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A Call to Arms for FMAR's Future Cat Shelter

You may have noticed that our Newsletter is out a little early this quarter. We have so many positive changes going on that we couldn't wait to share them with you. It is news so exciting and it promises to bring Friends of MI Animals Rescue (FMAR) our biggest challenge yet.

If you have been following the happenings of FMAR you know that we were blessed with a 30'X40' pole barn that we plan to renovate for a dedicated cat shelter. The new building renovations were put on hold because we needed our funds and energies focused on the addition to the current shelter. As you will read in this issue, it was



a long process but the addition is finally completed! Now it is time to move to the next goal.

FMAR holds fundraising events nearly every weekend. Adoption event funds are put right back into our animal fund to ensure we can care for each and every animal we take in no matter what their medical issues might be. We also use this money for community pet support programs, which include helping our residents hold onto their pets if at all possible. Yes, even the money we get from newsletter donations goes directly back to the animal fund unless targeted by you for something specific. This newsletter will be the same with one small difference.

FMAR has been blessed with a substantial donation proposal to

help us jump-start the renovation of the cat shelter. This donation will allow us to get the barn off of the trailer and secured to the ground. The funds remaining in the FMAR building fund will be added to this generous gift with the hopes of having enough to at least get the plumbing in and the cement floors poured. Even with this substantial gift added to our building fund we are still going to fall short about 50% of the roughly \$100,000 it will take to completely finish the barn.

With a huge increase in the animal drop offs at the shelter and the increased need to help more animals and families in general, we just can not afford to wait another 5-6 years to get this shelter renovated. (You'll get an idea of what FMAR as been faced with when you read Toby's & Bradley's story in this issue). FMAR is now housing an average of 60 cats and kittens in a shelter that was built and intended for a maximum of 25. In addition to being able to help more cats, the new cat shelter will also give us the opportunity to convert our existing cat space into dog kennels in the existing shelter.

It is so easy for me to write stories of blessings and say thank you to our generous supporters. It is not nearly as easy for me to come with my hat in my hand and ask for more knowing the sacrifices you've made for our common cause and especially in light of the economic challenges we all face in today's "belt tightening" times but today I need to do just that. We have over 2000 people on our mailing list. We understand that you give as much as you feel your budgets will comfortably allow and we appreciate every penny. We also understand that the jobless rate is rising and many people are finding it difficult taking care of their family's needs, so I am not going to ask anyone who can not afford to help to try to dig deeper. What I am going to ask is if anyone who has \$5 or more to spare to please consider helping us finish our cat shelter renovation. FMAR has a potential of raising over \$10,000 with just a \$5, tax deductible donation to the barn fund.

Our generous benefactor (who wishes to remain anonymous) is willing to provide matching funds up to \$25,000 with the confidence and promise that we will raise all of the money needed to complete this project in the next 12 months. This money will be earmarked in a special fund to pay for needed materials exclusively for the cat shelter. Our promise to you is that we will spend your contributions wisely and use volunteer help whenever and however possible.

In addition, anyone who donates \$100 or more to the building fund will have his or her name displayed (unless otherwise expressed) on a dedicated wall in the new shelter. Please join us in thanking our matching-gift donor by doing all we can to raise the money to finish

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From the Desk
of the Vice
President

Marcy
LaFramboise

I hope everyone had a great summer. As expected, summer at Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue (FMAR) was extremely busy and very productive. I can proudly say that we have managed to grow and receive blessings beyond our expectations in each of our past 6 years. We have not taken anything for granted and know we would not

be where we are today without our volunteers, board members and supporters.

All of our success has been the result of the hard work and donations from so many people that it would take a book to thank everyone. FMAR's own community, as well as many neighboring communities, has surprised us with numerous blessings that we are so grateful for. FMAR is not only growing in size but we are growing in recognition as you have been witness to in our newsletters and e-news. It seems that wherever Pete and I go someone recognizes us, has heard of us, has been to the shelter to see animals or has dropped off donations. It warms our heart to hear the compliments we have received.

