Annual Awards Banquet for 2006

In 2007 the shelter continued the tradition of honoring members of the community who contributed to the successes of the shelters many projects during the year. Among those honorees were volunteers, veterinarians and law enforcement officials. The following were Award recipients for 2006:

**Hope Award:** Ingham County Board of Commissioners  
**Teen Volunteer Award:** Ryan Beebe  
**Community Service Project Award:** Kristen Phillips of Cadet Troop 483 & Junior Troop 725  
**Media Award:** Julian Grace of WLNS 6 News  
**Volunteer Organization Award:** Ingham County Sheriffs Office Inmate Worker Program  
**Compassionate Veterinarian Award:** Dr. Julie Copeland  
**Animal Law Enforcement Award:** Deputy Gaines  
**Humanitarian in Animal Welfare Award:** Honorable Judge Thomas Boyd  
**Extreme Fostering Award:** Tammy Norton  
**Animal Rescue of the Year Award:** Lansing Public Service Department Employees Donnie Cotton & David Oberst  
**Newspaper Media Award:** Kevin Grasha of the Lansing State Journal  
**Outstanding Effort by an Animal Welfare Organization Award:** Angel Project

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**Upcoming Events**

Second Saturday of the month:  
The West Lansing PetSmart 10-3pm

June 16th: A Day in the Village of Stockbridge from 12-6  
July 1st: Okemos PetSmart 10-3pm  
July 22nd: Lake Lansing Park 10-3pm  
August 5th: Okemos PetSmart 10-3pm  
August 24th: VIP-Luncheon on the shelter lawn 12 noon  
August 26th: Lake Lansing Park 10-3pm  
September 23rd: Okemos PetSmart 10-3pm

**K9 Amber Alert**

This is a nationwide group and is to be used for posting alerts for missing dogs throughout the United States similar to the way Amber Alerts are used to help find missing or abducted children. Incidents will be typical of, but not limited to: dogs escaped or suspected taken from backyards, dog shows, and caretakers.

Photos can be uploaded to the group.

Visit:  
http://pets.groups.yahoo.com/group/K9AmberAlert/
Heartworm Season is Here
Cats, Ferrets, and Dogs Beware

Heartworm disease is a preventable, but serious and potentially fatal, parasitic disease that primarily affects dogs, cats and ferrets. In Michigan, dogs, regardless of age, or living environment (indoors or outdoors), are susceptible to heartworm infection. The good news is that it is easily preventable with proper preventive medication. A blood test for existing heartworm infection is recommended before beginning a prevention program to confirm that your pet is not already infected with the disease. Ingham County Animal Shelter tests many dogs that are over 2 years old or show signs of possible heartworm disease. When possible, those dogs with heartworm disease are treated, however the treatment is costly and is difficult for some animals to tolerate. It's important for owners to ensure their pets get evaluated by a veterinarian to determine the appropriate heartworm preventative to avoid costly and risky heartworm treatment.

Featured Pet: Valentine

Valentine is a 2 year old male neutered stray from Lansing. He is a nice dog that has had a rough start at life. He is very strong, so he will need an experienced owner that will be able to train him. With patience, training, and love, Valentine will make a wonderful pet. Age restrictions may apply.

Directions
Located in Mason within the Sheriff's complex. Just southeast of the US127/ M-36 (Cedar St) exit. Look for the A&W restaurant on the corner of Curtis St. and Cedar St.

Not another Pet Food recall…please
With the disturbing news of pet food recalls on an almost weekly basis, shelter staff and volunteers are often asked: ‘What food should I feed my pet?’ The best advice we can give is to learn about pet foods and pet nutrition so you can make an informed decision. Here are some excellent resources for pet owners looking to stay informed:
www.fda.gov/oc/opacom/hottopics/petfood.html or 1-888-INFO-FDA (1-888-463-6332)
http://www.aspca.org/recall
http://petconnection.com
http://itchmo.com

The Pet Protector Newsletter reaches thousands of pet owners.
To advertise please call 517-676-8383 for more details.
An Amazing Event for both Animals, Volunteers and the ICAC Staff.

