

Working to achieve the best quality of life for Michigan's companion animals



Makin' Pawsitive Change, May 2024

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2024 Better Together Awards and Grants Program

Better Together Awards and Grants Program application window closes soon!

We celebrate this year with the theme “Better Together” once again to highlight collaboration for a bigger impact. We are particularly interested in programs that focus on collaboration, innovation, removing barriers and promoting working together to improve the lives of companion animals and their people. This year we anticipate awards and grants to total over \$10,000. We offer two new categories; improve the literacy of Michiganders while helping animals in need and the Animal Control Officer of the Year to recognize their important work. For more information and to apply, please visit [2024 Better Together Awards and Grants](#). As a reminder, the application window closes on May 24th.

2024 One Voice Conference & Expo Registration



One Voice: Michigan Pet Alliance Conference & Expo
October 9-11, 2024 | Grand Rapids, MI

Conference Registration is Open!

[Early bird tickets on sale now through June 9](#) for the 2024 One Voice: Michigan Pet Alliance Conference & Expo taking place October 9-11 at the Sheraton Grand Rapids Airport Hotel. The conference is designed for staff, volunteers and advocates from animal welfare organizations, shelters and rescues.

The three-day event will feature 30 breakout sessions, 30 exhibitors and a keynote speaker from Fear Free®. Other special guests to be announced. For more information and to register, please visit MichiganPet.org/2024conference

MPA is still in need of sponsors and exhibitors for our 2024 One Voice Conference! As leaders in the animal welfare community, we invite you to come on board as one of our conference sponsors, or consider securing an exhibition booth to draw attention to your services and organization. Both of these opportunities are wonderful ways to showcase and market your organization as well as pave the way for meaningful partnerships with other conference participants. Becoming a conference sponsor fosters a mutually beneficial relationship centered on shared values and goals in relation to animal welfare. For more information, please visit [Conference Sponsorship Opportunities](#)

Advocacy Update - Call to Action!



On April 25th, an energized group of animal lovers went to the Capitol to rally for Queenie's Law ([HB 4849](#))! We heard from several passionate speakers, including MPA's own Board Vice Chair Tanya Hilgendorf on how we must protect dogs used in painful, unnecessary experiments at public institutions. Unfortunately, Queenie's Law and several other important animal protection bills, including a bill to ban cat declawing ([HB 4883](#)) and a bill to ban pet stores that source from puppy mills ([HB 4838](#)), are not getting the attention they deserve.

Take Action! You Can Help!

- Please contact your legislators today and encourage them to pass Queenie's Law! Remind them that animal-loving voters all over Michigan expect them to do be doing a lot more to protect animals! <https://www.house.mi.gov/>
- Also contact the House Speaker's office and ask, why is animal protection legislation, supported by a majority of Michigan's voters, not moving? <https://housedems.com/joe-tate/>

For more information on Queenie's Law, please visit: <https://www.pcrm.org/news/news-releases/lily-tomlin-dogs-michigan-residents-ask-legislators-raise-your-paw-queenies-law>.

May MPA Member Events

A benefit of [MPA membership](#) is free promotion for the upcoming events and fundraisers of member organizations. Here are a few opportunities to support animal welfare organizations in Michigan this month:

Month of May: [AuSable Valley Animal Shelter - Low Cost Spay & Neuter Clinic](#)

May 17: [Meowsterpieces Painting with Cats - Karma Kat Cafe](#)

May 17-19: [Yard Sale - Shelter to Home Animal Rescue](#)

May 18:

- [Meet & Greet at Pet Pantry! - Little Traverse Bay Humane Society](#)
- [Walk & Wag and Run - Humane Society of Huron Valley](#)
- [Story Time in Korean – Humane Society of Huron Valley](#)
- [May Tap Tour - Harbor Humane Society](#)

May 19:

- [Adoption Event at Sidetracks! - Friends of Michigan Animal Rescue](#)
- [Free Microchip Clinic - Pleasant Hearts Pet Food Pantry](#)

- [Paws & Pours - Homeward Bound Animal Shelter](#)

May 20: [Paw and Reflect Yoga - Karma Kat Cafe](#)

May 21: [Paws & Stitches - Karma Kat Cafe](#)

May 22: [Bingo Night - Noah Project](#)

May 23: [Little Paws Story Time – Humane Society of Huron Valley](#)

May 24: [Cats and Kids – Tiny Lions Lounge and Adoption Center](#)

May 25:

- [Meet & Greet At Tractor Supply Co.! - Little Traverse Bay Humane Society](#)
- [Low Cost Vaccine Clinic – Humane Society of Huron Valley](#)
- [Kitten Shower - Shiawassee Humane Society](#)
- [Trivia with Cats 2024 – Tiny Lions Cat Cafe](#)

May 26: [Wagging Tails + Wine Trails! - Little Traverse Bay Humane Society](#)

May 29:

- [Tiny Tails Story Time – Tiny Lions Lounge and Adoption Center](#)
- [Bingo Night - Noah Project](#)

May 30:

- [Little Paws Story Time – Humane Society of Huron Valley](#)
- [Coloring with Kitties and Kiddos – Tiny Lions Lounge and Adoption Center](#)
- [Cat Vaccine Clinic - Ingham County Animal Control and Shelter](#)
- [Fairy Tails 11th Annual FurRaiser - Delta Animal Shelter](#)

June 1:

- [Rescue Reading – Humane Society of Huron Valley](#)
- [Happy Tails Story Time - Delta Animal Shelter](#)
- [Bring a Flat to Plant - Humane Society of Genesee County](#)
- [Lowell Pride Festival 2024 - Pleasant Hearts Pet Food Pantry](#)
- [EUCHRE Tournament Fundraiser - Friends of Michigan Animal Rescue](#)

June 3: [Swingin FORE - Dori's Love Train](#)

June 5: [Bingo Night - Noah Project](#)

June 6: [Little Paws Story Time – Humane Society of Huron Valley](#)

June 8:

- [Linc Up's Rock the Block - Pleasant Hearts Pet Food Pantry](#)
- [Golf Outing - Humane Society of Bay County](#)

June 9: [Spring Vaccination Clinic - Copper Country Humane Society](#)

June 12:

- [Dog Vaccine Clinic - Ingham County Animal Control and Shelter](#)
- [Bingo Night - Noah Project](#)

June 13: [Coloring with Kitties and Kiddos – Tiny Lions Lounge and Adoption Center](#)

June 15:

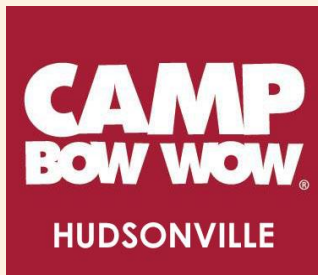
- [Puppies and Party Girl! at Blu Dot Vineyards - Little Traverse Bay Humane Society](#)
- [Low Cost Vaccine Clinic – Humane Society of Huron Valley](#)
- [Sensory Story Time – Humane Society of Huron Valley](#)
- [Saline Chevrolet Adoption Event - Friends of Michigan Animal Rescue](#)

June 16: [Bridgefest Pancake Breakfast - Copper Country Humane Society](#)

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About Michigan Pet Alliance

MPA Vision

To achieve the best quality of life for Michigan's companion animals.

MPA Mission

To work in collaboration and speak with a single voice to eliminate abuse and neglect of Michigan's companion animals and to save all healthy and treatable homeless companion animals through training, technical assistance, education, and advocacy.

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