For the past 6 years we have had the goal and drive to give our volunteers and visitors a real restroom, office, and needed storage. This year, with the help of volunteer plumbers, electricians, and dry wall carpenters (both experts in their field and novices) our goal and vision has become a reality. There were days we thought we would never see the results of our hard work, but with perseverance and patience we were able to make our dreams a reality.

The balance of 2009 and into 2010 promises continued blessings as FMAR moves forward with our biggest challenges and renovation projects. Our next huge project is to renovate the donated red pole barn and turn it into a home-like cat shelter. We invite you to follow along and join us as we grow in love for the dogs and cats that depend on us to keep them safe and cared for until they find permanent homes.

Thank you and blessings from all of us at FMAR. Please remember that we appreciate each of you for your support and help past, present, and future.

To see the floor plans for the new Cat Shelter, please visit our website

fmar1.org



The new addition to the shelter
under construction.

For more on the shelter addition see the special thank you on page 4



Cat Shelter (cont)

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this important project. In the event that your donations exceed our cat shelter goals, any remaining funds will be used to add more dog kennels to our existing shelter.

Of course FMAR will continue our other fund raising efforts and we invite each of you to join us. Our biggest fund-raiser is coming up in October and our sincere wish is that you will join us. Saline K-9 Crusaders, with the help and support of the entire city of Saline, is hosting a "Strut'n Your Mutt Charity Dog Walk" in honor of FMAR on Saturday October 3, 2009. Registration starts at 9:00 AM, with the walk promptly at 10:00. You can download a pledge form and get friends and family to pledge any amount they want with no minimum or maximum requirements. Just bring the form and pledges with you when you register the day of the walk. It's as easy as that. There will be bandanas for the dogs and t-shirts (with minimum \$35 in pledges or a donation) for the human walkers too. Fun events in the park will follow the walk. Prizes will be awarded and you can also show off your dog's fashion savvy by dressing them up in costume! Please see the flyer and pledge form inside this newsletter. To register, pledge, or make donations on line go to FMAR's website at: www.fmar1.org. For more information or to see pictures of the beautiful park go to www.K9crusaders.org. Liability releases are required and available on the website for walkers as well.

Thank you for your time and for your consideration. I know many of you have followed our progress for many years and know how dedicated our team is to seeing our dreams become reality.

We thank you for your prayers and blessings and we wish each of you an abundant life with dreams of happy tails.

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The addition to the existing shelter structure begins to take shape.



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A SPECIAL THANK YOU FROM FMAR

It has been over 5 years but FMAR has once again proven that with encouragement and determination anything is possible. I know you have read my stories of promises to begin an addition to the shelter. When you attended the barn dance we may have shown many of you where it was going to be built, only to hear there were problems with our plans and we would have to rethink things and start over.



One Sunday morning while Pete and I were having breakfast, Toby Lies from C.A.L. Plumbing and Heating, Inc. of Belleville asked us about our progress on the bathroom. When we explained that the group who was supposed to do it had decided they just couldn't fit it in their schedule, Toby took over. He and his crew came to the shelter and installed all of the rough plumbing. Danny Davis who is our dog behaviorist also had some construction experience so he poured our cement for us. We were on our way again and it felt wonderful.

The next thing was to find someone to build the outside walls. After months of trying to find contractors that we could afford one of our volunteers, Dave (Doc) McPherson, called on a friend who gave him some pointers. Doc was fairly confident that with a few volunteers we could make a go of it on our own. Our core group of volunteers started with Danny Davis, Doc, Pete, Jebb Kirkland, Dave LaFramboise and David Kaschynyc on a Saturday afternoon. Life was good again. It was moving along slowly but it was progressing nicely. Doc's neighbor, Dale Wegrzyn of *Fairplay Home Maintenance* in Belleville, is a roofer and offered us a huge discount on shingling the entire shelter. Life was getting better.

Once the plywood roof was on the addition Dale came out as promised and in two days FMAR had a beautifully shingled roof on the entire shelter. It had been an awesome week and we were feeling very encouraged.



Later on I was sitting at the computer working on administrative tasks when the shelter phone rang. I recognized the name on the caller ID as our friend Toby Leis. I was hoping he was calling to tell us when he would be coming to finish the plumbing so we could finish up the bathroom. I wasn't prepared for the great news I was about to hear.

