



Spring 2026

## TANNY!

**L**ittle Tanny came to us at three months of age. He was found alone at an apartment complex in Detroit. As is our protocol, we tested for FIV and, he was positive.

FIV attacks the immune system, making cats vulnerable to other infections. It is contracted through bite wounds from an infected cat. There is no cure, but FIV+ cats can live for years and even have an average life span.

Aside from being an only cat, an FIV+ cat can live in a home where cats do not fight and remain indoors.

Tanny was a bundle of joy as you would expect a young kitten to be. Because of his young age, it was determined he could be carrying the FIV antibody from his mother. Our doctors recommended retesting in four to six months to be certain.

Our team adopted Tanny out in mid November to a lovely woman. This marked the first FIV+ adoption for MACS.

Your donations allow us to step in for kittens like Tanny—providing critical medical care and turning uncertainty into a forever home. 🐾



*Tanny was a bundle of joy!*

*Your donations make rescuing kittens like Tanny possible.*



## *A Special Thank You*

MACS honors the generosity of supporter Sally Antonelli. Thanks, Sally!

*Sally and her dog Rosie, with MACS volunteer Barb Connolly at right.*



# STONE'S SECOND CHANCE

**W**hen Stone arrived, his body told us everything. At just 41 pounds, this 1-year-old Cane Corso was severely emaciated, heartworm positive, and suffering from pressure sores caused by lying too long on hard surfaces. He was exhausted. Broken down. Barely holding on. Stone didn't give up and neither did our team. With gentle eyes and quiet strength, he reminded us why we do this work — and why your support matters.

Within 24 hours, Stone was placed in a medical foster home where he finally experienced consistency, comfort, and care. He learned what soft beds feel like. What full meals feel like. What kindness feels like. His foster shared, "Stone is the absolute sweetest. He loves to snuggle, learns quickly, and is eager to please."

Because of donors like you, Stone was given time — the one thing he never had before. Time to heal safely. Time to gain strength. Time to trust again. His weight climbed from 41 pounds to 58 pounds, and with every pound gained came confidence, stability, and hope. Donations provided his medical care, heartworm treatment, nutritious food, foster support, and training — turning survival into recovery.

And then, the best part. Stone was adopted! Today, he is home — no longer fighting to survive, but finally free to just be a dog.

Stone's story is proof of what your generosity makes possible. But it's also a reminder: another Stone will need us tomorrow. Please consider making a gift today so we can be there when the next life depends on it. Thank you for giving dogs like Stone the chance to heal — and the chance to belong.



*Stone was merely 41 pounds when he was brought in to MACS.*



*Stone is doing much better in his forever home, with adopter Lauren Konkel.*



## In memory of...

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## HONORING A LEGACY: CELEBRATING DEBORAH THURMAN'S RETIREMENT

As we celebrate Deborah Thurman's extraordinary 50 years of service to the Michigan Anti-Cruelty Society, we invite our community to help us honor her in a way that reflects the work she dedicated to animals in need.

In honor of Deborah's retirement, donations may be made in her name, continuing the mission she devoted her heart to for five decades. Every gift will help ensure that animals receive the same compassion, care, and second chances that Deborah so deeply believed in.

We also invite you to share your memories, well wishes, and words of gratitude by sending cards or notes for Deborah. Whether you worked alongside her, adopted an animal she helped care for, or simply want to thank her for a lifetime of kindness, we will make sure every message reaches her and helps her feel the love and appreciation she so richly deserves as she enters this next chapter.

Deborah's legacy lives on through every life saved and every animal given hope at MACS. Let's come together to celebrate her compassion, dedication, and remarkable impact—and make her retirement as meaningful and heart-warming as the years she gave to our shelter.

Thank you for helping us celebrate a truly special person and for continuing the work Deborah spent 50 years championing. 🐾



### A Family Tradition

MACS supporter **Karen Taber** (*center*) recently passed away, and as part of her estate planning, left a donation in memory of her grandfather, **Stanley Doner** (*right*). Stanley passed in 1975, aged 83.

They have a family history with MACS – Stanley worked at MACS in the 1930s through the 1960s as he and his family lived above the MACS facility on Joseph Campau.

We lovingly hold both members of the MACS family in our hearts.



Picture taken 1972

**George Horne**  
Mary Steinhilper  
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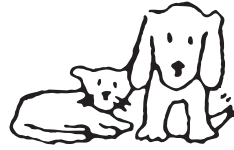
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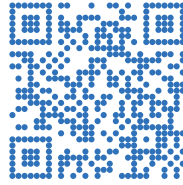
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# MACS *News Note*

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## *A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE MICHIGAN ANTI-CRUELTY SOCIETY*

As MACS moves into 2026, we are finding new and meaningful ways to save more animal lives than ever before. We are expanding our outreach efforts to help keep pets with the families who love them and out of the shelter whenever possible. We are hosting more adoption events at our shelter, and we continue to provide food and essential supplies to community members who need support caring for their animals.

Every single day, lives are being saved because of this work—and none of it would be possible without the incredible support of our community. Your compassion, generosity, and belief in our mission make everything we do possible.

To sustain and grow these lifesaving programs, we are hoping to welcome more monthly donors. Reliable, ongoing support allows us to plan ahead, respond quickly, and ensure these critical services remain available to the animals and people who depend on them.

We invite you to visit [macsshelter.org](http://macsshelter.org) to sign up as a monthly donor. Any amount truly makes a difference and helps us continue saving lives every day.

Thank you for standing with MACS and for being part of our lifesaving community. 🐾💙

**Teresa LaCross,**  
*MACS President*