



Dear Concerned Cat Advocate,

Mid-Michigan Cat Rescue (MMCR) is a non-profit organization consisting solely of volunteers dedicated to locating new and loving homes for abused, neglected, abandoned and owner-relinquished cats and kittens. As such, the number of cats we can effectively care for is limited by our available volunteer base and monetary resources. We are not an emergency service. Please visit our website at midmichigancatrescue.org for more information not included in this packet.

Thank you for your concern for and efforts on behalf of our feline friends. Your actions may enable many cats to find loving, caring homes and/or improve their lives. Enclosed you will find information on possible solutions that may help ensure the cat's health and well-being, as well as community harmony. Please remember the one biggest thing you can do to help the cat or cats you are concerned about is to have them spayed or neutered. **In Michigan, over 76,000 cats are euthanized every year because there are not enough homes for them.** In this packet you will find a list of veterinarians that provide low-cost sterilization services. If you believe you qualify for free spay/neuter assistance and are at 150% poverty level, please call us and leave your address again so we can mail you a spay/neuter voucher.

As we adopt out cats, space will become available in our program, although it may be up to a 3-6 month wait on average depending on the particulars of the cat and foster home availability. Please send back the "Owner Contact Information Sheet" and the "Cat or Kitten Profile" if you want to apply to be added to the waiting list. MMCR will contact you when we receive the required forms and at that time we will counsel you on approximate waiting period, and whether your cat qualifies to be added to our waiting list. Unfortunately, we can't accept every cat onto our list. We cannot accept very young or very old cats or cats with aggression or some types of behavior issues. MMCR can, however, assist you with care and behavioral advice to help you keep your cat in your home. Call our voicemail or email us at the address listed below for this type of assistance. **Once again, be aware that 76,000 cats are euthanized every year in Michigan, and MMCR receives hundreds of requests each week from people who would like us to take their own cats, strays, or wild cats in their area.** The volunteers of MMCR care about each and every cat that is in need and we will try our best to assist as many cats as we can but, due to our limited funds, and space we can't take in and care for every homeless cat in the Mid-Michigan area. We thank you in advance for your time and efforts on behalf of these cats. If you would like to make a monetary donation to help MMCR or volunteer please let us know, we appreciate any assistance you can give to help the homeless cats in mid-Michigan. Thank you in advance for your time and efforts on behalf of these cats. Please send forms to the mailing address or email listed below.

**Mid-Michigan Cat Rescue, Inc.
1117 Tulip St.
Grand Ledge, MI 48837
(517) 622-4653**

**mid-michigancatrescue.org
sarahvicary@yahoo.com**

Sincerely,

Sarah Vicary
Founder & Director



Mid-Michigan Cat Rescue, Inc. is a non-profit, non-state and non-federally funded, 501.c(3) volunteer based organization in the mid-Michigan area that depends solely on donations from the general public and fundraisers.

We are dedicated to finding lifetime homes for abused, abandoned, neglected, or owner-surrendered cats and kittens. All rescued cats or kittens are temporarily fostered in foster homes (not a shelter) until a qualified, responsible applicant can be matched to each individual cat and permanently adopted. We maintain the highest standards of comprehensive veterinary care for all animals in our care.

We are a non-euthanasia organization (except when injury, disease or temperament makes other options impossible) and do not sell to research facilities.

We accept personal, lifetime responsibility for any animal that has been in our care and make every attempt to adopt out healthy, well socialized and mentally-sound cats and kittens. We keep the highest standards of professionalism and excellence in care including love, tenderness, dignity, and compassion for our foster cats. We are a dedicated and responsible group of volunteers with many years of in-home foster care experience who are motivated and focused on cat and kitten rescue.

Did You know?



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An un-spayed female, her mate and all of their offspring, producing two litters per year, with 2.8 surviving kittens per litter can total:

- 1 year: 12 CATS!
- 2 years: 67
- 3 years: 376
- 4 years: 2,107
- 5 years: 11,801
- 6 years: 66,088
- 7 years: 370,092

Important reasons to spay or neuter a cat!

