

ANIMALS BEST FRIEND FUND, INC.

SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 2017

Number of cats & dogs neutered year to date. ....	1,019
Spay/neuter expenses year to date. ....	61,619.71
Medical expenses year to date. ....	9,385.83
Administrative expenses year to date. ....	2,180.46
Donations received year to date. ....	83,993.22

The above totals are through 7/31/17.

UPCOMING FUNDRAISING EVENTS

September 23, October 28, December 16- These are the remaining dates for our bake sales for this year at Pet Supplies Plus Westnedge in Portage, MI. The hours for these sales are all 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. We need lots of bakers and buyers for these events. If you can donate baked goods please indicate what the item is and whether or not the item has nuts in it due to food allergies. Baked goods sell best when they are on a paper plate covered in a clear plastic bag. Our donations have been way down this year and we need these sales to be successful. Please come out and support our bake sales!

## MEMORIAL DONATIONS RECEIVED

### From

Jerre & Ray Ihrcke

Beth Underwood

Roxanne Sargent

Gwen & Gary Hamilton

Yvonne Ross

Kathy Ross

### In Memory Of

Jan St. John

Taffy

Edie Kerr

Jesse & Spike

Rachele Dashtestani

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## SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Thanks to the staff at Pet Supplies Plus Westnedge for raising \$302.00 for us in memory of Deanne Baugher. To Sharon Dulin for paying our post office box rent. To Marcy Kime; Ben & Claudia Johnson and Phyllis Martens for donating cat food. To Ray & Jerre Ihrcke and Laurie White for donating postage stamps. To Opulent Blends for donating their products for us to sell. To Taylor's Florist & Gifts for selling candy bars for us.

The following people donated to our feral cat program: Kim Dimock; Helen Page Dolan; Ray & Jerre Ihrcke; Christine McGrew; Ben & Claudia Johnson.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP ANIMALS

We need donations! Donations have been down all year and our funds are dwindling. Help us be there when the animals need us by sending a tax-deductible donation today. Donations can be sent to us at PO Box 443, Oshtemo, MI 49077.

Please remember Animals Best Friend for memorial donations and in your will.

Please continue saving D&W and Family Fare receipts for us.

A donation of \$60.00 helps us spay or neuter one cat, a \$80 donation helps us spay or neuter one dog.

## KALAMAZOO COUNTY NEWS

I'm happy to report that we will be doing a joint neutering project with the SPCA. This project is in Vicksburg and there are reportedly between 200-300 cats and kittens at this location so this will be a major undertaking for both groups. We need to raise \$9,000 to pay the neutering expenses of these cats and kittens. If you can help please send your donation towards this project and mark "Vicksburg project" in the memo line. Donations toward this project can be sent to us at Animals Best Friend, PO

Box 443, Oshtemo, MI 49077. Donations have been down all summer and we really need you to help so we can help these cats.

We also need donations of dry cat and kitten food (We prefer Purina) for these cats and for other projects that we are working on. Donations of cat food can be dropped off at the SPCA on KL Avenue or to us at one of our bake sales.

We have also recently formed a new partnership with Catnap Lodge. We will be assisting with the neutering of cats and kittens they take in, and they will be taking in adoptable cats and kittens and nursing mom cats and their kittens that we come across during our trapping projects and finding homes for them.

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 facebook page [www.facebook .com/animalsbestfriendfund](https://www.facebook.com/animalsbestfriendfund) or on our website [www.animalsbestfriendfund.org](http://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. Current administrative expenses for 2017 are around 3% of donations received. Since Animals Best Friend was founded in 1981 we have helped spay/neuter over 51,331 cats and dogs.