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**FRIENDS FOR ANIMALS OF METRO DETROIT IS OVER-CAPACITY  
AND RUNNING JULY ADOPTION SPECIALS**

**DEARBORN July 19, 2024** – Help Friends for Animals of Metro Detroit save more lives by taking advantage of their partnership with BISSELL Pet Foundation for Summer National Empty the Shelters, running \$25 adoption specials on ALL animals until July 31, including kittens, puppies and small breeds.

Now is the time to adopt, as Friends for Animals currently has 300+ animals in their care, with 80+ of those animals in foster homes. Adopting an animal offers one animal the opportunity for a second chance in a new home and another animal the chance to find one!

Come visit Friends for Animals this weekend at their MaryAnn Wright Animal Adoption and Education Center, located at 16121 Reckinger Road in Dearborn. The center is open Tuesday – Sunday, 10 a.m. – Noon and 1 – 4 p.m. Closed Monday. Walk-ins and same-day adoptions welcome; can also schedule a meet-and-greet or apply for an animal online. All interested adopters can find more details online at [metrodetroitanimals.org](http://metrodetroitanimals.org).

Adoption fees include microchip, age-appropriate vaccines and spay/neuter. Head over to [metrodetroitanimals.org/adopt-a-pet/](http://metrodetroitanimals.org/adopt-a-pet/) to learn more about adopting!

"It has been a rough time in animal welfare. We are seeing an increased intake of stray animals in our community while not enough animals are being adopted to combat the volume of these animals coming through our doors. Simply put, we need homes," said President and CEO Cory Keller.

Last year, Friends for Animals reunited or found successful forever homes for over 2,500 animals; reuniting 202 lost pets with their owners; and through foster families, were able to give extra love and care to 707 dogs and cats.

With the average cost of \$900 per animal, the organization needs financial support more than ever before to be able to provide the necessary care and treatments for all these homeless animals. If you'd like to donate to Friends for Animals for any of the 2,500 animals that are cared for each year, please

consider donating to our Brighter Days Critical Fund Drive today at [www.metrodetroitanimals.org/brighterdays/](http://www.metrodetroitanimals.org/brighterdays/)

BISSELL Pet Foundation's Empty the Shelters event is the largest funded adoption event in the country. This lifesaving event began in 2016 with a goal of encouraging more families to choose adoption. More than 253,000 pets have found loving homes since its inception. Empty the Shelters is BISSELL Pet Foundation's largest program, partnering with 742 animal welfare organizations in 49 states and Canada to reduce adoption fees.

BISSELL Pet Foundation, a national animal welfare organization dedicated to ending pet homelessness, is prompting a national call for adoption once again this spring with its Empty the Shelters reduced-fee adoption event July 8-31. Friends for Animals of Metro Detroit will participate along with more than 390 shelters in 44 states. To help deserving shelter pets find loving homes, BISSELL Pet Foundation sponsors reduced adoption fees of \$50 or less per cat or dog during each nationwide event.

Friends for Animals is a 501c3 organization and is located at 16121 Reckinger in Dearborn. Friends for Animals of Metro Detroit is dedicated to the rescue, protection, and adoption of companion animals in need, while inspiring the human-animal bond. Friends for Animals of Metro Detroit was founded in 1993 by inspired volunteers who believed that homeless animals in our region deserve a second chance at life. Building on our strong sense of animal welfare, Friends for Animals has grown in the past 30 years to an organization of great impact in the companion animal welfare community.

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