Most Ingham County residents have heard about the animal control millage that passed last year and know that it will fund the construction of a new shelter, but the millage also provides funds for ICAC to expand our staff and programming. Thanks to this new funding source, the shelter staff has grown from 18 full time and 2 part time employees to 24 full time employees, which has allowed the shelter to expand open hours from five to seven days per week.

ICAC Animal Control Officers are now also on the road seven days per week to better serve the community. The staff of ICAC and the animals of Ingham County once again want to thank the County’s voters for approving the millage which has made this expansion of services possible.

INGHAM COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER IS NOW OPEN:

**SUNDAY | 11:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.**
**MONDAY | 11:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.**
**TUESDAY | 12:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.**
**WEDNESDAY | 12:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.**
**THURSDAY | 11:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.**
**FRIDAY | 11:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.**
**SATURDAY | 11:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.**

(closed County holidays)
On April 29th, the Bissell Pet Foundation sponsored a statewide Empty the Shelter event; 65 Michigan shelters – including Ingham County Animal Shelter – participated and the response was fantastic. Bissell paid all of the adoption fees for dogs and cats and provided Adopt Boxes full of supplies and coupons for each adopting family. The boxes included collars, leashes, food bowls, treats, toys, and of course, pet-friendly cleaning supplies.

On the day of the event there were over 25 volunteers signed up and ready to help. The morning started with the dog walking club taking the adoptable dogs out to get some of the energy out of their systems so they would be ready to meet with the potential adopters. Crowd-control volunteers were ready bright and early working with waiting adopters well before the shelter opened. As soon as 11:00 AM hit, adoption counselors were ready, dog attendants were holding their slip leads, cat carrier boxes were folded into place, and the doors opened!

From the first moment, we knew this was going to be a great adoption day. There was a line waiting to get in to meet the animals most of the day. Every play yard and cat room had potential adopters meeting shelter animals. Breakfast and lunch were brought in for the hard-working volunteers, along with plenty of candy and caffeine to keep the energy level up. Everyone worked hard with a smile on their face knowing they were part of something bigger than just our shelter – that shelters all over Michigan were also busy finding homes for animals in need.

The very last adoption was the one everyone was waiting for. Biggie was an older pitbull mix covered in stitches from multiple surgeries at ICAC to remove cancerous growths. At the end of the Bissel event, he was in a loving home on a new dog bed with an adopter who was experienced in managing his medical condition and ready to love him the rest of his life. All of the volunteers were impressed at how well the day went, and were so proud that they helped make so many adoptions happen. The final tally was 30 pets (16 dogs, 13 cats, 1 guinea pig) going to forever homes and we couldn’t be prouder! 🐾
The 3rd Annual Doggie Easter Egg Hunt and Kids Eggstravaganza was even bigger and better this year! April 15th was a perfect spring day for mid-Michigan, and Hawk Island Park in Lansing was the perfect location for this fun event. Not only did well over a hundred dogs get to search for doggie treat-filled eggs with their humans, but a few lucky dogs found prize eggs that were redeemable for special gifts donated by local businesses. The dogs and their humans also enjoyed practicing on an agility course and taking advantage of free access to Soldan’s Dog Park.

New this year, over a hundred children also enjoyed searching for eggs filled with candy, stickers, and other prizes. Children were also able to participate in various arts & crafts and educational activities, face painting, and games sponsored by a number of local businesses. Parents and families were able to memorialize this great event with professional photos with the Easter Bunny or with ICAC’s mascot, Chippy, and with uniquely created hand or paw print tiles.

This event was entirely organized and run by volunteers and raised over $3,700 for the animals at Ingham County Animal Shelter. Thank you to the hardworking volunteers, and to these generous businesses that sponsored the event or donated prizes and supplies: Soldan’s Pet Supplies, Playing Picasso, Hawk Island Park, Soldan’s Dog Park, Midwest Communications, Express Yourself Unleashed, Pet Supplies Plus, AnnaBelle’s Pet Station, Kohls Cares, The Mutt Hut Dog Daycare, Marshall Music, Ingham County Parks Department, Riker’s Dog Treats, Lansing Jaycees, Target, Meridian Screen Printing, Meijer, The Geeked Out Nanny Agency, and Joey’s Pet Outfitters. 🐾
Even before they graduated, the MSU College of Veterinary Medicine’s Class of 2017 was improving the quality of life for countless animals with a class gift to Ingham County Animal Control.

