

MICHIGAN HUMANE SOCIETY

2011

REPORT TO THE  
COMMUNITY





## MISSION STATEMENT AND VISION

To end companion animal homelessness, to provide the highest quality service and compassion to the animals entrusted to our care, and to be a leader in promoting humane values.

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**"All this is a work no civilized city in America can afford to be without."  
-Abner Larned, 1935 interview about the work of Michigan Humane Society**

It is said that actions speak louder than words. Ending companion animal homelessness. Providing compassionate care. Taking a leadership role. These words not only form the basis of the Michigan Humane Society's mission statement but take the form of actions embraced by the Michigan Humane Society which lead us every day to work on behalf of thousands of animals.

Guided by a vision of ending companion animal homelessness, the Michigan Humane Society reached an important milestone in 2010 —100% adoption of healthy dogs and cats — one which we are proud to say we have continued to achieve. While thousands of healthy animals at the Michigan Humane Society find loving homes each year, to an open admission animal welfare organization like MHS compassionate care means taking in each and every animal brought to us regardless of the animal's health, age or adoptability. MHS provides a wide range of high quality veterinary care for treatable animals — from simply providing preventive vaccines to performing surgical procedures requiring extended periods of rehabilitation. Our network of more than 330 foster homes and our partnerships with more than 100 rescue organizations give these animals the time they need to recover and become ready to be adopted. We continue to grow our network of partnerships and foster homes in order to expand our 100% adoption goal to include these treatable animals as well.

Taking a leadership role in the community and in Michigan has driven the Michigan Humane Society to expand community outreach by developing prevention programs unmatched anywhere else in Michigan. In addition, MHS is at the forefront in leading legislative efforts to strengthen existing anti-cruelty laws and in introducing progressive new legislation for a more humane Michigan.

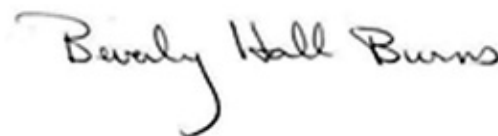
There are significant challenges to ending companion animal homelessness and providing care to tens of thousands of animals each year. We invite you to read about the programs and services MHS has put in place to meet these challenges and the accomplishments, rescue stories and outreach that your support makes possible as told in the following Report to the Community. Learn how MHS is Keeping Families Together; share in the excitement of a new Detroit Center for Animal Care; check out some of our newest partner programs; and read about happy endings for animals like Petie, Addie and River.

With your support, Michigan Humane Society delivers programs and services on a scale unmatched in Michigan. Thank you for helping us meet today's challenges and develop tomorrow's solutions. We encourage you to contact the MHS administrative office at 248-283-1000 to find out more about our programs and services or to ask any questions you may have.

Sincerely,



Cal Morgan  
President and CEO



Beverly Burns  
Chair of the Board





# Accomplishments

Since 1877, the Michigan Humane Society has been a dynamic, evolving organization, ready to meet the demands of an ever-changing world. When we first moved into our Detroit location on what was then Richmond Avenue, horses were the primary means of transportation for much of the city's population, and MHS' efforts to prevent animal cruelty were focused on the mistreatment of work horses. As time passed and horses disappeared from the road in favor of automobiles, MHS' focus shifted to companion animals.

Today, we're still in the same building in Detroit, on what is now the I-75 service drive, but we've added two locations in Rochester Hills and Westland with full-service adoption centers and veterinary centers, as well as seven off-site locations with our adoption partners at PetSmart and Petco. MHS still is the leading legislative force for animals in Lansing, with a reach that extends well outside the halls of our three centers for animal care. And MHS' Cruelty Investigation Department is still out on the streets bringing animal abusers to justice.

**135 years later,  
our goals have  
evolved, but our  
commitment to  
animals is stronger  
than ever.**

2011 was a year of many accomplishments for MHS. At no time in the organization's history has MHS offered animals for adoption at so many different locations. Never before have so many animals with serious conditions been able to receive the care they needed and the loving home they deserved. And with critical goals within reach in the coming years, the future is even brighter for the animals in our care!

No one does more for animals here in Michigan than the Michigan Humane Society, but we couldn't do it without you. Here are some of MHS' accomplishments during the past year, and where we're going from here.



2011 Mega March



Celebrating a new off-site adoption location at Petco



## Finding More Loving Homes for Homeless Animals

In 2002, MHS President and CEO Cal Morgan laid forth a bold goal for the organization: By 2010, MHS would find homes for every single one of its healthy dogs and cats. As the largest open-admissions animal welfare facility in the state and one of the largest in the country, this was absolutely unprecedented. Approximately 30,000 animals come to MHS every year, with none turned away. Being a private, nonprofit institution that receives no government funding, it was clear that in order to accomplish this goal, MHS would have to get smarter and leaner to make the best possible use of its limited resources.

That meant confronting the major issues standing in the way of this goal: boosting adoptions, reuniting more lost pets with their owners, and increasing the number of sterilized pets. Over the years, MHS implemented a variety of programs: the MHS Alumni Club and 60-Day Adoption Guarantee, to help ensure that everyone could feel comfortable adopting a shelter pet; the ePole, which allows the public to post lost and found pet information online for free, and a number of microchipping initiatives to help more lost pets find their way back home; and low-cost spay/neuter services that have sterilized thousands of pets over the years.

