



lakeshorePAWfund

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FUND NAME: Lakeshore Protecting Animal Welfare Fund (the “Lakeshore PAW Fund”)

OVERRIDING FUND STATEMENT: Promote the health and welfare of companion animals in Manitowoc, Sheboygan and Calumet Counties.

MISSION STATEMENT: The mission of the Lakeshore PAW Fund is to secure, locate and provide permanent homes for companion animals that are in danger of being or have been displaced by unfortunate circumstances. This fund is established in honor of the loving animal companions that have made an immense impact on the lives and work of those dedicated to the animals, thereby strengthening the human-animal bond.

PRIORITIZED FOCUS: Ultimately, available funds and actual need control the implementation of this fund consistent with the overriding fund statement. The goal of this Fund is to support forever homes for all companion animals. As such:

(1) The priority focus of this Fund is to avoid displacement of companion animals from an otherwise loving home due to uncontrollable circumstances (such as an owner’s death, divorce, housing changes, economic hardship or special needs) through education and counseling, financial support and assistance, provision of veterinary and special needs services, temporary fostering, and other support;

(2) A secondary focus of this Fund is to minimize disregarded companion animals (such as through euthanasia, abandonment, neglect, abuse or ignorance) by supporting responsible ownership education, euthanasia alternatives counseling, financial support and assistance, provision of veterinary and special needs services, and emergency fostering; and

(3) A final focus of this Fund is to generally defend, protect and serve companion animals.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES: The following is a non-inclusive list of the type of activities and programs that could be supported as part of the overriding fund statement:

- Support existing individuals and organizations with a similar mission and focus
- Educate and raise public awareness on the emotional, financial and physical responsibilities of pet ownership, including programs at the youth level
- Foster life enrichment and rehabilitation through companion animals
- Transition assistance to avoid displacement
- Grief/bereavement assistance and counseling
- Provide veterinary care and special needs support
- Support foster homes, shelters and rescues
- Forever home transitioning
- Promote responsible companion animal ownership
- Promote adoption of stray and unwanted companion animals including after adoption support
- Reduce the homeless population of companion animals through methods such as spay/neuter and feral cat programs
- Reduce the number of companion animals euthanized through adoption, options counseling and creation and support of safe havens or sanctuaries
- Rehabilitate undesirable behaviors in companion animals to maintain or find forever homes
- Dignity and care support for companion animals being euthanized
- Disaster relief (rescue/foster of displaced companion animals - including placement from national and international disasters - as well as search and rescue training)
- Prevent and report cruelty and abuse to companion animals (including dog fighting)
- Advocate the rights of companion animals