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Doggie Easter Egg Hunt and Kids Eggstravaganza



On Saturday, March 26th, the Ingham County Animal Shelter Fund hosted the 2nd annual Doggie Easter Egg Hunt and Kids Eggstravaganza. The event was held at Hawk Island Park in Lansing.

Like our first event, the 2016 edition was a huge success. Over 100 dogs - ranging in size from small puppies to large canines - had a wonderful time searching for doggie treat-filled Easter Eggs with their humans. A few lucky dogs found prize eggs that were redeemable for special prizes donated by local businesses. There was also an agility course set up for the pups and free access to the Soldan's Dog Park.

New this year was the Kid's Eggstravaganza portion of the event which included fun activities sponsored by local businesses and individuals. Over 100 kids in attendance were able to play games, create fun crafts, and get their faces painted, among other fun activities.



Professional photos with the Easter Bunny and Chippy, ICAC's mascot, were available for both human and canine kids thanks to Express Yourself Photography.

This event was made possible through the help of nearly 20 volunteers, some of which were part of the Kohl's Cares program. The event raised over \$1,700 for the Ingham County Animal Shelter Fund. We look forward to hosting this event again in 2017!

Seventh Annual Woofers Walk

We are excited to be planning the seventh annual Woofers Walk, now including a 5k component! The idea for the Woofers Walk was born from the Shelter Steering Committee and has been made bigger and better each year by a small group of hardworking volunteers who make up the Woofers Walk Committee.

Last year the Woofers Walk raised over \$20,000 and we hope to do even better this year! The funds raised at the Woofers Walk provide much needed funding for the Animal Care Fund and the Ingham County Animal Shelter Fund.

The Animal Care Fund provides for medical care, surgeries, and other needs for the animals at the shelter, that can't be funded from the limited County budget. It also contributes to the salary of our Cruelty Investigation Officer, who is crucial for the animals of Ingham County since we are the only agency in Ingham County with such a position.



The Ingham County Animal Shelter Fund's mission is

to raise funds through grants, donations and fundraising events in order to provide food, shelter, and care for the animals at the Ingham County Animal Shelter. Its long-term mission is to assist in fundraising to help in realizing our dream of a new shelter building.

This event is 100% volunteer-run. Because our many local sponsors' contributions cover the costs, this ensures that every dollar goes directly to the animals. Thank you to these great sponsors – Lansing Chiropractic Clinic, MSUFCU, Soldan's, Hager Fox, Ace Hardware, Two Men and a Truck, Jackson National Life Insurance, Earth Rated, and Spartan ProAudio. There are still sponsorships available – please contact ahayes@ingham.org or wooferswalkmsu@gmail.com if you are interested.

We are so glad to be on MSU's beautiful campus for the fourth year. We added a 5k to the event in 2015 and it was met with great enthusiasm from the running community. This is one of very few events in our area in which a runner has the chance to participate in an event with their dog. Additionally, we are pleased to announce that we are a part of the Pure Michigan Fitness Foundation Challenge race series (learn more at <http://michiganfitness.org/mff-challenge>)! *continued on next page*

SHELTER HOURS		DISPATCH HOURS	
TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY	12:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M. ADOPTIONS END AT 5:30 P.M.	MONDAY	7:30 A.M. - 3:30 P.M.
THURSDAY, FRIDAY, & SATURDAY	11:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. ADOPTIONS END AT 3:30 P.M.	TUESDAY - FRIDAY	7:30 A.M. - 7:30 P.M.
SUNDAY & MONDAY	CLOSED	SATURDAY	8:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.
		SUNDAY	CLOSED

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The event will also feature agility demonstrations where your dog can participate! Other attractions will include face painting, vendor tables, Nose Training, Police K-9, snacks and refreshments, and a visit from Sparty! It's an event the whole family can enjoy!

Getting a team together is a great way to pool resources, raise even more money for the animals, and have more fun together. Prize incentives are available for teams and individuals that raise the most money! See details at our registration website, www.tinyurl.com/wooferswalk2016.

So mark your calendar for May 14th and go to www.tinyurl.com/wooferswalk2016 to register – timed 5k and untimed 1 mile options are available. We look forward to seeing you and your family – Canine and Human!



First Annual Save A Life Soiree

Our Humanitarian Awards Banquet is now the Save A Life Soiree! The first annual Save A Life Soiree was held on March 17th at the Kellogg Center in East Lansing. There was a brief awards program, but the focus of the evening was on raising money for and awareness of our Animal Care Fund and our great need to build a new shelter.



