

# FUR BUDDY BULLETIN



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## The Latest News for You and Your Pets!

### ***Duke and Angel***

suddenly found themselves without their young owner after a tragic accident. In an effort to cope, the mother of this sixteen year old girl felt that the two little dogs were such a painful reminder of her loss, they would have to go. She was prepared to give them away to the first willing stranger that accepted her offer on Craig's list.

A friend of SCHS couldn't bear the thought of where the little dogs might end up, and knowing there was promise of a safe life with compassionate people waiting for them, she contacted the shelter and soon the pair were being fostered by the director of SCHS,

Carol Schmidt. About two weeks and many applications later, the perfect family was chosen and the adoption was finalized. Off they went, to love and be loved in their new home.

About 24 hours later, the somewhat traditional call came in, the one that usually confirms that all is well and everyone is adjusting. Not this time. New Mom said, "They didn't sleep well. They've cried and stood by the door as if to say, 'This was a nice little play date. You can take us home now'". Because this little pair were exactly what the new parents had been looking for, they were

faced with a difficult decision. They knew that it would be best to return them to their foster mom.

Carol hadn't been looking to increase her own pack at home, but in truth found that she missed them as well, and was soon on her way to pick them up.

Every adoption that takes place here has a window of time for settling in. We often counsel new adopters through the rough patches, and many times we've said "They'll get used to it. Give it time." In this case, no amount of time would change the fact that these two little dogs had grown attached to Carol and knew that with her is where

### Upcoming Events:

- **BOARD MEETINGS** -  
2nd Monday each month
- **SPRING RAFFLE TICKETS**  
- On sale early March
- **DETROIT ZOO** - "Meet Your Best Friend" Event  
May 15 & 16
- **ADOPTION EVENT** at  
PETSMART-May 15-17
- **PENNIES FOR PAWS** -  
Corner Collection - May 22  
Sandusky
- **MUTT STRUT - May 30th**  
Sandusky Courthouse
- **VACCINATION CLINIC**  
July 11th at the Shelter

#### Coming soon!

Watch  
Your Mail



#### SPRING RAFFLE!

1st Prize  
\$500.00  
Visa Card

2nd Prize  
\$250.00  
Visa Card

3rd Prize  
\$100.00

### It's almost time to STRUT YOUR MUTT!

Believe it or not, Spring is just around the corner and how better to celebrate than to get together with so many animal loving friends! Our annual **MUTT STRUT** is the biggest way we can think of to gather people and pets for a day of FUN fundraising.

As always, we're planning a great line-up of activities for **Saturday, May 30, 2015**. Mark your calendars and watch our website, Facebook page, and your mailbox for information on how

*The greatest pleasure of a dog  
is that you can make a fool of yourself with him  
and not only will he not scold you,  
but he will make a fool of himself as well.*

*-Samuel Butler*

### DON'T MISS A THING!

If you would like to be added to our e-mail contact list or to update your existing e-mail address, please send your current information to us at: [societypets@att.net](mailto:societypets@att.net)

### Hours of Operation

Monday	11-5:00
Tuesday	11-5:00
Wednesday	11-5:00
Thursday	1-6:00
Friday	11-5:00
<b>Saturday &amp; Sunday</b>	

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## Forward Thinking...

### ...What will happen to my pets if something happens to me?

Have you thought about who would take care of your pets in the event something happened to you? Most of us don't think about this situation. In fact most people don't even have wills with instructions for their families, let alone their pets.

Before you leave home for vacation or any extended period, with or without your pets, you could prepare

a box containing some of your pet's toys, medications, dosing instructions and a written copy of your request. Then everything they could possibly need is ready to go.

It may feel uncomfortable at first, but when the task is finished, you'll feel a sense of relief knowing your beloved pets won't get left behind in the hands of strangers.

