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## CALENDAR of Events

### August 20

Charter "Collars for a Cause" 5  
Pet Adoption Event  
Maple Hill Auto Group  
5622 W. Main Street, Kalamazoo

### August 26

National Dog Day

### September 5

Labor Day

The KHS office will be closed for the  
Labor Day holiday.

## FRIENDS FUNDRAISING AND FUN!

Participants in the Kalamazoo Humane Society's 27th Annual Dog Walkathon on May 7 were treated to good weather, good food and good fun - all for a good cause. With people and their dogs in abundance, it was social networking at its best!

Over 980 registered walkers reunited with friends and made new ones while enjoying some of the best canine entertainment that can be found in the state. Recognizing that this is KHS' largest fundraiser, many participants also raised gifts to help support our crucial spay/neuter, emergency pet food and humane education programs. Even so, we didn't reach our goal of \$100,000 by the June 6 deadline.

### WE STILL NEED YOUR HELP!

Please help us demonstrate that Kalamazoo cares for animals by helping KHS reduce pet overpopulation and assist animals in need. We can't imagine more effective ways to help dogs and cats in our community than by stemming the flow of unwanted animals and providing emergency pet food. We shared with you earlier this year that KHS spayed and neutered 5,451 dogs and cats last year, and we'd like to reach 8,500 this year. Your support



that provides low-cost spay/neuter surgeries will give the many wonderful dogs and cats available for adoption in our local shelters a better chance of finding loving homes. And your support that provides emergency pet food will help our financially strapped citizens feed and maintain their beloved pets.

Your support can literally save lives. Special thank you goes out to our event sponsors and participants who raised money for our important programs. We've listed on page 2 the walkers who raised \$100 or more.



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# Kindness Out of Control.

- part 1



*With at least 50 cats freely wandering a Decatur neighborhood, residents had become frustrated and disturbed. They cared about the cats' welfare, but there were so many cats that they had become a neighborhood nuisance. A senior citizen had compassionately begun feeding the cats, but food costs were mounting, and the cats showed no signs of leaving.*

## - Clearly, help was needed.

Enter the Kalamazoo Humane Society, willing to help capture the cats, provide them with medical assistance and work with rescue groups to find them suitable homes. Imagine trying to round up 50 cats and cage them though! To date we have successfully captured 45 cats and have begun the process of spaying and neutering the cats old enough for surgery.

When cats are allowed to roam freely, they can be a nuisance and can contribute to the overpopulation of companion animals. To prevent unwanted litters, KHS offers low-cost spay/neuter surgeries for dogs and cats. We want to thank **Animals Best Friend Fund** for providing the funding to have the Decatur cats spayed or neutered.

This year, we partnered with Michigan State University's College of Veterinary Medicine for the 5th year in a row, spaying and neutering 280 cats/dogs during three long days (July 7, 8, and 9). We've heard from many people over the years that without this event or our in-office surgery program ("Operation Fix-It"), they would not have been able to afford to spay or neuter their pets. Just as importantly, when we partner with MSU to perform spay/neuter surgeries, MSU veterinary students have a hands-on opportunity to learn surgical techniques. It's a win-win for our community and for MSU. We believe this will help to prevent many more situations like that in Decatur where a few unaltered cats create a huge pet overpopulation problem. ■ ■ ■

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# DOG WALK 2011

*And the  
Winners are...*

## TOP INDIVIDUALS - 2011

NAME	TOTAL	PLACE
Karen Arvanigian	\$1,790.00	1st
Kristin Goodchild	\$1,615.22	2nd
Yvonne Stork	\$735.00	3rd

## TOP PACKS - 2011

NAME	TOTAL	PLACE
Prancing Pugs for Progress	\$2,451.76	1st
Camp Fido & Tip Top Tails Peace Pac	\$1,520.21	2nd
Saphira's Dragon Riders	\$1,081.93	3rd

## TOP CHILDREN - 2011

NAME	TOTAL	PLACE
Cailla Moss	\$944.30	1st
Isabelle Jorgensen	\$501.00	2nd
Delaney Lambrix	\$432.30	3rd

## - TOP DOG WALK PLEDGE PARTICIPANTS -

### \$1000 +

Karen Arvanigian  
Kristin Goodchild

### \$500 - \$999

Isabelle Jorgensen  
Janet Leonard  
Cailla Moss  
Shirley Smith  
Yvonne Stork

### \$250 - \$499

Sarah Adams  
Renee Bertman  
Janine Black  
Kim Bussell  
Jill Chapman  
Mike DeBruyne  
Susan Dennis  
Bill & Deb Choche Hughes  
James Kelly

### \$250 - \$499

Stephanie King  
Delaney Lambrix  
Tammy Lawrance  
Art Laws  
Don Marr  
Kerry Mulholland  
Martha Nicholson  
Genipher Oswald  
Kathy Smyser

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**- TOP DOG WALK  
PLEDGE PARTICIPANTS -**

