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SPCA
southwest michigan

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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 25,000 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

SPCA MERCHANDISE



Volunteer Orientation Now Open!

The SPCA is happy to welcome new volunteers into the organization once again. Starting in March, we will have orientation dates for general orientation, adoption counseling, and fostering.

General Volunteer Orientation covers SPCA rules and procedures, dog walking and handling, cat socialization, events, and transportation team. The orientation is an hour and includes a tour of the facility. Kids 8 - 15 are welcomed to be volunteers with a parent or guardian who is also a trained volunteer. Kids 16 - 17 may volunteer on their own with a parent signature. Orientation costs are \$25 per adult and \$10 per child.

Adoption Counselor orientation is our biggest need at this time. Adoption Counselors aid the office staff in running the office, which includes greeting the public, adopting out the animals, and answering phones. Adoption Counselors must be 17 years old or older. There is no fee for this Orientation.

Foster Orientation is a thirty minute orientation which goes over the SPCA foster program. Our largest foster needs at this time are people who do not have animals in the home and can care for sick, injured, or unsocialized adult dogs. With kitten season fast approaching we will have a need for people who can care for bottle babies and pregnant or nursing cat and dog moms. There is no fee for Foster Orientation.

To sign-up for an orientation, please visit [here](#).



WE'RE HIRING!



We're looking for great folks to join our Kennel Staff Team!

Must be 18 yrs or older.

- * Must be able to lift 50 lbs or more
- * Be comfortable handling and working with dogs / cats of all sizes and temperaments.
- * Will be watering, feeding and medicating dogs/ cats.
- * Rotate dogs for outdoor bathroom breaks
- * Clean out cat litter; dog cages

- * Must be comfortable working with cleaning chemicals
- * Must be comfortable working and handling sick animals
- * Sweeping, mopping floors
- * 30 hrs minimum a week and must be available weekends and holidays.
- * Current Minimum Wage
- * Dog shifts are 7am - 2pm
- * Cat Shifts are 9am - 3pm - available couple or more times a week.
- * No experience necessary. We will train you.
- * If have animals at home, it is advisable that they are fully vaccinated.

When filling out the application please do not leave anything blank. If this is your first job, please indicate that.

Thank you for your interest in being part of our amazing Kennel Staff Team! We look forward to meeting you!



Kzoo Realty Group & Century 21 Affiliated

presents

**Kalamazoo
SPCA
Adoption
Event**



SATURDAY MARCH 6, 2021

11:00 AM TO 3:00 PM

5136 Lovers Lane, Portage, MI 49002

269.873.0945

269.598.2884



A house without a dog is not a home. Be a hero to our furry friends and give them that forever home. KRG will be contributing \$50 toward each adoption at this event. Call today for details!





Puppy & Kitten Shower

11:00 am - 4:00 pm

When: Saturday, April 17th

Time: 11:00 am - 4:00pm

Where: 6955 W KL Ave
Kalamazoo, MI

Event:

Every Spring we are inundated with puppies and kittens and are in great need of puppy/kitten donations!

Come join us for a day of fun, games, prizes, goodies and a tour of the Shelter!

This will be COVID friendly event!

Name a Puppy & Kitten!



Games & Prizes!



Cake & Goodies!



Happy Tails



submit your happy tail to happytails@spcaswmich.org

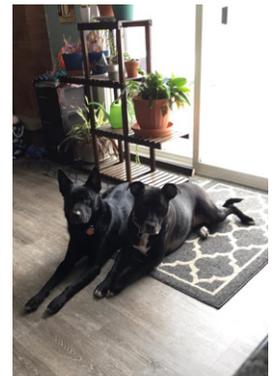
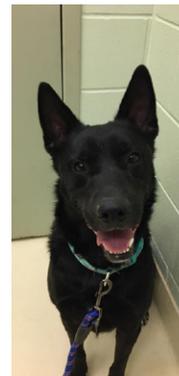
ALLIE Submitted by: Shelle Slack-Prokup

This is Mina ♥ (formerly Allie). We could not be happier!



BRAVO Submitted by: Ryan Davis

Update on Bravo, now known as Wes...He is fitting in SO well with our family! It's hard to believe we have had him for 3 months already! He and Abbie (who we adopted from the SPCA almost 3 years ago) are quickly becoming best friends. Thank you so much for introducing us to this sweet, loving boy!



ROOSTER & MICKY Submitted by: Joyce Irvine

Our two SPCA of Southwest MI alums--Enzo, formerly "Rooster" and Micky. Enzo, brown, was one of six puppies all with bird names. His sweet mama was "Raven". These two are super play partners and cuddle bugs. We love them both so much. Thank you SPCA!



PIXIE Submitted by: Hermie Nieto

We adopted pixie almost 2 years ago. She is the best dog! Loves to cuddle and very smart. Best decision we ever made was adopting her!



RADAR Submitted by: Elizabeth Ann

I wanted to send a few pictures and a quick update on Bonzo (AKA Radar). We adopted Bonzo in November of 2019 from the SPCA of Southwest MI. We couldn't love him more ♥ We relocated to Northern MI this summer and he's adapted well to life in the snowy north- he loves his snowsuit and playing in the snow! He is such a happy boy and loves his people. Thank you for bringing us together!



RAMBO & ARCHIE BOY

Submitted by: Melissa Shugg



This is Rambo and Jovi. Once Rambo and Archie boy. They make our home complete. We adopted them from the SPCA and we love them more than words! Thank you SPCA!

CHARLIE

Submitted by: Caroline Budnick Hains



Thank you so much for completing our pack. Charlie is so sweet and right now, he's enjoying a nap on the couch with an electric blanket. He took a visit to PetSmart with us and he's tuckered out from his day. He's had the biggest smile since getting in the truck after we adopted him.

TRIXIE Submitted by: Unknown



Trixie has been home for 24 hours and has wasted no time getting comfortable. I think she's going to like it here.

ROSCO Submitted by: Judy Nemire Van Laan



We adopted Rosco on December 11. He is the best dog either of us has ever had. He's our boy! Today, I'm looking at this furry beast and said to him, Rosco, I can't believe you're here! We had talked about getting a dog for a couple years. I said to my husband that in the adoption photos that the dogs look so happy. Like they are thinking, " I'm going HOME!" I got so emotional saying it. I just want every one of them to be as loved and as happy as Rosco! This may sound silly, but I know that feeling. My husband and I were without a home for 2 years waiting on disability. We had places to stay, but that doesn't mean it was all honky dory and I do know it certainly could have been worse. Every day we would pray for peace and so often I'd be in tears and say, " I just want to go home" ! We have been in our home 2 years in March. Now our home is complete with Rosco. Sometimes I just need to share my thoughts!



ADOPTIONS - THANKS TO YOU!

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.