Top That!

What a year it’s been! How fortunate ICAC is to have passionate volunteers and staff members along with a broad base of community support that has enabled the shelter to make many strides in 2012. It was a tough year for many pet owners but despite that we made gains. We still have much more work to do and we’re looking forward to getting started in 2013.

It was a year of inspiring adoptions - the kind that makes you believe in people, the kind of people who take on an animal someone else discarded because it had challenges. Those kinds of people inspire us and reinforce our resolve that our work is vital and needed. We watched “Captain”, a 10 year old blind bull terrier who’d been in foster care for months waiting for a family, finally walk off with his “own” new family, his tail spinning with joy and a bit of a skip in his step - it was as if he knew just how special this moment was and how special his new people were.

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We also had to be innovative - “thinking outside the box” was crucial because adoptions were slow due to the economy and it wasn’t enough to wait for people to come to us. We had to bring the animals to the people, and we did. Staff and volunteers went after them with all we had through promotions, mobile adoptions and features like the “Red Chair” which seemed to have the magical power to find a home for whomever sat in it.

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It took a county community to raise a shelter and the result was a happy ending for over 1500 animals during 2012.

Adoption Alumnus, Cookie Monster

Chippy at the State Capital with Liz Kranz, Chair of Ingham County Animal Advisory Board.

**SHELTER HOURS**

**TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY**
12 noon - 6 p.m.
Adoptions end at 5:30 p.m.

**THURSDAY, FRIDAY & SATURDAY**
11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Adoptions end at 3:30 p.m.

**SUNDAY & MONDAY**
Closed

Closed all County holidays
HELP US SAVE A LIFE

Diagnostic Center for Population and Animal Health
Sponsors Pet Food Drive at MSU Vet Clinic

At the Diagnostic Center for Population and Animal Health (DCPAH), part of the Michigan State University College of Veterinary Medicine, community outreach is a part of the culture. In addition to various holiday-giving initiatives, DCPAH has historically done a food drive each quarter to benefit the Mid-Michigan Food Bank. For fall 2012, Dr. Carole Bolin, DCPAH’s director, wanted to conduct a community campaign timed in conjunction with Make a Difference Day (October 27). Dr. Bolin suggested a new take on the food drive—instead of food for people, why not food for pets?

After all, DCPAH’s mission is to protect human and animal health, and many employees have animals that are part of their own families. Just as a decision was made to conduct the pet food drive, the Lansing State journal published a story about Ingham County Animal Control’s new outreach center underway in Lansing which would include a pet food bank. The timing couldn’t have been more perfect. Dr. Bolin and others agreed this would be the ideal destination for the pet food donations. What better way to help pet owners in the local community?

To magnify the impact of the effort, DCPAH communications manager, Courtney Chapin, reached out to contacts at pet food companies to see if one or more might be interested in partnering. Royal Canin agreed right away and Chapin worked with them to make it happen.

Food was collected from October 22-29. In the end, DCPAH staff donated 157 pounds and 133 cans of dog and cat food, and 10 bags of treats, as well as a few collars, a leash, and rope chew toys. Royal Canin donated 304.7 pounds and 57 cans of dog and cat food. The grand total for the first DCPAH Pet Food Drive: 461.76 pounds and 396 cans.

I WANT TO HELP THE ANIMALS

DONATION FORM

Enclosed is my tax deductible gift for:

☐ $25 ☐ $50 ☐ $100 ☐ Other $______ ☐ $40 Newsletter Memorial or Honorariums

Name: ___________________________ Address: ____________________________________________

City/State/Zip: ___________________ Phone: ____________________________

Email: __________________________

☐ Memorial ☐ Honorarium for __________________________________

Please notify the following person of my contribution: __________________________________

Ingham County Animal Shelter | 600 Curtis Street | Mason, MI 48854 | 517-676-8370

ONE ANIMAL AT A TIME

Petsmart Grant for Spay/Neuter Surgery

Ingham County Animal Control has received a grant from Petsmart Charities to provide spay/neuter surgeries for 1,000 dog owners in Ingham County who live in the 48911 zip code as part of the FIX ME-PLEASE Project. Petsmart Charities has given the grant to assist owners in the costs of sterilizing their pets. For $10 owners can spay/neuter, receive vaccinations, and microchip their dogs. This program targets a specific zip code because last year ICAC received 3,852 pets from the county -1,688 were dogs - and one third of those dogs were from the 48911 zip code. ICAC also receives a high number of reports of stray dogs and animal welfare complaints in this area. Sterilizing a pet is one of the most effective ways to reduce the homeless pet population. The program lasts until May 2013.

Volunteer Spotlight

Jackie Gates is a GM retiree who has put her free time to good use by volunteering at ICAC. She spends at least two days a week at the shelter and also works at most mobile adoption events on the weekends. She has been volunteering for about three years now. Jackie says she does whatever needs doing or whatever is asked of her while “at work.” In addition to the time she spends at the shelter, Jackie also has fostered many dogs, puppies, and several kittens over the years. Jackie says her greatest satisfaction of being a volunteer is seeing happy faces when an adoption is completed or when an owner finds his or her lost pet that has been brought to the shelter. She has met many good friends, both volunteers and staff, and she can’t think of a better way to spend the extra time gained after retirement. The shelter is certainly a much better place for having such a cheerful and hardworking volunteer as Jackie.