For more information online search:

### How to ensure your pets care after your death.

### When asked, "What is the biggest challenge currently facing your cause?"

**Director Carol Schmidt had this to say:** "At this time, our biggest challenge is lack of funds. We go month to month with just enough money to pay the bills, constantly researching for the best prices on medical and health maintenance supplies. Our building is old and not energy efficient. Much of our heat and air conditioning is flowing right out. Thankfully, we have so many loyal supporters who donate what they can, when they can and the bills

get paid, but we could do so much more for the animals and the community if there was more funding available to us and donations were higher. Secondly, space is always an issue. We have storage demands for large items like wire crates, tables, chairs, and tents as well as our pet food storage area which must be kept inside, and cleaning supplies. We do a lot of laundry here and washers and dryers take up a lot of space! The list goes on and on. Last, but so very important, if we could get some qualified professionals, such as veterinarians and technicians, who



If you move or change your phone number, don't forget to notify your pets microchip company to give them your updated information!

Your pet may get disoriented in the confusion of his new surroundings and not be able to find his way back to you.

**Myth:** You can't find your preferred breed at a shelter. You need to go to a breeder.

**FACT:** Virtually every breed known has its own rescue groups, and most of them have websites where you can view photos and profiles of the adoptable pets. Also, many pure-bred animals can be found in shelters. **If there is a particular breed you are interested in, call your local**

### Some things to remember if your pet runs away or gets loose:

- ◆ If he's wearing a tag with your phone number, make sure someone stays by the phone.
- ◆ If he's micro-chipped, call the micro-chip company to alert them your pet is lost.
- ◆ Call your local Veterinarians to let them know and ask them to keep you in mind if someone calls that has found a dog or cat.
- ◆ Find a photo of your pet and make a flyer labeled "LOST" or "MISSING" and include your phone number.
- ◆ If possible, offer a reward.
- ◆ **Go** to your local humane society or animal shelter, **calling alone is not enough.** You need to go and go often, looking

## Stop, Shop & Support these local businesses who support our Shelter:

Applegate Market, Applegate  
Avon Store, Lexington  
B & D Party Store/Citgo, Harbor Beach  
Barks and Bubbles, Marlette  
Beagio's Restaurant, Marlette  
Becks Village Café & Ice Cream, Lexington  
Ben Franklin, Croswell  
Ben's Supermarket & Lumber, Marlette  
Big George's Coney & Bar, Lakeport  
Blue Water Winery, Lexington  
Bowers Party Store, Peck  
Breakfast Only, Deckerville  
Brown City Veterinary Clinic  
Burtchville Veterinary Clinic  
Bush's Restaurant, Lexington  
Citgo, Deckerville  
Conveyor Components, Croswell  
Corner Store, Harbor Beach  
Country Settings, Sandusky  
Cotterman Company, Croswell  
Croswell Tire Center  
Deckerville Party Store  
Ehardt's Pharmacy's  
Forester Inn  
Geiger Veterinary Clinic, Croswell  
Harbor Drugs, Deckerville  
Jerry's Foodland, Sandusky  
Kalaney Kennel, Lexington  
Kreiner's Korner, Deckerville  
Lakeshore Market, Lexington  
Lexington Gardens  
Liberty Lanes, Sandusky  
Little Caesar's, Sandusky  
Little Texas Party Store, Brown City  
M & O Bargains, Croswell  
Main Street General Store, Carsonville  
Main Street Grill, Marlette  
Marge's Party Store, Forestville  
Marlette Oil & Gas  
Marlette RV Sales  
Marlette Chrysler/Plymouth/Dodge  
Mary's Diner, Port Sanilac  
Northgate Chiropractic, Fort Gratiot  
Olivia's Party Store, Melvin  
Pawfections Grooming, Croswell  
Peck Farmers Elevator  
Pine Hill Market, Applegate  
Pomeroy Funeral Home  
Port Sanilac Party Store  
Pronto Mart, Marlette  
Radio Shack, Brown City  
Salmon Stop, Carsonville  
Sandusky Animal Clinic  
Sandusky Marathon  
Southside Convenience Store, Sandusky  
South Sanilac Veterinary Hospital, Peck  
Town & Country Animal Clinic, Sandusky  
Tractor Supply, Sandusky  
Tri-County Bank, Peck  
Vinckier Foods, Deckerville  
Weekends, Lexington

Thank you all so much!

**Thank you** to all of you who take advantage of our free spay/neuter program for stray and barn cats. We are able to provide this service mainly through donor support and grant funds that are occasionally available to us. Grant funding never lasts long due to the constant demand and over population of cats, therefore any donation you can afford at the time of service allows us to continue providing this life saving surgery to so many. The average cost for us to spay or neuter one cat is \$35.00, which includes a

rabies shot.

