

# ANIMAL'S BEST FRIEND Fund, Inc.

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ANIMALS BEST FRIEND FUND, INC. NEWSLETTER

MARCH-APRIL 2021

Year to date number of cats/dogs neutered .....	405
Year to date spay/neuter expenses.....	\$24,404.83
Year to date administrative expenses.....	542.46
Year to date donations.....	25,364.55

UPCOMING FUNDRAISING EVENTS



March 13- St. Patrick's bake sale from 9:00-3:00 at Pet Supplies Plus Westnedge (across from Meijer on Westnedge in Portage, MI). We need lots of bakers and buyers for this event to help us reach our goal of raising \$1500 at this sale. Please check our Facebook page a week before the sale to make sure the sale is still on due to ongoing COVID-19 restrictions. Please bake for this sale 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. **\*\*Note\*\*** 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 wrap or foil do not sell well. Please have the items that you bake to us by 10:00 a.m. so we 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,



April 3- Easter Bake Sale from 9:00-3:00 at Pet supplies Plus Westnedge (across from Meijer on Westnedge).

May 8- Mother's Day Bake Sale from 9:00-3:00 at Pet Supplies Plus Westnedge.

May 14-15- Garage sale to benefit Animal's Best Friend at 1103 S. Van Kal (5<sup>th</sup> house on the right after crossing Almena Dr.). The hours will be announced in our May newsletter. If you have garage sale items to donate you can call Kelly at 269-271-9660.

### SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Thanks to Beth Burdo for donating envelopes. To Gail Ross for donating catnip mice. To Pat Rose for donating crafts. To Ben & Claudia Johnson for donating stamps. To Meg Forrest for donating garage sale items and Posh products for us to sell. To Sarah Gerstner for working on our newsletters and Facebook campaigns. To Taylor's Florist, Gifts and Décor for selling candy bars for us.

To Michele Mullen; Mike Williams; Kelly Ross-Hoadley; Ashley Taylor and Mary Johnson for working at our Valentine's bake sale. To Diane Karlis; Phyllis Martens; Teresa Rakowsky; Nancy LaLiberte; Peggy Marcelletti; Kathy Slocum; Denise Fisher; Pat Rose; Kathy Eckstein; Carol Cloyd and Claudia Johnson for donating baked goods. To Pet Supplies Plus for providing the location for our bake sales. We made \$2,149.50 at this sale.

### MEMORIAL DONATIONS

#### From

Donna Reeder

Frank Janca

Brad & Paula Deneau

Kelly Todd-Brewer

Mary Broekhuizen

Phyllis & John Martens

Phyllis & John Martens

#### In Memory Of

Darlene Janca

Darlene Janca

Our Granddog Max

Mellow & Zoey Janguia

Black Jack

Brandon Kusz

Mary Halisek

#### FROM

Phyllis & John Martens

Lexi Truscott

Marilyn Smith

#### IN HONOR OF

Animals Best Friend- 40 years old

Gr. Jerre Ihrcke

Darline McDaniel

The following people donated toward the Vicksburg neutering project: Chuck & Lorraine Haring; Rita Terpstra; Kelly Todd-Brewer; Theresa Noppen. There will be an update on this project in our next newsletter.

### FERAL CAT PROGRAM UPDATE

Work continues on TNR (trap/neuter/return) projects in both Kalamazoo and Van Buren counties even during the cold winter months when possible. Our dedicated cat trappers had 345 cats spayed or neutered during the months of January and February this year.

### HOW YOU CAN HELP ANIMALS

If you are saving D&W or Family Fare receipts for us please bring them to the next bake sale or mail them to us at P.O. Box 443, Oshtemo, MI 49077. We only need \$7,000 more in receipts to be able to turn them in and receive a \$1,000 donation from Spartan Nash.

We need donations of Forever postage stamps.

Gifts of Appreciated Securities can be sent to our account at Sanford Financial at any time of the year, not just transferred to us at the end of the year. Qualified Charitable Distributions from IRA's (if you are over 70 ½ years old). An individual can gift up to \$100,000/year TAX FREE as long as the check is paid directly to Animals Best Friend from the IRA or securities transferred directly into our account.

We need donations! March is typically our busiest month of the year for people calling for financial assistance for having their cats and dogs spayed or neutered. Help us be there when the animals need us the most by sending a tax deductible donation. You can sponsor the spaying or neutering of a cat or dog for \$80. You can also sponsor one month's neutering at an area veterinary clinic for \$500.00, and you can specify whether the surgeries are done at a veterinary clinic in Kalamazoo or Van Buren county. This is an excellent way to honor or memorialize a loved one.

Harding's Markets will donate up to 4% of the value of your grocery purchases to Animals Best Friend when you sign up on line at the Harding's website and then give the cashier your phone number when you check out.

If you believe in what we do please remember to include Animals Best Friend in your will and for memorial donations.

If you know of someone who cannot afford to have their pets spayed or neutered and they are a resident of Kalamazoo or Van Buren county refer them to us (269-808-0064) to see if we can help them. Doing so just might prevent an unwanted litter of kittens or puppies from being born.

Spring  
Forward



DONATE TODAY! 800 homeless pets are euthanized every hour in the United States. Donate to our "spay it forward" campaign.



Join us starting March 14th for our **Spring Spay It Forward Campaign**. March and April are our some of busiest months of the year as "puppy and kitten" season kick off! Help us raise **\$5000** to cover spay/neuter expenses and reach our goal of fixing 300 animals between March 14th and April 30th. You can donate early at the March 13th Bake Sale, be sure to designate your donation for Spay It Forward.

*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](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 in Kalamazoo and Van Buren counties. Since Animals Best Friend was founded in 1981 we have helped spay/neuter over 60,126 cats and dogs.*