

GIVING BACK TO OUR COMMUNITY



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We Can Help

As a member of the Detroit metro community for 20 years, Michigan Veterinary Specialists has worked since the beginning to help animals in need in our area. Here are some of the ways that we reach out to our community:

Exotic Animals: Detroit Zoo, Howell Wildlife Rehabilitation Center

We have committed to provide specialized veterinary care as needed for any of the animals at the Detroit Zoo as well as the Community Zoo in the Grand Rapids area. The Zoo's are educational and give the public a place to go and observe animals they may never have the opportunity to see otherwise.

The specialists at MVS have performed several procedures for the zoos over the last 20 years, from tumor biopsies on tigers and monkeys to cataract removal for penguins. Recently one of our surgeons performed a successful abdominal surgery to remove 2 foreign objects (a bottle cap and a carpenter's staple) from the intestinal tract of an EMU. Check out our website www.michvet.com for more information on what we have done at the Zoo.

In addition, our ophthalmologists work with the Howell Wildlife Rehabilitation Center to help restore the vision of injured hawks and other wild birds as the occasion arises. We are also a resource to the cities in which our hospitals are located as we partner with animal control to heal injured wildlife such as deer and geese.

Community Education

MVS provides educational programs for primary care veterinarians and technicians to help advance the level of care their patients receive. Our hospitals are also favorite stops for Girl and Boy Scout Troops, schools and other community organizations seeking to learn more about veterinary medicine. Additionally, our team frequently leads health seminars for pet owners interested in learning CPR and pet first aid.

Animal Heroes Foundation

In a further effort to give back to the community, MVS helped found the Animal Heroes Foundation. This non-profit organization is the first of its kind dedicated to providing on-going veterinary care for police and search and rescue dogs that service the community's emergency needs, research to advance pet health, and community education. It currently supports five police dogs in the Detroit metro area. For more information on this organization, visit www.supportanimalheroes.org.

Service Dogs & Rescue Organizations

In addition to the above work we do for the community, MVS also provides discounted services to many non-profit organizations. While we aren't able to give discounted services to all pet owners, we feel that by helping homeless animals and those that help protect our communities, we are helping the greatest number of people and animals that we can.

We feel it's important to provide discounted services to the police and search and rescue dogs in several communities in Southeastern Michigan. These dogs track down criminals, protect police officers, sniff out drugs and bombs, and locate missing persons. Every day they put themselves in harm's way and are not always financially supported by the communities that they work in.

MVS also supports working dogs that help the blind and other disabled people by providing discounted services to Leader Dogs for the Blind. This organization houses and trains dogs for placement with blind, or otherwise disabled, owners. These dogs play a vital role in helping their owners function on a daily basis and mean the world to them. MVS is proud to be a part of helping to place healthy leader dogs.

Other organizations we support are the Winston Canine Cancer Foundation, service animals whose owners are members of the International Association of Assistance Dog Partners, and Abandoned Animal Rescue of Michigan. These organizations are tax-exempt non-profit organizations that depend on donations to exist.