Humane Animal Treatment Society

Mission:
The Humane Animal Treatment Society's mission is to better the lives of companion animals in Isabella County and Mid-Michigan by, but not limited to, the following means: To vigorously pursue spaying and neutering as the solution to the unwanted animal population in Mid-Michigan by providing low cost, high quality spay and neuter services through all possible venues: a low income spay and neuter clinic, spay and neuter assistance program offered through local veterinarians, assuring that all animals adopted at the Isabella County Animal Control facility are altered before leaving facility... To assist in the expansion and improvement of the Isabella County Animal Control facility, accommodating areas for animal isolation, puppy housing, cattery, and spay/neuter clinic... To provide for care, medical intervention, vaccines, and adoption services for homeless animals through involvement with the Isabella County Animal Control facility...
does it represent fulfillment of the BBB Wise Giving Alliance’s *Standards for Charity Accountability*. For more information on Charting Impact, visit [www.guidestar.org/chartingimpact](http://www.guidestar.org/chartingimpact)
1. What are we aiming to accomplish?
To decrease the number of animals euthanized and increase the percentage and absolute number of animals adopted to suitable loving homes. To ensure that the organization uses its human and financial resources efficiently to expand services by applying resources to productive purposes, thus saving taxpayers thousands of dollars each year in care costs. To create a resource center for homeless animals. Successful, aggressive spay and neuter programs will have a broad impact on society by decreasing the euthanasia of animals in our area, and dramatically decreasing yearly intake. To increase the accessibility of HATS programs, such as low-cost spay and neuter services, to people of all abilities. To improve the building’s public access and ease of use; to extend the Society’s visibility; and to enable the organization to build on its role as a leader in humane issues throughout the region.

2. What are our strategies for making this happen?
To make our vision a reality, HATS leads the development of new programs, identifying unmet and emerging needs in collaboration with our community. Recent programs include offering low cost spay and neuter services, implementing and encouraging return to owner programs and embracing the Pets for Life concept. Known as an organization that does a lot with a little, HATS opts to conserve almost every dollar we receive for animal care. HATS is not supported by a national organization or other animal welfare group. We operate as an independent private nonprofit agency, responsive to the needs of our community. Our planning process, strengthens our brand, expands our services, attracts new stakeholders and increases philanthropic support. HATS plays a key role, providing insight and expertise to other humane organizations as a strategic alliance. We pride ourselves on providing services to individuals of all abilities, and partner with local government, corporations, foundations and individuals to support community programs. Through partnerships, we deliver on the promise to never turn our back on an animal in need and to create solutions that address current animal welfare issues.

3. What are our organization’s capabilities for doing this?
Our professional and volunteer leadership is outstanding. Our staff is gifted and dedicated with deep roots in animal welfare. Our engaged Board of Directors is composed of talented, enthusiastic supporters with the skills and vision to lead HATS to the next level, and to support a world without animal cruelty. Since its beginning in 1999, the Humane Animal Treatment Society (HATS) has dedicated itself to ending the overpopulation and senseless euthanasia of companion animals. HATS volunteers began assisting the Isabella County Animal Shelter in caring for animals in need. Peak animal traffic in the shelter reached an all-time high of 3,872 animals. Volunteers aggressively pursued changing and adapting policy to better serve companion animals and dramatically decrease euthanasia rates. In 2009, HATS contracted with Isabella County to take over animal operations at the shelter and to focus on the importance of spaying and neutering companion animals. Animal intake declined to an average of 3,000 animals per year. In 2010, a grant allowed the organization to establish a small surgical suite on site to assist in the spaying and neutering of both shelter and companion animals, with a particular focus on low income populations. The public response and need was overwhelming. Today, HATS is a membership based, non profit animal welfare organization which fosters an environment of respect. We promote responsibility and compassion for all animals through education and leadership. One hundred percent of the animals adopted from our facility are spayed or neutered prior to adoption, thus dramatically decreasing yearly intake numbers and saving taxpayers thousands of dollars.

4. How will we know if we're making progress?
HATS continuously monitors and measures progress toward achieving our annual and long-term organizational goals and objectives, and reaching major milestones. One key indicator of our progress is the help, hope and answers that HATS provides for companion animals and their families: over 10,000 to date. We develop and share innovative practices, to
assure that the services we provide are truly effective. We know we’re making our mission a reality as we engage new partners, advocates and donors through traditional, online and social media due to support from various community members such as those listed below: “The Humane Animal Treatment Society began as a small group of committed citizens assisting in the design and construction of a new animal shelter. It has grown to be an organization of volunteers providing ongoing support for one of the most successful spay and neuter programs in the state of Michigan. I have seen the positive results of their work, and believe that their current efforts to develop a Health Clinic addition at the shelter is yet another example of their continuing efforts on behalf of the animal population of Isabella County.” ~ Isabella County Commissioner David Ling We at Pol Veterinary Services have been involved with the Isabella County Animal Control since we started here in 1981. The Humane Animal Treatment Society is a prime example for the whole state of Michigan of how volunteers can make all the difference. Their low-cost spay and neuter program, and their adoption program, has helped thousands of animals find a new home." - Dr. Jan Pol, Pol Veterinary Services and star of "The Incredible Dr. Pol" “Thank you, Humane Animal Treatment Society. As a volunteer supported nonprofit, you have significantly reduced the amount of unwanted and suffering pets in our community. The new Health Clinic is a great step forward. Please keep up the good work.” - Ross Blodgett, Blodgett Oil Company

5. What have and haven't we accomplished so far?
In the spring of 2013 we officially opened the doors of our state of the art Health Clinic dedicated to helping pet owners with limited resources have their pets spayed and neutered. To date we have altered more than 400 pets that would otherwise be able to reproduce and contribute to the vast overpopulation of companion animals. Our dedicated staff members have increased adoption numbers by more than 21% over the past two years and the save rate at our facility has reached an all time high of 91% overall. HATS now seeks new partners to help further our mission, including: - Philanthropic support from individual donors and foundations to develop and expand new services to meet the changing needs of our community. and - Capacity-building support to enhance HATS' collaborative networks and improve impact in our community and the surrounding areas. We Are Their Shelter. You Are Their Future.