## MHS pet training site sets open house

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The Michigan Humane Society's pet behavior and training division, the Pet Education Center, will have an open house at its new Rochester Hills training location 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 2. The open house will take place in the lower level of the MIIS Rochester Hills shelter at 3600 Auburn

Hills shelter at 3600 Auburn Road, between Crooks and

Current and prospective pet owners are invited to tour the new facility, ask questions about pet behavior or training watch demonstrations by Pet Education Center instructors and learn about the variety of classes offered for dogs and

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For more information on the open house or to register for classes, call the Pet Education Center at (248) 650-1059 Monday-Friday.

Class information is also available at www.michiganhu-

available at www.michigandu-manc.org.
Along with introducing the facility, the Pet Education Center hopes to reach out to owners regarding how positive pet training can provide a life-time of rewards to keep pets and their owners together for-ever.

"We are excited about offering Pet Education Center cla es at the Michigan Humane Society Rochester Hills

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shelter," said Beth Chamberlain, director of the Pet Education Center.
This allows us to introduce the importance of pet training during the adoption process, to get adopters and their new pets off to a great start. A good dog training class is truly an investment in the contract of th in your next 10 or 15 years together."

Pet Education Center classes

use only positive training methods and offer small class sizes, a family-friendly atmosphere and multiple training locations

atmosphere and multiple training locations in Rochester Hills, Dearborn and Westland.
Discounted rates are avail-able for dogs adopted at the MHS or any other shelter, placement group or animal control agency.
Animal shelters across the nation, including the MHS, cite problem behaviors as one of the top reasons ani-mals are surrendered by their owners.

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As early as 1953, the MHS offered obedience classes for pets and their owners in an effort to reduce the number of pets coming to the shelter for behavior problems.
The Pet Education
Center was established in 1997 to offer pet owners a variety of dog and puppy training and socialization classes, seminars and individual consultations designed to teach the eatine companion manners, resolve any problem behaviors and ultimately ensure a fasting and joyful relationship with the owner.

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# It's all happening at the zoo in fall, too

A utumn is again upon us.
Fall means a quarter million Michiganians will go
to pro and college football
games almost every weekend.
It means
Comerica Park
will fall silent of



About Animals

Dr. Brad

people will trek off to the countryside to eat greasy dough-nuts and drink apple squeezin's from sticky

from sticky Dixic cups. People love traditional autumn activities, because the weather has a special quality, avoiding the oppressive heat and lumidity of summer, the bone-chilling, windy icebox of winter, and the perpetual sogginess that makes spring so special.

giness that makes spring so special. There are certain things peo-ple around here won't do in the fall. For instance, the Major League Baseball playoffs, which Detroit has successfully made and the successfully

which Detroit has successfully avoided since 1987. A great family activity enhanced by fall that people don't take advantage of would be a trip to the zoo.

I know, when I say zoo and autumn it doesn't seem to fit. Going to the zoo in the summer almost seems written in stone.

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Think about the negatives of a summer zoo visit, and you'll see why a fall visit makes sense.

Oppressive heat and humidi-define summer, Walking Oppressive neat and number by define summer. Walking around the large area can be exhausting and sweaty. High temperatures can lead to short tempers. In the fall, the cool, crisp air makes the long walk more refreshing.

The cooler temperatures usually lead to more active animals, as well

mals, as well.

During a summer visit, you sometimes wonder if the tiger is real or stuffed, as he hays there in the shade for hours on end. In the fall, the animals tend to walk, run or even play more frequently, which greatly enhances the zoo experience.

The part of the zoo visit that tends to irritate me the most could be a part I'm supposed to enjoy - the people.

While being out with the crowds should be fun, often the large groups of screaming kids get overwhelming, and adults who share advanced, and incorrect, knowledge of

annis who share advanced, and incorrect, knowledge of each species drive me erazy after a while.

A few weeks ago, outside an exhibit, I saw an older lady throwing French fries to the African eranes. I politely recommended she not do that since these treats would be bad for them, She loaded up and threw another handful and said, maybe, but 'they love them so!' She added they were actually good for them.

I advised her they werenly good for them. I played my trump card that I am a vet,

which really is only a trump eard in these circumstances

She angrily said, "You may be a vet, but I'm from the South, so I know better! I have these in my yard back home, and they love French fries!" She stormed off, empty fry

container in hand.
I don't believe site has
African eranes in her yard, and
don't really believe her
Southern roots alone allow her
to outrank me in animal
knowledge, but her actions and
words did put me off. (Which
would explain why I'm still
talking about it this long after
it huppened, but that's another
story.)

It happened, us. Story.)
Just having less people at the zoo makes it a better experience, whether or not they are know-it-alls.
The zoo being more empty lets you experience things more fully.
An emptier, quieter bird

More fully.

An emptier, quieter bird house, with more time in the aviary and butterfly room, can be an almost Zen act of peace-

fulness.

Certainly, along with better Certainis, aong with occur views of the animals, you get what most people look for on days off – a mellow afternoon, walking through the park, amongst the animals and changing leaves.

### ADDITIONS

The Detroit Zoo additions have helped give us a world-class facility to visit.

Along with the old guard like the Chimps of the Haranthe exhibit, our zoo now has Amphibiville, where you can get close to amphibians, and

the remarkable Arctic Circle of Life area, highlighted by an underwater walkway where you can watch the seals cavort happily in the water around you. Just a short trip down the road to that state of confusion called Ohio, the Toledo Zoo also impresses. Their expansions and improvements have given them a facility to be proud of.

A personal favorite would be the hippoquarium, where you can watch these critters both above and below the water line. They also have an Arctic area, with a highlight being a wonderful wolf exhibit.

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I know going to the zoo isn't the traditional autumn activity around here, but the benefits of visiting at this time of year outweigh tradition.

Take some greasy doughnuts,

outweigh tradition.
Take some greasy doughnuts, cider and Dixie cups with you if you need them to feel right about it.
Just remember to leave your French fries at home

Just remember to leave your French fries at home. Take Home Message: Going to the 200 makes memories that will last a lifetime, and going in the fall can be a great experience. Our area has two great 2005, Detroit and Toledo, within short drives. Make a day of it. You'll truly be glad you did.

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### Follow 3 basic principles of electrical safety around the house, follow

The Electrical Safety Foundation International (ESFI) has launched its fall family electrical safety cam-paign, titled Look Up! Look Down! Look Out!

The campaign provides adults and children with asimple tips to help them simple tips to help them stay safe around electricity while working and playing out-side and around the house this fall.

fall.
According to the U.S.
Consumer Product Safety
Commission, nearly four people are accidentally electrocuted in U.S. homes each week, and more than six in the workplace.

Many of these accidents could have been avoided alto-gether by following the basic principles of electrical

safety.

The ESFI campaign urges parents and their children to follow three basic principles of electrical safety.

### LOOK UP!

Be aware of overhead power

Be aware of the lines can overhead power lines can cause serious injury or death when you, or objects you are working with, come near them.

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see, but underground lines can
be just as deadly.
Because power

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these steps:

Always assume an over-head line is a non-insulated,

high-voltage power line. Power lines are rarely insulated.

Call your local utility and ground lines before you do any digging - it's a free service and only takes a couple of days.

Respect high-voltage equipment. Those big metal boxes in the neighborhood can be dan-gerous. Sometimes found in neighborhoods, those cases may contain medium- or high-voltage equipment, and young-ster should know to keep away from them.

For more information and safety tips, visit www.electrical-safety.org.

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