

## General information about the Humane Society of Huron Valley (HSHV)

- How and when did HSHV start?
  - The Humane Society of Huron Valley (HSHV), originally Ann Arbor Humane Society, was founded in 1896 to prevent cruelty to animals (primarily horses)—and children. With a deputized officer aiding abused horses and neglected children, Ann Arbor was quick to realize that those who mistreat animals are likely to also harm people. Though other organizations later took on child welfare as their focus, HSHV has continued to be committed to the humane treatment of all animals. Today, though we continue to work with wildlife and farm animals, the majority of creatures we care for are companion animals and their people.
- How many years has HSHV been helping animals?
  - HSHV has been helping animals since 1896! We originally began by helping mostly horses, and we have expanded our organization to support the loving, responsible care of all animals in our community.
- Are you a no kill shelter?
  - Yes! As defined by Maddie's Fund, a leader in the no-kill movement, we are classified as a no-kill shelter. They define *no-kill* as saving both healthy and treatable animals, with euthanasia reserved only for unhealthy and untreatable animals. We have the highest “save rate” among all similar animal shelters in Michigan (over 95%), and well-known organizations such as the Michigan Pet Fund Alliance consistently recognize HSHV for our save rate.
- Where does HSHV get funding?
  - Primarily from generous individuals like you! It's a misconception that there's an overarching, national humane society that funds local branches; HSHV is neither affiliated with another organization nor do we receive any money from any other humane organization. We are not funded by United Way, either. We are a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that receives the majority of our support from private people who generously give tax-deductible donations.
- How many animals does your shelter typically house?
  - This depends greatly on the time of year. We have more animals during the spring, summer and early fall months as this is “kitten season,” a time when cats are more likely to have litters. Often, we

get young kittens too small to be available for adoption, so they spend time with our amazing foster families. We have had up to 250 kittens in foster during kitten season. There are approximately 67 dog/puppy cages and 107 cat/kitten cages. This does not include the cat communal rooms, which can house multiple cats, and our cat café, the [Tiny Lions Lounge and Adoption Center](#), which typically has 10-18 cats at a time.

- Are you connected to \_\_\_\_?
  - Nope! Though people often think humane societies are linked, they're not! HSHV is an independent organization and is not affiliated with, owned by or funded by any other organization. Think of "humane society" like the term "hospital"; it means something in terms of similar services they may offer, but they are all run differently.
- What kinds of animals do you have at HSHV?
  - We care for a wide variety of animals including: cats, dogs, rabbits, birds, guinea pigs, hamsters, chinchillas, ferrets, gerbils, reptiles, amphibians, pigs, goats, horses, cows, chickens and so many more! As the only shelter in Washtenaw County, HSHV serves over 14,000 animals (and their people) every year. Some of those animals are domestic companion animals, while others are wild animals in need of help.
- What programs and services does HSHV offer?
  - HSHV offers a variety of services including: pet adoption and humane dog training classes; humane education through youth camps, classroom field trips and community outreach; lost and found pet service; emergency wildlife rescue and discount humane wildlife removal service; nonprofit full-service veterinary clinic with monthly low cost vaccine clinics; emergency pet food assistance and harbor for community members in need; and animal cruelty investigation. And we're always looking to improve and expand upon the services and programs we offer to the public. See more at our website: [www.hshv.org](http://www.hshv.org).