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TNR (Trap Neuter Release)

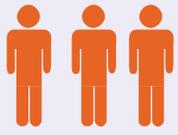
On Saturday March 4 and April 22, classes were conducted in our Education Room at the Humane Society of Macomb, hosted by Charlotte Yakima and Cristen Alimario. Local Macomb County residents were welcomed by Ken Kempkens, current Director for the Humane Society of Macomb. Please call (586) 731-9210 if you are interested in attending a future class.

What is TNR?

- TNR (Trap Neuter Release) is an effective means of dealing with the overpopulation of feral cats in the community. We were honored and pleased with the turnout of the event with over a dozen members from the community attending. At the event community members learned the following about TNR:
- Why TNR? – The advantages of TNR
- Differences between feral and community cats
- Video on fixing feral cat overpopulation
- The 8-Step TNR process
- Necessary tools needed for TNR
- Effective trapping techniques and timing
- Feeding stations and shelters for community cats

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For the Love of Animals Stats



157 Grand Opening Attendees

Save Rate

98.1%

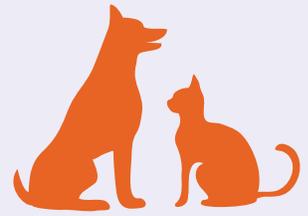
Number of volunteers

200+



Total number of adoptions

78
DOGS
86
CATS



Number of volunteer hours

609

Rescued animals from other shelters in Q1



13

Volunteers of the Month: Jessica Baranski and Brianne Bennett

It's not uncommon to see Brianne Bennett and Jessica Baranski together. In fact, these best friends are seldom seen apart at the shelter. Their incredible devotion to the animals at the Humane Society of Macomb began after they caught wind of the positive changes happening at the shelter. "We were told the shelter was under new management, so we came to try it out. We discovered we really liked the environment and staff. Everything about it was very welcoming," says Baranski.

While Bennett spends her volunteer hours walking and socializing dogs, Baranski can be found socializing with cats. "Cats have a personality all their own. I like being able to take them out and tidy up their homes, then watch them rearrange everything."

They both agree that socializing with cats and dogs is therapeutic. They've even recruited their friends to reap the benefits of volunteering with animals.

Bennett loves being involved with the day to day hustle and bustle at the shelter.

"I really enjoy hanging out with the staff, other volunteers and the animals. I enjoy being able to help out clients that come through," she says.



For Bennett and Baranski, communication is the key to positive relationships between volunteers and staff. "If you tell the staff here that something is wrong, they go straight to the animal. They don't put it off to the next day, or the next hour. They go straight there," says Bennett.

"It's relaxing- not a chore. You're able to have fun, take care, socialize with animals and people who appreciate them as much as you do," says Baranski. "Everything about this place screams welcome!"

What Happens When You Surrender a Pet

The Humane Society of Macomb understands that giving up a pet can be a very hard decision and an emotional experience. We understand that circumstances can arise where adopters are not be able to keep the pet they originally adopted. It's important to remember that this is a hard process not only for the families involved but the animals as well. That's why the Humane Society of Macomb has our surrender policy in place to ensure the well-being and safety of our furever friends in the event that they are surrendered to the shelter. Below are some highlights from our surrender policy.

It is always with a heavy heart we accept a surrendered pet to our shelter. This means that for one reason or another the owner has had circumstances arise where they can't keep the pet. Fortunately, it also means the owner has put their faith in our judgment and level of care for the animal.

Surrendering an animal to the shelter means owners relinquish all rights of the pet to the Humane Society of Macomb. This means that we then assume the new role as the owner of that animal.

Once our animal is adopted we will never share information about that adoption nor can we provide previous owners with updates. We do this not to be mean or insensitive to previous owners but to protect the information and privacy of all parties involved.

The Humane Society of Macomb can provide you with many alternatives to surrendering your pet. For example, if you need help with feeding or medical tips or how to take care of certain behaviors we are happy to help. Ultimately, we believe the best place for your pet is with you. We will do everything we can to help keep your furever friend in your home. In the event a pet is surrendered to the shelter we will then act as the sole responsible party and caretaker for the pet.

As a no-kill shelter you can rest assured that your animal will live with us, be treated with respect by us, and they will get regular feeding, exercise and medical care until we find the animal its new furever home.

Separation anxiety is one of the most common problems we face with animals surrendered to the shelter. It takes time for these animals to get used to a whole new environment. For this reason, we kindly ask you to be absolutely certain that the decision you are making is a final one. Trying to visit the animal while we try to acclimate it will cause greater confusion for the animal.

Thank you for taking the time to review our Surrender Policy. At the Humane Society of Macomb we will continue to strive and advocate for the well-being of our animals. We believe our Surrender Policy will help our animals receive proper care and respect as they transition to their new furever home.

