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Fall in Love with a Shelter Pet at Friends for Animals of Metro Detroit During BISSELL Pet Foundation for Fall National Empty the Shelters™

Friends for Animals of Metro Detroit joins 390+ shelters nationwide to reduce adoption fees and find loving homes for pets

Dearborn, MI. October 1, 2024—BISSELL Pet Foundation, a national animal welfare organization dedicated to ending pet homelessness, is prompting a national call for adoption this fall with its Empty the Shelters reduced-fee adoption event from Oct. 1-15. 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 of Metro Detroit will participate Oct. 1-15 at the MaryAnn Wright Animal Adoption and Education Center, located at 16121 Reckinger Road, Dearborn, MI 48126, offering \$25 on all cats and \$50 on all dogs.*
- *Monday & Tuesday: Closed; Wednesday – Sunday: 12 p.m. – 4 p.m. 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*

"Right now, our nation's animal shelters are in crisis with too many pets coming in and not enough adoptions to keep up. Euthanasia rates have hit a 3-year-high, and healthy, adoptable pets are at risk due to space constraints," said Cathy Bissell, Founder of BISSELL Pet Foundation. "BISSELL Pet Foundation's Fall National Empty the Shelters offers a chance for the community to save lives through adoption while creating space for shelters to help more pets. If you can't adopt, fostering can also make a lifesaving difference. Deserving pets across the country are counting on all of us."

Friends for Animals has been involved with BISSELL Pet Foundation's "Empty the Shelters" for a couple years now and they love to participate more than once a year. Their shelter is currently over-capacity, and they need help making room for more animals to find homes. Last summer, 90 cats and 33 dogs were adopted.

"We are grateful to have this support from The Bissell Foundation, as it has been a year full of being over-capacity. These adoption specials provide incentives to the community to consider all the wonderful animals we have waiting for their second chance. If you have been considering adopting a new family member, please consider stopping into our shelter, as we can help you find the best match for your family," said Friends for Animals President and CEO Cory Keller.

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. Nearly 283,000 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 and Friends for Animals of Metro Detroit urge families to research the pet they are interested in adopting, as well as adoption requirements. For more information on adopting or donating to Empty the Shelters, visit www.bissellpetfoundation.org/empty-the-shelters and metrodetroitanimals.org.

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About BISSELL Pet Foundation:

BISSELL Pet Foundation is a charitable 501©(3) nonprofit organization with a mission to help reduce the number of animals in shelters through pet adoption, spay/neuter programs, vaccinations, microchipping and emergency support. Founded in 2011 by

Cathy Bissell, BPF is an extension of her long-standing love for animals and commitment to their welfare. BPF has since partnered with more than 6,000 shelters and rescues across the U.S. and Canada to help pets find loving homes. The foundation is supported by generous donors and BISSELL Inc. where every purchase saves pets. To learn more, visit www.bissellpetfoundation.org.

About [Friends for Animals of Metro Detroit](#):

Friends for Animals is a 501c3 organization and is located at 16121 Reckinger in Dearborn. Friends for Animals is dedicated to the rescue, protection, and adoption of companion animals in need, while inspiring the human-animal bond. Friends for Animals was founded in 1993 by 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. The organization helps find homes for approximately 2,500 dogs and cats each year.

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