The evening began with a social hour during which guests enjoyed music from violinist Rodney Page, enthusiastically bid on silent auction items, and experienced some fun photo shoots generously provided by Looking Glass Photo Booth.



Dinner music was provided by jazz/R&B band Medium Rare, and dinner was followed by a live auction hosted by radio personality Mars and Major Sam Davis of the Ingham County Sheriff's Office. The live auction items included two fabulous vacation packages and an MSU basketball signed by Tom Izzo. After dinner, guests enjoyed dancing to the lively 80's music of STARFARM.

Over 170 people attended, helping to raise over \$12,000 for the animals of Ingham County. Besides assisting with the medical needs of animals at ICAC, money raised at the Save A Life Soiree will go toward construction of a new shelter. The current shelter in Mason was built in 1971 and is very outdated. A new shelter will provide better facilities for the animals and a more user-friendly environment in which visitors may adopt a new pet into their families.

Humanitarian Awards

March and April was a time of celebration at Ingham County Animal Control. On March 17, ICAC hosted the first annual Save a Life Soiree at the Kellogg Center in East Lansing, in partnership with the Ingham County Animal Shelter Fund. The Soiree - which was attended by over 170 guests - was a new event this year, replacing the Humanitarian Awards. Award winners were honored at the Soiree, but the event was more about celebrating animals, having fun and raising money for a good cause.

The Humanitarian Awards are given by ICAC to honor outstanding volunteers and community partners. The Awards were formally presented at an event on April 3 at the Mason City Hall. ICAC volunteers and supporters came together for an enjoyable dinner and to recognize the great and selfless work done by the award winners and all the other amazing ICAC volunteers.

The 2015 Humanitarian Awards winners are:

Corporate Humanitarian Award: Soldan's Pet Supplies, Dart Bank, Lansing Chiropractic Clinic
Humanitarian Media Award: Lee Cohen, Rick Preuss
Law Enforcement Award: Deputy Robert Kahn (Ingham County Sheriff Department)
Animals' Choice Award: Sami Beckley (ICAC Veterinary Technician)
Foster Siblings Club: Vinny Guerre, Buddy Sayles, Henry Wilkinson
Foster Club: Amanda Drazin and Bobby Brodeur, Carly Gerhardt, Carol Souza, Linda and Harold Taylor, Terri Valentino
Outstanding Foster Award: Casey Moore and Family
The 1000 Club: Brenda Sayles, Roxann Wilkinson
The 500 Club: Tom Conner and Connie Page, Hailey Oberlin, Tina Walton
Outstanding Animal Welfare Volunteer: Beth Contreras (Voiceless-MI)
Community Involvement Award: Anita McDaniel, Deb Parmalee, Penelope Tsernoglou
Teen Volunteer Award: Dora Gaughran
Outstanding Volunteer Award: Jyl Alward, Linda Antinori, Kris Arvizu, Galena Ostipow
The Beebe Humanitarian Award: Kay Jones

These great folks and over 100 other volunteers donated more than 15,000 hours of their time in 2015. ICAC had a total of 1,359 adoptions in 2015, and 430 of these adoptions occurred at volunteer-run programs and events. The dog walking club did 806 dog walks. Our neighborhood vaccination clinics helped roughly 1,000 animals at our Outreach Center in Lansing. The Outreach Center also provided food to over 400 pet owners, to help them keep their pets in their homes.

These are examples of the amazing work that Ingham County Animal Control and Shelter does, and it would not be possible without the selfless efforts of the dedicated volunteers.

Pets Need Santa Too



This past Christmas Eve was a little different for thirteen Ingham County pet households. Jodi LeBombard, ICAC Animal Cruelty Investigator, showed up... not to seize their animals or issue citations... but instead... with a truck full of pet Christmas presents.

This program was intended to assist pet owners who had fallen on hard times or just needed a little help to keep their animals happy and healthy. ICAC's motives were to help keep pets with their owners and to improve the image of Animal Control by showing that we are here to help, not just to enforce the law.

Pet owners in need, that ICAC was already familiar with, were contacted. During the months of November and

December, as ICAC officers were in such homes, they provided applications to the pet owners, asking for wish lists of items that owners needed to better care for their pets.

ICAC was able to grant everything on the pet owners' wish lists, including monthly flea treatment/ preventative, collars and leashes, engraved ID tags, food, dishes, free spay/neuter vouchers, grooming, dog houses, pet beds, toys, chew bones, and treats. One household was awarded a free grooming appointment for their two dogs. Another household was provided with free neuter vouchers to get all three of their cats fixed.



