



Friends For The
Dearborn Animal Shelter

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Animals are the Heart of Our Mission

Dear Community Leaders,

The Friends For the Dearborn Animal Shelter, of Dearborn Michigan, supports the following proposed legislation and pet store program. We would like Michigan community leaders to encourage humane pet acquisitions through shelters and foster-based animal rescue organizations.

1. The Large Scale Commercial Dog Breeder Act SB 339 will help to curb puppy mills in the state.
2. The Humane Pet Acquisition Ordinance to prohibit the retail sale of dogs, cats, rabbits, ferrets, long-loved birds and large reptiles in local communities, and to protect families from irresponsible pet retailers.
3. The Puppy Friendly Pet Store program encourages pet supply stores to make an official policy not to sell puppies or kittens.

The Friends are dedicated to the rescue and protection of animals in the community, while inspiring healthy relationships between people and their companion animals. As animal advocates, we are committed to:

- Saving all adoptable animals
- Providing high quality animal care and adoption services
- Delivering innovative outreach programs and activities that promote education
- Promoting animal welfare legislation
- Embracing environmental responsibility with earth-friendly practices and facilities

The Friends handle over 2500 cats and dogs from the greater Dearborn area each year. We offer several outreach programs to the community such as low cost spay/neuter/ microchipping, a food supplement for pets of low income homes, pet training and pet care education. Our primary goal besides finding responsible families for homeless animals, is to provide the resources and education to keep animals in their homes, either as a new adoption or before they become homeless. It is so important for individuals to understand and provide proper care for their companion pets. This legislation will help us in reducing animal neglect, cruelty and homelessness. We are proud to join Michigan Friends of Companion Animals in their work to pass stronger laws and ordinances to protect animals in breeding facilities and families from irresponsible pet retailers.

Sincerely,

Laurie Buhr
President
Friends For the Dearborn Animal Shelter

In Our Second Decade of Service