



UPPER PENINSULA ANIMAL

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### Our Mission

To improve the quality of life and welfare of domestic animals and to provide a safe haven while finding forever homes for the animals in our care. We embrace the No Kill Philosophy seeking to end the euthanasia of healthy or treatable animals.

### Our Vision

To have a community where there are no homeless, neglected or abused animals, and where everyone understands and practices the level of commitment and responsibility pet guardianship requires.

Imagine the PAWSibilities:  
Animal Community Center



**UPAWS is the leading no-kill adoption and open-admission pet housing facility serving Marquette County and the surrounding area. Every year an average of 1,500 animals come through our doors for shelter, medical care, food, and love as we find their forever home. We proudly recognize a 98 percent save rate for the animals in our care.**



# Imagine the PAWSibilities: 40 Years of Compassion

## Why Our Building Doesn't Work



### Space—

- Only 2,800 square feet
- Poorly laid out dog kennels
- No free roaming space for dogs
- Smell, size, and feel can deter adopters
- Small critters are kept in the lobby
- No room for large or farm animal rescues



### Sound-

- Cats can hear dogs barking
- Not many places for frightened semi-social cats
- High levels of stress for all animals
- Walking down a busy road

### Health-



- Sick animals stay near healthy animals
- Poor ventilation spreads disease
- Moisture and humidity influences illness

### Environment-



- Surrounded by swamp or rock bluff
- Poor water pressure
- Uneven heat distribution
- Power shortages



**1975** - Marquette County Humane Society established

**1978**— Opens as MCHS Animal Shelter

**1988** - Expands, but facility remains bare-bones

**2010**—Adopts No Kill Philosophy and rebrands to Upper Peninsula Animal Welfare Shelter

**2014**—Reaches and sustains an award-winning 98% save rate annually

**2016**— Launches Animal Community Center Campaign





# Imagine the PAWSibilities: A future of Community & Collaboration

## For our animals:

- 🐾 Create a homelike environment for our pets which will reduce stress levels so they are healthier, happier and more adoptable.
- 🐾 Prevent the spread of disease for the pets in our care.
- 🐾 Space for large animals in need of immediate rescue
- 🐾 Space for small critters
- 🐾 All season 'catios' instictual need to climb and feel outdoors
- 🐾 Play yards and trails
- 🐾 Designated medical treatment space
- 🐾 Socialization programs

...and much more!



## For our community:

- 🐾 Increase shelter space so we can meet the current and future needs of our community
- 🐾 Be a warm and welcoming place that people want to be a part of and visit
- 🐾 Maintain community resource center where people are supported and encouraged to be responsible pet owners
- 🐾 Create a pleasant work space to encourage efficient and effective work for employees and volunteers
- 🐾 Increase pet retention services—mobile food bank, microchip clinics, nail clipping
- 🐾 Expand humane education programs with schools and youth programs
- 🐾 Build fenced in year round dog park
- 🐾 Multi-purpose space for puppy parties, behavioral training, youth programs, meetings
- 🐾 Adoption Counseling

*NO other building in history has changed as much as an animal shelter.*

...and much more!

*It's a hospital—where the patients walk around barefoot.*



# Imagine the PAWSibilities: Animal Community Center

## Awards and Recognition

- Featured in Nathan Winograd's documentary on the No-Kill revolution of America, "Redemption"
- Assisted several shelters around the country achieve No-Kill status
- Presented at regional, state, and national conferences
- 2010 & 2011 Outstanding Shelter Award from Michigan Pet Fund Alliance (for medium sized, open-admission shelters)
- Featured in YesBisquit blog frequently for our work



## At a glance:

UPAWS serves all of Marquette County by providing:

- Shelter, care and love to stray and surrendered pets
- Adoption and re-homing of furry family members
- Low cost spay-neuter services
- Shelter networking and transfer programs
- Cruelty Investigation assistance to law enforcement
- Microchips for pets
- Pet end-of-life services
- Community education, outreach and volunteer opportunities

*Our work receives no financial support from the county; we depend entirely on the generosity of our donors.*