During their four years of veterinary school, the class raised money via club and organization membership dues and fundraising. These funds go toward caps and gowns, class parties, and other events. At the end of those four years, any leftover money is designated as a class gift. In years past, classes have furnished student-only areas within the College, scholarships for students, textbooks for clinics, and even artwork for the College. This year, the Class of 2017 decided to give back to the organizations that helped them during their education.

“We wanted to do something different,” said Michelle Clancy, president of the Class of 2017. “We wanted to give back and thank those who helped us develop skills we will need every day as veterinarians. Since we were the first class to benefit from the partnership with this organization, giving back to them just makes sense.”

This year, the College’s Small Animal Primary Care rotation visited the animal shelter to perform spay and neuter surgeries on soon-to-be-adopted animals as part of ICAC and MSU CVM’s new veterinary partnership. Other procedures performed during the rotation included hernia repairs and dental cleanings.

“Ingham County Animal Control is currently building a new shelter and the money donated by the Class of 2017 will help outfit the new surgical suite with anesthesia and surgery equipment,” said Clancy.

ICAC is very grateful for this generous gift and for the students who helped our animal care staff immensely with their time and skills. Congratulations, Class of 2017! 🐾
The 8th Annual Woofer Walk + 5k was held on May 19th at the MSU Auditorium in East Lansing. Although rain was forecast for the day, it held off until later and we had a perfect dry and cool morning for the dogs and runners! This year’s event had 225 participants and raised over $11,000 for the Ingham County Animal Shelter Fund.

Guests were able to enjoy vendor tables with local businesses such as AnnaBelle’s Pet Station, The Mutt Hutt, Invisible Fence, and Riker’s Dog Treats. Fellow local rescues Gone 2 the Dogs, Animal Placement Bureau, and New Hope Animal Rescue came out as well to share information with the public on their mission and how they work with ICAC.

Participants had the chance to create unique paw print tiles from Playing Picasso, enjoy music from Spartan Pro Audio, and snack on cookies from Bake n’ Cakes! This year’s event also introduced a kid’s dash led by MSU’s very own Sparty and was followed by the competitive 5K run or leisurely walk. Many participants, including ICAC’s Dog Walking Club, brought their canine friends to join them in the festivities.

Woofer Walk + 5K 2017 was made possible by generous donations from Lansing Chiropractic, MSUFCU, Ace Hardware, Dart Bank, Eby Dental Care (Dr. Erik Eby), Harry’s Place, LAFCU, Jackson National Life Insurance, Kellogg Center, Spartan ProAudio, Midwest Communications, Two Men and a Truck, WLNS TV 6, Culligan Water, and Sam’s Club. A big thank you goes to these sponsors, as well as the participants and their canine friends that ran and walked to help raise funds! 🐾
**MEET PRINCESS**

Princess is a sweet, little senior Chihuahua who came to our shelter as a stray several months ago. She was unable to walk and very, very frightened. The officer who found Princess scanned her and found a microchip, and the microchip company was able to give us her name and age. Unfortunately, her family had forgotten to update their contact info so we were unable to reach them.

In spite of her pain, Princess loves people and would greet the kennel staff with kisses and tail wags every morning. Thanks to the ICASF, Princess was sent for X-rays and was diagnosed with luxating patella in both legs. (Her little knee caps were not where they belonged making it incredibly painful to walk). Princess underwent surgery to get the knee caps back into place and then spent several weeks in a foster home to heal and undergo physical therapy.

She was released for adoption just in time for our annual June Adopt-A-Fest where she found a loving home. She can now live out her retirement years being spoiled and living up to her name (and being carried around, even though she can walk comfortably now)!

Quick Public Service Announcement
Microchipping is an easy form of identification that your dog or cat can’t lose but it doesn’t work unless you keep your contact info up to date.

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**MEET DENALI**

When Denali first came to our shelter, she huddled in the corner of her cage, terrified, not understanding why she was there. She was a chubby cat, a pretty calico, about 10 years old. Her owner had developed severe allergies and had to give her up. Cats like Denali sometimes have a difficult time at the shelter since they were loved and pampered at home and have known no other life. Now Denali was in a cage, scared, confused, and depressed.