Spayed (Female)

- No heat cycles
- Less desire to roam
- Risk of mammary gland tumors, ovarian and/or uterine cancer is reduced or eliminated

Neutered (Male)

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- Reduce or eliminate spraying and marking
- Less desire to roam
- Risk of testicular cancer is eliminated



Mid-Michigan Cat Rescue Programs

Direct Foster Care Program

When openings are available in one of our qualified foster homes, we will take owner release, strays, and shelter cats into our program. If you have a cat or kitten that needs placement and our foster homes are full, your cat will be placed on the foster home waiting list. MMCR requires that you provide us with the appropriate information (both good and bad) about the cat or kitten to be placed. You must stay in touch with MMCR by returning our phone calls and emails promptly. Please provide the following information and mail it to Mid-Michigan Cat Rescue, 1117 Tulip St., Grand Ledge, MI 48837.

- Contact name
- Contact phone and email
- Contact address
- Veterinarian contact name and number
- Fill out a “Cat or Kitten Profile”, one for each adult cat you wish to relinquish and one per litter of kittens, to the best of your ability
- Sending a picture is also highly suggested but not required

When a foster home becomes available, you will be contacted by a MMCR volunteer to set up an appointment. Your cat will be given a brief physical examination, checked for sociability and temperament by a MMCR volunteer, and medical records reviewed (if the animal has been seen by a veterinary) provided at the set appointment. An Owner Relinquishment Agreement (which we provide) must be completed once your cat is approved. To relinquish a cat or kitten to MMCR, the owner must be present and at least 18 years of age. You must make arrangements with a MMCR Board Member for a time and location to surrender your cat.

Low Cost Spay/Neuter and Feral Cat Assistance Programs

MMCR maintains a feral colony of over 80 cats and we practice trap, neuter, and release (TNR) whenever possible. MMCR also aids the general public with low cost spay and neuter vouchers. The Feral Cat Assistance Program is the process of trapping feral (wild) cats, having them altered, and then returning unadoptable cats to the area they were living in, or a new safe area for them.

Education Programs

We assist in public education about the importance of sterilization to reduce over-population and the humane treatment of domestic animals. We do presentations at schools about basic pet care, the importance of sterilization of all animals, and animal welfare.

Adoption and Promotional Events

MMCR participates in many different types of events to promote the adoption of our animals and our programs. Currently these include weekly adoption events at PetSmart, monthly events at Petco, and twice yearly at the Meet Your Best Friend at the Detroit Zoo. We are looking to expand our community outreach and education by attending local and special community events to help raise awareness of our organization, programs, and goals. If you know of an event that may be suitable, please let us know!



**Mid-Michigan Cat Rescue, Inc.
Low Cost Spay/Neuter Area Vets
Feral Cat Resources**

**Mid-Michigan Cat Rescue
Low Cost Spay/Neuter Program
517-622-4653**

We use a local, high quality veterinary clinic for all our low-cost spay/neutering. All spay/neuters must go through us to receive the discount. The more cats we bring to our vet, the more the costs go down for their services.

Other Mid Michigan Clinics

Dansville Veterinary Hospital
Dansville, MI 48819
517-623-6541

Perry Animal Clinic
Perry, MI 48872
517-625-3747

West Michigan Clinics

Spay Neuter Express
11610 East Fulton Street
Lowell , MI 49331
616-897-8865
www.spayneuterexpress.com
(See website for more information on hours and locations)

C-Snip
1675 Viewpond SE
Kentwood, MI 49508
616-455-8220
info@csnip.org

Alley Cat Angels
Battle Creek Area
Feral/stray cat sterilization
1-877-636-9669

South East Michigan Clinics

Silver Lake Animal Rescue League
Dixie Highway
Waterford, MI
248-545-6583, ext.5

Humane Society of Huron Valley
Ann Arbor, MI
313-662-4365

Having a cat spayed or neutered greatly increases their chances of finding a loving home, decreases the chance of injury, spread of diseases and helps with the overwhelming population growth.

