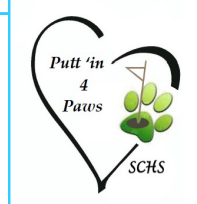


FUR BUDDY BULLETIN

CELEBRATING OUR 20TH YEAR!

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The Latest News for You and Your Pets

Did you know? By this time next year we could be well on our way to completing this brand new state of the art complex? A place where you can visit any time for many different reasons?

The focal point of this **no-kill** shelter will be the adoption center where rescued dogs and cats of all ages, shapes and sizes are waiting for a new home to call their own. Best of all, we'll never have to turn any animal away because we'll always have plenty of room!

Did you know you'll be able to bring your own pet to be boarded and cared for by loving volunteers in **'Founder's Cottage'** and short term **'doggie day care'** for a reasonable fee. How about the 'do-it-yourself' coin operated dog wash area with walk-in tubs where you can bathe your dog just like the pros, with no appointment needed! You'll be able to enjoy a safe walk around a tree lined **path** or visit the **dog park** where you can spend social time with your own dog and other pet parents.

We expect to be offering **veterinary care** and a **'Pet Food Pantry'** for anyone needing help through the rough patches that we all know life can bring.

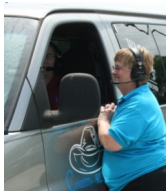
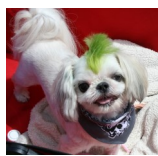
We intend to set up for and be designated as a disaster relief facility for pets in the event of such things as a tornado anywhere in the Thumb. Emergency management plans have places for homeless people to go in the aftermath of such a disaster, but what about their pets? The complex will showcase a large multi-purpose room that can be used for this purpose and so much more, dog training, educational seminars and even rented to the public for their own special events.

New construction will happen as the money comes in. Stop in or call to talk with one of our staff to learn of the many ways you can donate to this amazing project.



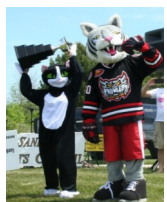
Important Dates:

- **DETROIT ZOO -**
September 16 & 17
"Adopt Your Best Friend"
- **SPAY/NEUTER EXPRESS -**
September 17 at Putt'in 4 Paws
(details on page 3)
- **CHEESECAKE SALE -**
October 1 thru 31
Order at Shelter or Putt'in 4 Paws
- **HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR**
Saturday October 29 at Putt'in 4 Paws
(details on page 3)
- **HOLIDAY SHOPS OPEN**
December 1st through 23rd at
the Shelter and Putt'in 4 Paws
- **PICTURES WITH SANTA -**
December 10 at Putt'in 4 Paws
- **SHELTER CLOSED -**
December 23 through January 2



Over 300 people came out on June 4th for our first annual **Putt'in 4 Paws Fun Festival**. The weather was in our favor and the rain held off till just after the last tents were put away and the air was let out of the inflatables.

Thanks to all the vendors, contestants, entertainers and most of all, the volunteers for making this an event to remember! See lots more pictures on our Facebook page or go to www.societypets.org



LOCAL BANDS SUPPORT

SCHS... How about another round of applause for **R-Project**, winner's of the most recent Battle of the Bands, held Saturday July 23, at Tierney Park in Lexington.

This local band walked away with a grand prize of \$500.00, wait a minute - they didn't walk away with it, they donated it back to SCHS in support of what we do and their own love of animals. Thank you Raschelle Goff, Jay Stahl, Rocco, Steve Higgins and Brenda and Jack Tackaberry.

We wouldn't miss this opportunity to once again express our gratitude to Rick and Rene Patterson and the **JAVA BOYZ** for organizing this event for the past five years, all to benefit the animals at SCHS.