As for adoption, Denali had three strikes against her: she was older (10 years), she didn’t care for other cats, and she needed special food for intestinal health (about double the cost of regular food). The shelter staff and volunteers were all rooting for her—hoping she would quickly find a perfect adopter. For 2 long months, no one showed much interest in her. Still, we knew she was a great cat, friendly with people, loving and playful, good with kids. The staff and volunteers banded together to sing the praises of Denali.

Posters were created, photos were taken, a new bio was written, and a video was made.

All this activity brought results. People started coming in to meet Denali, and finally, the right person came in, loved her, and took her home! Now, Denali is happy and pampered again.

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**HAPPY TALES**

Two more happy endings thanks to many members of the animal loving community: Good Samaritans, local vets, the Animal Shelter Fund, ICAC and – most importantly – all our supporters who provide us with the resources we need to go the extra mile for sick and injured animals that come to our shelter.
EMPLOYEE & VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Employee Spotlight

Dr. Karen Worthington

Dr. Karen Worthington – ICAC’s veterinarian and manager of the animal care staff – was attracted to animals and animals to her from an early age. Family lore says that when she was still in a stroller, a cat climbed in and had kittens on top of her baby blanket. At the age of five she brought a kitten home from a neighbor whose cat had a litter because she wanted a pet of her own. She bought her first horse when she graduated high school despite her father’s advice that she couldn’t afford a horse and to pay for college too. None of that deterred her, she went to work at a veterinary practice and at the MSU vet school.

Dr. Karen (as she’s known at the shelter) worked in small animal practice and as a relief vet for several years, and then joined ICAC as the shelter’s part time vet in 2013. Working part time allowed her to continue to do relief work and to spend time with her mother after her father’s death. The schedule also gave her time to pursue her hobbies of leather crafting, pottery and sewing and – of course – spend more time with her animals. As a part time vet, Dr. Karen primarily spayed and neutered adoptable dogs and cats. When her position became full time in January 2016, Dr. Karen jumped at the chance to get more involved in ICAC operations and improve our animal care and shelter medicine protocols. Her efforts and the hard work of the animal care staff have paid off with steadily decreasing health problems in the shelter.

Dr. Karen loves making a difference for the animals at ICAC and enjoys working with the staff and volunteers. She has been instrumental in building a stronger relationship with the MSU vet school who now regularly bring students to ICAC as part of their surgical training and says, “I’m hoping we can grow this partnership to include training veterinary technicians and maybe even starting a shelter medicine program.”

Dr. Karen is an avid horsewoman and proud owner of a Norwegian Fjord horse (Genny), a Chincoteague pony (Coco) and two miniature donkeys (Bambam and Betty). She also shows Labrador retrievers (Piper and Adele) and hopes to see them become champions. Rounding out her household are two barn cats (Kitty and Cat) and three house cats Missy, Widget and Pipsqueak (although Pipsqueak’s name lately is “Mud” for knocking all the books off the bookshelf because her master is spending too much time at work).

Volunteer Spotlight

Brenda Sayles

Brenda Sayles is a woman of many interests and talents – naturalist, traveler, genealogist, history buff, handywoman, photographer and animal lover are just a few ways to describe her. Brenda began volunteering at ICAC about six years ago after she retired from her position as an aquatic biologist with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. “Volunteering at the shelter allowed me to pursue my passion for animals and I was happy to make the switch to terrestrial animals,” she says. “I also love the camaraderie with the other volunteers and staff, something I was sure I was going to miss once I stopped working.”

Brenda spent her first year as a volunteer doing lots of laundry and dishes, and was happy when she was asked to become a medically trained volunteer. Working more hands-on with the animals led to volunteering in surgery, which was a great fit since Brenda - like many animal lovers - had thought about being a veterinarian. Besides helping in surgery, Brenda helps with special events, does data entry, fosters kittens and helps the shelter staff in many other ways. An experienced nature photographer, she uses her skills and patience to get good quality photos of shelter animals. “I started with intake photos, trying to get good pictures so owners would be able to identify their lost pets. Now I do adoption photos also, and try to make every animal look their best.”

Although she enjoys all animals and works with dogs and cats at ICAC, Brenda “loves bunnies” and is a great advocate for rabbits as pets. She has two house rabbits – Lexi and Scarlett - and says she loves their great personalities. Although she would like to adopt a dog or cat, she doesn’t want to upset her rabbits, so she is happy with working with dogs and cats at the shelter and fostering kittens.