As result of these efforts, in 2010, every single healthy pet that came to the Michigan Humane Society found a loving home. And in 2011, we're happy to say that we've been able to maintain that goal thanks to your support!

**"So many people think that when an animal is brought to an animal shelter or a humane society, they have a time limit, some sort of countdown clock before they're put down. But that's just not true here at MHS," said Cal Morgan, President and CEO of the Michigan Humane Society. "If we place an animal up for adoption, we're going to give that animal as much time as they need to find a loving home. It may take weeks or even months, but we're happy to do all we can to find these pets the loving homes they deserve."**

Maintaining this goal has been due, in part, to the enormous strides taken through MHS' off-site adoption partnerships with six area PetSmart locations, offering felines year-round and taking stress off our adoption centers during the cat breeding months. And in November, MHS opened a brand new full-service adoption center at Petco Sterling Heights, the first off-site location of its kind and first full-service adoption center for MHS in Macomb County.

As result of these off-site locations, more than 1,500 animals found loving homes in 2011, including nearly 1,300 cats – more than 30 percent of the total feline adoptions here at MHS! And now that the Petco Sterling Heights adoption center will be open for the whole of 2012, we only expect that number to rise next year!

But it's not just healthy animals who come to the Michigan Humane Society. Whenever an animal is brought to us, we classify that animal in accordance with a national set of standards called the Asilomar Accords. Under these standards, developed by organizations across the United States including Maddie's Fund, pets that come into a facility are determined to be healthy, treatable, or



### ASILOMAR ACCORDS

#### HEALTHY

All dogs and cats who have shown no signs of behavioral, temperamental or health problems that could make them unsuitable as a pet.



#### TREATABLE

*Rehabilitable:* All dogs and cats who are not healthy, but are likely to become so if provided medical, foster, behavioral or other care equivalent to the care provided to pets by caring pet owners in the community.

*Manageable:* All dogs and cats who are not healthy and are not likely to become so regardless of the care provided, but those who would maintain a satisfactory quality of life if provided with appropriate care.



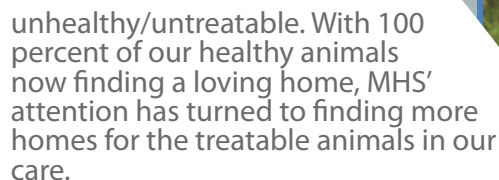
#### UNHEALTHY AND UNTREATABLE

All dogs and cats who are suffering from a disease, injury or condition that significantly affects their health and are not likely to become healthy or treatable even with care, as well as those animals who have a medical or temperamental problem that would present a danger to themselves or others. **MHS will not adopt out gravely ill or temperamentally unsound animals.**

Percentages are based on the fiscal year from Oct. 1, 2010 to Sept. 30, 2011.

[Click here to see detailed animal statistics.](#)





Treatable animals present a number of difficult issues for any humane organization. Facing tight budgets and limited resources, finding ways to pay for veterinary bills that can reach into the thousands of dollars can be a significant challenge, not to mention the difficulties involved in finding a place to care for the animal during what can be a long and difficult recovery.

Addressing these challenges will take a comprehensive effort — utilizing limited resources even more effectively, so that we're getting the most

out of every dollar. We will find more foster homes to get sick and injured animals out of a cage and into an environment where they can get more one-on-one time. And most importantly, we will enlist the community's support to help us help these animals in need.

We've already begun these efforts, and they're paying dividends.

**In 2011, the adoption rate for treatable animals jumped from 36 percent adoption in 2010 to 57 percent, with approximately 1,300 more treatable animals adopted.**

This is a huge stride, but we will not and cannot stop until every healthy and treatable animal has a second chance for a new life.

That's why MHS has committed to a new goal: guaranteed placement of all adoptable animals — healthy and treatable — in the near future.

This would be a tremendous achievement for any organization, but for an open-admission facility that ranks among the largest in the United States, it is extraordinary. To meet this goal, many organizations will simply refuse to admit animals it doesn't think can be adopted out. But not at MHS.

MHS refuses to turn away an animal in need or shirk its commitment to the community by shutting its doors to the people and animals who most need help. Though our goal of guaranteed placement of all healthy and treatable animals would be significantly easier if this was the case, never in the 135-year history of this organization have decisions been made just to make for better statistics. For us, it's about how we can best serve this community. And that's by keeping our doors open, and



working tirelessly to find new and innovative ways to care for animals in need.



## Keeping Families Together

But it's not just animals who are in need. The great recession of 2007 impacted our community harder than perhaps any other in the country. Detroit's population plummeted. Foreclosures skyrocketed, leading to abandoned homes and abandoned pets. Thousands lost jobs and the means to care for their beloved four-legged family members. And non-profit charitable organizations like the Michigan Humane Society saw a dramatic jump in the number of people relying on them for aid.

Pets are often the forgotten victims when people are struggling to make ends meet. Workers who lose their job and their home are frequently forced to move into housing that doesn't welcome pets. People who rely on food assistance often can't afford food for their pet. And when the stresses of losing a job or a home take their toll, dealing with pet behavior problems can seem like a monumental task.