Toby had just come from his Master Plumbers meeting where they were discussing their yearly give back to the community project. They didn't have anyone in mind yet and were open to suggestions. Toby told the group about FMAR and our building addition project and pleaded our case as a group deserving their help. The vote came back to not only hook up the plumbing for FMAR, but to completely "build out" the bathroom for us! This would mean that they would install all the plumbing, sink, toilet, and fixtures at no cost to FMAR! What a wonderful surprise!

The following Monday Toby came out to the shelter to look over the addition and see what materials they would need. We were asked a few questions and Toby went on his way to discuss materials with the rest of his group. What a blessing!

A couple of weeks later Toby returned with teammates Ricky Jaime and Jeremy Gray along with Richard Ball of *Richard's Plumbing & Heating Inc.* in Belleville. They installed the plumbing in the walls and the vent in the ceiling before they left. It was now up to FMAR to finish the walls and floors so the plumbers could install the toilet and sink.



Once again we had a lot of work to do but we were determined. Pete, Anne Meade and I installed the floor tiles. Virgil Varner of *Virgil's Electric* also came out to install the electrical "stuff" and noticed that we didn't have any insulation. Pete told him that we had to go buy it, but it was on our list. Virgil told Pete that he would like to donate the insulation and he would deliver it in a few days.

With the electric wires inside the walls, Pete, Doc, David, and Danny started hanging the insulation and dry wall on the weekends. Once they were finished Danny took over mudding and painting but it was going slower than expected. Toby had a friend who could mud walls so Doug Mallion of *Mallion Carpentry* came out and helped Danny get the bathroom and utility room mudded.

On Tuesday evening, August 18, 2009, Toby Leis, Ricky Jaime and Doug Mallion returned and installed the toilet, sink and handi-capped fixtures.

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Loss of jobs, foreclosures, gas price increases and a myriad of other woes have hit Michigan hard in the past couple of years and we are all paying the price. Our pets can be victims of hard times as well. Their families often feel forced to make tough decisions including taking their beloved pets to already overpopulated shelters, animal control facilities, humane societies and, in extreme cases, euthanasia. Friends of MI Animals Rescue (FMAR) receives calls every day from families just like this and today we would like share Toby's story with you.

It was a hectic morning. We had volunteers on vacation, animals that were waiting for their morning cleaning and feeding and a fundraiser to pack for - all before 9:00 AM. Pete and I went out to the shelter at 5:30 AM to get started knowing that even at such an early hour we were going to be running late. At about 6:30 the front door opened. We certainly weren't expecting anyone so we both knew it probably wasn't going to be a social call but we relaxed a little when we saw our neighbor from across the road walk in, but then the look on her face told us she wasn't there to say hi. She explained that she was pulling into her driveway and saw what she thought was a new lawn ornament by our fence. Curious, she looked again and the "ornament" began to move. Naturally, we investigated. What we found was a very scared, sweet and beautiful Sheltie with the same confused look on his face that we were getting used to seeing. The Sheltie was tied to the fence with a note taped to the rope. Pete and I looked sadly at each other and it was obvious we had the same thought - "not again and not now!"



Toby

I removed the note from the plastic and read aloud: *My name is Toby, and I am 4-1/2 years old. My family loves me but they lost their home and can't take care of me any longer. I still have all of my boy parts but I am housebroken. I am a little shy at first but very friendly and a little hyper when you get to know me. I like to play fetch and I get along with children, dogs and cats. Please help me find a good home.*

We untied Toby from the fence and took him to the shelter. What were we going to do with him? We knew we were going to take all of our puppies to an adoption event where two already had possible adoptions pending, so we put Toby in one of the puppy kennels for the time being and prayed that we could finalize a couple adoptions so we could keep him. We sanitized the kennel and gave Toby a precautionary pill for fleas, food, water and a nice bed to make him as comfortable as we could. It was going to be a very long day for him all by himself in a strange place but it was the best we could do on such short notice (yes, we were running late - again). We put the note his family had left on the kennel so our afternoon crew would see it.