We highly recommend that you contact a veterinary for assistance with the cat you are trying to help.

National Resources

Spay USA
National Hotline
1-800-248-SPAY

Feral Cat Information and Assistance

Alley Cat Allies—will send you a list of local groups & individuals with TNR expertise that can provide assistance.
1-240-482-1980
www.alleycat.org/feralfriends

Alley Cat Rescue
1-301-277-5595
www.saveecat.org

Neighborhood Cats
www.neighborhoodcats.org

Live Trap Rentals
(Deposits usually required)

Ingham County Animal Shelter
600 Curtis
Mason, MI 48854
517-676-8370

Mid-Michigan Cat Rescue
1117 Tulip St.
Grand Ledge, MI 48837
517-622-4653

Tractor Supply Co.
www.tractorsupply.com
1-877-718-6750
(This is for purchase only)



Mid-Michigan Cat Rescue, Inc. Owner Contact Information Sheet

Contact Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State/Zip: _____

Phones: _____ Email: _____

Reason for Relinquishment _____

MMCR experiences an overwhelming amount of requests for owner-relinquished and stray cats to be brought into our program due to the fact we are a no kill organization. We provide a lifetime commitment to each one of our rescued cats along with extensive medical care, behavioral training, and emotion well-being programs. In order to continue the successfulness of this excellent and very comprehensive program, we are currently **requiring** one of two options to be satisfied in order for acceptance of the cat into the program:

_____ \$250.00 sponsorship for immediate intake of a friendly cat. If you have kittens under 4 months old to relinquish please call to discuss sponsorship donation. We are asking that for intake of new cats, you be able to make a tax deductible donation of \$250 donation per adult cat to sponsor the new cat's possible long-term care, medical expense and assist with other program expenses. MMCR does offer the cat a lifetime commitment of care. If you are unable to make such a donation at this time, please consider volunteering with us in exchange, or take a look at the enclosed forms so we can try to help you with other re-homing options, spay/neuter, etc.

_____ 30 hours of Volunteer Service- Please note that the 30 hours of Volunteer Service must be fulfilled prior to the relinquishment of each cat no exceptions.

Option One- Sponsorship: For each cat we get, **over \$250** goes into their medical care and food, and that is only if they are in our care for just a few months; some cats - especially adults and seniors - are here much longer. The main reason we cannot take cats right away is because of the costs involved and the fact that we are an all-volunteer organization. We also make a lifetime commitment to all of our rescued cats, meaning that if they are ever returned for any reason from the adopters, we take them back and care for them until another home is found.

Option Two- Volunteering: If you cannot meet the sponsorship fee, you can volunteer! Each cat that stays here requires **over 45 hours** of caretaking, in 6 months! We always need people at the rescue to help with office and computer work, cleaning, cat care, sewing, socializing cats, and much more. We have many different volunteer options with very flexible times. If you are relinquishing your cat to us, or if we are helping you with a stray, we would love to have you become a volunteer with us for a few shifts to complete your required 30 hours. Please contact us if you have any questions.



Cat or Kitten Profile

General Information

Cat's name: _____ Breed/Color: _____
Sex: _____ Vet.: _____
Age: _____ Spay/neuter: ___ Yes ___ No Date: _____
Cat food used: _____ Last vaccination date: _____
Does the cat have a microchip? ___ Yes ___ No Registration Number: _____
Background: _____

