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25TH ANNIVERSARY OF ANNUAL BLACK TIE AND TAILS GALA AT THE HENRY, AUTOGRAPH COLLECTION

Lights. Camera. Compassion: Celebrating 25 Years of Black Tie and Tails

Dearborn, MICH. July 29, 2025 – Friends for Animals will celebrate the silver 25th anniversary of their annual Black Tie and Tails Gala on September 26, 2025, from 6:30 – 11:30 p.m. at the Henry Autograph Collection in Dearborn. Black Tie, presented by MaryAnn Wright and Bob Sayles, has become one of the most unique and well-attended animal welfare events in Southeast Michigan, garnering a crowd of over 200 attendees. Attendees include business and community leaders, local dignitaries and politicians. This event allows the organization to raise critical funds needed to continue working as animal advocates, saving all adoptable animals. This year the event was voted Best Gala in *HOUR Detroit Magazine’s Best of Detroit 2025*. Silver being the 25th anniversary gift lent inspiration in deciding this year’s gala theme of old Hollywood and the silver screen.

Friends for Animals has been ushering in a new era of expansion this year with the July 19 Grand Opening Celebration of the recently completed MaryAnn Wright Animal Adoption and Education Center and a new mission and vision. The organization now moves forward under a new guiding message: All for Love. The new mission to nurture the bonds between animals, people and the community goes on to envision a community of unconditional love.

“This year marks a powerful new chapter for Black Tie & Tails and for Friends for Animals. Our long-awaited expansion is complete, opening the door to more life-saving work, more second chances, and more hope for the animals who need us most. But with growth comes greater responsibility – and greater cost. We can’t do it alone. This event is more than a celebration – it’s a call to our community to stand with us, to fuel this next chapter, and to help ensure every animal who walks through our doors receives the care, love, and future they deserve,” says President and CEO Cory Keller.



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Friends for Animals invites the community new and old to join them in celebrating 25 years of Black Tie and Tails, and their life-saving work and achievements September 26 at the Henry, Autograph Collection, located at Fairlane Plaza, 300 Town Center Dr. in Dearborn. Guests are encouraged to dress up, channeling their favorite movie stars and old Hollywood glamour at the event, which will feature an open bar, strolling appetizers, dinner, live entertainment, a DJ and dance party, a photobooth, auctions, a cash-only raffle and adoptable animals. Individual tickets are \$250 with options to reserve a table of eight. Hosting and sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information or to reserve your spot, contact Nova Zorok at 313.943.2697 ext. 1019 or nzorok@metrodetroitanimals.org and visit: <https://www.metrodetroitanimals.org/event/black-tie-and-tails-2025/>

Friends for Animals of Metro Detroit is a 501c3 organization and is located at 16121 Reckinger in Dearborn. Friends for Animals of Metro Detroit is dedicated to the rescue, protection, and adoption of companion animals in need, while inspiring the human-animal bond. Friends for Animals was founded in 1996 by volunteers who believed that homeless animals in our region deserve a second chance at life. Building on our strong sense of animal welfare, Friends for Animals has grown in the past 29 years to an organization of great impact in the companion animal welfare community. The organization helps support and care for approximately 2,500 animals each year. <https://www.metrodetroitanimals.org>

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