



The goal of Lake Haven is to:

- Provide temporary shelter for homeless cats and dogs.
- Ensure that at time of entry to **Lake Haven**, animal receives needed medical care.
- Place animals in responsible and loving homes.
- Educate pet owners and the public to proper animal care and the urgent need to spay and neuter their pets.



LAKE HAVEN NEWSLETTER

Winter 2008



Founded by Cheryl McCloud, **Lake Haven** is a volunteer, non-profit organization (501c3), dedicated to the care and adoption of homeless and/or injured dogs, cats, kittens, and puppies. **Lake Haven** is currently established as an independent, private shelter.

2008 A YEAR OF "FIRSTS"

The calendar year is winding down and this has been a year of many "firsts" for Lake Haven:

- Lake Haven's New Website made it's debut in May of this year.
- Lake Haven's 1st full year for it's "Low Cost Spay/Neuter Program."
- Lake Haven's first annual Fall Fundraiser at Woody's Bar and Grill in Bitley (Woodville)

The year has brought good things to Lake Haven thru the kindness and caring of some of it's newest volunteers.

Lake Haven's new website debuted in May at

www.lakehavenrescue.org.

Thru the expertise of our webmaster/volunteer, Steven Stromp, we have a terrific new website. It not only has our Petfinder listing of the great animals we have for adoption, but includes up-to-date information on happenings at Lake Haven, as well as important topics of importance. You can sign up to receive updates and happenings via email.

You can also receive our newsletter via email. Doing so would help save dollars that could be spent toward saving more animals and by saving paper and envelopes, you'll be saving some trees at the same time.

This year marked the first full year of the "Low Cost Spay/Neuter Program." The program has been slower that we would have liked. Even so, we did spay/neuter 68 animals so far this year.

We are looking forward to a much bigger year in 2009 with some new changes.

September 28th brought Lake Haven's first annual fundraiser at Woody's Bar & Grill in Bitley. Debbie DeHoog did a spectacular job organizing the fundraiser with bar owner, Lynn McDaniels. Live musical entertainment was graciously provided by the duo

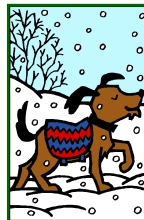
"Ziggy and Charlie". The afternoon brought a bake sale with tasty treats, food donated by Houseman's Food and Charlie's Pub in White Cloud, along with games and raffles with terrific prizes donated by many generous local businesses. Deb assembled an awesome group of ladies who gave generously of their time to work the fundraiser.

A total of \$800 was raised in that one short afternoon, and nine "Spay/Neuter" vouchers handed out. All in all, we'd say it was quite a success. We can't thank them enough for giving so generously in support of our efforts.

COLD WEATHER PET TIPS

Despite their "fur" coats, domesticated animals like cats and dogs depend on humans for protection from elements such as freezing temperatures. The HSUS is offering the following suggestions to help keep all pets safe through the cold winter months.

- Don't leave pets outdoors when the temperature drops below freezing. Dogs need outdoor exercise but take care not to keep them out for lengthy periods during very cold weather. Short-coated dogs may feel more comfortable wearing a sweater during walks. Dogs and cats are safer indoors in all sorts of weather. Animals should never be left outdoors unattended as they risk being stolen or otherwise being harmed.
- Wind-chill can threaten a pet's life, no matter what the temperature. Outdoor dogs must be protected by a dry, draft-free doghouse that is large enough to allow the dog to sit and lie down comfortably, but small enough to hold in his/her body heat. The floor should be raised a few inches off the ground and covered with cedar shavings or straw. The house should be turned to face away from the wind, and the doorway should be covered with a flap of heavy waterproof fabric or heavy plastic.



