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After

Lenny's Story

This past year we were introduced to Lenny the Pitbull. Lenny came to us in August after being rescued from the side of a road near Kalamazoo, MI.

We believe that he was used as a *bait dog for dog fighting. He came to our hospital with multiple open infected wounds and numerous scars. He was also extremely emaciated and had a broken paw that had started to heal improperly. His gentle spirit captivated our staff and we began treating Lenny at our hospital.

After two rounds of surgery, constant supervision from our staff, and numerous recheck visits, Lenny is now healed and at an ideal weight. He is currently being fostered by his rescuer and her family and continues to work with behaviorists.

The numerous well wishes and generosity of financial contributions from around the globe and from CHFA played a major role in aiding Lenny back to health. We also truly appreciate everything Lenny's supporters provide to those that continue to care for Lenny the Pitbull.

*Bait dogs are used to test other dogs' fighting instincts. These animals are often injured or killed in the process. The snouts of bait dogs are often wrapped, leaving them helpless against other dogs that are trained to fight against them.



Before

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Save \$25* on the Dental Cleaning for your Pet!

Schedule your pet's dental cleaning in January and February and save \$25 in honor of National Pet Dental Health Month in February!

We are also offering a year long discount of \$25.00 if your pet has been diagnosed with Grade I dental disease and you schedule them a dental cleaning within one month of having a comprehensive physical exam performed.

Every month is Dental Health Month at CHFA with preventative care!

**Discount not to be combined with other offers.*

Cascade Hospital for Animals

(616) 949-0960



Winter Skin and Paw Care for Cats

In winter, indoor cats are exposed to dry heat from furnaces as well as dry environment conditions. Without enough moisture in the air, skin problems can occur.

The most common skin problem in the wintertime is dry flaking skin. To help your pet survive the dry chilly weather with a healthy skin and coat, try a few of these suggestions:

- Avoid bathing your cat, this removes essential oils.
- Brush often to remove dander and any loose hair
- Feed a high quality diet to keep the skin coat full of luster.
- Add fish oil such as *Welactin* to their diet

Damage to paws are a problem if your cat goes outside during the winter cold and ice. Keep your cat's paws healthy in winter by following these suggestions:

- Wipe your cat's paws following an outside walk.
- Trim the hair between your cat's toes to reduce the chance of collecting ice and snow.
- Place a small amount of petroleum jelly on the pads of the paws prior to taking a walk outside.

Date	Event
Wednesday, February 23 7:00-8:00PM	PET GROOMING DEMONSTRATION FOR HEALTHY AND BEAUTIFUL PETS Presented by Misty and Molly RSVP at 949-0960 or chfa@chfa.net Seminar held at CHFA facility
Saturday, March 12 1:00-5:00pm	"PET FIRST AID CLASS" BY THE RED CROSS \$35.00 fee www.greatergrandrapids.redcross.org Class held at CHFA facility

Drug Free Alternatives

Are you looking for an alternative to drugs for your pet's ailments?

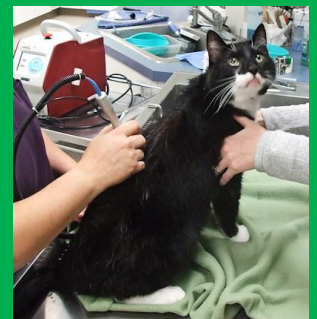
We are fortunate to offer three solutions for those of you seeking alternatives to prescription medications.

-Acupuncture— Believed to assist the body in healing itself by stimulating points that regulate the functions of certain organs.



-Herbal Medicine— Aims at balancing the entire body, including emotional and mental dimensions of disease as well as the physical.

-Laser Therapy— emits light through a process of optical amplification to alter cellular function. As the laser is administered, your pet will relax and enjoy, much like you a good massage. The almost immediate relief of pain will allow your pet to be comfortable and any anxiety that your pet initially experienced will dissipate.



If you would like additional information about these or any of our other services feel free to give us a call. We would welcome the opportunity to explain in greater detail what is involved and the benefits of each.

