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Check out our exciting upcoming events on page 4!

Adoption Options, Pets and Pumpkins, and upcoming Holiday Open House!

We've been busy as usual at Eden Animal Haven!

In September, founders Leslie and Bill attended the Petfinder Foundation Adoption Options Conference in Tulsa. "We walked away feeling inspired and with lots of useful information and networking opportunities," Leslie said.

Speaker Dr. Brian DiGangi discussed the importance of vaccinations for shelter pets. Following the conference, EAH applied for and received a grant for \$1,423.20 to begin immunizing against feline leukemia virus. Since the cats live in a group environment, this will reduce the chance of infection by cats that test negative but are carriers. Bill and Leslie also won a raffle for a Kuranda cat bed, with two more Kuranda beds shipped to the shelter! Our deepest thanks to the Petfinder Foundation!

We also participated in our first Pets and Pumpkins this month. Although dogs comprised most of the animal participants, we spotted a few cats in attendance at this fun event (see photos at right).

Meanwhile, work planned or underway at the shelter includes painting, adding FRP on walls, installing a drop ceiling in the lobby and putting in tile flooring (see p. 2 for a profile of some of our volunteer workers). We hope to get all the cats still in the barn transferred into the new building by the beginning of December.

You'll be able to get a firsthand look at progress on our new shelter building during a Holiday Open House from 12-3 p.m. Dec. 9 (see p. 4). On our Wish list: unscented clay litter, pans & scoops; Purina One cat and kitten dry food; interactive toys; cat trees, perches, cubbies and scratching posts; laundry soap & dryer sheets, paper towels, Kuranda beds, cash/check/PayPal donations, and your help—see our call for volunteers on page 3!



Mark your calendars for Giving Tuesday on November 27. Paypal will be matching the first \$7million in Facebook donations, so set your clock for 7am CST and plan to donate early!

A-meowzing recent fundraisers!



We also raised much needed funds at our September garage sale. Thank you to everyone who donated items to sell, and to those of you who stopped by to pick up some new treasures!



The Big Meowski bowling event was a striking success! We thank Enterprise Lanes and everyone who came out to play for helping us raise over \$1000!



Our thanks to Andrew Stoll, Apiphani Webb, Annette Wardell, and LaTisha Yocum-Wooten for hosting birthday fundraisers! Together you raised over \$500 for our cats!

Our second Painting with a Twist brought in almost \$2000 and lots of cat litter! Our wonderful supporters produced a room full of colorful cat paintings! Thanks to everyone!

We are so grateful for Girl Scout Troop 70908 offering to do a service project for Eden Animal Haven! We had a visit from a few of them recently and we brainstormed some great ideas for how they can create things to help enrich our cats' lives. The first step in that process was getting to know the population they would be serving! If you have a civic or workplace group that would like to do something similar for EAH, we would welcome you! Contact info is on p. 4.



Friends of the sanctuary: Patricia & Mike Machlan

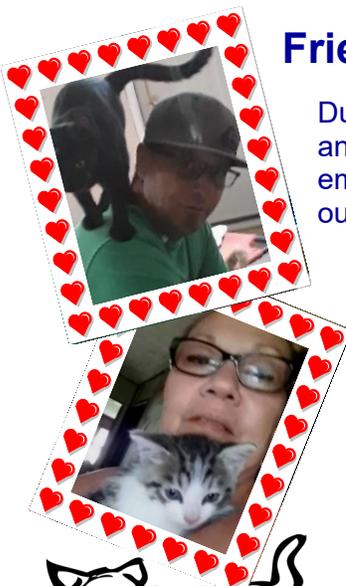
During their weekly visits to EAH, Patricia and Mike Machlan put out food and water, empty litter boxes, do laundry and change out toys.

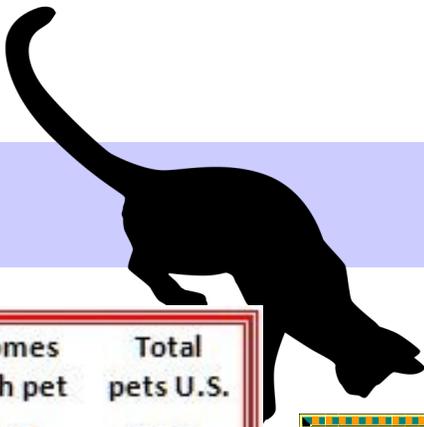
"Then, I go into each room and play with the cats and kittens, just to stimulate them and get them to know people," Patricia said. Some of the cats have had little human contact and they can use all the attention they can get. "We go together and enjoy the animals."

Mike's skills are about to benefit the shelter in another way: an experienced tile installer, he will begin laying the tile floor on Nov. 7.