What started at 10 am on Saturday May 5th and ran non-stop until 4 pm on Sunday May 6th--was the first (of what we hope will be an annual event) 30-Hour Marathon Adoption event of the agency's history, resulting in 93 dogs and cats finding homes. It was a success well beyond the expectations of any of those who worked for months preparing the event which required the time and resources of over 60 volunteers, 16 truck loads of cages, tables, tents, etc...

The following sponsors are the real heroes as they made it all possible. Fifth Third Bank in Okemos, Invisible Fence, Soldan's, Petco, DeWitt Fencing, Ingham County's Road Commission, Drain Commission, Facilities Department, Parks Department. Applebee's, Cracker Barrel, Stillwater Grill, Gilbert & Blake's, Head to Toe Salon, Subway, Backyard Barbecue, Dunkin Donuts of Okemos, Little Caesar's of Okemos, Heavenly Ham, Beaners of Okemos, Skyline Outdoor Advertising, 7-11 of Okemos, Showtime Rental, Outshiner Oil Change, Always Bloomin Florist, Becky Beauchine Kulka, H&H Jewelry Design, 24K Jewelry Design, Exquisite Touch Salon, Tropical Tanning, Apples the Clown, Music Unlimited, Jeff Chambers Massage, Janet Smith, Joe Baldino, Brian Hatcher w/ Citadel Broadcasting Co., Barbara Reeves, Edith Lawless, Pauline Chee and Judy Hood.

Special thanks to Wanda & Sydney Kester and the entire Bebee family for their diligent oversight in the wee hours of the night along with those die hard volunteers who braved the chilly temperatures and the 7 am wake up call by the News 10 Team ready to film their overnight experience with the animals. Plans are already underway for 2008 Adopt-a-thon. If you would like to work on the Adopt-a-thon Committee, please call 676-8376.
We Offer Fashionable Pets

By Wanda Kester

Have you experienced that awkward moment while having your ICAS adopted canine companion in public when someone asks, “what breed is he?” Should you open the door for the debate that is sure to ensue when you list just one breed? Should you take the time to list all twelve possible breed parts you think are somewhere in your new best friend?

Those of us in the “know”, know very few of the shelter residents are pedigreed purebreds and that nothing makes for a better pet than a mixed breed. Who wouldn't want just the best of several breeds and that's what you find at the shelter. Have you overheard a volunteer or staff answer that very question with “he's a Labrador retriever mixed with….what was the breed you were looking for?” Chances are pretty good whatever you were hoping to find is somewhere. So stand proud. Take the best of the top few suspected breeds in your new “designer dog” and answer with confidence as though everyone has heard of your particular combination. After all, it hasn't been that long since Labradoodle and Pompoo raised eyebrows and inquiring minds slowly backing away.

It's all in your delivery. If you rattle off “Beagleshep” as though it is just months away from being an AKC recognized breed, no one will be the wiser and you'll be the envy of your block.

If you're looking for a perfect companion or another companion, remember that ICAS has been a leader in the much coveted designer dogs long before there were designer dogs. Check out some of the fabulous designer dogs at ICAS. Need a dog who likes water but can also herd wayward family members? Look for a La-bord-coll. Be the first one in your neighborhood with a Cockerpom. Need to find that raccoon that is in your garbage while keeping cows in line? A Cattlecoon might be waiting for you. Husheps can weather the cold while being loyal. It's all in the delivery!

Animal Cruelty Violations Update

MAN CHARGED WITH BREEDING AND SELLING OF DOGS FOR FIGHTING

Corey Devon Henry of 1215 W. Maple in Lansing was bound over for trial on Dog Fighting charges by Honorable Judge Patrick F. Cherry of 54 A District after a preliminary hearing determined there was sufficient evidence for a trial. Henry is charged with the breeding and selling of fighting dogs. In October 2006, Ingham County Animal Control Officers seized 16 pit bulls from Henry's residence and discovered various items believed to be related to dog fighting. A trial date has yet to be scheduled.

LANSING WOMAN CHARGED WITH ANIMAL CRUELTY

In January 2007, Ingham County Animal Control Officers seized 23 animals from the residence of Teena Jones of 2024 Melvin St in Lansing as a result of inhumane conditions. Two of the animals were immediately euthanized due to the severity of their injuries and conditions. The animals were taken to the animal shelter for care and treatment. Jones was charged with four counts of animal cruelty. A preliminary hearing date is scheduled in mid June.