We're really going to miss this special event as the gang moves on to share their music and generosity with others. Honorable mention goes to the other bands that participated **Positive Force, Chain Reaction and Bearded Gentlemen**

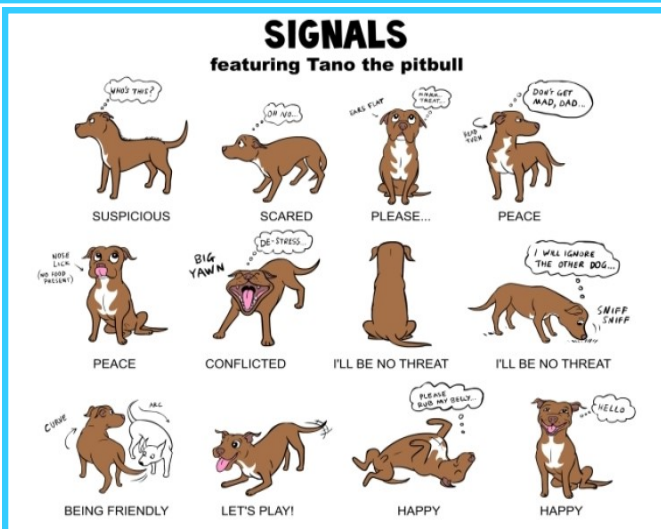
THANK YOU ALL!

See R-Project again on September 11 at 2:00 in Pine Grove Park!

We've all done it. We've said to a kind, passer-by "go ahead, he's friendly....he loves to play!" and while you were pleasantly chatting about the weather, and your pets were seemingly getting to know one another, the unspeakable happens. One dog has the other by the neck or a leg and is giving it a life threatening shake.

Don't assume your dog is having just as much fun as you are meeting new friends.

Take notice of the signals the dogs are showing, if there is any sign of aggression from either dog, get his attention and lead your dog away with a firm hold of his leash.



NEVER try to break up a fight with your hands...toss your water in his face or your jacket over his head so that his focus is interrupted. An available garden hose full blast to the face will no doubt cause them to stop and let go without hurting them. If you must separate the dogs, grab hold of the rear thighs, lift him off the ground wheelbarrow style and pull him away.

Dedicated to Fibi - gone too soon
leaving paw prints on our hearts.

Notable News:



March 12, we took part in the **St. Patty's Day Parade in Lexington**. Our very own leprechaun Gayle Filthaut road along

tossing candy to the crowd.

Soon after that on March 26, we hosted our very first **Easter Egg Hunt** at Putt'in 4 Paws. More than 200 people came out on this beautiful day to search for eggs and get their pictures taken with the Easter Bunny.

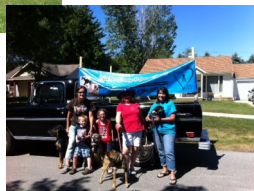


Spay/Neuter Express outdid themselves on April 16 by spaying or neutering 41 cats and 19 dogs. The entire day ran smoothly thanks to the experienced staff and all the volunteers who kept careful watch over the recovering pets till they

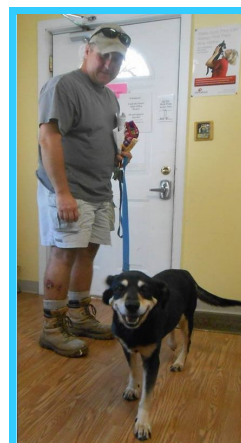


were able to go home. THANKS Dr. Langlois and extra special thanks to Best Friends Animal Society for providing the grant!

Quite a busy weekend we had in May starting with **opening day at Putt'in 4 Paws on the 27th**. Special thanks to Dawn Hunt, visiting from Florida and devoting so much time painting, polishing, and planting! P4P never looked better! Thank you Steve for representing SCHS at the **Heritage Days** event in **Deckerville** on May 28, and rounding out the weekend with Bridget, Annie, Victor, Laurie and many others in the **Memorial Day Parade** and in the **Independence Day Parade in Lexington July 2**



Devoted volunteers braved the sweltering heat, humidity, rain and wind during the Yard Sale Trail August 12,13 & 14



Look at that Smile!

