

Humane Society works to avoid killing animals

In order to try to help the Humane Society of Southeastern Michigan (HSSM), the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers will at times feature a photo of a pet which the society is trying to place in a home. This will be in addition to our regular series done in cooperation with the Michigan Humane Society Kindness Center in Westland.

The HSSM is a new concept in animal welfare utilizing area veterinary clinics as mini-shelters. There are 34 metro area animal hospitals and clinics affiliated with the HSSM, which was organized in 1983.

THE SOCIETY is based on the belief that unwanted pets should be given a second chance, and that placing healthy pets avoids the needless destruction of unwanted animals.

Spaying or neutering of all adopted pets is mandatory. All incoming animals receive an examination, necessary vaccinations and are checked for worms.

A partial refund of the adoption fee is given when spaying or neutering is done at participating hospitals. The adoption fee

for dogs and puppies is \$40 with a \$25 refund upon spaying or neutering and \$25 for cats/kittens with a \$10 refund.

A COMPUTER program called Computer Animal Placement Services has been established to provide extensive information regarding large number of available pets.

Each participating clinic offers a weekly updated listing of all pets available, their physical characteristics, and location of mini-shelters giving them care. The society has been approved by the American Animal Hospital Association and/or accredited by the Michigan Veterinary Medical Association.

For more information and/or to become a member of the Humane Society of Southeastern Michigan write to P.O. Box 582, East Detroit, Mich. 48021. To adopt a pet through HSSM call 445-3720.

Michelle Katlein holds three kittens available for adoption at the Kershaw Animal Clinic, 9525 Wayne Road, Livonia (421-7878). The kittens are six weeks old.



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DKC show Sunday; other shows in area

Not only is the Detroit Kennel Club show Sunday an attraction in itself, but it's generating specialty breed shows throughout the area.

For examples:

• The Bichon Frise and Lhasa Apso clubs will hold a joint show Friday in UAW Local 182 Hall, 35603 Plymouth Road, Livonia. Showing of the 63 Bichons will start with puppies at 10 a.m. The 38 Lhasas will be judged starting about 3 p.m. Admission is nominal.

Both breeds are judged in the "non-sporting" group of dogs, along with bulldogs and poodles. The Bichon originated in the Mediterranean and enjoyed a resurgence after the 14th century; the Lhasa is a relatively recent import.

• Six specialty clubs will hold shows from 9 to 4 Saturday in the Fieldhouse on the University of Michigan-Dearborn campus, Evergreen south of Ford Road.

Breeds shown will be Alaskan malamute, cairn terrier, collie, Great Dane, Great Pyrenees and poodle. More than 400 dogs will be shown. Admission is \$2.

Unlike the DKC show, specialty shows usually feature obedience trials as well as conformation shows.

THE DETROIT show, all day in Cobo Hall, is one of only seven "bench" shows in the country — meaning the dogs are on view all day.

Judging starts at 9 a.m. Some 2,700 dogs are entered — not a record but still one of the largest collections in the U.S.

Each breed is judged in five different classes: puppies, novice, American bred, bred-by-exhibitor and open class.

Best-of-breed winners compete for best-of-group prizes in seven categories: sporting, hound, working, terrier, non-sporting, toy and herding.

Tickets are \$5 general admission and \$3 for children under 12 and senior citizens. Family tickets at \$12 will admit two adults and three children.

Fishing show set

The Metro-West Steelheaders club will hold its spring show and clinic on fishing for lake-run rainbow trout from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 9, in Westland.

The event will be in the Bailey Recreation Center behind Westland City Hall, Ford Road between Wayne and Newburgh roads. Admission is free.

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