As we had hoped two of the puppies were adopted to great families, allowing us to double-up the remaining puppies at the shelter and give Toby his own "room in the inn." Despite all of the attention he was getting he was still very scared so we made an appointment for Toby to visit the vet on Thursday because we wanted him to feel a little more comfortable with us before dealing with more strangers.

Toby's previous family obviously loved him and knew him well because the note they left described him spot-on. He was very shy at first but finally, after three days, we managed to coax him into a walk and he even went to his food bowl to eat! We were making progress so we decided it was a good time to get him ready for his vet visit. The first order of business was to test him for heartworm and we were so thankful the tests came back negative. Then it was flea treatment, manicure, grooming, de-worming, micro chipping, and his first couple of vaccinations... whew! Toby was great through it all and once people heard about him they were calling to visit him. We are confident we will find Toby a great home where he will be loved, walked, groomed and get in a game or two of fetch every day.

Like all shelters, FMAR is overwhelmed with calls from people with pets that need to be re-homed or litters of puppies and kittens that are the result of "accidents" for lack of spay or neutering.

We understand that people fall on hard times and can become desperate to find solutions during a time when emotions over power their ability to think as clearly as they might when financial situations are better. FMAR would like to offer a few suggestions to those who find themselves asking: **what do I need to be able to keep a pet that has become part of our family?**



www.dogsrule.com

Go to the dogs rule website and learn how you can help donate Pedigree dog food for FMAR! Each 22 lb donated bag of food will help feed 1 dog for a month!

Food. Animal shelters may be able to help with a bag or two of food.

Vaccinations. Animal shelters may be able to help if you explain your situation and offer to do some volunteer work for their help.

Spay/neuter. Many low-cost or no cost programs exist. Ask your local shelter or Humane Societies. FMAR's website has some great listings and your vet may know of other organizations that provide services as well.

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VOLUNTEER THANK YOU!

The FMAR 5th annual Volunteer Appreciation Day participation exceeded our expectations! What a great day and even better turnout! We believe there were close to 100 volunteers and their family members (many also volunteers) who came to eat, drink and meet some of the volunteers they hear so much about but had not had the pleasure of meeting.

It is a day for the board of directors to say thank you by cleaning the shelter, walking the dogs and preparing a nice BBQ for our hard working team. All of our board members are also volunteers, so Pete and Marcy would like to extend a huge thank you to our board of directors as well for their hard work and food preparation to make the day special for other volunteers.

This special day is a time for us to talk about upcoming events and to exchange ideas on how to make the shelter the best it can be for the animals and volunteers. With the restroom complete and addition almost finished, this year was especially exciting for all of us. It also gave us an opportunity to talk about our next steps in our quest to get the new cat facility moving forward.

Even though the day was all about our volunteers FMAR still managed to receive abundant blessings with awesome homemade wine, delicious desserts, and great conversation. We were even blessed with monetary donations from people who already give so much of themselves each week.

Our goal and dream is to grow our team so each shift has enough people to give each and every animal what they would get in a good family home. Our goal is to get each dog walked at least twice a day and make sure it is followed up with play time in their open play area. Our cats would also like more grooming and additional people to clean and cuddle with them each day. With an average of 70 animals in the shelter at any given time, it takes 6 people an average of 4 hours to clean and feed each morning and 2-3 hours to clean and feed in the evening.

Because most people work during the day, mornings are the toughest to fill. If you know an animal lover who has a few hours a week to spare please send them our way. We are growing and it is because of our volunteers that we are moving forward.

Thank you for sharing yourselves with FMAR. We love you all and we are sure that after a couple of weeks with our group you will feel the same about our team at FMAR.



Volunteers enjoy the day and celebrate their hard work!

I recall the week of August 12th as being one of the most stressful weeks yet at FMAR. I think we broke all of our records for the most strays left on our doorstep in a given week. It proved to be a little overwhelming indeed.

