



## **FRIENDS FOR ANIMALS OF METRO DETROIT**

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### **UPDATE: OWNER COMES FORWARD IN CASE OF DOG LEFT IN CAGE BY THE SIDE OF THE ROAD**

DEARBORN, May 30, 2020 – The owner has come forward in the case of a dog left in a small cage by the side of the road. Friends for Animals of Metro Detroit (FAMD) has just confirmed that the person who claimed to find the dog abandoned in a crate left roadside the night of Wednesday, May 27, was actually the owner of the dog. Fortunately, this means that the dog, who the shelter has named Cypress, was not actually found in a small cage on the side of the road. Unfortunately, the owner chose to tell the story of finding the dog on the side of the road to the police officer when the owner reached out to police and brought the dog to the shelter on the evening of May 27.

The good news is that the owner has relinquished ownership of Cypress and FAMD can begin the process of preparing him to be adopted. Those families wanting to give Cypress a good home and who have submitted a questionnaire to adopt will be contacted once he is ready to be adopted.

We understand that times are tough for many people during the pandemic, but abandoning your animal is NEVER the correct option. If you are having difficulties caring for a pet or need to re-home an animal, please reach out to FAMD or your local shelter or rescue group. We are here to help!

### **FAMD OFFERS \$500 REWARD FOR INFO LEADING TO ARREST AND CONVICTION OF PERSON WHO LEFT DOG IN CAGE ON THE SIDE OF THE ROAD**

DEARBORN, May 28, 2020 – Friends for Animals of Metro Detroit (FAMD) is offering a \$500 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person who abandoned a



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dog on the side of the road Wednesday night. The dog weighs over 60 pounds and was found on the side of the road, crammed into a small dog cage along with a feeder, dishes and dog toys.

Around 9pm Wednesday night, a Good Samaritan saw the dog in the cage on the side of the road. He jumped into action and removed the dog from the cage, and called the police. The dog was transported to Friends for Animals of Metro Detroit in Dearborn, and seems to be very friendly and in otherwise good condition. The shelter has named him Cypress.

Abandonment of a pet is a misdemeanor, which is punishable by up to a \$500 fine and 30 days in jail. The police are investigating the crime, and anyone with any information is asked to call the Dearborn Police at 313.943.2240 or FAMD at 313.943.2697.

As always, donations for the care for homeless or abused animals are gratefully accepted, and can be made at [metrodetroitanimals.org](http://metrodetroitanimals.org). Your donations help us ensure that animals like Cypress are cared for until they find their forever homes, and never have to go through situations like this again.

**About FAMD**

After more than 27 years of nurturing more than 59,000 animals, Friends for Animals of Metro Detroit has embarked on the second phase of their “More Love than Humanly Possible” capital campaign to construct Phase Two of their complex, an addition to the MaryAnn Wright Animal Adoption & Education Center. For more information about FAMD, a 501(c)3 organization, visit [metrodetroitanimals.org](http://metrodetroitanimals.org).

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