You don't even have to be a cat parent to help! Consider donating a \$35.00 spay/neuter voucher for a less fortunate animal advocate. We will gladly **pay it forward** for you. Specify your intentions on your check. We'll do the rest.



**Spa Day?** Every pet deserves a little special attention, even in Winter! A bath and a haircut, or a simple nail trim. Our certified groomer can provide these services and many more. Call **Cindy** at (810) 710-0015 for an appointment.



**Micro-chipping**, is the only truly permanent method of identifying your pet that links the animal back to you, the owner. You can have your pet identified for life, at the shelter for \$25.00. The process is fast and painless. Call during business hours for more information or to schedule an appointment.

**Help is available.** Sometimes family pets are left hungry during hard times. Call to arrange pick-up of emergency food.

**Volunteers** are needed this spring for yard work around the shelter. If you've got some time and some weed pulling aggression, bring your gloves and rake! We'll supply the bags.

**Memorial contributions** are a beautiful and unique way to honor someone special. You can drop-off or mail your donation to us. An acknowledgement card will be sent upon request.

**Clean blankets and towels** help keep the animals clean and comfortable.

#### ◆ From our Facebook page;

- ◆ **5 Stars!** "We respect this no-kill shelter and appreciate their dedication. ...Larry I. Jewett
- ◆ **5 Stars!** "Today I took my kittens there for their shots and you guys were wonderful. Thank You, Great Job!!" ...Sally Leach
- ◆ **5 Stars!** "Such amazing people, animals are well taken care of. Great facility." ...Amanda Marie
- ◆ **5 Stars!** "Greatest. Animal. Shelter. Ever!! We adopted our Murphy from here. Other shelters would have given up on this anxious little guy. With some training and gentle understanding Murphy is a spectacular pet! Thank you!!!...Patty Greenan
- ◆ **5 Stars!** "We love them!! We adopted our Dobie/Setter mix in October

**Ink and toner cartridges** can be dropped off at the shelter as well as old cell phones. We recycle them for \$\$\$.

**Deposit bottles and cans** are gladly accepted at the shelter. Every ten of them brings a dollar and every dollar is well spent on the animals here!



**Watch** your neighborhood newspaper or our website [www.societypets.org](http://www.societypets.org) for the "item of the month" to donate.

**Call Animal Control** if you suspect animal neglect, abuse or hoarding in your community.

**Many of our bills are the same each month, but sometimes there's just not enough to cover the unexpected expenses that arise with a sick or injured animal who desperately needs our help.**

**Won't you consider a monthly contribution that would be easy on your budget while providing a steady income we can rely on. You can change or cancel your monthly amount at ANY TIME.**  
(\$5.00 minimum)

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Monthly Donor Gift Amount (min. \$5.00) \$ \_\_\_\_\_ One Time Gift Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Charge my Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Expires on: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Visa ( ) M/C ( ) AMEX ( )

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

Donate on-line **ANY TIME** at [www.societypets.org](http://www.societypets.org), with your PayPal account or Credit Card

# 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



### ALWAYS NEEDED:

**Purina Cat Chow**  
**Purina Kitten Chow**  
**Purina Dog Chow**  
**Pedigree Dog Chow**  
**Clumping Cat Litter**  
Paper Towel  
Kitchen Trash Bags  
Laundry Detergent  
Bleach  
Dish Soap  
Hand Soap  
Toilet Paper

White or Color copy paper

Founded in 1996 by a small group of compassionate animal lovers, SCHS is the **ONLY** no-kill shelter in Sanilac County.

Our **Mission** is to provide shelter and medical care, and to find new homes for homeless pets, and to provide community outreach programs as well as reduce the number of unwanted animals through our spay/neuter programs. Our **Vision** is that Michigan's Thumb Tri-County area has no more homeless dogs and cats and that all pets are well cared for.

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.

Sanilac County Humane Society is on the Web and Facebook!

Google us at: [www.societypets.org](http://www.societypets.org)

Like us on Facebook at: Sanilac County Humane Society

Post your story and pictures of how you found and adopted your pet

