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Along with the direct impact our sheltering services have on animal lives, we also enrich the lives of adopters by offering healthy, friendly companion animals for adoption and providing trained adoption counselors to help adopters select animals who best fit their homes, lifestyles and expectations. We provide a comprehensive adoption package to help animal guardians and their new family members get off to a great start while ensuring the adopted animals are sterilized and do not contribute to companion animal overpopulation. In addition, our shelters offer information on responsible animal guardianship.

In addition to our three shelter facilities, the MHS utilizes a Mobile Adoption Unit, our “shelter on wheels,” to take adoptable animals into the community. We placed 396 animals in new homes by visiting businesses in metro Detroit and beyond, providing a helpful outreach service to adopters who otherwise might not be able to visit one of our locations.

Humane Education

Spreading our mission far beyond our walls and into the community is one of our most important roles. One of the key Michigan Humane Society outreach opportunities is our Humane Education program, which provided 339 in-classroom and MHS shelter visits for 15,565 youth and adults during age-appropriate presentations. This program strives to instill humane values, teaches responsible animal care and educates children on safety around animals. In addition to making our community more humane and respectful toward all living creatures, the program helps protect our youth from the dangers of dog bites or accidents caused by treating animals cruelly. Our free presentations, offered to school, scouting and other groups, are a natural extension of the lessons on respecting others that have become an important focus in school curriculums in recent years.

Legislation

Through our legislative advocacy efforts, the Michigan Humane Society extends its influence and expertise statewide through the introduction and promotion of important animal welfare and protection legislation. The MHS became a charter member of the Committee to Restore the Dove Shooting Ban, the campaign to restore Michigan’s 99- year tradition of protection for our mourning doves. By mobilizing our dedicated volunteers to assist in the volunteer-driven campaign, the MHS played an instrumental role in the effort to gather the more than 150,000 required signatures from registered voters to qualify for a voter referendum in November 2002. The signature-gathering activity continued into the following year. The MHS also introduced a three-ball package to promote companion animal sterilization and adoption efforts and to better enforce anti-cruelty laws in our state.

Cruelty Investigation and Rescue

The Michigan Humane Society Cruelty Investigation Department, which includes four investigators and one field agent, responded to 4,093 complaints of animal cruelty and neglect in our service area of Detroit, Hamtramck and Highland Park. Most of the cases were reported by concerned members of the public. Since the most common complaints include “No food, water and/or shelter,” abandonment and a lack of necessary medical care, one of the investigators’ main roles is to educate people so they can become responsible animal guardians.

However, when a guardian does not make the necessary changes or the animal has been severely abused or neglected, the investigator’s role becomes to hold the person accountable and seek prosecution to the fullest extent possible.

The Michigan Humane Society Rescue fleet is the only rescue department in metropolitan Detroit that operates 365 days a year. In 2004, our Rescue Department responded to 2,843 calls, assisting a total of 3,085 injured stray and wild animals who otherwise would have been without help.

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