



ACTION FOR ANIMALS

Winter

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Annual Christmas Open House December 8, 2012

Where has the year gone? Christmas is just around the corner and so is our annual Christmas Open House at our shelter. This year it is on Saturday, December 8, 2012 from Noon till 4:00 pm and everyone is invited. The Open House will hold its annual craft sale and bake sale. Again we are asking all the crafty people to help make our day a success by making items for the sale, which we are able to sell to raise money for the homeless animals at our shelter. Crafts like ornaments, table decorations, crochet items etc. are always welcome. (Saleable Items only, please).

Maybe crafts aren't your thing, but can you bake? Bake goods are needed, such as cookies, pies, rolls, bread, brownies, candies and more are always a great crowd pleaser. We all have a sweet tooth. These perishable items may be brought to the shelter the day before or the day of the sale. Please label all items that may contain "nuts" because of people with allergies.

Santa Clause will be here at NOON to greet all the children (both young

and old) who may have special wishes for Christmas. "Free" photo with Santa (children only — NO pets please) are available while the supply lasts. Refreshments will be available. Our annual Christmas Raffle also takes place that day at 4:00 pm and you need not be present to win. We have Great Prizes! Raffle Tickets are available now at our shelter and clinic offices. If you would like to sell some tickets to your friends and neighbors please stop by the shelter to pick up a few tickets.

Remember volunteers are also needed for that day. If you are able to give us some time please call the shelter and leave your name and phone number and the time that you may be able to work. Call 586-731-9210.

Remember that God's little creature are all important to us. This could be your special way to help all of those who cannot speak for themselves. They depend on US! Can you HELP?



Raffle Tickets

Got a little extra time on your hands and looking for a way you could help the homeless animals... How about selling some raffle tickets for our annual Christmas Open House. Great prizes – donation of one dollar per ticket – all proceeds go to help the animals. Give a call or stop by to pick up what you think you may be able to sell. Tickets cannot be mailed.



Humane Society of Macomb CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

11350 22 Mile Road, Utica

**Drawing December 8, 2012
PRIZES**

- 1st – Wal-Mart Gift Card (Value \$300.00)
- 2nd – Instant Canopy & Chairs
- 3rd – Bird Bath and Accessories
- 4th – Steel Fire Pit
- 5th – Home Depot Gift Card
- 6th – Lottery Ticket Tree
- 7th – Basket of Family Games
- 8th – Texas Roadhouse Gift Card
- 9th – Gas Gift Card (Two Drawings)
- 10th – Tool Set

Proceeds to help the homeless Animals.

Lic. No. MICS - 2743

Donations \$1.00

Need not be present to win



HUMANE SOCIETY OF MACOMB ANIMAL SHELTER NEEDS THE FOLLOWING ITEMS TO HELP THOSE THAT CANNOT HELP THEMSELVES

Wish List

- Clorox bleach (Not Scented)
- Cotton balls (Jumbo or Large)
- Brillo pads
- Laundry soap (Tide or Era)
- Distilled water
- Parrot food (Seed)
- Bird gravel/grit
- Canned dog food
- Canned cat food
- Flash Light Bateriaes (size D)

Volunteers Needed
Walking & Brushing Pets

Winterize Your Pet!



1. With the onset of winter precautions should be taken to protect your Pets!
2. Do not let your indoor pet(s) outside for long periods of time. Shorthaired breeds like Doberman's, Chihuahuas, Terriers etc., may need coats or sweaters. Every pet is at risk of frostbite. Most common areas are ear tips, feet & and tips of tails.
3. Outdoor pet(s) should be brought inside the house or have access to a heated garage when the weather gets severely cold. If that's not possible make sure the doghouse is well built, insulated, slanted roof with an elevated floor. Dry straw is excellent bedding material. Doors should be covered with a flap to prevent drafts from the wind. The door should not face the North. Southeast is the best. The size of the doghouse is very important. A house that is too large for your dog will not keep him warm. He needs a house that he can stand

up in, turn around and lay down. His body heat will help keep him warm along with the bedding etc.

4. Outside dogs need more calories in the winter so they can build up fat, which acts as insulation. He needs 2-3 times more calories. Check the dog food bag to increase his food or contact your local vet for more information.
5. Fresh water must be provided several times a day. Pet stores do sell heated dog bowls.
6. Check your pets feet for slush or salt that may stay in their pads and cause irritation.
7. Cats should be kept indoors or in a heated garage that has built in hutches or in a well kept used barn. Cats will seek heat and sometimes sleep in the motor of your car. Be aware of paw prints on your car hood. It's possible that there's a cat getting warm by your engine. Tap on the hood or honk your horn to scare the cat away.
8. By using common sense in the cold months our pets will be safe.



Remember that the Michigan Law requires proper shelter for your pet(s) 24 hour per day for the weather, which includes sun, heat, rain, snow, wind etc.

9. Free bag of straw is available for your pets dog house during the months of October thru March. Straw may be picked up at our shelter during business hours — 10:00 - 4:00 pm Monday thru Saturday.

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Animal Clinic: (586) 739-6870

Seasonal Reminder:



With the Holidays approaching be careful of your Christmas Plants, especially Poinsettia & Mistletoe can be harmful and deadly to your pet.