



**FRIENDS FOR ANIMALS OF METRO DETROIT**

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## FRIENDS FOR ANIMALS OF METRO DETROIT'S ENTIRE STAFF COMPLETE FEAR FREE SHELTERS PROGRAM

**DEARBORN, MI. (April 8, 2021)** - As of April 2021, the entire staff at Friends for Animals of Metro Detroit (FAMD) has completed the Fear Free Shelters program, earning their certificates of completion.

The Fear Free Shelter Program aims to empower those working with shelter animals to apply key strategies and techniques designed to reduce the negative emotional states that are commonly experienced by shelter and rescue animals—including fear, anxiety, stress (FAS), and frustration—and increase their enrichment opportunities.

“We are thrilled to be able to utilize these new techniques to make our guests as comfortable as possible while they wait to find their forever homes,” said Kim Cross, President & CEO of FAMD. “Our staff has really embraced the learnings from the Fear Free program to ensure all of our animals' needs, both physical and emotional, are being met.”

To learn more about the Fear Free Shelters Program, visit <https://fearfreeshelters.com/>

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### **About Friends for Animals of Metro Detroit (FAMD):**

After more than 28 years of nurturing over 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 [www.metrodetroitanimals.org](http://www.metrodetroitanimals.org).

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