Facing these challenges head-on, MHS instituted its "Keeping Families Together" program in 2008, a comprehensive strategy designed to tackle the critical issues facing pet owners across Michigan. As job losses and foreclosures mounted, MHS programs helped meet the need, including:

• **Free Pet Food Bank** — MHS provides free pet food for low-income pet owners, to ensure that no pet has to go hungry. This program has proven to be more and more necessary. Last year, nearly 2,000 new families signed up for the free pet food program. We are so thankful to our many volunteers and members of the community who donate the food and treats that make this program possible for thousands of pet owners across the community.

• **Free Straw** — MHS strongly urges that pets be kept inside year-round, but especially during extreme temperatures. Unfortunately, under Michigan law, pets are allowed to be kept outside at all times, regardless of the weather. However, they must be provided with basic living essentials — food, fresh water, and shelter from the elements, and the best way to ensure that pets living outdoors stay warm is with a well-built shelter and straw for bedding. Because while linens can freeze and draw the heat out of an animal, straw allows the animal to burrow in and stay warm. This winter, MHS has provided free straw to more than 1,500 pets, which could make the difference between life and death on freezing-cold nights.

• **Low-Cost Feline Spay/Neuter** — The best way to prevent more homeless animals is to ensure pets are spayed or neutered. However, the cost of the surgery is prohibitive for many pet owners. In addition, we see a dramatic increase in the number of litters of kittens coming into our facilities every spring and summer. In order to reduce the number of homeless animals, MHS recently began offering low-cost spay/neuter surgery for felines. Available at each of MHS' three veterinary centers, it's part of MHS' commitment to ending animal homelessness. MHS has sterilized more than 270,000 animals over the past 20 years.

• **Protect-A-Pet Clinics** — Another issue facing many low-income pet owners is the cost of vaccinations. Unfortunately, many pet owners are unable to afford vaccinations for their pets. Consequently, many pets are left unprotected from diseases like distemper, parvovirus and rabies. That's why for more than 20 years, MHS has been holding Protect-A-Pet vaccinations clinics across the metro area. Offering low-cost vaccinations and microchipping, more than 3,100 pets received care during the six clinics held in 2011!

## A New Detroit Center for Animal Care

In 1931, the Michigan Humane Society purchased the old Detroit Piston Ring building, located at 7401 Richmond, and set to work converting the building into a useable animal shelter. The building needed immediate renovations to ensure adequate ventilation, cage space and flooring, as the building had been operating as a factory since the 19th century.

Today, we are still in the building. As featured on “Animal Cops: Detroit,” the current MHS Detroit Center for Animal Care has been in service for 81 years. Home to our Detroit adoption center, stray animal housing, veterinary center and cruelty and rescue offices, there’s a lot packed into a small space. Yet, the MHS Detroit Center for Animal Care is the largest animal welfare facility in terms of animals cared for in the entire state of Michigan!

But with recent renovations to the MHS Berman Center for Animal Care in Westland and the MHS Rochester Hills Center for Animal Care, the deficiencies of the current location have become clear. We’ve long since outgrown this location, and there is no way to convert the building to take advantage of the latest advancements in sheltering technology, which helps to minimize disease transmission between animals while maximizing the opportunity to showcase animals to potential adopters.

Last year, we took the first step toward the creation of a brand new MHS Detroit Center for Animal Care. Financed by a generous \$1 million donation, MHS has purchased property at a site a few blocks north of the current location that will become MHS’ new home in Detroit.

**“We are committed to Michigan, and we are committed to Detroit,” said Cal Morgan, MHS President and CEO. “The challenges that Detroit faces are our challenges, and we are ready to confront them head-on. Our new building in Detroit will be a place open to all animals who need care, a place of hope for the hopeless, and a critical part of our mission going forward.”**



Animal cruelty investigator Debby MacDonald stands outside the present-day Detroit Center for Animal Care while holding a photograph of the center from 1953.



The new facility will house MHS’ Cruelty and Rescue offices and dramatically expand the amount of space available to house animals, including the utilization of a number of advancements first seen at the MHS Berman Center for Animal Care, including individual pods for adoptable dogs, separate ventilation systems for each animal, free-roaming areas for cats and more!

Once complete, the brand-new MHS Detroit Center for Animal Care will be one of the finest animal welfare facilities anywhere, and something for all MHS supporters to be proud of.



## Working Together to Benefit Animals

The problems that animals face are enormous and heartbreaking. These problems are bigger than any one person, and any one group. One of the things we've been privileged to see over the past decades is the rise of smaller rescues and humane organizations, run by ordinary people, working to help animals in need. They open their hearts and their wallets to these animals, and while one person may have a small impact, a lot of people acting for the same goal can have an absolutely massive impact.

As the state's oldest and largest animal welfare organization, part of our responsibility to our mission and to the community we serve is to find ways to benefit the greatest number of animals. MHS partners with many groups every day on a variety of issues — from breed rescues to give difficult adoption candidates another chance at adoption, to animal control agencies that are full to bursting and need MHS to relieve some of that burden, MHS is committed to working with any and all responsible partners to better benefit the animals that so desperately need us.

