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**FRIENDS FOR ANIMALS OF METRO DETROIT NAMES DAN & CINDY MILLER,  
MAYOR JACK O'REILLY, AND POLARIS AS 2021 BIG HEART AWARD WINNERS**

DEARBORN, MI. – Dan Miller, Fox 2 Sports Director, and his wife Cindy Miller, have been named the winner of Friends for Animals of Metro Detroit's 2021 Big Heart Award - Individual. This award is given to recognize the dedication and compassion of an individual or individuals who unselfishly give their time and talent to saving and providing sanctuary to animals. The Big Heart Award is given annually, with the recipient traditionally being honored at FAMD's Black Tie & Tails gala in October.

To be considered for this award, nominees must meet several criteria. They must:

- Exemplify the mission of Friends, which is to provide loving care and sanctuary to animals, encourage adoptions and reunions, and promote respect, responsibility and compassion for all animals.
- Exemplify true support of the humane treatment of animals, through thought, word and deed, whatever the circumstance.
- Consistently donate time, support, financial resources and/or talent to facilitate or further the cause of animal welfare.

Dan and Cindy Miller have been supporters of Friends for Animals of Metro Detroit (FAMD) for many years, and are not only ambassadors to the organization, but devoted fosters and adopters. "We are so honored and humbled to receive this year's Big Heart Award. From day one of our involvement with FAMD, we have been in awe of the amazing people that have dedicated their efforts to saving these beautiful and vulnerable animals. It has been an incredible experience to play a small role in this organization, not just for Cindy and myself, but for our entire family."



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Past recipients of the Big Heart Award include Sophie Bozek, Dr. Cheryl Good DVM, Patricia Ludwig, Julie Walker, Pat D'Ambrosio, Councilman Robert and Mrs. Mary Ann Abraham, Dr. Linda Schrier, Kay and Doug Neff, Scott Shallop, Dr. Jeff Dizik, Norma Wallis, MaryAnn Wright, Phyllis Moore, and Jack and Edith Sullivan.

This year, Friends for Animals of Metro Detroit is adding two new categories to the Big Heart Award – the Big Heart Award – Government, and the Big Heart Award – Corporate. The inaugural Big Heart Award – Government will be presented to Mayor Jack O'Reilly, for his years of dedication to FAMD and the animals in the city of Dearborn. Global powersports leader Polaris Inc. will be awarded the Big Heart Award – Corporate for their continued sponsorship and support of FAMD's events and programs.

The Big Heart Awards will be presented at our 2021 Black Tie & Tails gala, held October 22, 2021 at the Dearborn Inn.

**About 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 [metrodetroitanimals.org](http://metrodetroitanimals.org).

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