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Happy Holidays to everyone from the furry friends at the Dearborn Animal Shelter! This time of year especially, families tend to consider bringing a new pet family member into their homes. If your family may be adding a new pet, please consider adopting one of the many homeless animals from the Shelter.



Adoptable

At left, is Buttons, our pet of the month. She is a gentle and sweet 8 year old "Torti" cat and needs a family to love. You can see her and the other adoptable animals on the Shelter web site.

School Fundraiser

The Detroit Lions and the Dearborn Animal Shelter have partnered to produce a 2010 collectable pet photo calendar. Each month features a favorite Detroit Lion and their pet or a Shelter animal. The calendars sell for \$15 each. Your school or classroom can sell the calendars for a fundraiser. The Dearborn Animal Shelter donates \$5 from each of your calendar sales to your school group. Call Sharon for details 313-943-2697 or email her dasgawthrop@aol.com

Holiday Cards and Gifts that Give

If you are shopping for a pet lover this season, the Dearborn Animal Shelter may have the perfect gift for you. There are Holiday cards with photos of Shelter animals and limited edition handcrafted pet themed gifts. You can see them on the Shelter web site.

To volunteer: The Dearborn Animal Shelter has student volunteer opportunities for ages 12 and up. You will learn to work with animals and maybe even earn credit for school or scouting. Adults are welcome too!

Tips for the Holidays: Holiday time is full of sweets and decorations that are fun for humans but can be trouble for pets. Here are a few everyday items to keep away from pets; food items can be poisonous: Avocados, Candy (particularly chocolate), Coffee, Grapes, Macadamia nuts, Onions and onion powder, Raisins, Rhubarb leaves, Salt, Tea (caffeine) and Walnuts.

Poisonous household plants include azalea, dieffenbachia (dumb cane), lilies, mistletoe, and philodendron, among others. These items can cause choking; string, yarn, rubber bands, and even dental floss as well as toys with removable parts.

The mission of the [Friends For the Dearborn Animal Shelter](http://www.DearbornAnimals.org) is to provide loving care and sanctuary to animals, encourage adoptions and reunions, and promote respect, responsibility, and compassion for all animals.

Visit us in person at the Shelter, 2661 Greenfield, or online at www.DearbornAnimals.org. Phone 313-943-2697.