Perhaps no better example of this partnership is the semiannual Meet Your Best Friend at the Zoo, held at the Detroit Zoo. More than 20 different animal adoption groups from all across Michigan take part in this adoption extravaganza, the largest adoption event of its kind in the country. Last year, 879 animals found homes during these events. They join the nearly 18,000 animals who have been adopted at this event since its inception in 1993.

MHS also took the lead in creating the Michigan Partnership for Animal Welfare (MPAW), a statewide organization created to give animal welfare professionals the opportunity to network and share ideas about how to better improve conditions for animals all across the state. Annually, MPAW holds a statewide conference, featuring speakers and experts from all across the country, as well as providing grant opportunities through the Petco Foundation.

But for all of this, it's easy to lose sight of the fact that behind every animal, there's a story. Penelope, a year-old Pit Bull mix, came to MHS as a stray, hungry and wandering the streets of Detroit. Her story began in some of the worst conditions imaginable. She was picked up by MHS' Rescue team, and spent several weeks at our Detroit Center for Animal Care recuperating from her ordeal. But after her months on the streets and long road to recovery, Penelope was released to one of our partners — Refurbished Pets of Southern Michigan, whose stray dog prison program brings strays and inmates together for the benefit of both!

Penelope received daily training and care during her time at Refurbished Pets, and after completing the program, was named a Canine Good Citizen and was placed for adoption into a loving home!

While we often talk about the benefit we can bring to pets by adopting and helping save a life, something that we sometimes don't give enough attention is the benefit that pets bring to our lives. For many pet lovers, it doesn't feel as though a home is really complete until there's a pet in our lives. And that's the basis of the Pets for Patriots program. MHS partnered with Pets for Patriots this year to give back to our brave men and women in uniform, by offering dramatically discounted adoption and veterinary fees to both active-duty and retired military personnel. The program matches veterans with older dogs that sometimes face adoption challenges.

For veterans like Bob Maleszewski, it meant being able to adopt Bo, a 5-year-old rat terrier mix.

**"It hits home, it hits to the heart that they're willing to do something for the vets, and I think it's tremendous," Maleszewski said. "He's like a real partner, a real buddy to me."**

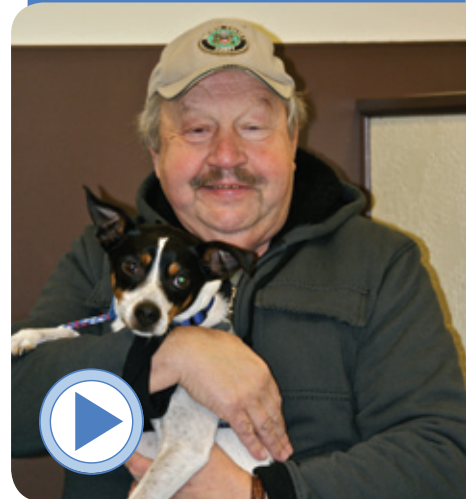
Happy endings like this are what makes all of the extra work worthwhile.

Learn more about Refurbished Pets at [www.rpsm.us!](http://www.rpsm.us!)



Penelope (photo by Cathy Gray)

Are you a veteran or active-duty and want to take part in the Pets for Patriots program? Learn more at [www.petsforpatriots.org](http://www.petsforpatriots.org)



Bob Maleszewski and Bo, the dog he adopted through the Pets for Patriots program.

## Cruelty and Rescue: Bringing Hope to Those Who Have None

Pets see the best of us, but unfortunately, far too many see the worst. Though we will never know why some people choose to inflict such unimaginable cruelties on helpless, defenseless animals, we will be here to help those animals who are in such need.

For Debby MacDonald, MHS Chief Animal Cruelty Investigator, it's not just a job, but a passion.

**"You see some of these cases, and you just stop and say 'Wow, who could do something like this?'" MacDonald said. "That's what keeps me motivated, knowing that I can make a positive difference in these animals' lives."**

Cruelty calls skyrocket during the punishing summer heat and freezing winter months, as many calls are about animals who are kept outside with no shelter, and little food or water. Many spend days or weeks at the end of a chain with little to no human contact. As the animals struggle and move against the chain, it often wraps tighter around the neck and begins to embed itself in the actual flesh of the animal. These embedded collars are some of the more shocking things we see, because they indicate severe, long-term neglect.

MHS investigators responded to 5,145 cruelty calls last year in Detroit, Hamtramck and Highland Park. With no government funding or taxpayer support, the MHS Cruelty Investigation Department hits the streets to give a voice to those who have none.

But that's just one part of this lifesaving team. Every day, MHS Emergency Rescue hits the streets to pick up stray or wild animals who have been injured, or

become ill or trapped. Animals like Hoppity and Hoppity, who had been tossed away with the trash late last winter and left to die. It was the cries of these skinny Shepherd/Rottweiler puppies that alerted a passerby, who called MHS Emergency Rescue.

Within minutes, the two were being rushed back to the MHS Detroit Center for Animal Care to be examined by a veterinarian and thankfully, found to be in good health. Mere days afterwards, they were both adopted into new loving families.