Protect Your Pet from Fleas and Ticks

by Maggie Bosca

With the weather improving, your pets will spend a lot more time outdoors. This is why it is important to protect your pets using tick and flea medication recommended by your vet. This medication is applied to the skin and provides protection for the entire month. Some of the diseases that fleas and ticks can transmit are Lyme disease, tapeworm, ehrlichiosis, and babesiosis. Just because you have an indoor animal that does not mean that they are safe. Other pets in the house that go outdoors as well as your own clothing provide the perfect barrier from

the outdoors that can affect indoor animals. After a walk in a wooded area, make sure to take a quick assessment of your dog's fur as well as your own clothing. If you live in an area known to have a larger concentration, take extra care in checking your pet's fur often.



Taking precautions helps dogs avoid the summertime blues

by Melissa Taubitz



Summertime brings outdoor fun for dogs, including swimming, walks on beautiful days and trips to local dog parks. While dogs may enjoy the outdoors, it is important to remember summer safety tips to keep your pet happy, and healthy, during this fun season.

Seemingly harmless activities, including daily walks and hours of time in the backyard, can pose dangers to dogs. Walks on cement or asphalt during hot and sunny days can increase the risk of burns on your dog's feet. Limiting walks to early morning or late evening, and walking on grass whenever possible can help protect your dog's paw pads. Humid conditions can also pose a risk, as dogs are unable to cool themselves as efficiently.

If your dog will be spending hours in the backyard, make sure to provide the following to keep him safe: adequate shade, fresh water, topical or oral preventatives against fleas, ticks and intestinal parasites, and protection from deadly heartworm, which is carried by mosquitoes. While doghouses seem to be a safe environment, the lack of air circulation can cause temperatures to rise above the outside temperature.

Extra precaution needs to be taken with dogs that have short muzzles. Breeds such as Boxers, Bulldogs and Pugs have a difficult time staying cool in the summer. You should never leave these breeds outdoors during hot or humid weather.

Never leave dogs in parked cars. Even with the windows of the car cracked, the temperature inside the car can skyrocket. On an 85-degree day, the temperature inside a car can reach 102 degrees, and up to 120 degrees after just 30 minutes. While it may be tempting to take your dog on your trip to the store, the risk of heatstroke is too great to take a chance. Besides the risk to your pet, leaving a pet in a car during the heat is also illegal in some states.

Allowing dogs to ride in an uncovered truck bed can lead to falls onto the road, which can be life-threatening.

It is important to know the signs of heat stroke in pets, as well as what to do in case this emergency arises. Signs of heat stroke include excessive panting, vomiting, collapse, bloody diarrhea or seizures. In the event of suspected heat stroke, it is important to try to reduce the pet's body temperature. Moving the pet out of direct sunlight and spraying the pet with cool (not cold) water can help reduce the pet's temperature, but it is vital to take the pet to your veterinarian or an emergency veterinary hospital immediately.

Many dogs love to swim, but practicing pool safety is a must. Not every dog is a good swimmer from the get-go. Ensuring that a dog cannot wander into a pool or lake unattended can prevent accidental drownings. For dogs entering the water for the first time, using flotation devices or spending time in shallow water is vital. Rinsing dogs off after a swim in the pool can remove chlorine from the dog's fur.

Avoid bringing your pets to fireworks displays. The large crowds and loud noises can cause anxiety and fear for your pets, and the chances your pet will run off are increased. Provide a quiet, safe place for your pets to retreat to when fireworks are being set off around your house.

Because dogs spend more time outdoors during the summer, the number of lost dogs increases. Making sure your pet is microchipped, and has a collar and tag with up-to-date contact information can help you reunite with your lost dog.

Summer is a fun time for dogs, and by keeping safety in mind, both dogs and humans can have a great warm-weather season!

Meet the Team: Rachel



Our team at the Humane Society of Macomb goes above and beyond to care for animals that have been abused, surrendered, and abandoned. Their collaborative efforts helped us to achieve a 98.1% save rate for animals we bring in.

One of our employees, Rachel, has largely contributed to this save rate because of her efforts at the shelter.

Rachel has dedicated her life to animals. She has fostered, trained, and found forever homes for sheltered dogs. Currently, Rachel has two dogs that she is fostering:

- A 1-year-old Rat Terrier/Pit named Lola who was surrendered at 6 months
- A 6-year-old Pit mix named Piper

Rachel's impact on our save rate has been remarkable. She has worked with and trained many animals who would not have been adoptable without her assistance. Here are some of the stories:

- Diesel came to the shelter with no bite inhibition, and would not allow the staff to handle him. Rachel fostered him at her home where he learned manners. Now, Diesel has a home with another dog and is happy and healthy.
- Rachel kept a dog named Boston from being euthanized by bringing him to the shelter. Boston was adopted, but feared his new home. This was concerning to his new owners and they were unsure what to do. After contacting the shelter, Rachel volunteered to visit and reassure Boston. Now, he is happy and loves his home.

Not only does she care for shelter dogs, but she oversees 5 dogs of her own including Lola and Piper. Rachel helped her other 3 dogs to overcome various issues such as: cancer, anxiety, Lyme Disease, and heartworms.

