

## **26 kittens abandoned outside Rochester Hills' Michigan Humane Society**

Twenty-six kittens were left outside the door of the Michigan Humane Society location in Rochester Hills - and officials hope to find new homes for them soon.

The kittens, approximately four to five weeks old, were left at the facility in a box wrapped in chicken wire.

Two have died due to lack of care prior to the kittens' arrival, while the rest are being cared for by Michigan Humane Society staffers with hopes of one day placing them in homes, according to the animal rescue group.

The case is indicative of a wider trend during the warm seasons, when the number of cats and kittens left at shelters and rescues exceeds capacity.

"This specific example is very sad and disheartening," said CJ Bentley, MHS Senior Director of Operations, in a statement.

"Worse yet, similar situations are brought to the Michigan Humane Society on a daily basis. This problem can only be solved if we, as a community, work together to reduce animal homelessness and save lives."

One of the key issues contributing to the influx of unwanted cats is the number of unsterilized animals. The Michigan Humane Society advises critical attention be given to spaying or neutering cats, even for those who primarily stay indoors. Cats can reproduce very early in their lives - as early as four months.

The Humane Society also advises adoption to help lessen the burden on care facilities. An adoption package is offered to those interested in taking in a homeless cat, which includes spaying/neutering, vaccinations, medical check-ups and microchipping.

Other ways the public can help is to donate to the Michigan Humane Society, which is non-profit and does not receive government funding. Voluntary foster care opportunities are also offered, which encourages extra care for displaced cats before the adoption process.

To learn more about sterilizing pet cats or how to adopt, visit [www.michiganhumane.org](http://www.michiganhumane.org). To donate, call 855-647-4483.