Social and Behavioral Information

Gets along well with young children? ___ Yes ___ No If no, explain: _____

Gets along well with other cats? ___ Yes ___ No Dogs ___ Yes ___ No
Has lived with adults only? ___ Yes ___ No
Does the cat spend most of its time: ___ Indoor Only ___ Indoor/Outdoor ___ Outdoors Only
Sleeps with someone at night? ___ Yes ___ No
Likes strangers? ___ Yes ___ No
Litterbox trained? ___ Yes ___ No
Likes to be pet and/or picked up? ___ Yes ___ No If no, explain: _____
Likes (or needs) to be brushed? ___ Yes ___ No
Cat's energy level? ___ High ___ Average ___ Low
Favorite toys/things: _____
Does the cat play? ___ Yes ___ No What types of games? _____
Words or commands cat knows: _____
Health concerns or special needs? _____

Reason for relinquishment: _____



OPTIONS FOR RE-HOMING CATS

Mid-Michigan Cat Rescue (MMCR) is a no kill organization. We provide long term care for these cats after their relinquishment from the previous owner until they are adopted. We are the only facility that does this in the mid –Michigan area. In order to continue the success of this program, we are requiring one of two options to be satisfied in order for acceptance of the cat into the program. Both options are still dependent on space availability in our foster care program and will typically require some time on our waiting list.

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Newspaper: If you found a stray, a classified advertisement *must* be placed in the local paper for a minimum of 3 days: these ads are usually free. If you need to re-home your own cat, an ad can also be placed in your local paper. However, we suggest a minimum of \$25 should be asked for any cat you are trying to find a home for. When you write your ad, be honest about your cat; you want to make sure they find a home best-suited for them.

Internet Options: If you have access to a computer, look up rescues using the “local shelter” button on Petfinder.com. You can type in your zip code and pull up all the resources in your area. With this information you can contact other places that might be able to assist you in placement of your animal(s). There are also websites like www.facebook.com or www.craigslist.com where you can put the word out about your cat. Remember, it is still important to ask for a minimum \$25 re-homing fee and screen all potential homes.

Community Resources: As you continue to look for a home for your cat, another option is to spread the word in your community. Look for public bulletin boards to post flyers, talk to friends, people at your church, school, childcare center, workplace, etc; everyone has some type of network of people and places to tap into. Your community is a good place to look for a loving home for your pet because it is more likely you’ll know the person and your cat will get a safe, loving, *permanent* home.

Things to consider when looking for a new home for your cat: Do you *really* need to re-home your cat or are you able to be a good owner to this cat? What type of environment does this cat need? Is it an indoor cat or does it prefer to be outside? Would it do best as a barn cat? What special treatment does your cat need (e.g. diet, frequent grooming, high-energy cat that needs lots of space, etc.)? Is it socialized enough to be around other cats, dogs or children? Think about your cat’s needs and personality.

As always, we highly recommend you get your cat(s) spayed/neutered. For a list of low cost services, please consult the attached spay/neuter information sheet.



Q: Do I need experience with animals to volunteer?

A: No, experience is necessary - just love and a desire to help animals! We will teach you more about cats while you are here. When you choose to continue with our group, you attend an orientation for more in depth training and will receive a MMCR Volunteer Manual.

Q: Do I have to live in the Greater Lansing area to volunteer?

A: No, currently we have some volunteers all over the state. We always need help at special events that are out of town and we also have volunteers that help out from home. They help with things like brainstorming fundraising ideas, outreach in their own town, and office work that can be done at home.

Q: Is there a time commitment for volunteers?

A: No there is no time commitment. We are very flexible and have a job for everyone at MMCR! You can volunteer for as much or as little as you would like. Every little bit helps save the kitties!

Q: What kind of volunteer opportunities are available?