It started on Wednesday when we came home from our board meeting to find 3 cat carriers filled with 7 kittens of various sizes *inside* the shelter. Not having an empty kennel to put them in we were a little freaked out to say the least. It took a while but with creative brainstorming, Pete, Weezey, and I managed to block off one of our adult cat areas, move some of the older kittens over and free a kitten kennel for the seven new residents.

The following day Pete discovered that someone had left two small orange kittens running free in our unfinished barn. Oh my gosh, what are we going to do now?

The first order of business was to catch them, but boy were they smart. We set humane traps but they found a way to get the food without getting caught! Did one hold the door open while the other one ate? They would sit comfortably on the tractor trailer with their feet crossed until we got just close enough to reach for them and they would bolt! Maybe they just knew that there wasn't any room for them yet so they were waiting their turn...no, they couldn't be that smart - could they?

Well maybe they knew more than we did because the next day a man came with yet another kitten in hand. This kitten was different than the rest because it was obvious he needed more than a room, vaccinations and neutering. He was malnourished, dehydrated, dirty, flea ridden and a grub had made a home in his leg by his shoulder - he was in pretty sad shape. The little guy needed to be fed and hydrated so Janice fixed up an isolation kennel for him with food and water then hung a name on him - "Bradley." That evening, Weezey and Heather came in and took over. They went to work getting Bradley cleaned up, nails trimmed, fleas treated, testing done and gave him all of the love he wanted.



Bradley

For the most part it went smoothly except for the "all the loving he wanted" part. This boy was so affectionate that you couldn't put him down. He snuggled and purred and buried his little head in your arms for comfort. We all took turns holding him until we had to put him to bed so we could get some work done! He was given electrolytes, antibiotics, and a heating pad for the night. The next morning he already looked better and by evening when Weezey came back he was much better indeed.

As the days went by Bradley became a shoulder ornament for anyone who came to the shelter. Once he was well enough to be neutered he was introduced to a few other kittens in the shelter and they all welcomed him in right away. They all groom him, play gently with him and seem to understand that he is a gentle soul that just wants to be cared for.

With so many kittens and cats at the shelter it is hard to pick one that is more special than the others, however Bradley is sure doing his part to get all of the love and attention he can from anyone who enters the shelter.

As for the orange kittens who kept eluding our traps, Weezey was able to catch one bare handed as I distracted him, (smart trickery it was), but one is still out there running. We are determined, so I am sure it won't be long before we out smart the little bugger....we hope.

Toby (cont)

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Homes that accepts pets. This option is more difficult depending on the breed and size of your pet but there are affordable apartments and condos that allow pets.

Temporary home with family/friends. This is the best solution when you have tried everything else but sometimes the most difficult to find. You might be surprised if you put your worries and negative thoughts aside and ask someone who knows and loves your pet if they can help.

Local senior centers and independent living facilities are great places to look for good homes for pets. Pets, handicapped citizens and seniors make great companions and if the size and temperament are right it could be a perfect solution for the pet and a person who owns their own home or lives in a facility that allows a small pet.

FMAR hopes our suggestions are helpful. Our hearts go out to every family that has been faced with this situation. Until our jobless rate improves and we can get the over population of pets under control we will have over populated shelters and humane societies. Working together for solutions can, will, and does make a difference.

Toby Update: Upon arriving at the vet it was discovered that Toby had 4 tumors, bad teeth and dangerously loose dew claws on top of needing to be neutered. He under went surgery the same day and came back with stitches in his bottom, back and legs as well as sore gums from his teeth cleaning. Toby was great through the entire ordeal. After the tumors were removed they were sent to the lab to be tested for cancer and we are happy to report everything came back cancer free. Toby has several families interested in adopting him and we are sure he will have an awesome new family to care for him before you read his story. What a blessing.

Shelter Addition (cont)

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After 6 years of fund-raisers, dreams and renting a portable toilet Friends of MI Animals Rescue now has a beautiful, safe, clean, permanent, private, and comfortable facility our dedicated volunteers and guests to use.

