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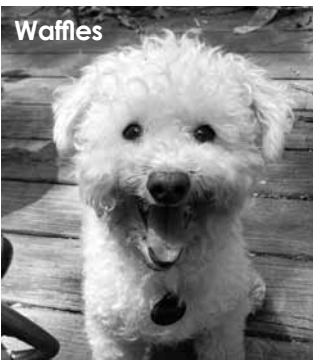
The Power of Positivity

Mr. Rogers, the beloved host of children's television, is quoted as saying "When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, "Look for the helpers, you will always find people who are helping".

When you care about the welfare of animals, it can be easy to be overwhelmed by all the television and social media stories of their abuse, abandonment and overpopulation. The graphic images leave us feeling shaken and angry at the whole human race. But we have a decision to make; we can be defeated by the negative or we can be empowered by the positive. We must look for the helpers.

After 22 years of rescue work, we can say for certain that our community is full of amazing people doing good things for animals. In that time, our dedicated volunteers, foster homes, donors and adopters have joined forces with veterinarians, groomers, trainers, and shelter workers in a monumental effort to rescue nearly

15,700 animals through Vicky's Pet Connection. Because these people believed they could make a difference, shelter animals—many of whom were sick, injured, elderly or malnourished—are now living full, happy lives with their adoptive families in homes throughout West Michigan. That's remarkable!



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We know that it isn't always easy to focus on the positive.

The fact is, as long as dogs and cats are dependent on their human caretakers, they will always be vulnerable to human cruelty, callousness and ignorance. But homeless pets don't need our tears, they need our teamwork. Right now, there are dogs and cats in our local shelter who need us to roll up our sleeves and get to work changing their futures ... and we need good people like you in our corner to make that happen.

**Homeless pets don't need our tears,
they need our teamwork!**

Open your heart to one of our adoptable pets, make a donation to ensure that more animals are helped and then, if you want to know where to look to find "the helpers", just look in the mirror. You're one of us now and Mr. Rogers would be proud.

bringing people and pets together
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