A: There are many opportunities of various kinds, so you can pick and choose for what you are good at. Many activities can be done from home and if you have a specialized skill we probably have a way to utilize it! We need help in the following areas:

- Professional services such as accounting, publicity, marketing or advertising
- Fundraising
- Collecting donations from locally-placed donation canisters
- Website and social networking sites such as Facebook, Twitter, etc.
- Assisting with adoption events, special events or networking events
- Clerical, correspondence, and Internet research
- Help at main foster home/headquarters
- Sewing, knitting, gardening, woodworking and crafting
- Newsletter, grant writing
- Shelter repair and maintenance
- Educational program assistance in elementary/middle schools
- Petsmart evening cleaning duties; 60 minutes, once a week
- Assistance with feral cat management program (TNR)
- Foster care or kitten socialization

Q: What age requirements does MMCR have for volunteering?

- If you are over 18 all you need do is fill out and return our volunteer application form.
- If you are 15 to 18 years old you can volunteer *with* parental permission. Fill out and return our youth volunteer release. Upon receiving we will schedule an orientation that one parent must attend with you but after that you can volunteer on your own.
- If you are 8 to 15 you may be able to come and volunteer *with a parent*. Both the volunteer application and youth volunteer release need to be filled out and sent to MMCR.

Q: Am I required to foster cats as a MMCR volunteer?

A: No. But if you are interested in fostering cats and kittens we do require a minimum of 3 months of volunteering with our group and a home check by a MMCR representative.



Mid-Michigan Cat Rescue (MMCR) is in need of volunteers for a variety of activities. This form is meant to assist us and you in determining your areas of interest. No experience is needed and MMCR does have training programs for almost all activities you could be interested in helping with. Mail to Mid-Michigan Cat Rescue, 1117 Tulip St. Grand Ledge, MI 48837, or email to sarahvicary@yahoo.com

Name: _____ Are you at least 18 years old? _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ (home) _____ (cell)

When is the best time to reach you: _____

E-mail address: _____

Do you have any special skills or abilities that you feel MMCR could utilize? _____

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Are you willing to have a home check if you are interested in fostering? Yes No

Have you ever been convicted of a crime? Yes No

What days and times work best for you? _____

SIGNED: _____ DATE: _____



Animal Lovers Needed

Mid-Michigan Cat Rescue, Inc.

Spend time with cats as you help us at the Mid-Michigan Cat Rescue (MMCR). By volunteering with MMCR you will help socialize our foster cats with simple grooming tasks such as brushing and nail clipping, as well as playful interaction with the cats to help them feel comfortable and loved in their new environment. We encourage lots of petting, holding and kissing of our foster cats. Socializing a cat is fun, therapeutic, and easy and will help them build a bond with humans that will assist them to find a new and loving forever home! In addition, we always need help making their environment neat and clean which might include: vacuuming, laundry, litter box cleaning, and dish washing; assistance with light clerical work is also be appreciated. We always have a lot of rewarding activities going on and would love your extra help.

This is a wonderful opportunity for families or anyone who appreciates helping animals. Friendly, social cats and kittens that live in a free-roaming home setting are looking for extra attention. This location is clean, organized, and you will be supervised by a trained volunteer who can show you activities and projects in a low-stress environment.

Available Times (these times and days are not available for change):

Mondays: 11 am - 4:30 pm,

Wednesdays: 11 am - 4:30 pm,

Thursdays: 11 am - 4:30 pm,

Saturdays: 11 am - 4:30 pm,

Important registration information:

Please register at least 2 weeks prior to a volunteer date and list 3 available date options. Also, if you have children please list how many and their ages. Also note we reply through email typically within 24-48 hours. If you do not receive a response, please check your spam folder. Phone inquiries typically take longer for replies to be made.

Our headquarters is located within a residential neighborhood, in a blue house, on the left (East) side of Tulip Street just South of Clinton Street. Please park in the church office parking lot (Immanuel Lutheran Church, right on Clinton Street). Use the sidewalk along Clinton Street to walk East to Tulip Street. If you cannot walk that far due to a medical issue you can pull into our driveway, let someone in the house know you are here, and we will valet park your car. No one can park on the Tulip Street.

For more details about our organization, please visit us at:

Midmichigancatrescue.org or 1117 Tulip Street, Grand Ledge, MI 48837