FMAR would like to extend its gratitude to all of the plumbers who donated their time and expertise to his effort. We also wish to thank all the affiliated plumbing fixture supply houses that provided the fixtures for *Western Wayne Master Plumbers Association* and Charlie Johnson of *Alert Plumbing* for their support and help with this very important and long awaited restroom project. We appreciate the hard work, dedication, compassion, and efforts of everyone who volunteered their time, equipment and materials to this long awaited but very important endeavor. You are true examples of what we can accomplish if we all work together for the betterment of our community.

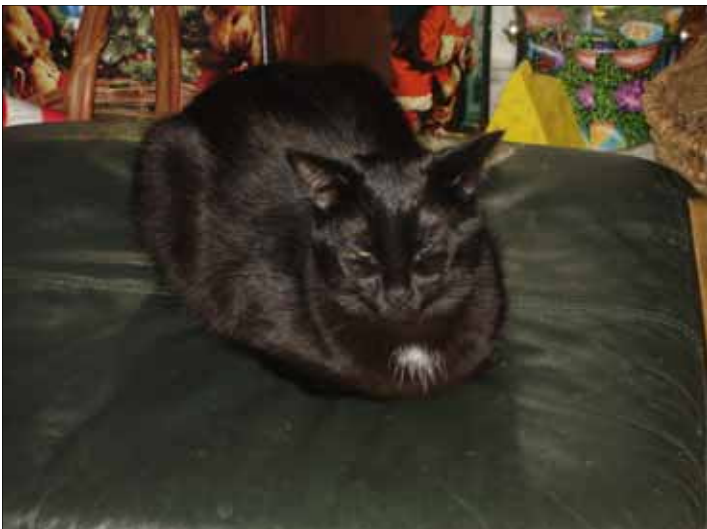
The Board of Directors and volunteers of Friends of MI Animals Rescue can't express our appreciation enough.

We love hearing from our adoptive parents and getting updates on previous 'residents' of FMAR. It warms our hearts to see these deserving animals in loving homes.

These letters from home strengthen our commitment, energize our passion, and make us even more determined to carryout our mission.



I adopted Midnight a few months ago when you had him at Petsmart in Ann Arbor. He is an absolutely WONDERFUL cat. Extremely affectionate and social. He comes when called and loves to carry his toys in his mouth like a dog. We have renamed him Figero (Figgy for short) and often call him Piggy because he has a voracious appetite. Thanks for allowing me the pleasure of adopting him and thank you for saving countless lives. I've attached some pictures of him and his brother and sisters.
-Melissa



Hi, This is a picture of Bitty (formally duffy) I got her from your shelter almost a year ago. She's doing great and is happy and healthy! If I ever choose to adopt another animal, I would most likely come to you guys!!! Thanks, Diane



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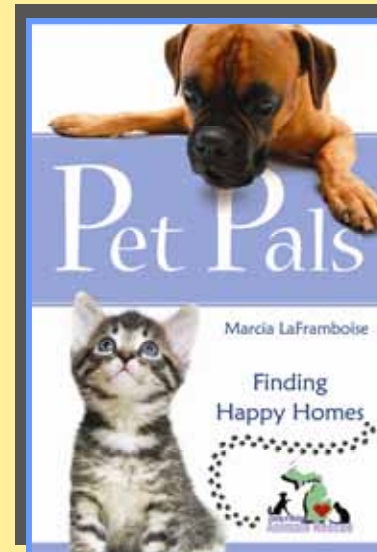


I adopted Bailey in May. When I adopted him, he was Rae. As of now, he's supremely happy in his new home. He's definitely a people cat, he greets me every day at the door and he can't stand being a room away. Every morning when I wake up and hop on my computer to check mail and the like, he's on my lap and purring within about 20 seconds. In addition, he's very predictable with his actions, and that makes it easy to adjust to him. Even when he's across the room, you can tell that he's going to come jump on your lap just by the look in his eyes. And when it's nap time, he loves a good lap; unfortunately nobody in their right mind can sit still as long as he can sleep.