Employee Spotlight

Teresa Carter is the office coordinator at ICAC. She has worked at the shelter for seven years and in that time she has been a redemption/dispatch clerk and volunteer coordinator, among other duties. Teresa always has a smile for everyone and is willing to lend a helping hand whenever necessary. Though her position as volunteer coordinator Teresa has gotten to know many of the shelter’s volunteers, and has made some longtime friends. Best of all Teresa loves the feeling of satisfaction gained from reuniting a lost pet with its owner or adopting a pet into a loving home. Teresa commented that she enjoys working at ICAC as the staff all get along, and, when they are not snowed under with work, have a lot of fun together. Finally, as a longtime employee, Teresa has been really encouraged to see all the positive changes at ICAC under the current director.
BE A VOLUNTEER

Animal Shelter Drive – Holiday Edition!

Sometimes the number of animals in need throughout the world is overwhelming, but we do try to make a difference in our own area by improving the life of the shelter pets that pass through the Ingham County Animal Shelter. The Ingham County Animal Shelter Drive puts donation boxes all over Ingham County to collect toys, treats, collars, leashes, and comfort items for the homeless pets in Ingham County. The shelter particularly needs tough toys for the large dogs that often spend a long time at the shelter. Some of those toys include rope tug, Kong, Ruff Tuffs, and Wubbas. Last year was the first Holiday Shelter Drive and it was highly successful thanks to the generosity of the community. Over 700 pet toys and treats went to the shelter last year along with numerous other items. 100% of those donations go right to the shelter animals! There are many donation locations around town, particularly in the Williamston area. This is a great opportunity to get your co-workers and family in the holiday giving spirit! The Holiday Drive will be held between November 16th and December 20th with delivery to the Ingham County Animal Shelter on December 21st.

Wish List For ICAC – Top Five Wishes

• Big dog toys
• Kong toys & Cheez Whiz - they keep the dogs busy and entertained for hours
• Canned cat food - for kittens and senior cats and those rehabilitating
• Big rawhide chews & bones - for dogs
• Toys - all kinds for cats and dogs. Durable outdoor toys for the dogs are great!

ICAC will care for over 3500 cats and dogs this year. These animals will need comforts to make them feel safe and loved. These items all add to their quality of life in one way or another. Please consider helping us help animals by donating any of these items.

Animal Needs
Iams cat food and dry dog food
Cat litter (all kinds)
Collars & leashes
Dog and cat treats
Nail clippers & grooming clippers w/blades
Puppy potty training pads
Nursing bottles (dogs/cats)
Stainless steel litter boxes (found at GFS)

Cleaning Supplies
Paper towels, trash bags (large sizes)
Dish detergent, Clorox bleach
Cat litter scoops & dog pooper scoopers
Windex & squeegees (all sizes), brooms

Misc.
HE (front end loaders) laundry detergent
Duct tape
Tarps, zip ties (all sizes)
Flash lights, batteries – AA & AAA

Medical Supplies
Exam gloves, Playtex gloves, 3 x 3 gauge pads
Digital thermometers, Q-Tips
Alcohol, peroxide, pill splitter

Office Needs
Copy paper, pens, pencils
Markers & highlighters
Sheet protectors (for kennel cards)
Photo paper (for cruelty photos)
Colored copy paper (any color)
Index cards, staples & staples
Scotch tape dispensers & tape
Used ink cartridges—we recycle them for $5

Community Support from All Walks of Life

Rick Preuss of Preuss Pets, along with his staff and customers, raised over $1900 for Ingham County Animal Cruelty Fund by hosting a day at the Lugnuts on Labor Day. Rick donated T-Shirts and all ticket sales to ICAC to benefit the Animal Cruelty Fund (ACF). What many citizens do not realize is that the ICAC Animal Cruelty Investigator is funded solely by donations; this position is not funded by the County general fund or tax dollars. The ICAC ACF helps care for abused victims, in addition to making the vital Cruelty Investigator position possible. Rick knew this and wanted to do something to make others aware of it as well. He wanted to help raise awareness and money to ensure the position was funded and abuse victims continued to receive medical care, and an investigator continued to pursue, investigate and convict abusers. The position alone is responsible for the gathering of evidence, witnesses and testimony in over 90 percent of the cases that go to court. This position is crucial to solving animal abuse in Ingham County. Great job Preuss Pets!
IN MEMORY AND IN HONOR OF

In our hearts forever...