**\$250 - \$499**

Kat Vogtmann  
Torrey Wenger  
Cindy Whisler  
Betty Wright

cont'd

**\$100 - \$249**

Susan Ahrenholz  
Joe Beaupre'  
Billie Blake  
Shannon Blankenship  
Kim Bradford  
Jamie Braun  
Nancy Brookins  
Jan Burnett  
Heather Cerridwen  
Joline Chaney  
Denise Clark  
Jennifer Cohen  
Joy Conrad  
Scott Cook  
Maria Dean  
Blake DeSchot  
Kimberly Dimock  
Diana Ebinger  
Tari Eldridge  
Fred Flegal  
Darlene Frantz  
Deborah Gillam  
Linda Gonzalez  
Cynthia Graham  
Amy Hoffman  
Matt Hoffman  
Nicole Hoffman  
Kristen Howard  
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Peter Kushner  
Ronnie Lindsley  
Kristy Loftis  
Christine Mahaney  
Katie Marchal  
Heike O'Boyle  
Chloe O'Neil  
Coreen Perkins  
Colleen Poot  
Danielle Ramgren  
James Sanders  
Kerry Simonton  
Becky Stine  
Julie Sullivan  
Laurie Ulrich  
Jeff Whisler  
Jill Williams  
Aaron Winters  
Eugene Wood  
Bette Zawacki

# making the “Dog Days” OF SUMMER EASIER ON YOUR PET.

By Julie Wojtaszek

***Summer may be your favorite time of year, but with it comes the heat, humidity and summer storms—all of which can be very hard on your dog. When planning your summer, it is important to remember your canine family members to make sure they make it through the summer happy and healthy.***

“We see and hear of so many dogs every summer that get dangerously ill, or worse, by being placed in completely avoidable situations,” stated Liam Crowe, Bark Busters’ president, CEO and master trainer. “Many times the owners just don’t know any better, so education is the first step in preventing our dogs from getting heat stroke, dehydration and other heat-related maladies.” Depending on your experience level with dogs, below are either some new tips or some important reminders to keep your canine friends happy and safe during the summer months.

## Heat

Heat can kill...and very quickly. Make sure your pet has plenty of cool, clean water. Do not dehydrate your pup by exercising it in the heat of the day. Save the run or long walk for early morning or late evening when it is cooler. Bring plenty of water with you and give him a drink whenever you take one. Be aware, too, that hot pavement can burn your dog’s paws. So if the pavement feels warm or hot to your hand, your dog will not like it. Dogs don’t have shoes to insulate their feet!

If your dog is spending time outside, make sure he has shade available to him along with plenty of cool, clean water. Provide two or more sources of water in case one gets knocked over. Your dog will also need shelter in the event of a sudden storm. He does not want to be out in the storm any more than you do. For his shelter, be sure to provide adequate ventilation because heat is a major cause of death in pets in the summer.

## Cars & Trucks

Do not leave your dog in the car, even with the windows open. Heat buildup is tremendous, and it will not take long for him to



overheat and suffer heat stroke. In less than 10 minutes, a car can reach over 120 degrees when it is only 80 degrees outside. Remember, your dog is wearing a fur coat. Think how you would feel if you were wearing fur at this time of the year!

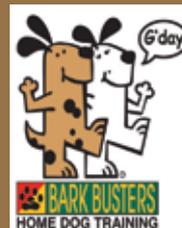
Some dogs love to stick their heads out of the window to catch a breeze. It may look cute to you, but flying objects can injure your dog’s eyes and the constant flapping of his ears in the wind can harm them. Instead, crate or harness your dog to keep him safe. The back of a pickup is not a safe place for him. If untethered, he can jump or fall out, and even if he is tethered, he may get jerked around and injured during turns or sudden stops. He could also be hurt from the intense heat on the bed of a pickup.

## Water

If your dog loves the water and loves to jump into the pool, make sure he knows how to get out safely. Dogs will instinctively try to get out at the same place they went in, so it is important to teach your dog or puppy where and how to get out of the pool regardless of where he went in. It is also important for you to keep an eye on him when he is in the pool because swimming is very tiring for a dog.

Be aware of the surrounding area if you take your dog to the beach, lake or pond. Watch for trouble and make sure your dog will come to you as soon as you call. Recall is one of the most important lessons you can teach your dog. It can literally save his life.

With a little planning and thought, we can help our dogs enjoy the summer and make it through without incident. We love our pets and want them to be with us for as long as possible.



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# Memorials & Honorariums

We gratefully acknowledge these gifts received from March 9, 2011 – June 17, 2011. Gifts received after June 17, 2011 will be published in the Fall edition of *Humane News and Views*. All honorarium recipients, the families of memorial recipients and contributors will receive special letters of acknowledgement from the Executive Director of the Kalamazoo Humane Society.

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## Yappy Hour Thank You!

The Kalamazoo Humane Society would like to extend a big THANK YOU to Jeff K. Ross Financial Services for sponsoring a Yappy Hour for friends and clients at Martel's Restaurant in Parkview Hills to benefit our organization. Pets and their humans enjoyed treats and hors d'oeuvres. We also want to thank Barks 5th Avenue, Katie Redmond Photography and Laura Soule Pet Masseuse for providing their services to event participants.



## Wish List

- Dry dog and cat food
- Dry Kitten Food
- Cat and dog treats
- Paper towels
- Liquid laundry detergent for high efficiency (he) machines
- Distilled water
- Isopropyl alcohol
- Hydrogen peroxide
- Baby receiving blankets
- Office copier paper

Wish list items may be delivered to the KHS office Mon - Fri between 9 am - 5 pm.

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