

“Howling Halloween” theme for Animal Aid’s Mutt March in St. Joseph!

St. Joseph, MI – Moving to a Sunday this year, Animal Aid’s Annual Mutt March has some ghostly changes in store on September 22! This year’s theme is “Howling Halloween,” and you and your dogs are invited to this fun fundraiser at Lake Bluff Park in St. Joseph from 1 pm to 3 pm. The day and the times have changed from the traditional Saturday to the Sunday of the Fall Festival in St. Joseph. Halloween activities are scheduled that afternoon.

Animal Aid has assisted homeless, abandoned dogs and cats in our region since its inception 39 years ago in 1980. Focusing on at-risk animals, it is the oldest all volunteer, non-profit animal rescue group in Berrien County.

From 1 to 3 pm, an Adoption Day will take place with adorable adoptable dogs, cats, and kittens available from Animal Aid of Southwestern Michigan and select other rescue groups and organizations. As always, many of our partner rescue organizations will have foster dogs and cats. There will be kids’ games, displays, animal exhibits, local vendors and service groups along the bluff south of Broad & Lake Boulevard, left of the stairs to the beach. Pets other than dogs are welcome as long as they are friendly. Participants will be able to have their paw read by Madame Carolyn, meet a Pirate Captain at the Cannon in the Pirate Cove. Fairies and other colorful characters will be available for selfies and to give out treats.

Carved pumpkin contest for adults and kids starts at 1 pm, with judging at 2 pm. Attendees and their pets are encouraged to dress in costume for a Costume Contest with judging taking place at 2 pm at the Animal Aid Registration Booth, located at the north end of the event line-up along the Bluff. Contest and Parade entry is \$5 per person/pet ensemble. The five winners of the Costume Contest will lead the Pet Parade at 2:30 pm from registration along the sidewalk past the vendor booths.

as possible get their forever homes! There is no rain date. The event will be postponed if it rains. Check facebook for update that day. Military and veterans join the fun free of charge but must register! Unable to attend? Donations accepted online or at Box 217, 717 St. Joseph Drive

Animal Aid extends sincere thanks to these Mutt March sponsors: Third Coast Paddling, Honor Credit union, Berrien Kennel Club, LeValley Chevrolet Buick GMC, Harbor Shores Golf Club, Sunset Coast Veterinary Clinic, Nickerson Animal Care Center, Wil-O-Paw Animal Hospital, Two-by-Two Veterinary Clinic. Please show your support and patronage!

Join other animal-lovers and help as many adoptable dogs, St. Joseph, MI 49085.

Animal Aid is a 501(c)(3) non-profit animal organization. See our pets at www.animalaidswmi.com and on Facebook/Animal Aid of Southwestern Michigan. Phone 269-934-SPAY. Foster parents and volunteers are always needed! Please join us in helping the animals. □