Although ICAC was able to help only thirteen pet owners this year, many of them owned three or more animals. As a result, ICAC helped over 40 animals in the community. These animals are now flea free, well fed, more comfortable, and have lots to do for the next couple months.

One grateful pet owner said, "This was the nicest thing anyone has done for me in years!" The entire program was made possible through community donations and support.



Happy Tales



Mary Jane

Mary Jane is a sweet, little girl who came to the shelter as a stray in the middle of December and started with two strikes against her: she was a pit bull and she was black. She was frightened and shy and spent weeks being overlooked. She waited patiently while dozens of dogs came and went. After two months of waiting, the stress began to take its toll and the staff and volunteers began to worry about her. She no longer played well with dogs and became extremely aggressive toward cats. Thanks to the shelter's newly instituted playgroups, Mary Jane made friends with a big, friendly dog named Robert and it was love at first sight. Robert taught Mary Jane to play and when a family showed up looking for a short, chubby friend for the short chubby dog that they already had, it was again love at first sight. After almost three months of waiting, Mary Jane had a home of her own!

Cedric

Cedric was picked up by an officer and brought to the shelter covered in hives and limping. He was a sorry sight! The hives were treated, and Cedric sat quietly in his cage waiting for his stray hold to be up. The shelter staff soon discovered that Cedric was almost completely deaf and he was sent into foster care to learn sign language. While in his foster home, Cedric's limp became more pronounced and X-rays revealed that Cedric had an old injury to his knee that would require surgery or amputation. Because he was only 10 months old, the vet determined that he was a good candidate for surgery. Thanks to the Animal Care Fund, Cedric was able to have a pin inserted in his knee and the vet believes he will heal without any complications. Cedric is now in his forever home, doing rehab on his leg and improving every day!



Employee Spotlight



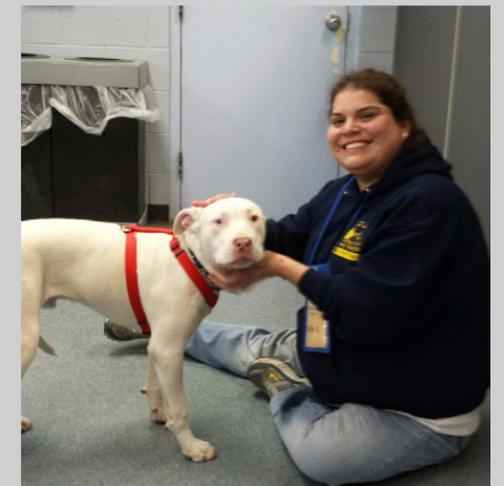
Katie Stewart

Katie Stewart, a graduate of Olivet High School, has been working for ICAC since May 2015. She started out as a kennel staff member, but at present she is a redemption clerk and the ICAC Foster Coordinator. The Foster Coordinator position is extremely important because the Foster Program is instrumental in providing homes for animals when the shelter is full in order to prevent healthy animals being euthanized, and also is an invaluable tool in socializing animals to make them more adoptable. Katie loves the part of her job where she helps hard-to-place animals become socialized and better behaved with the help of all the dedicated foster parents. Katie had experience with FFA and showing animals prior to joining the ICAC staff and clearly she has a love of animals. She would eventually like to have a career in Criminal Justice, possibly as an Animal Control Officer.

Volunteer Spotlight

Kris Arvizu

Kris Arvizu, a native of Eaton Rapids and an MSU graduate in fisheries and wildlife, has owned animals all her life: dogs, cats, birds, fish, and all kinds of rodents. She currently has five cats and one dog. It was this love of animals that inspired her to become a volunteer at ICAC in the summer of 2014. Kris started volunteering with the ICAC Dog Walking Club and now does a lot more, including volunteering at mobile adoption events and helping shelter guests on Saturdays. She is also a Medically Trained Volunteer and adoption counselor and serves on numerous committees, including the Fundraising committee, the Woofers Walk committee, and the Save a Life Soiree committee - a considerable commitment of time and energy. As if that wasn't enough, Kris has recently started editing videos of available animals to be posted on the shelter's Facebook page.



Kris said that she hears people say it would be too depressing and hard to volunteer at an animal shelter, but she has found that volunteering with animals is good for the soul; it is hard to be in a bad mood when greeted by purrs and wagging tails. She particularly finds it rewarding when a long-term shelter resident finally finds a forever home. Of course there are trying moments for a volunteer too, like the time when Kris found herself locked inside a dog kennel until a human could stop by and set her free. The dog, of course, was ecstatic with his new roommate!

In our hearts forever

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In honor of
Tom & Alice Ellis

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