LANSING MAN CHARGED WITH DOG FIGHTING

Delton Durane Jones of 4615 Pleasant Grove, Lansing has been charged with dog fighting and animal cruelty in 54-A District Court in Ingham County. Deputies Yvonne Gaines and John Good seized eight pit bulls from the Jones residence in March along with multiple items believed to be related to dog fighting. Jones waived his right to a preliminary hearing. A trial date has not been set.

Donations are tax deductible.

To continue our important services, the following items would also help us serve the animals more effectively. YOU can help. We rely on donations to make the animals at the Ingham County Animal Shelter as comfortable as possible. Please drop off your donations at the shelter. We desperately need folding dog crates, kitty litter, detergent, bleach, canned cat and dog food, leashes and collars.

We recycle your old ink cartridges too!
COCOPUFF GOES HOME

The Ingham County Animal Shelter foster care program continues to grow along with the wonderful homes the fosterings are finding. CocoPuff came into the shelter with his abused Mom and three siblings in February 2007. Poor CocoPuff was the littlest in the litter and was picked on by his brothers and sisters, including a bad bite to his tiny tail. In order to keep this little blue-eyed chocolate lab safe, he was brought into foster care. CocoPuff went from rags to riches after finding a home with a wonderful family in Upper Michigan where he will have a stay at home Mom, a brother and a private beach on Lake Michigan. Way to go Cocopuff and Ingham County Animal Shelter! If you would like to provide temporary care for an Ingham County Shelter Animal, contact the shelter today.

Sad Beginnings and Happy Endings

• Morgan, an elderly Belgian Sheepdog was left in the outside kennel one cold February night. He was nearly completely matted and had difficulty walking. Due to his age and condition, his future did not look good. Morgan's luck changed when a loving person from the Animal Placement Bureau, a local rescue group, took one look at Morgan and came to the rescue. Through the efforts of several volunteers, he has been groomed, treated and is now in a loving foster home waiting for his happily ever after.

• A litter of 3 week old kittens were dropped off at the shelter that were malnourished, orphaned and needing intensive care. One kitten was so injured that she had to have one of her legs amputated. An Ingham County Foster family came to the rescue and nursed the kittens to health. Tressa, the three legged kitten was the first to be adopted and is living in a loving home with several other cats who have accepted her unconditionally.

Sad Beginnings and Happy Endings

Every Little Bit Helps!
The Animal Care Fund provides for the very critical medical needs as well as new medical and shelter equipment to better care for the animals. Many exciting changes are happening at the shelter. We invite you to come visit the animals and staff and see what's happening at the shelter. Check out the new glass door kennels.

Please support the Animal Care Fund.

Yes! I want to support the work of the Animal Care Fund at the shelter.

Enclosed is my tax-deductible gift:

___$25 ___$50 ___$100 ___$500 ___$1000

Name: _____________________________________________

Street Address: _____________________________________

City/State/Zip_____________________________________

Phone#_____________ E-Mail: _________________________

Special Giving Options:

___ I would like to make a Memorial Contribution in MEMORY or in HONOR (circle one) of:

Name of person to honor_________________________________________________________

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More Ways Everyone Can Help our Community

Volunteer

Each volunteer, no matter how often or much they are able to help makes a difference to the animals and the community. Our volunteers come from all walks of life including families, MSU students, Cooley Law Students, Girl Scouts, and Boy Scouts to name a few. If you would like to volunteer at the shelter there is always something very important you can do. Orientation meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the shelter. Call the shelter or drop in to complete a simple application and get signed up for the next orientation.

Care for your Animals

Making sure your pets are up to date with proper medical care, are properly trained to be good companion animal citizens, have identification and making sure they are properly licensed helps everyone. When a companion animal gets lost, it saves time and resources when that animal is well cared for and has proper identification when found by a citizen or animal control. The Ingham County Animal Shelter has the latest equipment to scan all incoming animals for a micro chip which instantly identifies the animal and its owner.

Report Animal Abuse

Dog fighting is pervasive in Ingham County. It is a felony in the State of Michigan to own, possess, use, buy or sell an animal for the purpose of fighting. It is a felony to be present at a dog fight, organize, promote or collect money for a dog fight, permit the use of a building, shed, room, yard, or premises for a dog fight, breed, buy, transport any device or equipment intended for use in animal fighting.
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