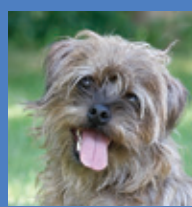
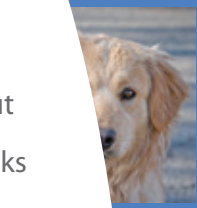
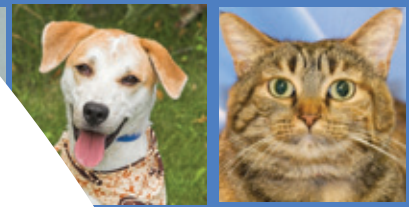
These stories are just two of the many that MHS' Cruelty Investigation and Rescue teams see every day. But as long as people are cruel to animals, MHS will be there for those innocent animal victims, and to bring their abusers to justice.



Animal cruelty investigators and emergency rescue team members don't let rain or snow get in the way of their lifesaving work.



Hoppity, once found in the trash and left to die, goes home with his new family.



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## Volunteers: Making MHS Possible

When approximately 30,000 animals come through your doors every year, it takes an army of people to make sure that they get everything they need — food, water, bedding and play. As a private nonprofit that receives no government funding and is not affiliated with any national humane organizations, MHS has to operate with a very short budget; doing more with less and always looking for ways to better utilize extremely limited resources. Even with the community's generous financial support, MHS would not be able to accomplish nearly what it does every year without the support of hundreds of MHS volunteers — men and women who donate their time and hard work to help make a better future for animals.

**"Every day, millions of people roll up their sleeves and volunteer for a variety of causes and reasons," said Jamahl Scott, MHS Volunteer Programs Manager. "Some call themselves volunteers, some just think of themselves as do-gooders. I'm privileged to be able to work with those who call themselves Michigan Humane Society volunteers. MHS relies on the compassion and dedication of those who give selflessly of their time and skills to serve the animals entrusted to our care. We believe that our volunteers are a resource toward our mission and goals. I am proud of the contributions our volunteer make to enhance the lives of animals in need in the communities we serve."**

In 2011, MHS volunteers donated a total of 52,450 hours of service to MHS, the equivalent of 25 full-time employees. From volunteers who spend two hours a day walking and socializing the animals in MHS' care, to those who answer the phones and respond to questions from pet owners, to those who work as adoption counselors at MHS off-site adoption locations, MHS volunteers save lives in a host of different ways every single day.

"While making a donation call in 1992, I learned that MHS was in need of volunteers," said Alice Humphries, MHS volunteer. "I quickly asked how I could help. I began volunteering in several capacities and have never looked back. I fell in love with volunteering the first day and still feel the same way today. Every volunteer position offered directly helps the needy animals in our community. I love volunteering at MHS because I know that I am making a difference. It's about the best thing that ever happened to me."

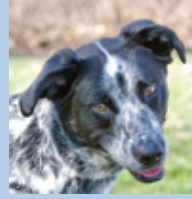
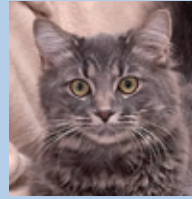
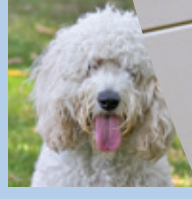
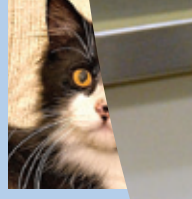
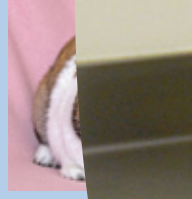
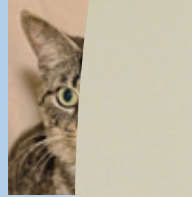
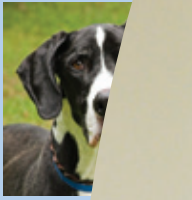
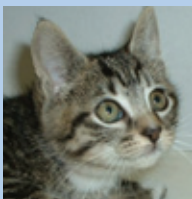
For more information about how you can become an MHS volunteer, please visit [www.michiganhumane.org/volunteer](http://www.michiganhumane.org/volunteer).





# MHS Happy Tales

The Michigan Humane Society touches so many lives every year, it's sometimes easy to forget that behind every face, there's a story. Out of the thousands of happy endings that you helped make possible, here are three stories that particularly touched our hearts in 2011.



## Petie's 600-Mile Journey Home

### Lost Jack Russell returned to Tennessee



MHS volunteer Nancy Greiser stands with Jim Arrighi and Petie after driving 600 miles from Michigan to Tennessee to return the dog to Arrighi.



MHS staff members provided loving care to Petie before he made the long trip home.

He had lost his wife of 37 years, Juanita, just two weeks prior to getting Petie back. Mr. Arrighi told the Leaf Chronicle, a local paper, that he thought Juanita had helped bring Petie back to him.

"I think she's looking over me," Arrighi told the Leaf Chronicle. "She knows how much I love Petie, and she loved him, too. She's my guardian angel."

After a four month journey that took him from Tennessee to Michigan and back, Petie was welcomed home by balloons, ribbons, a crowd of well-wishers — even a delicious steak — and most importantly, Jim Arrighi.