IN HONOR

Bohnet Electric
(Steve Bohnet)
In honor of Joan Austin

Joanne Johns
In honor of
Melissa Wyatt & staff
at Hazelton Animal Hospital

Jeanne Johns
In honor of
Nancy Doty - Best pet sitter

Barbara Adado
Joyce DePue
Cynthia Herski
William Murphy
In honor of Odie

Penny & Montana
In honor of
WLXTV

IN MEMORIAM

Bonnie Clark
In memory of
Aimee Barton

Susan Sabourin
In memory of
Alan Sabourin

Bill & Sue Flynn
In memory of
Bella

Merle Hunter
In memory of
Chad Thomas

Ronald Judson
Nancy & Robert Russell
Stephen & Carol Terry
In memory of
Christine Savage

Kathleen Sobow
In memory of
Cooper - Nancy Doty's beloved pet

Rare Birds Golf League
In memory of
Darwin Joan Wright

Jonna Sonea
In memory of
Dennis & Toby

David & Virginia Sarette
Mel & Julie Wilder
In memory of
Deowaine Abbott

Timothy Deems Force
In memory of
Gerald Bohnet

Barbara White
In memory of
Gus Van Kleeck

Ingham County Animal Shelter staff
In memory of
Hershey

Moseck & Hale families
In memory of
Irene Voss

Judy Schrauf
In memory of
James Bradshaw

Cheryl & lady Maier
Wesley & Anna Sonisken
In memory of
Judy May Bradley

Mary Kleinman
In memory of
Kia - her dear dog

Heather Greenman
In memory of
Kyo

Bill & Elena Keller
In memory of
Larry Otis

Jeff & Marylou Andrews
Joseph Animal
Herb & Mickey Burns
Alan & Ruth Cheney
Jane & Charles Pitch
Ted Fox & Pat McKinney
Ruth Ann Matthews
In memory of
Maridel Neumann

Frances Mort
In memory of
Peaches, Trixie, Angel

Bruce Helmer
In memory of
Ruth Helmer & her dog Tessa

Rula & Marge Davis
In memory of
Shadow

Barbara Chaloy
In memory of
Snickers

Kathleen Sobow
In memory of
Tasha - Jeanne Johns' companion

Nancy Doty
Sue Gardner
Janet Saacs
Joanne Johns
In memory of
Tasha and Mandy Johns - dear dogs

Carol & Harry Amenon
Michael & Vicky Crosby
Elizabeth & Roger Hitchings
John & Shirley Houlgard
Wayne & Connie Knecht
Lyle & Kathleen O'Byrne
Jani Taylor
Ronald Thies & Diane Bennett
David & Connie Tuck
Joseph & Patricia Vance
Bill & Cheryl Tager
In memory of
Terry Lynn Parsons

Manjori Gough
Great Lakes Capital Fund
Abigail Hunt
Eagle Tool Company
Kevin & Vicki Weaver
In memory of
Thomas Hunt

Marla St. George
In memory of
Tom Peterson

Frank & Tonya Maj
In memory of
Tony, Gretchen, Tasha, Holly

Ann Sobow
In memory of
Walt Houp

ADOPT . VOLUNTEER . DONATE

Adoption Successes

Stanley & Raymond
found their forever home this summer.
Stanley and Raymond were the last of 10
horses that were seized in a cruelty case.
Because Raymond had neurological issues
and Stanley was emotionally attached to
Raymond, the two were difficult to place
because we didn't want to separate them.
There were simply no takers for them both
until their new foster parents decided to adopt
them. Both horses were adopted together and
despite Stanley's ornery nature at times they
drove a very spoiled life.

Blondie
the sweet blind 10-year-old Lhasa mix with
cataracts found her forever home with Jeff
and his wife, Blondie was so happy to find a
wonderful, quiet home.

Gretchen,
the dog fight victim who beats all the odds and
broke all our hearts found the perfect home.

Baby Calf
finds a home. It was a heart-wrenching day
when Officer LeBombard discovered the calf
alongside its mom and several other cattle
that had died as a result of being stuck in
the mud. The calf’s body was cold and the
animal close to death. Officer LeBombard
carried her to her truck and transported
her to MSU Large Animal Clinic where
the veterinarians and their staff and foster
parents nursed her back to life. She is now a pet and continues to thrive
in her new home.

Caroline,
a gorgeous white and orange cat found her
new home at a mobile event. We forgot to tell
her adopters that she fetches balls. I’m sure she
will find a way to communicate that to them!

Sylvia
found her perfect forever home. She was
found as a stray abandoned on a country
country road, but thanks to Facebook fans who
recognized her we were able to solve this
animal abandonment case. It was a tip on
FB that led ICAC officers to her owners who
admitted they drove to the country and left
Sylvia along the roadside and drove off.
Sadly, she had been their family pet since
she was a puppy. We estimate Sylvia to be
8-10 years old. Fortunately a kind person
found her and brought her to ICAC.
A warrant is being sought against the
owners for Animal Abandonment which is
against the law.
Thank you FB fans for your help.

Delso,
who is one of the most compassionate cats we’ve ever met, was
adopted by a lovely little girl and her Dad at
a mobile adoption event! It’s wonderful to
see young people just adore an abandoned
animal that needs a home.
STILL WAITING FOR A HOME

We're still waiting at the shelter for you to adopt us!