

## Michigan Humane Receives \$1 million from Delta Dental of Michigan

*Gift will support Humane Communities initiative to champion healthier pets and families in Metro Detroit*

Detroit, Michigan (SEPTEMBER 10, 2022) - Michigan Humane received a \$1 million gift from Delta Dental of Michigan to support its Humane Communities initiative, focusing on the positive mental and physical health benefits pets provide to Metro Detroit residents.

Margaret Trimer, Vice President of Strategic Partnerships for Delta Dental of Michigan, Ohio and Indiana, says that core to the mission of Delta Dental is creating healthy, smart and vibrant communities for everyone, including our pets.

“Animals bring us comfort, joy, laughter, love and now, evidence shows that they also improve our mental and physical health,” said Trimer. “Our animals are one more way we can engage our communities in critical conversations about health and wellness.”

“There’s a lot of new research that points to pets being a catalyst for healthier and safer communities,” said Michigan Humane President and CEO Matt Pepper. “By choosing to invest in our work – connecting families with companion animals, supporting pets in their existing homes and finding ways for people to access care for their pets and themselves – Delta Dental of Michigan is helping us with new opportunities to create and nurture the bonds between people, pets and their communities.”

Delta Dental of Michigan’s support of Michigan Humane’s commitment to building a more humane community in metro Detroit includes a commitment to providing 100% of pet owners access to vet care and health and human services organizations to meet the whole family’s needs, promoting pet ownership and provide vital resources to keep in pets in homes, and creating pet-friendly public spaces to encourage healthy activities and social interaction.

### **About Michigan Humane**

The Michigan Humane, founded in 1877, is the oldest and largest nonprofit animal welfare organization in the state. Michigan Humane is dedicated to building a more humane community by touching the lives of nearly 100,000 families and their pets offering compassionate care, community engagement, and advocacy for humane treatment. Michigan Humane operates five centers for animal care ranging from shelter and veterinary clinics in Detroit, Rochester Hills, Westland, Howell and Clarkston; seven adoption partnerships with Premier Pet Supply, Petco, and PetSmart; and both a Cruelty Investigation Department and a Statewide Animal Response Team. Learn more at [michiganhumane.org](http://michiganhumane.org).

### **About Delta Dental of Michigan**

Delta Dental of Michigan began operations in 1957, and today with its affiliates, is one of the largest dental plan administrators in the country. Delta Dental companies nationwide comprise the Delta Dental Plans Association, which provides coverage to more than 80 million Americans and operates two of the nation’s largest networks of participating dentists.

In addition to providing superior dental benefits, Delta Dental of Michigan is committed to building brighter futures for the people of our great state by investing in initiatives that support healthy, smart, vibrant communities for all. Learn more at [www.deltadentalmi.com](http://www.deltadentalmi.com) or [www.vibrantcommunities.com](http://www.vibrantcommunities.com).