



TEAM SUZY PARTNERS WITH MICHIGAN HUMANE TO HELP PATIENTS DIAGNOSED WITH ALZHEIMERS AND RELATED ILLNESSES

New fee-waived adoption program aims to connect pets with families to provide companionship, unconditional love, and support.

MAY 23, 2022, BERKLEY, MI - Team Suzy co-founders Mike & Jimmie Plaskey have announced a new program for dementia patients and those suffering from Alzheimer's in partnership with Michigan Humane. The two organizations will be working together to match families in need of the support of a companion animal with a new furry friend.

Team Suzy was founded to support families who are caregiving for a loved one diagnosed with Alzheimer's and other related dementia through financial assistance and other programs. The newest addition to Team Suzy's 'Roadmap for Caregivers' project will pair pets from Michigan Humane with patients & caregivers whose grants are approved through Team Suzy. There is no charge to the caregiver or patient for this newest addition to the family.

Medical researchers* explain the value of having pets in the home of those suffering from Alzheimer's or other forms of dementia as a breakthrough for helping both patients and caregivers during the most difficult times in the daily life of these families. A pet provides continual comfort and companionship and can lead to more enjoyable days and nights in the home.

Matt Pepper, Michigan Humane President and CEO, tells us, "This is kind of a prescription for better healthcare for Alzheimer's patients. Plus, it's a great big help for the caregiver in the home." Team Suzy Vice President, Mike Plaskey adds, "We are so grateful for the support and collaboration with Michigan Humane and Team Suzy looks forward to bringing healthy, happy pets to patients and the caregivers who need them the most."

For more information on the Team Suzy's Roadmap for Caregivers initiative and the newest program with Michigan Humane, please visit www.teamsuzy.org



About Team Suzy

Team Suzy is a 510(c)3 non-profit with a new vision to create a “Road Map to Caregiving” for families and caregivers during their journey with loved ones affected by Alzheimer’s and other related dementias. We accomplish this through education, a financial grant application process, and innovative programs to support families. Learn more about Team Suzy and its programs at www.teamsuzy.org

About Michigan Humane

The Michigan Humane, founded in 1877, is the oldest and largest nonprofit animal welfare organization in the state. Each year, Michigan Humane achieves 100 percent placement of more than 10,000 healthy and treatable animals through compassionate care, community engagement, and advocacy for humane treatment. Michigan Humane operates four shelter and veterinary centers in Detroit, Rochester Hills, Westland, and Howell; seven adoption partnerships with Premier Pet Supply, Petco, and PetSmart; and both a Cruelty Investigation Department and a Statewide Animal Response Team. Learn more at michiganhumane.org.

- Studies from the University of Michigan, the University of Cincinnati School of Medicine and <https://psycnet.apa.org/record/2019-54414-001>
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