

ANIMALS BEST FRIEND Fund, Inc.

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ANIMALS BEST FRIEND FUND, INC. NEWSLETTER

JULY-AUGUST 2021

Number of cats & dogs neutered year to date.....	1,055
Spay/neuter expenses year to date.....	\$67,467.10
Administrative expenses year to date.....	907.59
Donations received year to date.....	60,799.38



Thanks to everyone who donated to The Match 2021 we reached our revised goal of raising \$20,000 during the month of May. Our total raised for this project was \$20,558.97. This qualifies us to receive the match of an additional \$20,000! This money will help us pay our summer neutering bills. A special thank you to our sponsors of The Match 2021 who wish to remain anonymous.

UPCOMING FUNDRAISING EVENTS

September 18- Our Fall Bake Sale will be held at Pet Supplies Plus Westnedge from 9:00-3:00. We will need lots of bakers and buyers for this event. Along with lots of yummy baked goods we will have our new ABF t-shirts for sale. Stop by and make a purchase or a donation to help us reach our goal of raising \$1500 for our spay/neuter programs.

October 30- Halloween Bake Sale at Pet Supplies Plus 9:00-3:00.

December 11- Christmas Bake Sale at Pet Supplies Plus 9:00-3:00.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Many thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make our Mother's Day Bake Sale a success: Peggy Marcelletti; Phyllis Martens; Diane Karlis; Sue Florian; Teresa Rakowsky; Jack Wyatt; Carol Cloyd; Pat Rose; Lorraine Haring; Betsy & Melinda Ryba; Kathy Slocum for donating baked goods. Gail Ross for donating catnip toys and catnip. Denise Fisher, Ben & Claudia Johnson, Ronni Campbell for donating postage stamps. Laurie White for donating postage stamps and envelopes. Beth Burdo for making and donating our ABF envelopes. Pat Rose for donating crafts. Mary Johnson; Mike Williams; Michele Mullen; Ashley Taylor and Barb Loney for working at the sale. To Pet Supplies Plus for providing the location for our bake sales. We made \$2,515.50 at this sale.

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We would like to thank Kelly & Leo Hoadley for recently hosting two garage sales for us and to everyone who donated items for us to sell. They made \$2,665.41 for our spay/neuter programs.

Thanks to Helene Stuurwold for donating postage stamps. To Taylor's Florist, Gifts & Décor for selling candy bars for us. To Dale Martinson for doing our taxes.

Thanks to Larry & Dianna Bess for having a parking lot sale to raise money for ABF at The Red Arrow Animal Clinic in Paw Paw, to everyone who donated items for the sale, and to everyone who worked at the sale. This sale raised \$991.25. A special thank you to Dr. Helen Sill for letting us use her parking lot!

Thanks to Mike Williams; Michele Mullen; Barb Loney & Mary Johnson for working at our Father's Day Bake Sale. To Peggy Marcelletti; Phyllis Martens; Ashley Taylor; Sherry Quinn; Lorraine Haring; Betsy & Melinda Ryba; Teresa Rakowsky; Kathy Slocum & Claudia Johnson for baking for the sale. To Ben & Claudia Johnson for donating postage stamps. To Pet Supplies Plus Westnedge for providing the location for our bake sales. We made \$1179.52 at this sale.

The following people donated to our feral cat program: Karen Imus; Susan Friedlander; Rita Terpstra; Ben & Claudia Johnson; Kelly Todd-Brewer; Kim Dimock; Mike Williams & Michele Mullen.

IN HONOR OF

From

Judy & Don Vanderslik

Charlie & Betsie Scott

Lexi Truscott

In Honor of

Jack Hoffmaster's 99th birthday

our son Jon and his much loved Pup Sweetie

Grandma Jerre & Magic

Thanks to Sharon Dulin; Charlie & Betsie Scott; Rodney Reid; Logan Bullard & Hisham Saleh for donating to Sarah's Facebook campaign to raise funds for ABF in honor of Bill King's birthday. This campaign raised \$205.00.