Brenda received volunteer honors for donating over 1,000 hours to ICAC in 2015 and 2016, and gets the gratitude and respect of the shelter staff daily as one of ICAC’s most valuable volunteers. 🐰
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IN HONOR
Brogan & Paige Ide
In honor of
Kim Tyler
Anonymous
In honor of
Shippo
Beverly Witt
In honor of
Luke
Patricia Jennings
In honor of
Christian & Jennifer Briggs
Sue & George Miller
In honor of
The Reinkes
Janet Larsen
In honor of
Leah
Carol & Ron Horowitz
In honor of
Victoria Hernandez (for Spencer)
Deborah & Steven Weiland
In honor of
Benjamin Kalt’s Bar Mitzvah
Roxanne Williams
In honor of
Roger Doss
The Kitty Heaven Event and Shirley Remwick
In honor of
Judi Lyles

IN MEMORY
Marian Jean Moore (late)
Denise & William Moore
Cheryl, David Quinter & Family
Debra & Robert Bechtel
Lisa, Richard Moore & Family
Donna, Steven Zwahlen & Family
Ethel Moore
Ina Martin
St. Paul Lutheran Church
In memory of
Richard Lee Moore
Tamara Melser
Gene & Sandy Wrigglesworth
Dennis & Betty Tabor
Teresa VanStratt
Joyce & Al Cudworth
Freeman Family
Michele Boutwell
Pam & Jerry Schreiner
The Budden Family
Roger & Bella Pixley
Tammi Wardwell
Patrick Scheetz
Keith & Judith DesRosiers
Chuck Sargent
In memory of
Ted Minnick
Russell & Judith Whipple
In memory of
Frank S. Maj
Anonymous
In memory of
Saundra Dunn & Mary Ann Cleary
Mary & Terry Howard
In memory of
Jerry Shimmin
Elaine Bogart
Carol Dooley
Diane Downer
Jeanne McGuckin
Joyce Preston
Janis Bails
Claudia Biggers
Randy & Kathleen Fenske
Janice Flowers
Coverys - Underwriting
Coverys' Community HealthCare Foundation
In memory of
Janice Zimmerman
Joanne Adrian
Gladys Dreps
Lansing Boat Club
In memory of
Charles Thoroux
Al & Sandy Donaldson
In memory of
Byron Babcock
Cynthia Frear
Roy, Lanette, & Madison Every
Anonymous
Janice Graves
Lyle & Sharon Lantz
Joyce Hill
Duane Churchill
Edsel & Linda Brooks
Tammy & Robert Silvey
In memory of
Robert Hill
Carroll & Denise Hawkins
Elaine Stocking
Joshua Garey
Heather McGowan
Steve & Phyllis Goleniak
Gayla Doolittle
Roy Lanette & Madison Every
Marjorie Pulver
Robin Kelley
Betty Engle
Willard Every
Dart Bank
In memory of
Robert Every
Kathryn McPherson
In memory of
Byron Babcock
 Nanette Podany
In memory of
Edward Miller
Catherine Warner
In memory of
Shaun Christopher Kelley
MaryAnn & Ramon
In memory of
Catherine Warner
The Rosen’s
In memory of
Spartan
Jan Rosen
In memory of
Cody
Mary Dershem Everitt
Bruce & Laurie Haskell
John & Jane Hepfer
George & Martha Hosek
Ronald & Diane Kennedy
Steven & Julie Nygaard
Mary Hagen & Shirley Renwick
Wendy Hoin
Mr. & Mrs. George Helbig
In memory of
Janet Raymond
Amy Louise Jones
In memory of
Teddy
Peggy Kelly
In memory of
Sue Aumaugher
Andrew & Becky Rathbun
In memory of
Cookie, Gabby, Snickers, & Blossom
Anonymous
Heidi Abbott
In memory of
Robert Hill
Sarah MacHugh
In memory of
Herman
Cheryl Base
In memory of
Norma Mae Gage
Cheryl Zanger
In memory of
Terri Edwards
Carl Hardin
Melody & Bill Bigg
Connie Haskell
In memory of
Robert Hill
Hap & Laura Shaver & Family
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Kirk Shewchuck
Betty White
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Edward Miller
Michelle Bruneau and Family
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Ryan Smith
George & Ida Stockman
Lindsay Waxler
In memory of
Hanna Obbink
Scott Fergus
In memory of
Tom Connor
Merle Doyle
In memory of
Sampson