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## St. Landry Parish Relief

Humane Society of West Michigan is heavily involved in lifesaving animal transports. We regularly take in animals from all over Michigan as well as many southern states. Sometimes, a community comes together for the sake of animals who need us.

In May 2019, shelters across Michigan, in collaboration with Bissell Pet Foundation, were able to pull over 50 dogs from the overcrowded St. Landry Parish Animal Control & Rescue facility in Opelousa, Louisiana.

Humane Society of West Michigan was grateful to be a part of this lifesaving effort. Together, with our partners, we were able to give these animals a second chance.

The majority of the dogs and puppies rescued made their way to a shelter in Michigan's Upper Penninsula, to find their forever homes.

In addition to aiding in the transport, HSWM was able to take in a handful of adult dogs from St. Landry Parish. All dogs were spayed or neutered, treated for heartworm, and given the individual care they needed. The dogs have all since been adopted into wonderful, loving homes.

Efforts like this large-scale transport would not be possible without the strength of the animal rescue community here in West Michigan, including you!





## Birthday Party

HSWM turned 136 this year (that's 952 in dog years!) and we hosted a Birthday Party to celebrate! This new event attracted over 200 participants for a day of family fun in the sun with carnival games, novelty activities, and plenty of cake and ice cream. A few of our furry friends were even able to join the party and socialize with guests!



Board President, LaChaun A. Steverson, said of the event "It was great to see so many friends of HSWM come out and celebrate with us. Many attendees even brought us presents! We are grateful to have such a supportive community".



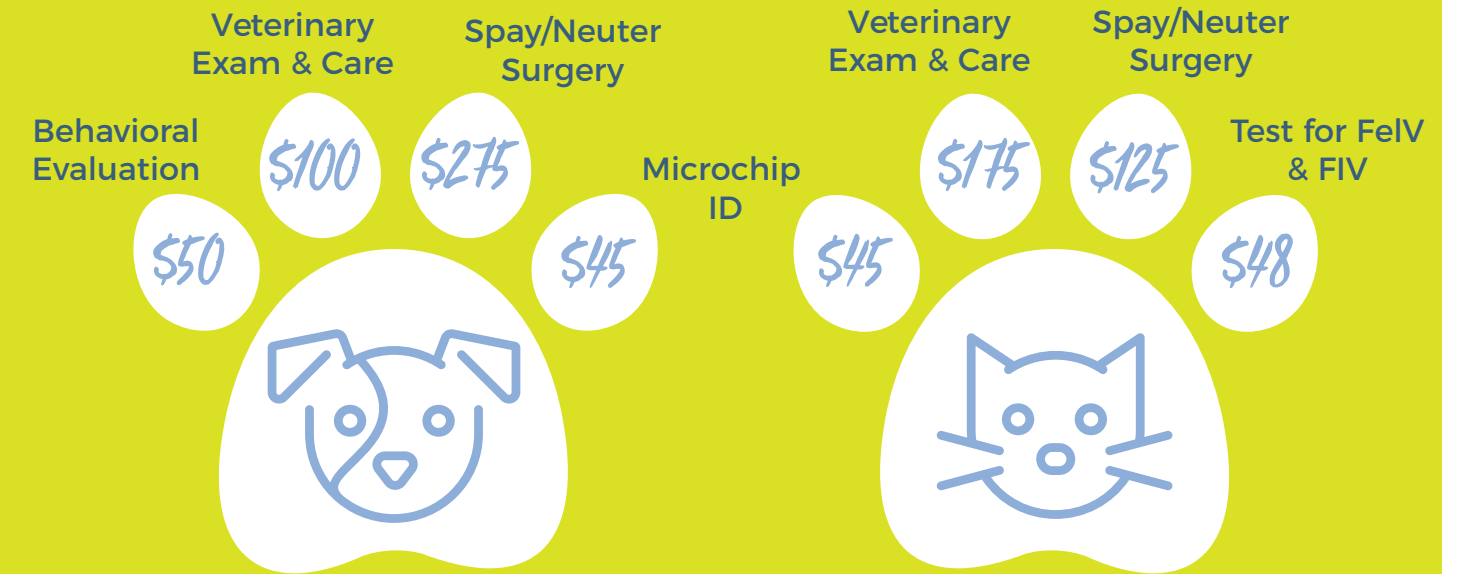
The Birthday Party was intended to invite the community to our facility with a no-pressure opportunity to see the animals and learn about our other services. The Birthday Party also provided partnership opportunities for businesses that may have been unable to work with HSWM in the past.

Not only was this event a blast, it also has a significant impact! Together with our sponsors and our community, we raised \$16,928 that will go directly towards helping Humane Society of West Michigan continue our mission of promoting the humane treatment and responsible care of animals in West Michigan through education, example, placement, and protection.

A special thank you to our leading sponsor, VCA, and some of our top supporters:

- Donald Tassell
- Lacks Enterprises
- Hagopian Cleaning
- FOX17
- Grand Rapids Business Journal.

# Your Donations at Work:



Helping Animals Find Their Forever Homes: *Priceless!*

## Get Ready For Bark in the Dark 2019!

For more information and to register online, please visit [www.barkinthedark.org](http://www.barkinthedark.org)



### Save the Date:

**Saturday, October 5th, 5:00pm - Riverside Park, Grand Rapids**

Join us for the seventh annual Bark in the Dark! This family and dog friendly glow-

in-the-dark 5k and 1 mile fun run/walk is always a blast! Don't want to run? Don't worry! Bark in the Dark is so much more than a race! Featuring a dog costume contest, a beer tent, food from local restaurants, music, and sponsor booths - you can even skip the run and just come for the fun!

## Happy Tail: Tuna the Mouse



Tuna, a 1-year-old mouse, came to Humane Society of West Michigan in April after her owner was not able to care for her anymore. Tuna was immediately social and friendly with everyone she met and became a staff-favorite almost instantly.

Tuna's adopters report that she loves to be held while they watch TV and exercising

on her wheel. Tuna is quite the interior designer and constantly rearranges her decor! Her adopters simply adore her.

Stories like Tuna's remind us that any animal, no matter how small, can find the perfect home. Humane Society of West Michigan is thankful for the opportunity to help not just cats and dogs but small critters, too!