Many of you may recall seeing Sammy's picture in the paper and on our website, he suffers from separation anxiety making it very difficult for him to relax and trust people, pretty much a loner.

John Bachman saw his picture too, week after week, month after month. You see, he had a "Sammy" of his

own once and was all too familiar with his issues. He figured he had what it would take to give Sammy a good life, mainly patience and a really big heart.

They're a family now, two buddies figuring things out one day at a time.



If you happen to be looking for an extra special gift that's not only hand crafted and locally made, but it's purchase holds significant meaning, your search is over.

These one of a kind, numbered, limited edition bears and bunnies have been lovingly made by hand and donated by their creator, Delores Ondra, to support SCHS.

100% of the purchase price is donated to us. Not only do you get a precious keepsake, you can take pride in knowing that the money you spent is being used to extend the life and health of a homeless dog or cat.

Please stop in at Putt'in 4 Paws and hold one. The arms, legs and head are movable and the unlimited poses will bring joy to your heart.



CHEESECAKE SALE

Entire month of October.

Delicious desserts from the
Cheesecake Shoppe
in St. Clair Shores

Several flavors to choose from
Order forms are available if you'd like
to make a group order with your family
or co-workers or you can stop in or call
the shelter or Putt'in 4 Paws
to place your order

Cakes will be
delivered in time for
Thanksgiving!



Shelter: (810)657-8962

Putt'in 4 Paws (810)359-4653

Cat Fact:

Prevention is better than a cure.
If there isn't a scratching post
provided your cat will create his
own.

Here are two of the easiest ways EVER to support the animals at our shelter;

1. In your app store, install this free app;

Walk for a Dog (by WoofTrax)

Every time you walk your dog, activate the
app and your steps will generate funds that go
directly to our shelter. Here's the kicker, even
if you don't currently have a dog, you will be
assigned a dog, with a name and a picture!
You can show all your friends your new dog
and take him on lots of walks

2. This one is super EASY!!!

WoofTrax Shoes for Shelters

Gather up all those shoes and boots you don't
wear anymore. Drop them off at Putt'in 4
Paws or in any of the designated drop boxes
you may see around town or your workplace.
**Our goal is to collect 1,000 pairs of
shoes!** Wooftrax will donate cash to our
shelter for this easy-peasy fundraiser!

**60 days - 1,000 pairs
WE CAN DO THIS!**

September 1 to October 31

All shoes must have intact soles!



WoofTrax
Take Your Walk for Dog

SPAY/NEUTER EXPRESS Saturday, September 17

We are happy to announce a return visit from the Spay/Neuter Express and it's
amazing staff who will perform low cost spay/neuter surgery for pet dogs and cats.
This opportunity is due in part to **Best Friends Animal Society** in Utah, who will
provide funding to assist the community with this lifesaving surgery.
The event will be held at:

PUTT'IN 4 PAWS

6010 S. Lakeshore
(south of Lexington)

To schedule an appointment:

Call: (616) 897-8865

Or go to: www.spay/neuterepress.com

<u>Dogs:</u>	Male \$25 - (Reg. \$65)	Female \$35 - (Reg. \$75)
<u>Cats:</u>	Male \$20 - (Reg. \$35)	Female \$30 - (Reg. \$45)

HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR

Saturday October 29



Trick or Treat at Putt'in 4 Paws

5pm - 7pm for Kids under 12

9 holes of mini-golf*

with treats at each hole (*Not Very Scary*)...

7pm - 10pm

Anyone else who dares

9 holes of mini-golf *

with Tricks and Treats at each hole (*Be prepared to be scared!*)

*Weather permitting



Meet

Muffin



This beautiful girl has been
with us for quite some time
now and really deserves a
loving home.

