

ANIMALS BEST FRIEND Fund, Inc.

Since 1981

ANIMALS BEST FRIEND FUND, INC. NEWSLETTER *Prevention Not Destruction* MAY-JUNE 2020

Number of cats/dogs neutered year to date.....	601
Neutering expenses year to date.....	39,404.70
Administrative expenses year to date.....	714.79
Donations received year to date.....	23,992.35

The above totals are through 3/31/20.

UPCOMING FUNDRAISING EVENTS



Our garage sale that was scheduled for May 7-9 has been postponed due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Our May 9 bake sale has been canceled due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

June 13- Our Father's Day bake sale will be held at Pet Supplies Plus on Westnedge (across from Meijers) from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm. We need **EVEN MORE BAKERS AND BUYERS THAN USUAL** to help us reach our goal of raising \$1,500 at this sale. **HOPEFULLY**, this will be our first post-pandemic bake sale! Please bake if you can and if you do we ask that you label the baked goods as to what they are and indicate whether or not the baked goods have nuts or peanut butter in them due to food allergies. ****Some peanut butter contains Xylitol which is toxic to dogs. Do not feed your dog peanut butter or treats that contain peanut butter without first checking to make sure that it doesn't contain Xylitol.** Please wrap breads in clear plastic wrap and place cookies on a paper plate and then in clear baggies. Baked goods that are wrapped in colored plastic or foil do not sell well. Please have the items that you bake to us by 10:00 am so we can have all day to sell the goodies that you bake for us. If you are going to bake for any of our sales please let Karen know by leaving a message for her at 269-808-0064.



The following people donated to our feral cat program: Rita Terpstra; Kim Dimock; Michele Mullen, Mike Williams.

IN MEMORY OF

From

Deborah Norton

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IN MEMORY OF

Bella, a beloved cat

Billy

We received donations in memory of Doreen Emmerich from Gene & Vivian Wood; John & Carol Booden; Deb Baird; Dot Shillito; and Joan Lajiness.

IN HONOR OF

From

Gail Reisterer

Gene & Vivian Wood

Phyllis Martens

Grandma Jerre

In Honor Of

Sue Harper-Greiger

Bill & Karen King's anniversary

The great helpers in our world

Lexi

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Thanks to Paver Pet Supply for selling paper hearts to benefit Animals Best Friend during the month of February. They raised \$278.00 for our spay/neuter programs.

To Taylor's Florist, Gifts & Décor for selling candy bars for us.

To Mary Johnson for monitoring donation cans.

Thanks to Mike Williams, Michele Mullen, Mary Johnson & Teresa Rakowsky for working at our St. Patrick's Day bake sale. To Gail Ross for donating catnip toys and catnip. To Diane Karlis; Teresa Rakowsky; Peggy Marcelletti; Phyllis Martens; Lorraine Haring; Betsy & Melinda Ryba; Sara Wright; & Kathy Slocum for donating baked goods. To Pet Supplies Plus Westnedge for providing the location for our bake sales. We made \$1,936.40 at this sale.

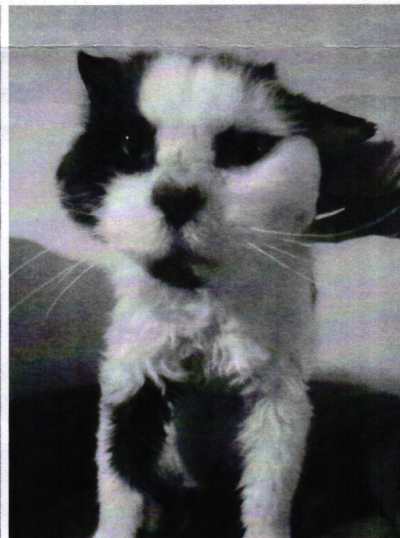
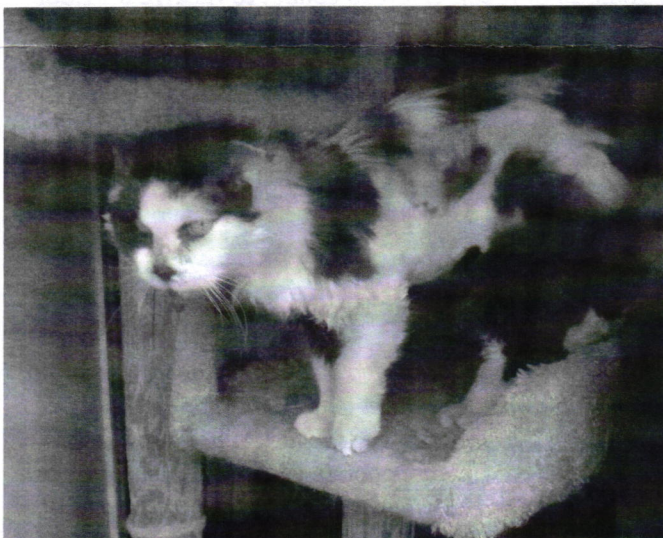
KALAMAZOO COUNTY NEWS

Nine cats that were abandoned at an area trailer park were spayed/neutered in March by Kalamazoo Animal Rescue thanks to Darline's efforts. Four of these cats found new homes, the others were returned to their fed colony.

