ANIMALS BEST FRIEND FUND, INC. JULY-AUGUST 2014

Number of cats & dogs spayed/neutered year to date. . . . . 547
Neutering expenses year to date . . . . . .$24,265.77
Administrative expenses year to date . . . . . 1,539.51
Donations received year to date. . . . . 30,196.79

The above totals are through 5/31/14.

It is with great sadness that I must let you know of the loss of a long time friend and volunteer to Animals Best Friend. Arlene Guthrie passed away on May 20, 2014 at Rose Arbor Hospice. She was a loyal volunteer to Animals Best Friend since our founding in 1981. Arlene was always willing to help no matter what we were doing for fundraising and she participated in garage sales, paper drives and bake sales over the years. She participated in our bake sales up until a few months before her death. We miss her presence at our bake sales. Our sympathy goes out to the Guthrie family and to her friends.

UPCOMING FUNDRAISING EVENTS

July 26 Christmas In July bake sale at MVPets in Portage, MI from 10:00-3:00 p.m. We'll be selling baked goods, t-shirts, catnip mats and toys and our new necklaces and earrings. Stop by and see us and start your Christmas shopping early!

August 22 Bake sale at Old National Bank in Oshtemo, MI from 11:00-5:00. We'll be selling baked goods, t-shirts, catnip mats and toys, necklaces and earrings. Stop by and see us and buy a goodie or two!

September 13 Bake sale at Pet Supplies Plus on S. Westnedge from 9:00-3:00. We need lots of bakers and buyers for this event. If you can bake please leave a message on our answering machine 269/808-0064.

Do your pets a favor and leave them at home when you're at 4th of July festivities. Pets can become frightened and get away from you during these celebrations. While they're at home you can ease their fear of loud noises by keeping a TV or radio on for them to block out the noise.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

The following people donated to our "donate $30.00 to help spay or neuter one cat or dog" program: Diane Skiba; Roxanne Sargent; Peggy Spencer; Theresa Noppen; Chris Wilkins; Wilma Heerlyn.

The following people donated to our Van Buren Co. feral cat program: Karen Imus; Christine McGrew; Ben & Claudia Johnson.

The following people donated to our Kalamazoo Co. feral cat program: Helen Page Dolan; Kim Dimock; Michele Mullen & Mike Williams; Jennifer Cohen; Fetzer Institute; Donna Ramesh.

The following people donated toward the neutering expenses for the Flame Point Siamese hoarding situation: Christine McGrew.

Thanks to Dale Martinson of Altaria Accounting for doing our income tax and state liscensing forms. To Anne Pancella; Ben & Claudia Johnson; for donating postage stamps. To Sandy Ormanovich for donating crafts. Thanks to Jackie Bullard for selling catnip toys for us. To Kalamazoo Cat Hospital and MVPets for selling necklaces for us.

Thanks to Michele Mullen; Mike Williams; Amber Nantz & Sarah Gerstner for working at our Mother's Day bake sale at PSP. To Teresa Rakowsky; Ginnie Bowling: Karen Macklom; Lorraine Haring; Gene & Vivian Wood; Sarah Gerstner; & Melinda Ryba for

donating baked goods. To Pet Supplies Plus for providing the location for our Mother's Day bake sale.

To MVPets employees, owner Steve, and Manager Nina Kiser for selling necklaces, catnip toys & mats and for selling the baked goods that are left at the end of our bake sales at other locations.

On May 16 we held a bake sale to benefit Animals Best Friend at Old National Bank in Oshtemo, MI, and an adoption event was held at the same time by Four Paws 2 Rescue. What a fun day this was! We made $827.00 for Animals Best Friend and Four Paws 2 Rescue had two kitten adoptions. Thanks to Joe Kiser and his staff for their hospitality and to Nina Kiser; Sarah Gerstner; Kendall Dingwall; Domonique Franklin; Katie Herrera; April Duncan; April Nolasco de Carvalho and Linda Marquardt for baking for this event. Our next bake sale at Old National Bank in Oshtemo, MI is planned for August 22.

Thanks to Amy Zane, owner of Amy Zane Store and Studio for letting us set up in front of her store at the June Art Hop. We made $374.30 at this event.

Thanks to Michele Mullen; Mike Williams; Amber Nantz; Sarah Gerstner and Sandy Ormanovich for working at our June 14 bake sale at Pet Supplies Plus Westnedge. To Betsy & Melinda Ryba; Ginnie Bowling; Sandy Ormanovich; Lorraine Haring; Sarah Gerstner; Amber Nantz and Teresa Rakowsky for donating baked goods. To Pet Supplies Plus for providing the location for our bake sales. We made $737.80 at this bake sale.

Thanks to our sewing team for their work on our on-going catnip projects: Carolyn Woodward; Jennifer Cohen; Lorraine Haring; Sue, Betsy & Melinda Ryba; Rosalee Kellum; Bruce & Dawn Haney; Joyce Barton; Rebecca Stuurwold.

Thanks to Sandy Ormanovich and Lorraine Haring for donating sheets. To Judy Vanderslik for donating crafts. To Cherie Robinson for donating baking supplies.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP ANIMALS

We need people to help sew our catnip toys and mats. There are many steps to these projects and volunteers can choose to work on one or more steps to these projects. For example, we need people to cut out catnip toys, doing the intial sewing on the toys, filling the toys with catnip. We also need people to sew the liners for our catnip mats. If you can help call Karen at 269/808-0064.

## FERAL CAT PROGRAM UPDATE

Volunteers are currently working on several feral cat trapping projects in both Kalamazoo and Van Buren counties. They are trapping at several locations including one in the

Parchment area where there are a total of 14 cats that need to be neutered, and a location in Van Buren County where there are 17 cats and kittens that need to be trapped and neutered. So far nine cats/kittens from the Van Buren County colony have been trapped/neutered/returned. Your donations help fund projects like these, if it weren't for you and our caring volunteers who spend many hours working at these locations these cats would have no one that cared about them. If you would like to donate toward projects like these tag your check "FERAL" in the memo line of your check.

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| Barbara Himebaugh | Susanne Maquire |

The following people sent donations to Animals Best Friend in memory of Arlene Guthrie: Gene & Vivian Wood; John & Phyllis Martens; Bill & Karen King; Christine & Stan McGrew; Elsie Wilson; Carolyn Woodward; Michelle Mullen & Mike Williams.

We received a donation in honor of Nanna Hagard's birthday from Marianne Abbott.

This newsletter was written by Karen King and Jennifer Cohen.

Animals Best Friend is an all volunteer animal welfare group dedicated to reducing animal overpopulation in Kalamazoo and Van Buren counties. Spay/neuter is our only function. Donations to Animals Best Friend are tax deductible and can be sent to us at P.O. Box 443, Oshtemo, MI 49077. 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. Since Animals Best Friend was founded in 1981 we have helped to spay/neuter over 44,068 cats and dogs.