



## Protect MI Pet launches animal abuse initiative for Michigan

- Monday, March 20, 6 pm, statewide online discussion free and open to everyone, register at [www.michiganpet.org/education-and-training/roundtable/](http://www.michiganpet.org/education-and-training/roundtable/)
- Onsite news coverage, interviews available
- Upcoming April 11 rally at the State Capitol in Lansing
- More information at <http://protectmipet.com/>

**March 19, 2023, Detroit** – A coalition of law enforcement, public officials, animal welfare advocates and concerned citizens will discuss a major statewide initiative during a Protect MI Pet virtual panel discussion, Monday, March 20 at 6 pm. Hundreds of interested people have already registered. The event is open to the media online and in person.

### REGISTRATION REQUIRED AND OPEN:

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### RSVP FOR ONSITE NEWS COVERAGE VIA EMAIL (located in Madison Heights with **LIMITED CAPACITY**):

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### WHO:

- Genesee County Sheriff Chris Swanson
- Oakland County Commissioner, 16<sup>th</sup> District, Will Miller
- Assistant Genesee County Prosecutor Alena Clark
- Richard Angelo, Legislative Attorney for Best Friends Animal Society and Michigan Pet Alliance Board Member
- Tanya Hilgendorf, President and CEO of Humane Society of Huron Valley and Michigan Pet Alliance Vice-Chair

### DETAILS:

Everyone in Michigan who is concerned about animal abuse, the length of time that abused animals are confined and how the public can access information about convicted abusers is invited to attend. Live Q&A is encouraged.

### A PRE-EVENT NEWS CONFERENCE WAS HELD ON FRIDAY AND CAN BE VIEWED HERE:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/Kh3xpWCzdNGwrV65xC-wU34HcGuOYKuugC7xD1y7raNNfVhAv-4ldkGm4gVLb7.TT7WgAWAXMVGxVM5>

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LINK FOR TIME MAGAZINE REFERENCED DURING NEWS CONFERENCE: <https://time.com/6191947/mass-shootings-animal-cruelty/>

### ABOUT PROTECT MY PET

The Protect MI Pet 2024 ballot initiative will allow Michigan voters to decide whether to create a public, statewide, searchable registry of convicted animal abusers. If approved, the name of every convicted animal abuser in Michigan will be publicly accessible to everyone, including animal shelters, rescues, law enforcement, breeders and the concerned public. The initiative will also address rescued animals in criminal cases and ownership rights of people convicted.

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