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"We do what we can no matter how much money we don't have," Tuttle said. "We've given free dog houses to lower in the whose and doors." whose animals live out-

doors.

Money at MACS also goes to other rescued animals there: Alligators, snakes, squirrels, cougars, bears, pigs and chick-ons. Free cremation is provided to deceased animals whose owners have financial troubles.

# Animal Welfare Society of Southeastern Michigan

AWS is also funded through donations. Siska said 26 families fostered 500 animals last year including a few veterinarian offices like the Cat Practice, Woodside Vet, Abbey East and Rake & Straw. He gave his wish to the public: "Go through a rescue group to adopt an animal. There are purchereds, mixed breeds and dogs and cats of all

ages that deserve a second chance."

chance."
When people call Siska to give up their pet, he tries to convince them to keep it until AWS finds a good home. Many comply.

### The Michigan Humane

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MHS is the largest of the three with the biggest budget and has three shelters. Like MACS, MHS conducts cruelty investigations and also works with local police departments to either confiscate neglected and abused animals or educate the owners on proper care. If the animal is confiscated, he or she is taken the shelter and either adopted or euthanized. Dissen said each new potential pot owner is quespotential pet owner is ques-tioned. Some, are turned away,

she said.
"Sometimes the new home may not be ideal for the animal, but at least it won't be home-

less." Dissen said. "That's when

less," Dissen said. "That's when we try to educate people about vaccinations, proper nutrition and health care."

It's a goal of MHS to find good homes for as many animals as possible. Adoptions there increased 10 percent last year.

MHS also provides veterinary services, like spaying and neutering, at low costs. Dissen said doing so helps curb the overpopulation problem. And, like MACS and AWS, it rescues more than dogs and cats.

"We found lions walking in Detroit, mostly from drug raids," Dissen said. "We've rescued tigers, deer, squirrels, peacecks,

Disson said. "We've rescues tigers, deer, squirrels, peacocks, guines pigs, rats." MHS' political lobbyist helped convince Gov. John Engler to mandate spaying and neutoring for all animals adopted from shelters.

#### The Michigan Humane Society:

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Annual budget: Almost \$9 million
Number of shelters: 3
Location: Rochester, Westland, Detroit
Pick up strays in Detroit No (unless injured)
Euthanizes animals: Yes
Off-site adoption events: Two annually, one at the Detroit Zoo.

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Shelter: The shelter houses rescued and homejess dags, cats, form animals, widdlife and occasionally evolic cats and bears. It also provides education on proper animal care and investigates animal cruelly and neglect.

Does organization charge a fee to a pet
owner whose lost animal is taken to shelter
Yes
Web site: www.mihumane.org
Phone: In Westland, (734) 721-7300. In
Rochester Hills, (248) 852-7420. In Detroit, (313)
872-3400.

### The Michigan Anti-Cruelty Society

Annual budget: \$2,930,020 Number of shelters: 1

Location: Detroit

Location: Detroit Pick up strays in Detroit: Yes Euthanizes animals: Yes Off-site adoption events: At least one a month often more, at stores such as Petsmart and Pet

Co.
Shelter: The shelter houses rescued and home-less dogs, cats, farm animals, wildlife and occa-

RESCUE GROUPS Here's a sampling of local shelters and animal sionally exotic cats and bears. It also provides edu sionally exotic cats and bears. It also provides caucation on proper animal care and investigates animai cruelty and neglect. It provides, when needed,
free dog houses and even food for animals living
outdoors in low-income farmilies whose animal dies.

Does group charge a fee to a pet owner
whose lost animal is taken to shelten No
Web site: http://www.metrotimes.com/ad/onticruelty/him//

Phone: (313) 891-1088

# The Animal Welfare Society of Southeastern Michigan

Southeastern Michigan
Annual budget \$102,000
Number of shelters: 0. The AWS rescues and
finds homes for obandoned and homeless animals.
It has a network of oblinators who foster the animals until they are adopted. It regularly rescues
dogs and cats (will house other animals if there are
foster families available) and brings the animals to
pet stores for adoption.

Location: Madison Height: When possible

Pick up strays in Detroit: When possible Euthanizes animals: No

Host off site-adoption events: Two each month, including at Classic Pets Supply in Warren on the first Saturday of each month. The animals are also posted on its Website, www.animalwelfare-

Does group charge a fee to pet owner whose lost animal is taken to group: No Web site: www.animalwefaresocicty.net Phone: (248) 548-1150

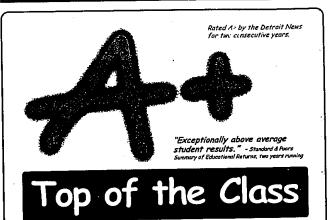
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