

Friends for Animals of Metro Detroit

# **FAST FACTS**

## **REPORT FOR 2019**

#### **OUR ANIMALS**

- Intake: 2,522 (1,008 dogs and 1,514 cats) plus 112 other domestic animals and wildlife
- Place rate overall: 86%
- Before adoption, all animals have age-appropriate vaccines, are spayed or neutered and microchipped

#### **OUR CENTERS**

#### MaryAnn Wright Animal Adoption and Education Center

16121 Reckinger Rd., Dearborn, Opened in September 2018

- 10,000 square feet, utilizing best practices in animal sheltering
- Double compartment housing for all animals/separate areas for dogs and cats/natural light
- Meet and greet rooms
- Sophisticated air-handling systems
- Durable and hygienic surfaces

#### **Animal Services Center**

2661 Greenfield, Dearborn

- 4,000 square feet (main building)
- 4 trailers for cat/isolation housing
- 1 administrative office trailer
- 1 conference trailer

#### **OUR PARTNERS**

- Cat adoptions at the following locations during normal business hours:
  - » Pet Supplies Plus, Dearborn
  - » PetSmart, Dearborn and Taylor

#### **OUR STAFF**

- 16 full-time
- 15 part-time

#### **CITY OF DEARBORN**

- Human population: 94,333
- Est. pet ownership:
  - » 18,970 dogs
  - » 14,120 cats
- Over 30,897 households, an estimated 17,549 own pets

#### NATIONAL STATISTICS\*

- Estimated national annual spending on pets: \$75 billion
- Households owning pets: 68%
- Number of owned cats: 94 million
- Number of owned dogs: 90 million
- Shelter statistics for cats and dogs (annual):
  » Intake: 6.5 million
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  - » Intake of purebred dogs: 25%
- Approximately 23% of dogs and 31% of cats are adopted from shelters

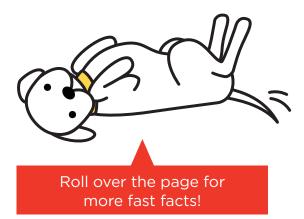
\*Source: ASPCA, APPA, HSUS

#### VOLUNTEERS

- 289 registered volunteers
- 14,440 hours donated (equivalent value of over \$358,834 in wages)
- 703 foster animals cared for with over 20,013 hours
- Student volunteers: One of the few sheltering organizations to accept youth under age 16
- Internships: Ongoing opportunities for local partnering schools, including University of Michigan-Dearborn

#### SPECIAL PROGRAMS

- Training and resource site for community groups, including:
  - » Mixter School
  - » Read to Rover children's program
  - » Veteran adoption programs Blue Star Service Dogs and Pets for Patriots



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#### SUPPORTER DEMOGRAPHICS

- 55% of volunteers, 71% of donors, and 78% of adopters are from outside of Dearborn
- Shelter visitors: 12,851 people visited our shelter in 2019

### **PUBLIC RELATIONS**

- Friends has deep media relationships throughout the Metro Detroit community. This affords the organization opportunities to feature adoptable animals, provide education and animal tips, promote events and address animal advocacy to a wide audience
- Public relations efforts include communications in the following platforms:
  - » Regular news distribution through 80 media outlets
  - » Weekly adoptables in electronic portals
  - » Monthly segment on WJBK Fox 2 (second Monday of each month)
  - » Hallmark Channel (periodically)
  - » On Facebook: www.facebook.com/MetroDetroitAnimals
  - » On Twitter: www.twitter.com/MetroDetAnimals
  - » On Instagram: MetroDetroitAnimals
  - » On YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/user/ DearbornAnimals1/
  - » Official Friends website: www.MetroDetroitAnimals.org
  - » Biweekly eNews
  - » Consistent face-to-face interactivity

#### **FINANCIAL - OPERATIONS**

- Sources of funds
  - » Donations: 60%
  - » Events: 17%
  - » Adoption and shelter fees: 9%
  - » Other: 9%
  - » City subsidy: 5%
- Expenses
  - » Programs: 83%
  - » Management & General: 8%
  - » Fundraising: 9%

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

- 199 low-cost spay/neuter vouchers and 65 low-cost microchip ID vouchers distributed
- Operation Feed Fido: A food supplement program that provided 6,473 pounds of food

#### **EVENTS**

- Fundraising events include:
  - » Mutt Strut and 5k Run (9/12/20 Rescheduled)
  - » Golf outing (7/20/20)
  - » Black Tie and Tails (10/23/20)
  - » More than 90 third-party events, such as Fur Ball (September), Bowl-4-Animal Rescue (August) and Pat's Pasta Dinner (October)
  - » City of Dearborn: Memorial Day Parade, Homecoming, Farmers Market