- Pets spending a lot of time outdoors need more food in the winter. Keeping warm depletes energy. Routinely check your pet's water dish to make certain the water is fresh and not frozen. Use plastic food and water bowls rather than metal; when the temperature is low, your pet's tongue can stick and freeze to metal.
- Warm car engines are dangerous for cats and small wildlife. Parked cars attract small animals who may crawl up under the hood looking for warmth. To avoid injuring any hidden animals, bang on your car's hood to scare them away before starting your engine.
- De-icing chemicals are hazardous. The salt and other chemicals used to melt snow and ice can irritate the pads of your pet's feet. Wipe the feet with a damp towel every time after coming in from outdoors – even if you don't see salt on walkways. Antifreeze is a deadly poison. However, it has a sweet taste that attracts animals and children. Wipe up spills and store antifreeze out of reach. Better yet, use antifreeze coolant made with propylene glycol; if swallowed in small amounts, it will not hurt pets, wildlife, or people.



Bruce & Linda Flater with Lucy (formerly Petunia)

Petunia is one of the nicest dogs Lake Haven has taken in and one of the most mistreated. She was starved, close to death, and had given birth to pups; but having no milk to feed them, only two pups lived. Thru the expert medical care from the vets at Fremont Animal Hospital, she made a complete recovery and her pups were adopted.

Bruce and Linda Flater fell in love with Petunia, renamed her Lucy and have given her a new life. For the first time in her life, she has a loving home and family.



Betsy with Lucy lounging in bed.

As a matter of fact, the Flaters have very recently adopted from Lake Haven again, and Lucy now has an adorable sister named Betsy. As you can see from the photo above, Lucy and Betsy are very happy together in their “forever” home. What a wonderful home the Flaters have given these two deserving girls.



Last winter, a caring samaritan found this staving cat begging to come in out of the snow and cold and brought Frosty to Lake Haven. While being bathed, her ear tip came off in our hands. Her ear, as well as half her tail had frozen while she was outside in the cold. Taken in by Lake Haven, she received excellent medical care from Fremont Animal Hospital which included half her tail being amputated. Throughout all her pain and suffering, she remained friendly, loving and as sweet as can be. She was adopted by a wonderful family and today she stays indoors where she’s safe from outdoor hazards.



Frosty lost half his tail and ear tip last winter, but not his sweet and loving personality.

When one of Judy Halls’s beloved collies passed away, her other collie, Precious, grieved daily. Judy then decided to give Lake Haven a call (she had adopted her collies from Lake Haven years earlier). They told her about Yukon, an 8 year old Great Pyrenees mix, who had lost his home when his guardian lost his home due to mortgage foreclosure. Judy fell in love with Yukon and Precious was happy to have a new brother for the remaining months of her life.



Yukon with Judy Hall and Precious.

It’s heartbreaking to see the number of older pets looking thru the wire of their kennels in shelters, just waiting for a family to welcome them into their home. Most times they are there thru no fault of their own and are often overlooked. Yet they have so much to offer, not the least of which is *love*. Judy can certainly attest to that!

Cats, as well as dogs, should never be left outdoors to fend for themselves. They can suffer frostbite, hypothermia, and exposure to extreme cold could become life-threatening.



Sugar, shortly after her arrival at Lake Haven

Sugar was completely emaciated when she arrived at Lake Haven with her eight pups. After her pups were adopted, and Sugar recovered, she was given a second chance for a better life by being spayed at Jelsema Veterinary Clinic. The Jelsema Veterinary Clinic performs countless surgeries for us every week. These surgeries are crucial to our adoption success.

With Sugar in good health again, she went up for adoption and her sweet nature won the heart of Donna Vickers who became her new mom.



Sisu, with Jerry Nagle and family.

Sisu was just a young cat when found wandering, injured and bleeding. His ear tips had been cut off and his nose sliced off. After being taken in by Lake Haven, we found him to be a

wonderful, loving cat, in spite of his horrific injuries and grizzly ordeal.

After medical treatment, we couldn’t believe Sisu’s good fortune when he was adopted by Jerry Nagle, a respiratory therapist, and his family. Sisu shares their home with two other cats.

THANKS TO OUR MANY VETERINARY CLINICS



Bert

Ernie

25-35% of shelter animals are pure-bred. These Beagle boys have been neutered, thanks to Jelesma Vet Clinic. They're looking for their new "forever" home from which they're now less likely to roam.

A special thank you to the South Kent Veterinary Clinics for providing us with expert after-hours veterinary care.

