



# Monroe County Humane Association Timeline



## 1956-1966

MCHA incorporated as a 501(c)3 non-profit organization driven solely by volunteers; free humane education programs begin at local schools.

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It's time for the community to get serious about the abuse of animals

MCHA successfully lobbies for Bloomington City Council to pass ordinances for the control of stray animals

Amidst community concerns of conditions of the city "dog pound", MCHA raises \$10,000 for building the first humane animal shelter in Monroe County

### Rabies clinics a success



MCHA begins advocating for stronger state and local laws to protect animals



## 1967-1976

MCHA reaches agreement with Mayor Hooker to cease the sale of dogs from the city pound for testing purposes

City of Bloomington leases land to MCHA at 3410 S. Walnut for the construction of the new humane shelter which opened in 1969



First humane Animal Control Officer hired by the MCHA

MCHA Medical Fund established, providing assistance for spay and neuter, rescue and emergency treatment of animals



## 1977-1986

Robert E. Gray Education Center and Special Care ward expansion to the shelter and receives accreditation from the Humane Society of the United States

MCHA Cruelty Investigation Committee begins investigations of cases of cruelty and neglect



MCHA Education Program reached over 1,800 community members in 1979

MCHA begins Wildlife Rehabilitation Program

MCHA builds an additional 1,400 square foot space onto the shelter adding professional offices for staff



## 1987-1996

MCHA raises funds and completes renovations to cat room including new cages, paint, and air conditioning

The Olivia Animal Abuse Fund was created in honor of Olivia the cat who was set fire by teenagers



MCHA receives grant from the Indiana Kennel Club to begin the Spay/Neuter Assistance Program (SNAP), providing financial assistance to individuals to have their pets spayed or neutered



First annual Walk for the Animals



## 1997-2006

SNAP program and Spay Day promotions provide over \$18,000 per year in spay/neuter assistance to community members

VIPaws (Very Important Paws) animal assisted activities program joins the MCHA



MCHA contributes over \$200,000 for the new adoption center addition to the City of Bloomington Animal Shelter

MCHA donates over \$17,000 of funding and equipment to Wildcare, Inc. for their wildlife rehabilitation efforts

MCHA Education Program reaches an average of 15,000 people per year

