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SPCA of Southwest Michigan
Pet Rescue & Adoption Center
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The SPCA is a non-profit animal rescue group based in SW Michigan. Thanks to volunteers like you, we have rescued over 16,000 dogs, cats, puppies & kittens since we started in 2002!

OUR MISSION

SPCA of Southwest Michigan is dedicated to working for the well-being of animals and creating an adoption-focused community in Southwest Michigan. Our goal is to end senseless animal euthanasia in SW Michigan, and provide all animals with a loving, caring home.

UPCOMING EVENTS

AMAZON WISH LIST

PLEASE JOIN US AT A STAFF & VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION PARTY



I think that we would all agree that the mission of SPCA of Southwest Michigan is both a noble one and one in which we can all take pride in as we seek to better the lives of our animal friends. During the earlier years, the history of our organization sustained some bumpy periods but clearly over the past several years a stronger focus on a strategy with a vision for the future sustainable success of our organization is being developed and implemented, and hopefully all of our enthusiastic staff and volunteers are beginning to become cognizant of these changes.

Your board of directors is keenly aware that the ongoing success of this organization is predicated on two fundamental constants; the outstanding commitment that our executive director, Katie Timber, who is truly a living example as to what is right about what we do, and the unmatched passion and dedication of our staff and volunteers in performing all of the many jobs that are required for us to be successful and well respected by the Kalamazoo community and, indeed, by the entire state of Michigan. We are acutely aware that we can never thank you enough for all that you do. For the animals at the SPCA of Southwest Michigan every day is improved when you come and walk them, give them attention, or invite them



into your home while they prepare for their forever family. The organization would not function without the many great individuals that keep the kennels clean, answer the phones, and help keep the animals healthy. Every gesture, small or large, adds up to make a big difference when we team up, and we are doing that in a big way at the SPCA of Southwest Michigan. While we realize that like in most things in life that people do that are worthwhile the reward is that internal feeling of just knowing that you made a difference, your board would like to take this a step higher and invite all staff, volunteers, and their families to a board-hosted appreciation day on Saturday, September 15 beginning at 4:30pm at the shelter. Food and drinks (non-alcoholic) will be available, along with various games and activities. Most members of the board will be in attendance and this will be a great opportunity for all of us to meet and learn more about each other.

We hope that many of you will accept this invitation and join us on September 15. We look forward to seeing and meeting you during this special event.



Dave Serota
President
SPCA of Southwest Michigan
Board of Directors

Please Join Us

IN THE RUFF DINNER PARTY

MONDAY AUGUST 20, 2018

COCKTAIL HOUR 5:30 PM

DINNER 7 PM

KALAMAZOO COUNTRY CLUB

TICKETS

DINNER GUEST \$75

DINNER COUPLE \$125

TABLE SPONSOR \$500

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WE SAVE ANIMALS.
IT'S WHAT WE DO.

RSVP TO KATIE TIMBER KATIE@SPCASWMICH.ORG OR
RANDI DESANTIS RDESANTIS@MAPLEHILLAUTO.COM
FULL DETAILS AT INTHERUFF.ORG

Golf outing, dinner tickets available [here](#).



Dog-O-Ween

SAVE THE DATE - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20TH

Upcoming Events (see our [website](#) for all events and more details)

August 17-18th - We are gearing up for another Kalamazeuter. This is a free spay/neuter event to help out families in need that have unaltered pets. Call the shelter to get more information and/or reserve your spot, space is limited - 269-344-1474

August 20th - Its our annual Golf Outing sponsored by Maple Hill Auto. We are looking for more sponsors, auction items and golf teams. Check out the Golf Outing page in this newsletter edition or email info@spcaswmich.org.

September 10th - Benefit Dinner @ Latitude 42

September 15th - 4:30pm Staff and Volunteer Appreciation party ***Date changed from Aug 25*

September 22nd - It's the 8th annual Doggie Dash! Registration is open. Join us for this dog and family friendly event.

October 20th - Dog-O-Ween



NEW COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER

Kalamazoo County Animal Services was just given the 'go ahead' to build a new County Animal Shelter by the County Commissioners, with a \$5M budget. A new shelter is much needed improvement for KCASE however it is not without some concern. Katie Timber, SPCA of SWMI Executive Director, has been recently appointed on the Animal Services Advisory Board for the Shelter Project where she has had the opportunity to share her animal welfare expertise and recommendations. She has expressed concerns that the preliminary building designs and business proposals lack space and resources for animals to receive medical services, which she says is expected in any new shelter like this. She recently publicly addressed her concerns that this project, no matter how much they spend, does not address the issues of animal welfare and reduction of intake and euthanasia at a Kalamazoo County Commissioners meeting (watch her [here](#)). "We [at the SPCA of SWMI] are working on building a more humane community and will work to share your voice," says Katie Timber. In a recent [mLIVE article](#), Commissioner Scott McGraw also expressed concerns and Commissioner Julie Rogers asked for community engagement during the design process. We recommend that all the animal lovers in Kalamazoo County and beyond stay tuned into this project progress and contact your Commissioner with questions and/or concerns. Katie hopes that with your feedback, together a more humane community can be forged starting at addressing animal welfare at the County level. If you would like to give your feedback directly to the SPCA of SWMI, email info@spcaswmich.org.