A special thanks also to our visiting vet, Dr. Kelly Minasian

Lake Haven would like to thank the many veterinary clinics that participate in our spay/neuter program. We all know how important it is to spay/neuter in order to prevent pet overpopulation and to keep our pets healthy.

A big *thank you* to the following clinics and as a "thank you" to them, we ask that you patronize their facilities when possible.

- Animal Medical Center of Wyoming
- Companion Animal Veterinary Clinic in Shelby
- Fremont Animal Hospital, in Fremont
- Jelsema Veterinary Clinic in Hudsonville
- Sand Lake Veterinary Services
- Howard City Animal Hospital
- Kelley's Animal Clinic in Walker
- Plymouth Road Animal Clinic in Grand Rapids.
- Schmitt's Animal Hospital in Walker
- Westwood Hills Animal Hospital in Walker
- Chicago Drive Veterinary Clinic in Jenison
- Georgetown Animal Hospital in Hudsonville
- Jenison Animal Hospital
- Westwood Hills Animal Hospital in Grand Rapids
- Ottawa Animal Hospital in Holland
- Rockford Animal Hospital
- South Kent Veterinary Hospitals in Byron Center and Caledonia
- Wyoming Animal Hospital

- Westshore Animal Clinic in Whitehall
- Animal Hospital of Lowell
- Thornapple Veterinary Clinic in Middleville
- Animal Wellness Center of White Cloud
- Byron Center Animal Hospital in Byron Center
- Pleasant View Animal Clinic in Big Rapids
- Zeeland Veterinary Hospital in Zeeland
- C-Snip in Kentwood

We can't thank the caring veterinarians and staff enough for all they do for us.



TO OUR MANY DONORS, VOLUNTEERS, VETERINARIANS AND ADOPTERS

A heartfelt thank you to the outstanding donors and volunteers of Lake Haven. Due to your tremendous gifts of time, money and expertise, 1,420 abused, "throw-a-way" / forgotten cats, dogs, puppies and kittens are now in their "forever" homes where they are loved and cared for. Each one of you deserve the credit for saving the lives of these deserving pets, who, more than likely, would not be with us today if it were not for your kindness, caring, and generosity.

In these tough economic times, hardship is placed on all of us. Yet, our volunteers and donors, adopters and veterinary clinics continue to support our shelter and our commit-

ment to homeless cats and dogs.

Rescuing these homeless animals is a daily struggle that is largely unseen by the general public, where no pats on the back are given. Yet every day, our dedicated community of volunteers meet their challenge with compassion and humanity, from cleaning cat boxes, doing laundry, bookkeeping, fostering animals, running cats and dogs to vet appointments, cleaning and sanitizing crates/cages, to working adoptions on Saturdays at Petsmart, along with countless other tasks.

Through all this hard work and dedication, Lake Haven is ranked Number One in adop-

tions through Petsmart stores in Michigan and ranked Number Two in adoptions through Petsmart stores throughout the United States. This is quite an impressive accomplishment.

Lastly, we thank those of you who chose to adopt a shelter animal. Your adoption has been an amazing *GIFT OF LIFE* to that animal and with each animal adopted, you make it possible for us to take in another orphaned pet. And you will have learned that love does not necessarily come with a "pedigree".

YOU ARE OUR HEROS!!



Lake Haven's Wish List

This wish list of items would help us provide the best possible animal care while enabling us to do our jobs better *and* save money so that we can dedicate our resources directly to the pets who are relying on us:

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| Purina Dog Chow | 33 Gallon Garbage Bags |
| Purina Puppy Chow | Tall Kitchen Bags |
| Purina One Cat Food | Hand Sanitizer (Waterless) |
| Paper Towels | Bleach |
| Gently Used Blankets | Liquid Laundry Soap |
| Gently Used Bath Towels | Q-Tips |
| Cotton Balls | Dish Detergent |

Even the smallest items are greatly appreciated! They may be dropped off at: PetSmart, 4645 Canal Avenue SW, Grandville or at the shelter in Newaygo (231-652-7507).



Thanks also to the folks at PetSmart in Grandville, who are instrumental in making adoptions happen!



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