



FRIENDS FOR ANIMALS OF METRO DETROIT

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FRIENDS FOR ANIMALS AWARDED 4,500 VACCINES FOR COMMUNITY CLINICS AS PART OF IN-KIND GRANT THROUGH THE BANFIELD FOUNDATION'S COMMUNITY CARE GRANT

Dearborn, MICH. April 9, 2026 – Friends for Animals has been selected to receive an in-kind grant of 1,500 doses each of DHLPP, Bordetella, and rabies vaccines to support local community clinics. Collaboration like this saves lives, making veterinary care accessible to all, and bringing the community together. Friends for Animals' vaccine clinics formerly only accepted Detroit and Dearborn residents but have now expanded to include all Wayne County residents.

"These no-cost community vaccine clinics offer a lifeline to people and their pets. With the cost of everything going up, Friends for Animals, and all our wonderful partners are here, trying to help however we can. We love our communities we serve, and this is one small way we can help keep people and animals together," said Friends for Animals President and CEO Cory Keller.

Friends for Animals' next free vaccine clinic on April 19 in partnership with Dog Aide, Oliver's Foundation, Friends of Detroit Animal Care & Control (FoDACC), Michigan Anti-Cruelty Society (MACS), and the Banfield Foundation, is already sold out! More of these clinics are already in the works throughout the year with dates in May, September, October and November. Pre-registration online at metrodetroitanimals.org and on the Friends for Animals of Metro Detroit Facebook page is required and the clinics fill up fast!

Last month, at the March 1 clinic, 200 animals received vaccines and microchips and 34 volunteers, including volunteers from outside organizations, came together to support the cause. Clinic locations this year include the organization's own MaryAnn Wright Animal Adoption and Education Center, located at 16121 Reckinger Rd. in Dearborn, the North Rosedale Park Civic Association, located at 18445 Scarsdale St., Michigan Anti-Cruelty Society (MACS), located at 13569 Joseph Campau Ave., and Life Remodeled, located at 2470



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Collingwood St. all in Detroit. Veterinarians Dr. Kelly of Lincoln Park Veterinary Hospital, Dr. Good, and Dr. Lyngvar of Legacy Pet Care partner with Friends for Animals for the vaccine clinics. Last year, 893 pets were served. This year, the animal welfare organization and their partners hope to reach over 1,000 pets!

"By partnering with fellow veterinary professionals and animal welfare organizations within our community, we are able to provide much needed resources to both pets and their people. Our purpose is to reduce barriers to veterinary care, keep pets with their people, and promote a safer and healthier community," continued Friends for Animals Director of Animal Services Kelsey Wynn.

Helping to provide affordable and accessible veterinary care, Community Care Grants provide funding and medical supplies to nonprofit organizations and local/state government agencies that deliver veterinary care to owned pets through on-site, mobile, or pop-up clinics. Applications are accepted quarterly in January, April, July, and October and awards are announced the following month.

At the core of the Banfield Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, is the belief that all pets deserve access to veterinary care. In support of this belief, the foundation funds programs that enable veterinary care, elevate the power of the human-animal bond, provide disaster relief for pets, and advance the science of veterinary medicine through fostering innovation and education. It also leverages the expertise and passion of Banfield Pet Hospital® associates to care for pets in need. At the Banfield Foundation, we are committed to making a better world for pets because they make a better world for us.

Friends for Animals is a 501c3 organization and is located at 16121 Reckinger in Dearborn. Friends for Animals 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



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chance at life. Building on our strong sense of animal welfare, Friends for Animals has grown in the past 30 years to an organization of great impact in the companion animal welfare community. The organization helps find homes for approximately 2,500 dogs and cats each year.

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