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Shelter to Home's FAQ Corner

Why don't you accept stray or owner surrendered animals into your program?

Shelter to Home's mission statement is to save impounded animals in the downriver area of Metro-Detroit by placing them into a home foster care setting until permanent and loving homes can be found. The euthanasia rates at these pounds are extremely high. Shelter to Home is dedicated to saving the adoptable animals that are at the highest risk of euthanasia, and so we do not accept owner surrendered animals so that we can stay focused on our mission.

Depending on the city, it may be illegal for anyone to take a stray animal off of the street because it is possible that it belongs to someone. If you see a stray animal, contact your local animal control officer. The officer will bring it to the pound your city uses where it will be kept for a four to seven day waiting period to see if anyone comes to claim the animal.

How do I become a volunteer or foster parent with Shelter to Home?

Anyone can become a volunteer with Shelter to Home by helping at adoption events, caring for the cats residing at the cat habitat that we occupy at the Canton Petsmart, chairing or participating in fundraisers, and transporting animals. Anyone over the age of 18, or anyone under the age of 18 with support of their family, can apply to become a foster parent with Shelter to Home. We provide all vet care and food to the foster home, and we allow our foster parents to choose which animals they would like to foster. Foster homes are essential because the more foster homes we have, the more lives we can save.

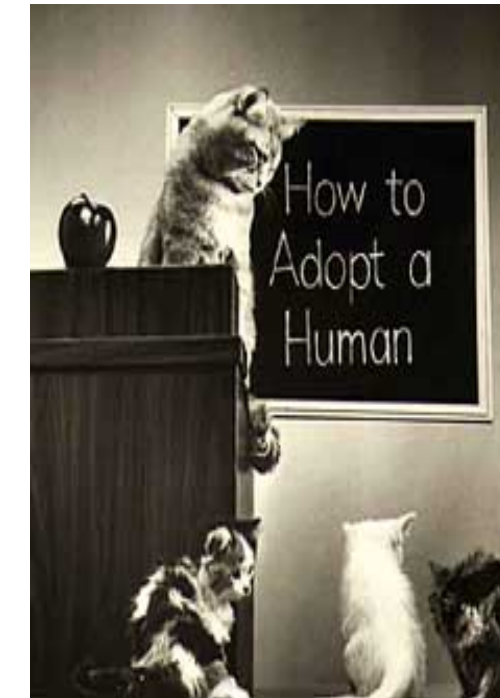
Email volunteer@shelkertohome.com for more information or to fill out a volunteer application.



A special thank you...

To everyone that has helped Shelter to Home have such great success in 2007. Our rescue grew at a tremendous rate. Because of our generous donors, adopters and volunteers, we rescued 377 cats and dogs and placed 306 into permanent loving homes in 2007! We have been a non-profit organization for only a year and already have over 40 volunteers!

We had such great support at our bowling event in January that we raised over \$3,000 for our rescued animals, along with hundreds of dollars worth of donated goods! Thank you to everyone that has supported our passion; we hope to make 2008 even better!



Shelter to Home Wins Maddie's Fund Award

Maddie's Fund, a grant that was created to help hard to place dogs and cats, launched a competition through Petfinder.com in August 2007. Maddie's Fund defines a hard to place animal as "a cat or dog that is

elderly, blind, deaf, disfigured, shy, unattractive, or requires in-home follow up medical or behavioral care." Non-profit

animal rescues were judged based on their creative strategies on how to get these animals adopted. Shelter to Home was selected as one of the winners and we were awarded a \$5,000 grant! Shelter to Home's marketing strategy consisted of a YouTube video created by some of our volunteers. You can view the video by visiting our website at shelkertohome.com

Kalin Albertsen, Director of Shelter to Home, Inc., said, "Brown tabby and black cats are of the most difficult ones for us to find homes. They are overlooked for cats with more colorful or unique patterns. No cat should be left in a shelter to die simply because it looks 'average'." Shelter to Home rescued 96 hard to place animals in 2007.

