



Ausable Valley Animal Shelter

- Our organization is licensed by the State of Michigan and provides refuge for more than 400 dogs, cats, puppies, and kittens each year. Our adoption rate has held steady for the last 8 years at an unprecedented 96% for animals that are not claimed by their owners.
- Our shelter is considered an “Adoption Guaranteed” facility (formerly known as “No Kill”). Only animals with severe injuries or medical conditions, and those displaying dangerous, aggressive behavior are humanely euthanized off-site by a licensed veterinarian. In 2008, only three dogs were euthanized due to untreatable medical conditions, no dogs for aggression. No cats or kittens were euthanized.
- We regularly network with other rescue organizations, including Leader Dogs for the Blind, to be able to place dogs and cats in homes, allowing us to discontinue completely the practice of euthanasia to reduce shelter overcrowding to meet Michigan Department of Agriculture population standards.
- We house the pets of victims of domestic violence housed at River House Shelter.
- We currently offer a discount program to help place pets with our senior citizens.
- We organize low cost spaying and neutering programs and educate pet owners about the advantages of de-sexing their animals every chance we get to help reduce the unwanted pet population, saving hundreds of lives.
- We encourage pet owners to immunize and license their pets by hosting two low cost vaccination clinics each year, in partnership with an area veterinarian.
- We provide a place for pets to stay temporarily while their owners are in the hospital or left homeless by a house fire.
- We provide a place for students to earn community service hours, as well as a place for non-violent offenders to serve out their court-ordered community service.
- If, God forbid, we ever have another huge forest fire similar to the one in 1990, the shelter board, staff and volunteers will serve as part of the local emergency management team as it did back then, providing a safe place for rescued pets that get separated from their owners.
- In 2007, we finally realized our dream of building a new shelter! It is a beautiful, yet very utilitarian facility that comes with a \$400,000 mortgage. We will continue to actively raise funds to pay our monthly payment of \$2,000, all while continuing to raise funds for daily operations which amount to about \$85,000 annually.

Your support is greatly appreciated!

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