As for playing, he loves nothing more than being tackled and roughhousing a bit. At first he used his claws to keep your hand near, but he's grown off that a bit: now it's mostly just his paws. He does bite down, but he's learning when and when not to. For instance, I rarely care about him chomping on me, as he doesn't aim to hurt, but I certainly don't want him biting company while he plays. He, like all kittens, won't stay out of the cupboards and closets. He hopped in the fridge once and my friend closed him in for about 10-15 seconds. When we opened it back up, he had barely even noticed it was closed; he was happily making a cardboard-box home inside. Best, Ryan



We adopted Gus (previously named Turbo) from Petco in Canton on March 14th. He instantly made himself at home, it is like he has lived here for years. My husband and I have had cats all of our lives and we both agree that Gus is the most laid back, easy-going kitten we have ever met. The picture of him sleeping in our bed was the day we got him! Our kids love him, he is great to play with and awesome cuddle with as well.



You can still order your copy of "Pet Pals" the story of FMAR written by Co-founder, Marcy LaFramboise. See the back cover of this newsletter issue for ordering information



Events and Activities

FALL 2009

You can find complete details of all FMAR events and activities by logging on to our website FMAR1.org Remove this calendar and keep it handy!

September

12 & 13

Belleville
City Wide
Yard Sale



24 & 25

Whitmore
Lake
Festival

October

3

Strut'n Your
Mutt
Charity
Dog Walk
Saline



November

22

Haab
Restaurant
Fundraiser

Ypsilanti



The Pet Emporium

14

Join us the second
Saturday of every
month at the Pet
Emporium
4940 Copperleaf
Crossing
Ann Arbor



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Ann Arbor
Comedy Club
Fundraiser!

Comedian
Frank Roche

Ann Arbor

24 - 27

Texas
Hold 'em

Taylor Lanes
Taylor



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Happy Halloween!
Check our website for
Halloween events
FMAR1.org

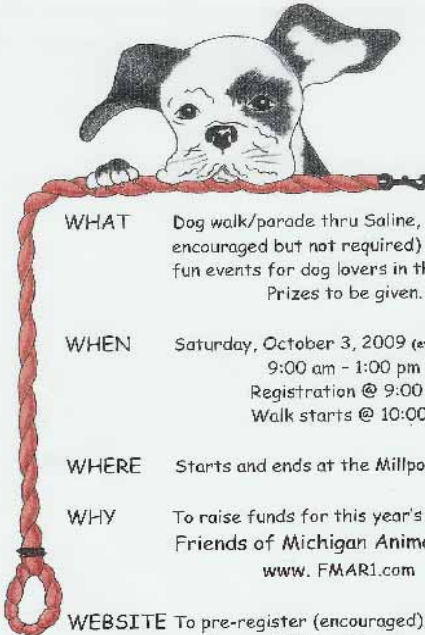


Giving Back



Linda Luke, FMAR Events Coordinator and professional storyteller, tells stories to the Bright Futures Club.

Bright Futures recently produced the CD "Animals Need Respect" for sales to benefit FMAR.



Saline K-9 Crusaders
Presents the First Annual
'Strut'n Your Mutt'
Charity Dog Walk

WHAT Dog walk/parade thru Saline, MI (costumes encouraged but not required) followed by fun events for dog lovers in the park. Prizes to be given.


WHEN Saturday, October 3, 2009 (even if it's rain'n cats & dogs)
9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Registration @ 9:00 am
Walk starts @ 10:00 am

WHERE Starts and ends at the Millpond Park in Saline, MI

WHY To raise funds for this year's recipient:
Friends of Michigan Animal Rescue
www.FMAR1.com

WEBSITE To pre-register (encouraged), make donations and read more inFURmation at:
www.k9crusaders.org

We Appreciate
*Donations large and small,
Together we can make a difference!*



FMAR Wish List

- Prayers and Encouragement
- Volunteers
- Corporate Sponsors/Building Materials
- Cat Litter (Clumping and non clumping)
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- Cat Treats
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- Dish soap
- Liquid hand soap
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- Paper Towels
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 - Address labels (5160)
 - Printer paper (high gloss, printer and photo)
 - HP 56 and 57 ink cartridges
 - Markers
 - File folders (all colors)
- Totes (for storing food, donations and office supplies)
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 - Hospital supplies and equipment
 - Rubber/latex gloves
 - Pedialite (or unflavored store brand electrolytes)
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