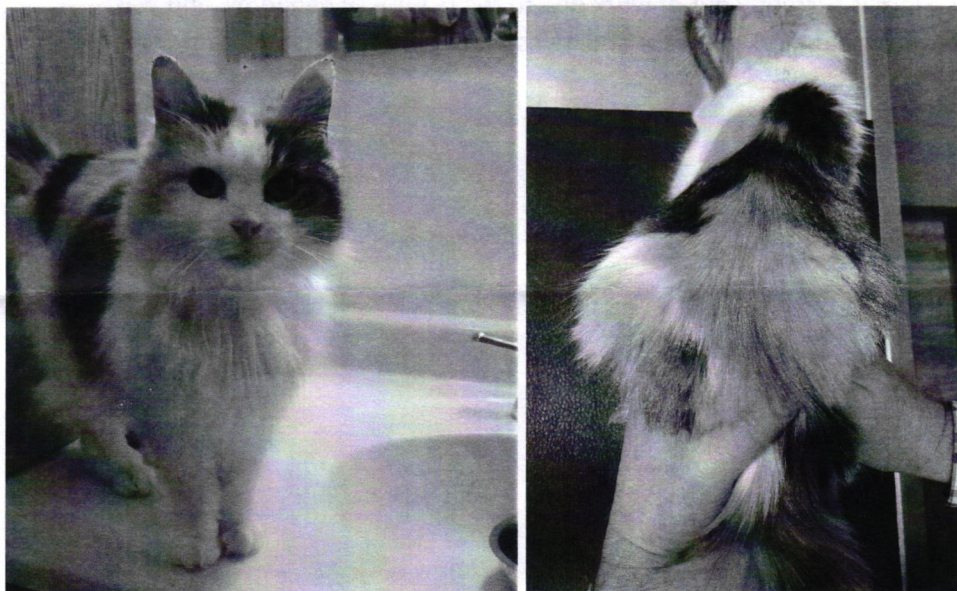
We assisted with the emergency spaying expenses for this beautiful 11 year old cat who had pyometra (an infection of the uterus). Lady was extremely ill and would have died without the surgery. She is now home and recovering from her surgery. Lady's Mom is currently out of work due to the COVID-19 pandemic and was unable to pay the full cost of this life saving surgery. We were able to assist with Lady's vet bill thanks to donations we raised on Facebook.



Mr. Mr. is a cat that we encountered during our trapping projects. Abandoned in a trailer park he was in bad shape and unable to eat because of the pain in his mouth from several teeth that needed to be pulled. He has many health issues including a heart murmur and a hematoma in his ear from ear mites. He was also severely matted when our volunteer rescued him. He is currently in a foster home and will be transferred to a partner rescue group once he recovers from all his ailments. Despite all his health issues he loves people and loves to be petted. Mr. Mr. needs your help! We need to raise \$500 to address his health issues so he can live a happy, healthy life. Please donate toward his health care if you can. His surgery is scheduled for April 28.



Flower is a 4 year old female cat that was left at a trailer park in Kalamazoo County when her owners moved away. She currently has a severe upper respiratory infection and her foster Mom has taken her to the vet twice to address this issue. Flower also has a large hernia by her rib that will kill her if it is not repaired. We need to raise \$900 to pay for the cost of the surgery and the two prior vet visits. Can you make a donation toward this beautiful cat's surgery? Her surgery is scheduled for May 19.



Our cat trapping projects will resume in Kalamazoo and Van Buren counties once the state mandated halt on spay/neuter surgeries is lifted.

HOW YOU CAN HELP ANIMALS

Please continue to save D&W and Family Fare receipts for us. These receipts can be sent to us at P.O. Box 443, Oshtemo, MI 49077 or brought to our bake sales. We have \$60,000 of receipts left to collect to receive a \$1,000 donation from SpartanNash.



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As you shop from home, don't forget to designate Animal's Best Friend as your charity of choice on Amazon Smile.

Animals Best Friend is an all volunteer animal welfare group dedicated to reducing cat and dog overpopulation in Kalamazoo and Van Buren counties. Donations to Animals Best Friend are tax deductible and can be sent to us at P.O. Box 443, Oshtemo, MI 49077, or made on our website www.animalsbestfriendfund.org. Our policy is to spend 10% or less of donations we receive on administrative expenses, which means that least 90% of your donation funds spay/neuter surgeries for cats and dogs in Kalamazoo and Van Buren counties. Since Animals Best Friend was founded in 1981 we have helped spay/neuter over 57,060 cats and dogs.