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Animal Sheltering In-person, Hands-on Workshops Return in October
Hosted by Michigan Pet Alliance, Four Locations Available

Aug. 16, 2021, Detroit, Michigan – Michigan Pet Alliance (MPA) is hosting a two-day, hands-on animal sheltering workshop at four locations throughout Michigan this October. Topics are geared toward management, staff and volunteers at animal shelters and rescue organizations. The first day of the workshop is all about dogs, while the second day is all about cats.

Starting today, attendees can register for one or both days at any of the four Michigan locations: Detroit, Lansing area, Grand Rapids or Charlevoix. In addition to hands-on learning, the workshop provides a networking opportunity for local animal rescuers.

Day one of the workshop focuses on dog behavior assessments, adoptions, how to reduce return rates and foster care best practices, including recruitment and support.

Day two of the workshop, “The Cat in the Corner – Elevating Care for Sheltered Cats,” focuses on how to provide quality physical health care, as well as behavioral well-being, for often under-supported cats in the shelter and in foster care homes. Attendees will learn how to start cats out on the right paw with care and behavior plans that begin at intake and that improve feline comfort and reduce length of stay. Specific topics include cat language, strategies to help shy, fearful and cage-aggressive cats become more adoptable, monitoring cat health and behavior, and strategies to help struggling cats.

The workshop is presented by nationally renowned instructors Lisa Gunter, Maddie’s Fund Research Fellow at Arizona State University working in the Canine Science Collaboratory, and Stephanie Stryker, Director Pima Animal Care Center, Cat Behavior Programs.

MPA members pay the lowest cost during the early-bird pricing: \$65 for both days or \$35 for one day. Non-members pay \$105 for both days or \$75 for one day during early-bird pricing. Early-bird pricing is available now through Sept. 13.

Space is limited. Register at <https://www.michiganpet.org/education-and-training/conference-workshop-info/>

Michigan Pet Alliance

Michigan’s only professional trade association of animal welfare organizations, the mission of Michigan Pet Alliance is to work in collaboration and to 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. For more information, please visit MichiganPet.org and follow @MichiganPetAlliance on Facebook.

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