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Tribute

IN CELEBRATION of 15 YEARS of HOPE, RESCUE, and LOVE

Detroit Animal Welfare Group

LET IT BE KNOWN; it is with great pleasure that we commemorate the 15th Anniversary of the Detroit Animal Welfare Group (DAWG). We are grateful for this opportunity to honor an organization that for 15 years has been committed to saving animals and helping them find loving homes.

Founded in 2011 by Kelley LaBonty, PhD, DAWG began with a dream of creating an animal rescue to help the growing number of animals affected by the hardships facing the surrounding communities. That dream has grown into an organization supported by more than 100 volunteers who give their time and love to animals in need.

For 15 years, DAWG has worked to rescue and rehabilitate animals, while providing hope to those who have been injured, sick, or left without a home. Based in Romeo, Michigan, DAWG extends its reach into communities throughout the region, where volunteers conduct missions to help animals in need.

DAWG has rescued more than 3,000 animals and cares for domestic animals and wildlife. Its farm provides a kennel, heated barn, and enclosures. DAWG is also USDA-licensed and the only state and federally licensed wildlife rehabilitation center in the county, allowing it to provide educational opportunities for schools and community groups.

This 15-year milestone honors every rescue, every adopter, every volunteer, and every supporter who has helped make DAWG's mission possible. Behind every rescued animal is a story of compassion, dedication, and the belief that every life deserves a chance.

At the heart of DAWG's work are the people who refuse to look away from an animal in need. Through service, fundraising, fostering, transporting, educating, and providing medical and behavioral care, the DAWG family continues to give animals hope, safety, and the opportunity for a loving home.

IN SPECIAL TRIBUTE, this document is signed and dedicated to the Detroit Animal Welfare Group in recognition of 15 years of hope, rescue, and love. We commend Kelley LaBonty, the dedicated volunteers, adopters, supporters, and partners who have changed thousands of lives.

May this 15th Anniversary serve as a celebration of all that DAWG has accomplished and all those who have been part of its journey. May the years ahead bring continued success and countless more opportunities to rescue, rehabilitate, and provide loving homes to animals in need.

With gratitude and celebration,

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