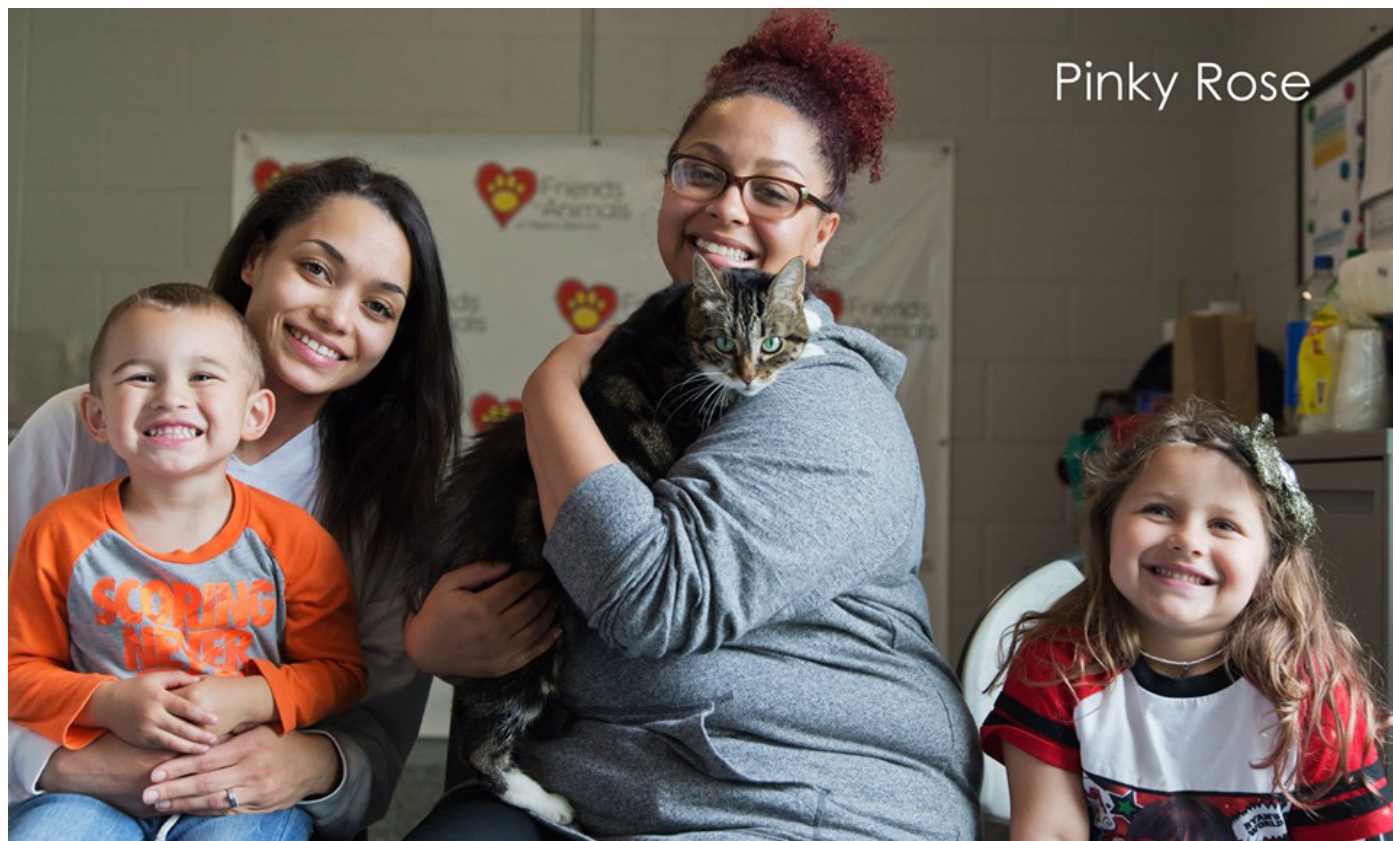
Amy and Jerry Stetina

August 7, 2018





Friends for Animals of Metro Detroit



Pinky Rose

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Animal Services and Administration

2661 Greenfield Road

Dearborn, MI 48120

Monday - Friday: 9 am - 11 am
and 12 pm - 5 pm

Saturday: 9 am - 11 am
and 12 pm - 4 pm

Sunday: Closed

MaryAnn Wright Animal Adoption and Education Center

16121 Reckinger Road

Dearborn, MI 48126

Monday: Closed

Tuesday, Thursday: 12 pm - 7 pm

Wednesday, Friday: 12 pm - 5 pm

Saturday: 12 pm - 4 pm

Sunday: Closed

Join the Friends Legacy Society

The Legacy Society recognizes those who honor Friends for Animals of Metro Detroit through a gift designated in their estate plans. If you have chosen us as a beneficiary of your will or trust, IRA or life insurance, please join today by contacting Kim Cross, Development Director, at 313-943-2697 ext. 1008 or kcross@metrodetroitanimals.org.

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