**"It's happy endings like this that make it all worthwhile," said Marcelena Mace, shelter manager at the MHS Rochester Hills Center for Animal Care. "We're just so happy for Mr. Arrighi and for Petie."**

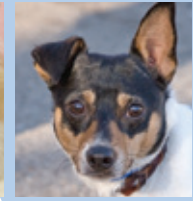
Sometimes, fairy tale endings really do happen in real life. For Jim Arrighi of Erin, Tennessee, losing Petie, his four-year-old Jack Russell Terrier in July of 2011 was heartbreaking. Along with his family, he immediately went on a wide search for his missing dog, posting flyers, getting the word out on Facebook and even having Petie's story featured in the local news. But, even though he did everything right, there was no sign of Petie.

As the months passed, it grew less and less likely that Arrighi would ever see his pooch again. But Petie had one trick up his sleeve — a microchip that identified where he came from, which made all the difference in the world when Petie miraculously turned up in a backyard in Rochester Hills, just a short distance away from the MHS Rochester Hills Center for Animal Care. Once Petie was brought to MHS, he was scanned for a microchip, and it quickly became clear that this precocious pup had made quite the journey!

MHS staff immediately called Arrighi to tell him the good news, and the search was on to find somebody who could take Petie the more than 600 miles home. The word went out to the MHS Volunteer family, and overnight, more than 70 people expressed an interest in taking Petie back to Tennessee. The volunteer who made the trip, Nancy Greiser of Wayne, has been with MHS as a foster parent and volunteer since 2009, and drove an entire day to take Petie back home. She ended up making a pact with Arrighi.

"I did tell Mr. Arrighi (that) if my beagles ever got away and ended up in Tennessee, it'll be his turn to drive to Michigan," Greiser told the Detroit Free Press.

The reunion came at a particularly difficult time in Arrighi's life.



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## You Made the Difference for Addie

*Injured, emaciated pit bull mix finds loving home*

She was so weak, barely able to stand. Neglected and emaciated, her ill-fitting collar was so tight, it had cut deep into her neck, embedding into her flesh. Every single rib was showing and her body weight was less than half what it should be.

**Her name was Addie, and when she first came to us, we didn't know if she'd survive the night.**

We carefully removed her collar, only see to a ghastly open wound. The pain must have been unbearable. But amazingly, she responded positively to the touch of staffers. Within minutes, she started wagging her tail at the people working furiously to help her survive, a preview of the amazing personality she would later show.

Given antibiotics, vaccinations, nourishing food, and a warm place to sleep, this may have been the first kindness Addie has been shown in days or weeks — perhaps her entire life. Afterward, she settled down into a restful sleep, the first of many in her long weeks of rehabilitation.

While MHS Cruelty Investigators pursued charges against Addie's tormentors, MHS veterinarians spent many long hours hard at work healing the damage that was done to Addie. Every day, she gained weight and became a little bit more active. The open wound on her neck, once a horrific gash, slowly began to fade. And Addie's wonderful temperament began to show even more. She easily charmed the staff at the MHS Detroit Center for Animal Care, and soon became a regular fixture, snoozing in the MHS Cruelty Investigation offices.

After two months, Addie was finally healthy enough to be placed for adoption, and after a few short days of being featured on the MHS website and Facebook page, Addie found her forever home with a family who truly loves and cares about her. A second chance for special dog and a new best friend for a special family.

"We see so many cases like Addie's, but it's not every day you see a dog like her," said Debby MacDonald, MHS Chief Cruelty Investigator. "To come out of what she went through like she did — it's something special. And she couldn't have done it without you."



Addie when she arrived at the shelter



Addie at her new home



Addie poses with her adopter, Teresa.

## Abandoned and Left to Die, River Finds a New Life

### MHS finds loving home for kitten left in bag by Rouge River



It was lucky that the kitten was much louder than his diminutive size would suggest. Though only three weeks old and small enough to fit in the palm of your hand, his cries were loud enough to split the morning air, alerting two passing joggers that something was alive in that plastic bag on the banks of the River Rouge. When they stopped to investigate, they found a shocking case of cruelty — a tiny orange kitten, thrown out like trash and left to die.

These good Samaritans brought the kitten, who we named River, to the MHS Detroit Center for Animal Care, and immediately, it was clear that this was no ordinary kitten.

**“He was loud and feisty,” said Debby MacDonald, MHS Chief Cruelty**

**Investigator. “There was no way he wasn’t going to get out of that bag.”**

After being examined and pronounced in good health, River went to stay with one of MHS’ In-Home Heroes for a month for some needed socialization with humans and other cats, as he was far too young to be placed in a home. Foster care allowed River to put on some weight and learn his kitten manners. Before long, he was back at MHS and up for adoption. Within a matter of days, River had found his forever home, where he is healthy and happy today.

River’s story is an example of everything that MHS

does — from the veterinary staff that examined River to the foster volunteer who took him into their home, from the cruelty investigators who offered a \$2,500 reward for information leading to the arrest of the person who abandoned River, to the adoption counselors who matched River up with his perfect match; it all helped this one special cat find his home.