WELCOME OUR NEW OFFICE STAFF SARA AND CALEB

Sara Singleton -



Sara received her Associates Degree from Kalamazoo Valley Community College in 2005. She has volunteered in many roles with the SPCA since 2006. She has 2 grown daughters and soon to be 6 grandchildren. She lives with 3 cats, Bailey, Sweet Pea and Spirit (a feral whom she has not touched since she came to live with her in 2009) and a Minipin named Bruce and a flock of 10 chickens. The best part of her day is when a shelter resident gets it's new family.

Caleb Foster -

Caleb Foster was recently appointed to the position of office administrator at the SPCA. Caleb graduated from Western Michigan University with a Bachelor's of Arts in Organizational Communication and General Psychology in December of 2017. During his last semester, Caleb volunteered as an animal trainer at the SPCA of SWMI as well as the county animal control. He has two cats, Louis and Clark, who both love being outside and going on walks and a guinea pig named Roxy. The best part of his day is being able to work with so many community members in the Southwest Michigan region and helping find animals that are good fits for each individual.



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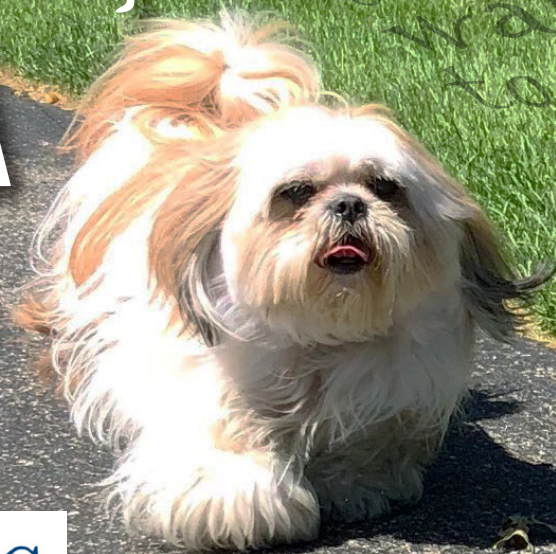


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8th Annual Doggie Dash



Your dog
wants
to go!!



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Having so much fun can do so much good!



Saturday September 8

Spring Valley Park, Kalamazoo

Register @ www.spcaswmich.org

Early registration discount expires 8-18

Happy Tails

submit your happy tail to happytails@spcaswmich.org



SORRENTO

Submitted by: Rachel Larner

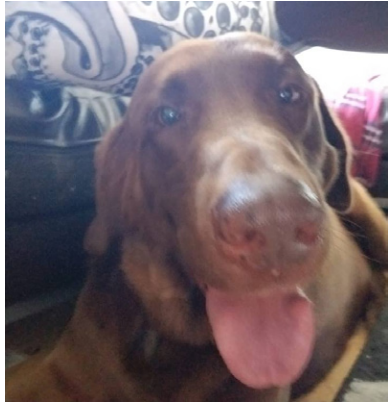
Hi everyone! Just wanted to send an update on how Sorrento is doing. We changed his name to Albi after Albus Dumbledore from Harry Potter (grey coloring, blue eyes, the silliness of calling him "dumbledog"... :)) and he's been adjusting pretty well so far. He's still shy but much less so. When our older dog was a baby she appeared more feisty but was actually scared of everything (all talk!). Albi approaches the same things (neighbor dogs, rakes, the dog door, even the vacuum!) with extreme caution. But he eventually gets right up to them and examines everything. It's super cute. He's learning to use the dog door because he wants to be

just like his sister and he loves his triceratops toy (that is the same size as him). His favorite game is when we throw the toy for Romi because she runs to get it and then he launches at the toy when she brings it back. Which startles Romi so she drops it and then he attacks the dino. It's incredibly silly. Thanks to everyone for helping Albi to become a part of our family!!!



BENTLEY

Submitted by: Melanie Spencer



Day 2: Bentley is still the best boy. Sir David the Patient, Knight of the Realm (The older cat) acknowledges his presence and the two have brokered a lasting peace. Kevin Ragnor the Terrible,

Scourge of the North (younger cat formerly known as Enchilada) remains jealous but I am confident he will come around too.