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Shelter to Home, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that consists entirely of unpaid volunteers. We rely solely on donations to provide care for our foster animals. To make a donation, please visit our website, or mail donations to:

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2007 Success Stories

Many of you may remember Alex, the Labrador Retriever that Shelter to Home rescued in October. Alex had a shattered and infected leg and pelvis and lay for five days at a local shelter without any medical attention. With the help of donations from the public and Guardians for Animals, we fixed his leg and put him through rehabilitation therapy. Alex is now living a wonderful and spoiled life with his new owner in Allen Park.



"When I saw Josie, aka Maggie, it was love at first sight. We are looking forward to many happy years with her. She is already so attached to us that she follows us everywhere. We can't imagine life without her."-Cathy Kozlowski

"Adopting Emma, aka Cookie, was the best decision my boyfriend and I ever made together. Ben and I get much joy from our kitten; she makes us laugh with her curious explorations and provides us with a serene environment when we've had a hard day at work. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to become proud and loving owners."-Lisa Hing

The Star Wars Babies

Shelter to Home rescued a litter of kittens that were severely malnourished and in critical condition. We gave the kittens the medical attention, love and care that they needed, and they have all been adopted into permanent, loving homes.



Yoda, Before



Yoda, After

Upcoming Events

Petsmart Canton Adoption Events

March 15, 12-3pm

April 19, 12-3pm

May 17, 12-3pm

Petsmart Woodhaven Adoption Events

March 9, 12-3pm

April 13, 12-3pm

May 11, 12-3pm

Fundraiser

Shelter to Home has officially obtained a raffle license. Our first raffle is for a \$500 Macy's Travel card that can be used anywhere in the U.S. The raffle will be held on April 19. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. To purchase tickets, email info@shelkertohome.com or visit www.myspace.com/shelkertohome.

"There are many, many great things in life. One of them is being woken up by your purring cat who only wants your attention, at least an hour before you want to get up."- Jason and Heather Carbery, adopters of 2 Shelter to Home cats



Spay/Neuter 101

Shelter to Home spays and neuters every animal taken into its program before it is adopted. Unfortunately not everyone spays or neuters, and as a result, thousands of homeless animals are euthanized in shelters each year.

General Spay/Neuter Information

Spaying (ovariohysterectomy) is the surgical removal of the reproductive organs of the female animal. Neutering (castration) is the surgical removal of the reproductive glands of the male animal. All sterilization surgery is performed under general anesthesia by a licensed veterinarian. Cost varies depending on the vet, but many cities hold low cost spay/neuter clinics.

Health Benefits of Spaying and Neutering

Spaying or neutering an animal early in their life can lead to a longer lifespan. It can also lead to a healthier life.

Spaying helps eliminate: heat cycles, breast cancer, mammary tumors, ovary or uterus tumors, and uterine infections.

Neutering helps eliminate: territoriality and aggression, prostate enlargement and disease, and hernias.

Spaying or neutering your animals can not only help fight the overpopulation of animals, but it makes your pets more affectionate, less likely to stray from home, spray or bite.

Common Spay/Neuter Misconceptions Exposed

Misconception: My cat/dog isn't old enough to be sterilized.

FACT: Many veterinarians sterilize dogs and cats as young as eight weeks of age.

Misconception: My children should experience the miracle of birth.

FACT: Even if children are able to see a pet give birth—which is unlikely, since it usually occurs at night and in seclusion—the lesson they will really learn is that animals can be created and discarded. Instead, it should be explained to children that the real miracle is that

preventing the birth of some pets can save the lives of others.

Misconception: My pet is a purebred.

FACT: So are a quarter of the animals brought to animal shelters around the country—mixed breed and purebred.

Misconception: I'll find good homes for all the puppies and kittens.

FACT: You may find homes for all of your pet's litter. However, each home you find means one less home for the dogs and cats in shelters. Each of your pet's offspring may have his or her own litter, adding even more animals to the population.

Did you know... a female cat can become pregnant at just 6 months old, and she can become pregnant by more than one cat at a time?

