



H A R B O R  
**HUMANE  
SOCIETY**

"GIVING ANIMALS A SECOND CHANCE AT LIFE AND LOVE"

# Yes! We are a NO-KILL shelter!

August 2015

## No-kill since January 2015

A no-kill shelter is defined as an animal shelter that does not kill healthy or treatable animals even when the shelter is full, reserving euthanasia for terminally ill animals or those considered dangerous to public safety. We, at Harbor Humane Society, are proud to be a member of the elite no-kill movement!

Our journey towards no-kill status began in November 2013, when we started a 14 month trial period. Our efforts were successful with increased adoptions, transfers, and return to owner/guardians, not having a time or space limit for animals in our care. Outcome is not the only important factor is reaching no-kill status, consulting individuals to reduce intake is also a big contributor. Our staff and volunteers took on the initiative to educate themselves on how to reduce the number of animals surrendered to our care and offer resources so families do not have to be split up.

Since we do not euthanize for space or time, some may think that we would be overflowing with animals. That is not the case. We are constantly moving animals in to their new adoptive homes, by frequently offering reduced fee adoptions!

With the added responsibility of a no-kill status, comes the **added need for increase in donations**. Many animals come through our door with an injury or treatable illness, such as, but not limited to: broken bones, upper respiratory infections, heartworm, or even mange. We treat these animals so they can find their **second chance at life and love**, as they deserve. Some treatments may only cost a couple of dollars, but others may cost hundreds of dollars, *and we need your help*.

We have been waiting for you  
since...



**Oprah**  
1/22/2015



**Kitty**  
7/6/2014



**Karma**  
1/5/2015

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Open Hours:  
Monday-Friday  
12:00pm-6:00pm  
Saturday  
12:00pm-4:00pm  
Visiting hours end 30  
minutes prior to close



HHS is a 501(c)3  
non-profit organization.  
All donations are tax  
deductible.

Harbor Humane Society has stepped up in West Michigan as a leader in the no-kill movement, and we invite you to join us. Be an advocate for the animals, not only those pictured, but the nearly 3,000 that come through our doors each year. There are many ways for you to join our life-saving mission.

🐾 **Monetary donations!** Our greatest need to properly care for the animals. You can choose to give as you can, monthly, or even include Harbor Humane in your estate.

- You can easily donate online at [www.harborhumane.org/donate](http://www.harborhumane.org/donate) or return the enclosed envelope with your generous gift.

🐾 **Adopt!** When you adopt from Harbor Humane, you are saving not one, but two lives. As soon as your new family member leaves our care, we have space for our wait list for families to bring us their animal they have been waiting to surrender, knowing they get a second chance at HHS.

🐾 **Foster!** This is hard work, but we enjoy doing it, and you would, too! Fostering allows us to save mom and babies, motherless babies, animals with treatable medical conditions, and manageable behaviorally challenged animals.

🐾 **Did we say donate already?!** Financial contributions allow us to provide the greatest impact.

## Harbor Humane's No Kill Mission Saved Me



These sweet faces would not be receiving extra ear scratches, belly rubs, cuddle buddies, or even the feeling of love if we didn't become no-kill. Many animals are scared when they first come through our doors and act inappropriately due to fears. We give them time to adjust and trust people, and sure enough, they come around. Some of these animals had medical conditions that many shelters would deem them "unadoptable". We took the extra time and energy to treat their manageable, non-contagious condition because we knew they would make great companions. Some of these animals were seniors. We took care of their medical needs and assured their comfortable living. *All of these animals were placed in to loving homes because they were given a chance.*



# 2015 Updates!

We received a generous grant from an anonymous foundation to renovate our annex and turn it in to a tiered isolation area with a new HVAC system. This allows us to keep our cats healthier, above shelter standards!

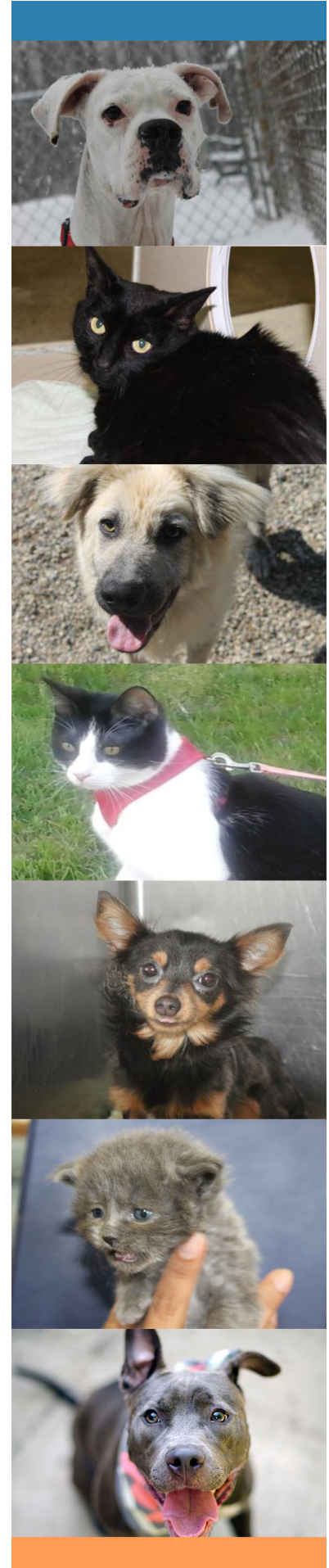


Have you seen our "Michigan Rescue" t-shirts? We have them for sale at Harbor Humane and will have them available at Tails on Trails & Ales.  
S-XL: \$15  
2XL: \$16

Our thrift store, Shelby's Place, has many items to sell! This year, we started traveling garage sales! We raised nearly \$8,000 from the generosity of individuals like YOU who offered their home for us to host a sale. We still have time this year for MORE! We provide all the items and tables, you provide the space and man power! If you are interested in hosting a garage or yard sale, please contact Shelby's Place Manager, James, at 616-392-6050.

Fun was had by all at our annual "Putts for Paws" Golf Outing held on Friday July 10th at Winding Creek Golf Club. We successfully raised \$6,071.00 in our own unique outing with activities at every turn!

Thank you to ServiceMaster for being our Title Sponsor and setting up the funnest outing in West Michigan!



YOU ARE INVITED TO A...

# Party on the Lake!



## Tails on Trails & Ales

Harbor Humane Society

Friday August 21, 2015

6:00pm-10:00pm

Yacht Basin Marina

1866 Ottawa Beach Road, Holland, MI 49424

*Two events. One Price!*

*\$10*

Costume Contest Dog Walk

&

Outdoor Party on Lake Macatawa  
(Come to one or both!)

*Beer. Food Trucks. Music.*

Purchase tickets online at

[www.harborhumane.org/tailsontrailsandales](http://www.harborhumane.org/tailsontrailsandales)

We are always accepting sponsorships and auction items.  
Please contact Sarah Uzarski, at  
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Can you give extra this  
month to sustain our  
important no-kill mission?

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