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Which animal shelters in Michigan do the best job?

Michigan Pet Fund Alliance issues its Fourth Annual Save Rate Report and awards for shelters

Bloomfield Hills, Mich., Oct. 7, 2013 – Tragically, half the animals who enter American shelters don't leave them alive. In Michigan, however, a growing number of communities are bucking that statistic, and saving nearly all the animals entering their shelters. For the fourth year, the Michigan Pet Fund Alliance has recognized those organizations for their exceptional work to save animal lives.

MPFA reviewed the 2012 annual shelter reports that each licensed shelter is required to submit to the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, and used that data to determine each shelter's performance in saving lives.

Based on those statistics, three animals shelters that take in all pets presented to them, known as "open admission" shelters, were recognized with awards for 2012:

- The award for ***Outstanding Open Admission Large Shelter*** with greater than 5,000 animals taken in annually was the Humane Society of Huron Valley, which saves 83.58 percent of the pets taken in its doors.
- The award for ***Outstanding Open Admission Medium Shelter*** with intake below 5,000 animals but above 1000 went to the Humane Society of Midland County, which had a 96.55 percent save rate.
- The award for ***Outstanding Open Admission Small Shelter*** with intake of fewer than 1000 animals went to the H.O.P.E. Animal Shelter in Ironwood, which saved 94.70 percent of its pets.

Two other awards were given. The first was for the ***Most Improved Open Admission Shelter***, which went to the Al-Van Humane Society. This shelter increased their lifesaving from a dismal 18.41 percent in 2011 to 63.23 percent in 2012.

The award for the ***Outstanding Limited Admission Shelter*** with a save rate of at least 90 percent and the largest number of adoptions went to the **Humane Society of Livingston County**. In 2012, the organization saved 91.30 percent of the animals it took in and did a total of 1,133 adoptions.

More information and media contacts for each shelter are at <http://www.michiganpetfund.org/media>. A report listing all shelters in the state is available at <http://www.michiganpetfund.org/save-rate-reports-awards/2012-save-rate-report-and-awards/>.

About Michigan Pet Fund Alliance

Michigan Pet Fund Alliance (MPFA) is an all-volunteer, not-for-profit 501(c)(3), tax-exempt, charitable organization. MPFA was formed to stop the archaic practice of euthanizing healthy and treatable companion animals in Michigan shelters as a means to eliminate the problem of homeless pets and to bring more humane practices to homeless companion animals in Michigan.

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