She was recently diagnosed
with an autoimmune disease
and will be on medication the
rest of her life. What she has
is not contagious to other
animals or people.

She tends to get overlooked
even though she stays on the
counter next to the sink, right
near the door in the cattery.

She's the first one to pop up
and greet you, and happily
waits for a good dose of
petting. The only obvious
sign of her ailment is a bit of
a snorting sound she makes,
kind of like being stuffed up
all the time. Ideally, she
would be happiest as the
'only' cat so she wouldn't
have to compete for attention.

We know there is someone
out there who has room for
her and can give her the
forever home that she will
thrive in.

Who knows, maybe that
sunny spot near the window
in your home is just what she
needs for her health to
improve. Stop by the shelter
to visit her and you'll see for
yourself what a loving pet and
companion she could be.

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SANILAC COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY

A "No Kill" Shelter

3847 Sheldon Street, PO Box 27, Carsonville, MI 48419

Phone: (810) 657-8962 Fax: (810) 657-9308



Our **Mission** is to provide shelter and medical care, and to find new homes for homeless pets. We strive to provide community outreach programs as well as reduce the number of unwanted litters through our spay/neuter programs.

Our **Vision** is that all of Michigan's Thumb is a no-kill region.

We rely on volunteers for our daily operations, and rely solely on donations to support our efforts. We do not limit our services to Sanilac County alone. We have no boundaries concerning animals and their welfare. We are not funded by any federal, state or county agency, and we are not associated in any way with any other humane society or shelter except in our desire to protect and defend animals.

STRAY and BARN CATS Spayed or Neutered

While there is no set fee for this service, we are only able to schedule appointments as funding is available.

Your donation at the time of service is what enables us to continue this program.

This program is not meant for your pets. It is provided as an aid in promoting good health and to control overpopulation.

Deposit bottles and cans cluttering up your house?

Gather them up and bring them to the shelter! We'll put the money to good use for the furry kids!

Ink and Toner cartridges can be dropped off at the shelter as well as old cell phones. We pack em' up and recycle them for cash.

Watch your neighborhood newspaper or our website www.societypets.org for the "item of the month" to donate

EMERGENCY PET FOOD

If you or someone you know is struggling and in need of temporary help feeding your pets, please call or come in to the shelter! We're happy to help!

ALWAYS NEEDED:

- Purina Cat & Kitten Chow
- Purina or Pedigree Dog Chow
- Clumping Cat Litter
- Paper Towel and Toilet Paper
- Large & Small Trash Bags
- Laundry Detergent / Bleach
- Dish Soap and Hand Soap
- White copy paper
- Business envelopes #10
- Gently used golf balls for the driving range at Putt'in 4 Paws

HELP YOUR LOST PET GET RETURNED TO YOU!

Micro-chipping is an easy and affordable way to permanently identify your pets.

Call the shelter to make an appointment to have your pet micro-chipped for \$25.00

Phone: (810) 657-8962

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support Sanilac County Humane Society every time you shop, at no cost to you!

Go to smile.amazon.com and select our shelter to receive donations from eligible purchases every time you shop, it's that easy!

Call Your Local Animal Control Office

if you suspect any animal neglect, abuse or hoarding in your community. You can remain anonymous.

Don't Forget to LIKE us
on

FACEBOOK

BISSELL'S Partners for Pets

SCHS is proud to be a Partner for Pets!

BISSELL and **LostPetUSA.net** have teamed up to help organizations like ours to raise money, and now you can help too!

When you purchase pet products at bissell.com and enter the code **ADOPT** at checkout, a portion of your purchase will be donated to our organization.

It's simple:

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- ◆ Enter ADOPT at checkout
- ◆ Select our organization!

Claim and Display Your Window Cling, our "Thank You" Gift for your Support!

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Check Payable to: **Sanilac County Humane Society** Enclosed ()

You can donate on-line ANY TIME at www.societypets.org with PayPal or Credit Card