ROSWELL

Submitted by: Jolissa Weeda

Chanel (Roswell) was adopted from the SPCA in June 2018! She's now 3 months old, and adjusting nicely! Known for: loud purr engine, spastic crazy energy spurts, and many fluffy cuddles



LUNA

Submitted by: Nina Ruiz

We adopted Luna at 8 weeks old, and now she's about 7 months old. She has us wrapped around her paw in this house! She started doggy classes last week, and picking

up things very quickly with extra practice at home. I am so in love with her. She brings a lot of smiles and love into our lives. Thank you, SPCA! She is our love bug.



ROHAN

Submitted by: Karla Murphy

We adopted Rohan in 2016. He loves food, naps, and stealing blankets. He also likes staring down the birds in the back yard.



BELLA

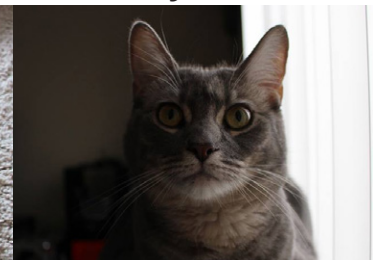
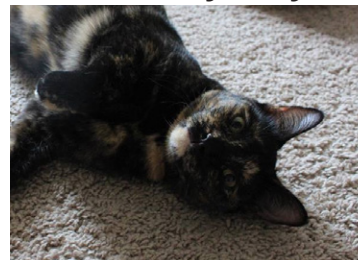
Submitted by: Amanda Georgene Ylva Bunch

Just wanted to let you know, it's been almost 4 months since Bella's "gotcha" day and she's doing

so well! She's such a happy girl and loving her new home. Thank you!

ERIN & JAMAICA

Submitted by: Kayla Quisenberry



Erin is doing great. She is as playful as always and snuggles us when we go to sleep. She is still learning how to run, but her walking, eating, and drinking is more fluent. She likes cat treats, blankets, and sleeping on our bed all day long. Jamaica loves getting our attention. She meows and makes little purr sounds until we pet her and loves to slide around and through our legs. She is our little cuddle bug! She likes to wake us up by kneading her paws on us and purring. She has become a mama's girl and always sits on my computer chair and will crawl all over me while I pet her.

We love these two kitties and am so grateful the SPCA chose us to be their forever home!



ADOPTIONS - THANKS TO YOU!

CATS: Adonis, Albuquerque, Amanda, Apache, Barrington, Bebe, Bennington, Bismark, Bristol, Buelah, Calvin, Chambray, Christian, Connor, Coral, Corky, Cranston, Cyrus, Dragon Fly, Drax, Edgar, Fargo, Faust, Groot, Honolulu, Hope Valley, Huck, Humphrey, Jake, Jannie, Kona, Lafayette, Laurel, Linya, Louisville, Lynch, Mantis, Mary Jane, Maui, Mayfield, Miami, Miles, Millie, Minot, Mook, Newport, Orlando, Oscar, Pearl, Pele, Penny, Puff, Queen, Quie, Quill, Randolph, Rocket, Silvia, Snickers, Somerset, Spring Flower, Tampa, Texas, Tinker, Tomatoa, Trisha, Waikiki, Zagnut

DOGS: Able, Alder, Alfie, April, Ash, Baby Sunshine, Bama, Bambi Boo, Beech, Bell, Bella Bella, Bellissima, Beyonce, Birch, Blu, Boo, Bridgette, Buck, Byrd, Cookie, Donna, Dylan, Elm, Eric, Eric Ethan, Felix, Fido, Florence, Gabbie Mae, Glenstorm, Gloria, Gracie, Hawkeye, Honey Joe, Hubert, Karty, Keri, Kolbey, Lake, Lane, Lee, Lexi Lou, Little Mom, Logan, London, Major, Marrinet, Mickey Trey, Milan, Miller, Mlssy, Monroe, Myia, Neeko, Nep, Nitro, Palermo, Paris, Pattertwig, Piza, Preacher, Precious, Princess Jackson, Pumpkin, Rainy, Rex, Rome, Rooter, Sadie Lou, Shadow, Shia, Siena, Silly Sally, Sir Duke, Sissy, Sorrento, Stormy, Summer, Sunnyside, Suzie, Sweetie, Taco Man, Talus, Titan, Turin, Verona, Windsong, Zephyr

Thank you for opening your hearts and your homes to these animals! See all our adoptable dogs, cats, puppies & kittens at www.spcaswmich.org.

Please send Volunteer Newsletter submissions to Jess Duncan @ newsletter@spcaswmich.org.