“River’s story is an example of how many people it can take to help just one animal find their perfect home,” said Cal Morgan, MHS President and CEO. “You are what helps make this possible, and it’s why we need you now more than ever before.”



River with his new mom

# Programs and Services

## Adoptions and Locations

The Michigan Humane Society adopts thousands of animals into loving homes each year. MHS adoption counselors help match adopters with animals best suited to their homes and lifestyles. We provide information on responsible animal ownership including proper health, grooming and behavior training. MHS' comprehensive adoption package includes sterilization, age-appropriate vaccinations, a medical and behavioral evaluation and much more.

In addition to MHS' three adoption centers in Detroit, Rochester Hills and Westland, we also have several satellite locations around metro Detroit. In partnership with PetSmart, adoptable cats and kittens are housed at their stores in Rochester Hills, Roseville, Taylor, Dearborn, Chesterfield and West Bloomfield. Additionally, through a partnership with Petco we have a full-service adoption location that houses cats, dog and rabbits in Sterling Heights.

To view many of our adoptable animals and to learn more about our exclusive Alumni Club, visit us at [www.michiganhumane.org/adopt](http://www.michiganhumane.org/adopt).



## Animal Sheltering

MHS reached 100% adoption of healthy dogs and cats in 2010 and immediately set forth on a new goal: guaranteed placement of all healthy and treatable animals within the next few years while — very importantly — remaining truly open-admission to all animals regardless of their condition, age or temperament.

## Foster Program

One of the keys to finding homes for animals who need a little extra time and TLC prior to adoption is our In-Home Heroes fostering program. Animals may be placed in foster homes for reasons including illness, injury or they are too young for adoption. Trained caretakers are matched with suitable animals according to their interests and availability. Learn more at [www.michiganhumane.org/foster](http://www.michiganhumane.org/foster).

## Pet Behavior Assistance

The Michigan Humane Society understands that there are sometimes challenges with a pet's behavior. We are here to help. You can visit [www.michiganhumane.org/behavior](http://www.michiganhumane.org/behavior) for tips including pet parenting advice, health advice, training tips and much more. You can also contact the pet Behavior Help Line for personalized assistance at **(248) 650-0127**.





## Emergency Rescue

The Michigan Humane Society Rescue Department assists approximately 4,000 sick or injured strays and wild animals each year in Detroit, Hamtramck and Highland Park and operates 365 days a year. Many of the rescued animals have been hit by cars, injured in fights with other animals, or are in immediate danger. To report an injured stray or wild animal in our services area, call the MHS Rescue Department at **(313) 872-0026**. In other cities, please call your local animal control or police department.



## Cruelty Investigation

The Michigan Humane Society cruelty investigators respond to an average of 5,000 cruelty complaints annually in Detroit, Hamtramck and Highland Park, and also work cooperatively with local law enforcement officials and prosecutors. To report animal cruelty or neglect in our services area, call the MHS Cruelty Hotline at **(313) 872-3401**. In other cities, please call your local animal control or police department.

## Legislation

The Michigan Humane Society actively promotes state and local legislation to help reduce pet overpopulation, help prevent animal suffering and exploitation and to impose stricter penalties on those found guilty of animal cruelty. For information, visit [www.michiganhumane.org/legislation](http://www.michiganhumane.org/legislation).



## Wildlife

Each year, the Michigan Humane Society receives hundreds of calls concerning wildlife issues. The problem of injured and displaced wildlife continues to increase with encroaching human development. MHS encourages home owners to live in harmony with their wild neighbors and can provide educational materials on preventing human/animal conflicts. For more information, call the Wildlife Department based at the MHS Rochester Hills Center for Animal Care at **(248) 852-7420 ext. 224** or visit [www.michiganhumane.org/wildlife](http://www.michiganhumane.org/wildlife).



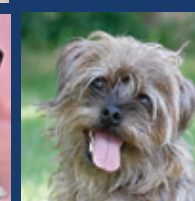
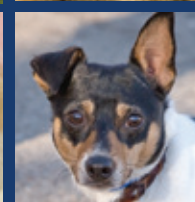
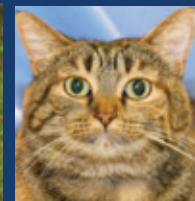
## Veterinary Centers

The Michigan Humane Society's three veterinary centers provide a full range of comprehensive services for pets including routine preventative medicine, dental care and complex orthopedic surgery. Additionally, our veterinarians provide care for the animals at our adoption centers.



## Volunteer Program

MHS volunteers work in a variety of areas including administrative support, animal care, special events, foster care, our online adoptable animals program, in-shelter dog and cat training, mobile adoption events and more. Time spent at the Michigan Humane Society can be as rewarding for the volunteer as it is for the animals. For additional information on the MHS Volunteer Program, visit us online at: [www.michiganhumane.org/volunteer](http://www.michiganhumane.org/volunteer) or call **1-866-MHUMANE**.





## Community Outreach

The Michigan Humane Society maintains a broad range of programs that benefit not only pets, but the people who love them.

### Humane Education



Humane Education has been a cornerstone of our mission since our founding. Our educational programs teach a humane ethic that incorporates responsible companion animal ownership, safety around animals and respect for all animals. Teachers or parents interested in integrating humane education into their children's education can obtain materials from MHS or call **1-866-MHUMANE** to arrange for a presentation.