"We love these cats, and it's time to give back. I feel privileged to be a part of it. Every time we go, it just lifts my heart," Patricia said.

If you'd like to help with cat care—or you have a skill to lend to help finish the shelter—contact us!





Cat-ologue

Type of pet	Homes with pet	Total pets U.S.
Cat	47.1	94.2
Dog	60.2	89.7
Fish	15.0	158.1
Bird	7.9	20.3
Sm. animal	6.7	14
Reptile	4.7	9.4
Horse	2.6	7.6

Which is more popular, cats or dogs? The truth is that both are the most popular pets in the United States!

According to the National Pet Owners Survey by the American Pet Products Association, 47.1 million households had pet cats in the home in 2017-18, compared to 60.2 million households with dogs. However, people tend to have more cats per home than dogs—there were 94.2 million cats in U.S. homes in the same years vs. 89.7 dogs. Of course, many of us have both, and we love them all!

Halloween can be scary for cats!

Around Halloween, calls to the Pet Poison Helpline increase by 12 percent, making it the busiest time of the year. Some hazards:

Glow sticks and jewelry have become popular ways to protect trick or treaters as they go from house to house. Cats love to chew on these, and, if punctured, they can cause pain and irritation to the cat's mouth. Last year the Helpline received 70 calls about such incidents, with 70 percent of

those involving cats.

Chocolate is one of the most toxic candies for pets. If your pet displays vomiting, diarrhea, agitation, increased thirst, an elevated heart

rate, or seizures, and you think it may have eaten chocolate, seek veterinary attention.

Sugary, high-fat candy may lead to pancreatitis, with symptoms similar to chocolate. They may not show up for two to four days.

Surprisingly, healthier treats such as grapes and raisins can cause kidney failure in cats and dogs.

If pets consume candy that's still wrapped, the wrappers can cause potentially life-threatening bowel obstruction.

If you think your cat may have been poisoned, contact your regular veterinarian, the Emergency Veterinary Clinic (400 S Glenstone, 417-890-1600) or call the Pet Poison Helpline at 855-764-7661.

As we grow we need more volunteers! Contact us if you can help in any of these (or other) ways! Very active volunteers may be considered for positions on the board of directors.

- contact businesses for donations of raffle merchandise or cash, or about employee donor/volunteer programs
- provide clerical help such as writing cat profiles, entering info into adoption platform, tracking and scheduling veterinary care
- drive cats to and from appointments and fosters
- take awesome photos of cats
- help screen potential adopters and schedule adoption appointments
- provide shelter services (cleaning, laundry, changing litter boxes, replenishing food and water)
- help us at fundraisers
- help socialize cats and kittens





Contact us!

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<http://awos.petfinder.com/shelters/MO613.htm>



<http://www.petestablished.com/organization/312>



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On the catwalk: Tiara

Gorgeous tricolor Tiara arrived at EAH in the middle of winter, and soon gave birth to 4 beautiful kittens that have all been adopted. She was adopted and returned to us earlier this year because she didn't get along with their other cats, and has been with us for a total of over 3 years. She does tend to be dominant, so a home without other kitties is recommended. She is very sweet and absolutely loves cuddles! She is a bit chubby and will need a controlled diet. Her adoption fee is only \$25! As a reminder, ALL of our cats that have been with us for over a year have had their adoption fees reduced to \$25 thanks to a generous donor!



Check out our upcoming events!

Nov. 25 5-8pm Drag Queen Bingo at Fuzion

Hosted by Animal Rights Club at MSU. This is a bingo night like none other! Hilarious drag queen bingo callers, music, and great gift basket prizes for bingo winners! \$10/10 bingo cards (bring your own dauber if possible), play as many as you want each game. This night only the bar will be serving CAT THEMED BEVERAGES (Did someone say, Catini? Or was that a Meowgarita?!) and \$1 from each sale of these drinks will go to Eden Animal Haven! Full menu available. Door opens at 4pm.

Nov. 27 7am-12am Giving Tuesday Our biggest Facebook fundraiser of the year, this year with \$7 million in PayPal matches available for the earliest donations!

Dec. 9 12-3pm Holiday Open House at Eden Animal Haven Seasonal beverages and snacks, cat holiday music, and awesome raffle baskets! Plus abundant cats and kittens for playing and cuddling!



The Kitten Smitten caption that got the most "ha ha"s this round was from Misty Mary Abney! Elizabeth, Diana and Henry were among 5 young cats (3 Siamese mixes and 2 Bengal mixes) we recently took in from a hoarding situation in Golden MO. After living in deplorable conditions we thought they deserved names of royalty! Charles, Diana, and Elizabeth are now ready for adoptive homes, and Henry and Victoria will be soon. Contact us if you're interested in adopting one of these Royal cats!