When asked about her dogs Rachel stated, "My dogs are what makes me whole. I take the dogs that most people don't want, and love them even more because of it."

Rachel has been volunteering and fostering for rescue shelters for the past 10 years. She recently received her CPDT-KA, which certifies her as a dog trainer.

Regarding training, Rachel said, "I teach owners how their dog learns, to identify behaviors to reinforce and minimize the reinforcement of behaviors they don't want."

Rachel consistently takes on tasks others find difficult. Now, many dogs are living with amazing families because of her efforts.

Here at the Humane Society of Macomb, staff members like Rachel help us to make an impact on the lives of dogs and their owners every day.



Memorials

People Memorials

Norris Scheeter Sue Harriman
Gearldine Cocco Tom Crane & Pat Fleming
Susan Masot Sulisz Sharkey Family
Thomas Joseph Migan Frank Oldani
Elizabeth A. Kessler Christa McKinley
Uncle Bernard Crowe Jonathan & Lisa Jones
Burton Smith Betty Konkol
Mrs. Richard Mountain (Dori) Don & Geri Watson
William Bellano Suzanne & Bob Bellano
Bernard Gregory
Olschefski
Caroline Westin Phillis Lane
Mr. & Mrs. L. Silarski
Marlene Lawson
Candy Norman
& Sue Paris
Nancy Wiles
Jeanette Breeden
& Family
Larry & Diane Jayko
Caroline Westin Tom & Margaret
Trublowksi
Judy Crysler
Jan Breslin
Marge Smith

Caroline Westin Larry & Diane Cybulski
Frank & Carolyn King
Massinino Family
Helen Balaj
Cherlyn Virostick
Lary & Kay Norman
Martha Angersbach
Kenneth Bruchette William Bowen
Sharon Dowdy
Randall & Susan
Kuchenmeister
Carol Byron
Mary Zahabi
Hills Regency Condo
Association
Phil & Christine Martinico
Connie Sylvester Herppich Family
David & Christine Schurig
Dr. Keith Brennen
Sharon Arcari
Rita Jablowski Darlene Dzubak
Cindy Brainard Almont Vinyard Church
Gladys Murdock Edie Macleod
Cynthia Matusko
Antonella Reccha
Illene Lipski
Marilyn Ann Yanchus Roger & Nancy Reitz

Pet Memorials

Kitty Cat Ron & Diane Sangston
Boris Mr. & Mrs.
John Cox 111
Skitter & Amici Bobby & Sharon Davis
Bailey Shirley & George Kirby
Dudley Barbara & Craig Duncan
Molly Brown Mr. & Mrs. Tom Trotto
Bilbo Randy Lee
Collin aka Chubby Checkers William & Lori Brown
Baxter Mary Neuman

Honor Of

Loral Diane Vigliotti Kempklein Law Firm
Adam Rothstein Xmas Janice Waddel

Special Thanks

Wagners, Cantalupos, Catlinos, Dimaggios
Food Drive
Fox Elementary School
Made cat toys
Pete & Wendy Mikula
Instead of Christmas gifts, asked for food toys
for shelter
Girl Scout Troop #75924
Made blankets and donated food
Blessings of Pets
St. Louis Church
St. Michaels
St. Isidore

Team Target
Donated money
McClaren Surgical Unit
Money, supplies
Jessica Hone
CAS project made toys
LCHN Community Service
Food, toys, treats
Helping Hands Wyandot Middle School
Food, toys, treats



Future TNR Classes

We would like to extend our thanks to those members from the community who attended and made our second TNR event a great success. Here at the Humane Society of Macomb we look forward to continuing to be a resource to provide the community education on important issues such as TNR.

Are you sad you missed the second TNR class? No worries, feel free to give us a call if you are interested in learning how to control the neighborhood cats in your community. Call us at (586) 731-9210.



Facebook Blurred Photos

Have you visited our Facebook page lately? If you have, you may have noticed that we now blur the adopters photos. While we are very excited about the shelter animals finding their Furever Homes and want to share we have an obligation protect the identities of the adopters for their safety.



Wish List

The Humane Society of Macomb Animal Shelter is in need of the following items to help those who cannot help themselves:

- Adaptil Spray
- Bleach
- Canned Purina Food – Dry (Cats, Dogs)
- Collars – Calming, M/L/XL (Cats, Dogs)
- Feliway Spray
- Food – Canned, Dry Purina (Cats, Dogs)
- Gough Nuts
- Harnesses (Dogs)
- Jolly Balls – M/L
- Kongs – L/XL
- Laundry Detergent
- Leashes – M/L/XL
- Nylabones – L
- Peanut Butter
- Rescue Remedy
- Toys – Puzzles, Teasers, Tires (Cats, Dogs)
- Tissues
- Treats – Calming, Grain-Free, Training XS/S (Cats, Dogs)

Thank you for your generosity.



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Microchipping

Microchipping is a great way to keep track of your pet should they accidentally get lost. Once sent to another shelter or other organization they can be returned home. All pets adopted from the shelter will be micro chipped moving forward. Contact us for more information.

