

Adopt-a-pet

Pet food donations sought for 'Homeless Animals Day'



Ursula: This 7-month-old German Shepherd has been working as an MHS Pet Visitation dog and charms everyone she meets. She is housebroken and good with other dogs and children. Ursula (No. R901628) and other pets are available at the Michigan Humane Society's Rochester Hills Shelter, 3600 Auburn Road (810)852-7420, noon to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday-Friday and 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday.

In an effort to increase awareness of the plight of homeless animals, the Michigan Humane Society is asking for canned pet food donations in recognition of "National Homeless Animals Day" on Saturday, Aug. 16.

"Homeless Animals Day" was created to commemorate the approximately 15 million dogs and cats, puppies and kittens that are euthanized each year in our nation's shelters. "Pet overpopulation is an enormous problem. The majority of animals we take in are healthy, good natured pets that are put to death simply because there are not enough homes available," says Michele Mitchell, MHS Community Relations Director. "Responsible pet ownership includes sterilizing your pet."

Those wishing to donate canned pet food in support of "Homeless Animals Day" can visit any of the three MHS shelters - 7401 Chrysler Drive in Detroit, 3600 Auburn Road in Rochester Hills and 37255 Marquette in Westland. Everyone who donates will receive an "I Helped a Homeless Animal" sticker.

Besides spaying or neutering your pet, other ways you can help homeless animals include:

■ Adopt an animal from the Michi-

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■ Make sure your pets wear proper identification at all times.

■ Do not adopt a pet unless you are willing to make a lifetime commitment.

■ Volunteer time at the MHS or your local shelter

All food donated will help feed the more than 52,000 homeless, abandoned and injured animals cared for each year by the MHS. The Michigan Humane Society is a private, nonprofit organization dedicated to serving the animals since 1877.

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