### Prevention



Preventative health care is the key to helping pets live long and healthy lives. The Michigan Humane Society offers discounted sterilization services for cats, low-cost microchip clinics through the year, and low-cost vaccination clinics for dogs and cats in homes facing economic challenges across Detroit.

### Trap-Neuter-Return



Trap-Neuter-Return is the most effective and humane option to help feral cats. Feral cats are those whose natural habitat is outdoors, away from people. They are generally not able to be socialized and placed into adoptive homes. Feral cat caretakers are provided with training and equipment to humanely trap feral cats and bring them to MHS for sterilization and care. The cats will then be released back to their habitat.





# Financials

## BALANCE SHEET

SEPTEMBER 30, 2011

### Assets

Cash and investments	\$15,275,279
Land, buildings and equipment — net	7,978,342
Estate, bequest and other receivables	2,848,694
Other	530,049
Total assets	<u>\$ 26,632,364</u>

### Liabilities and Net Assets

Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$1,164,383
Loans payable	2,902,901
Total liabilities	<u>4,067,284</u>
Net assets	<u>22,565,080</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$ 26,632,364</u>

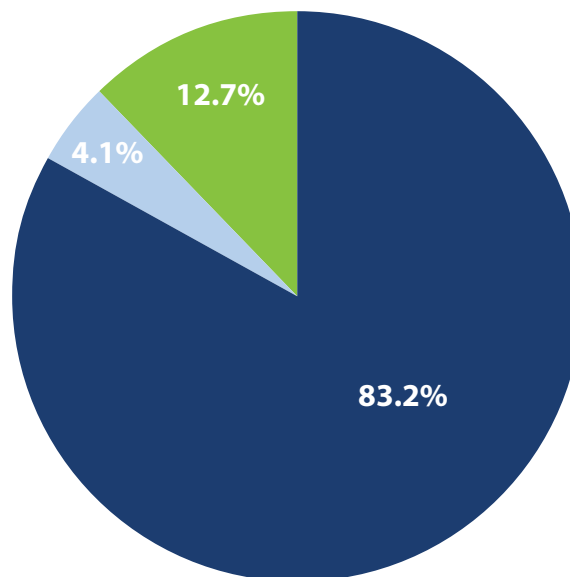


## WHERE YOUR MONEY GOES

**83.2%** **Programs and Services Expenses**  
Shelter, Rescue, Cruelty  
Investigations, Charitable Animal  
Hospitals, Education Programs

**4.1%** **Administrative Expenses**  
Management and General

**12.7%** **Fundraising Expenses**  
Campaigns, Publicity, Mailings,  
Grants



## STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES

**nine months ended  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2011**

### Revenues

Contributions, special events and bequests — net	\$6,008,703
Adoption center and charitable veterinary hospital — net	4,681,051
Investment loss	(186,174)
Other	13,578
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>10,517,158</b>

### Expenses

Program services	\$9,202,028
Management and general	457,650
Fundraising	1,406,065
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>11,065,743</b>

Decrease in net assets \$ (548,585)

*In 2010, the Michigan Humane Society Board of Directors approved a change from calendar year to fiscal year. As a result, this statement for fiscal year 2011, is a 9-month stub year covering January 1, 2011 through September 30, 2011.*

*Audited financial statements are available upon request and online.*

# Contact Information

## ADMINISTRATION

30300 Telegraph Road, Suite 220  
Bingham Farms, MI 48025  
(248) 283-1000 | 1-866-MHUMANE

## EMERGENCY RESCUE

(313) 872-0026

## CRUELTY HOTLINE

(313) 872-3401

## BERMAN CENTER FOR ANIMAL CARE

900 N. Newburgh Road  
Westland, MI 48185  
Adoption Center: (734) 721-7300  
Veterinary Center: (734) 721-4195

## DETROIT CENTER FOR ANIMAL CARE

7401 Chrysler Drive  
Detroit, MI 48211  
Adoption Center: (313) 872-3400  
Veterinary Center: (313) 872-0004

## ROCHESTER HILLS CENTER FOR ANIMAL CARE

3600 W. Auburn Road  
Rochester Hills, MI 48309  
Adoption Center: (248) 852-7420  
Veterinary Center: (248) 852-7424

[www.michiganhumane.org](http://www.michiganhumane.org)



# Off-site Adoption Centers

## CHESTERFIELD PETSMART

51347 Gratiot Avenue  
Chesterfield, MI 48051

## DEARBORN PETSMART

5650 Mercury Drive  
Dearborn, MI 48126

## ROCHESTER HILLS PETSMART

2724 South Adams Road  
Rochester Hills, MI 48309

## ROSEVILLE PETSMART

20530 East 13 Mile Road  
Roseville, MI 48066

## TAYLOR PETSMART

23271 Eureka Road  
Taylor, MI 48180

## WEST BLOOMFIELD PETSMART

7260 Orchard Lake Road  
West Bloomfield, MI 48322

## STERLING HEIGHTS PETCO

13701 Lakeside Circle  
Sterling Heights, MI 48313





SOMEBODY HERE NEEDS YOU.