IN MEMORY OF

From

Laurie White

Sherry & Mark Quinn

Nancy & David LaLiberte

Diane Karlis

George & Teresa Rakowsky

Jane King

Linda Yost

Roxanne Sarent

Donna Doner

Laurie White

Jane King

In Memory Of

Lexi Gerstner

Lexi Lou Gerstner

Lexi Gerstner

Deborah McGowen

Graham

Zack

Phyllis Switzer

Luke

Owen

Lenny the Pitbull

Lenny the Pitpull

Barb Loney

Sibyl Burlew

Judith Connor

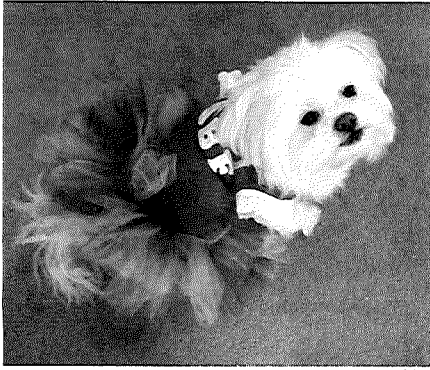
Roxanne Sargent

Bill & Bev Matthes

William Burlew

Rosie & Romeo

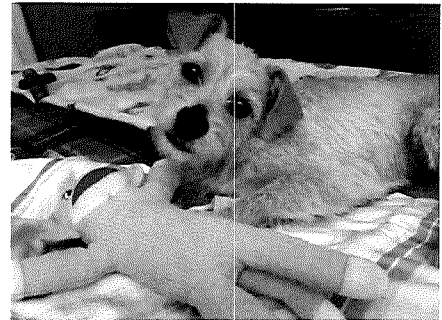
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We are sad to report that earlier this year our volunteer Sarah lost her canine companion Lexi because of old age and a stroke. Lexi was the canine ABF mascot for many years. She brought so much love and joy to all who knew her. She will be missed!

In Lexi's honor, please consider adopting a dog (or cat, bunny etc) from your local animal control facility! Lexi was adopted from Kalamazoo County Animal Services and Enforcement in 2009.

A special rescue was done by Sarah in honor of Lexi and in memory of her friend Annie VanGeest from Grand Rapids who passed away very unexpectedly in April. Anne had been fostering a beautiful terrier mix puppy for Luvnpupz and because of Annie's passing the puppy needed a new home. Sarah stepped up and brought the puppy home and named her Annie in honor of her friend. Annie has been named the new ABF mascot so many of you will get a chance to meet the new puppy. Sarah reports that Annie is a spitfire just like her Mom was! Congratulations to Sarah & Nick on the adoption of their new fur-child.



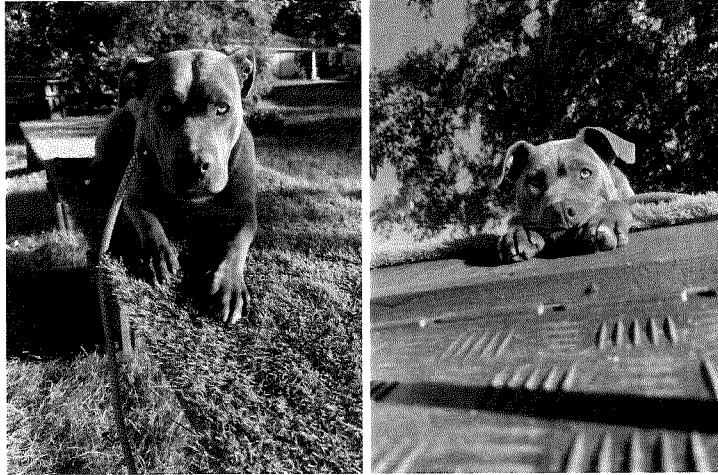
Our cat trappers continue their work on many projects in Kalamazoo and Van Buren counties. Our volunteer Darline has trapped 67 cats and kittens since May at a local trailer park, 34 of these cats/kittens have been spayed or neutered and the rest will be neutered in the near future. One dog from there has been spayed so far and 7 female dogs will be spayed in the near future.



Another example is a project in Schoolcraft where a mom cat and her six kittens were in danger because of fox in the area and because the neighbors did not want the cat and kittens around. Sarah and the caretakers of the cats coordinated their trapping efforts and the Mom and kittens were soon trapped. The six kittens were transferred to Cat Nap Lodge who will find homes for them. The mom cat, Timmy, was spayed through ABF, her caretakers had her combo tested, fully vaccinated, microchipped and treated for parasites so she can transition to an indoor spoiled kitty! This was an extremely happy ending for all! These situations are so much easier when caretakers take an active role in the trapping process. Thank you to Kathy and Gary for reaching out!

SAVING DUCHESS

Meet Duchess, a 1 ½ year old pit bull from a local animal control facility saved from euthanasia by a wonderfully huge hearted trainer. Duchess is looking for the next stepping stone in her journey. She gets spayed and fully vetted in early July and is looking for an experienced foster or patient forever home. Someone was not nice to Duchess in her past. She is terrified but slowly gaining confidence and realizing that not all humans will hurt her. To learn more about this beautiful girl and her daily progress, please contact Emily Smith-Lemmer at 269-903-6384 or emily.smith8696@gmail.com.



HOLIDAY WARNING

The days following July 4th are the busiest for shelters. Pets get spooked and run! Please keep your pets home, safe and secure during the scary fireworks! Not only does this scare domestic pets, but it terrifies wildlife.

**A thought -
Buy 2 bags of pet
food for a shelter
instead of
fireworks. Make a
difference instead
of a noise.**

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 at 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 60,776 cats and dogs.