



Friends and supporters of the Animals of the City of Detroit,

Detroit Animal Control, under the leadership of the Detroit Health Department, is committed to improving the state of Animal care and control in the City of Detroit.

Like public health in the city, the lead up to the challenges we currently face regarding animal care and control has been long, and problems long in the making cannot be solved overnight.

However, they can be solved through a commitment to partnerships and progress, working side-by-side to examine these problems and implement solutions. We are committed to this process, and we are committed to improving the health, safety, and wellbeing of Detroiters and their animals.

Our recent adoption program through Paws in the D and its many member rescue organizations was one important step in that direction. Despite rumors suggesting otherwise, **we have no plans to end this program that has already transferred so many dogs into loving homes.** We are committed to progress, one step at a time. Beginning later this month, we will be accepting credit cards in our facility, and we hope to facilitate the adoption of cats.

In support of this work, we are working with some of Detroit's leading animal advocacy and support organizations, including the Michigan Human Society, the Michigan Political Action Committee for Animals, Dog Aid, The Michigan Pet Fund Alliance, and C.H.A.I.N.E.D. We have also visited and toured facilities across South East Michigan to learn more about best practices in Animal care and control. Finally, we are investigating every aspect of our organization to seek opportunities for improvement.

We understand the importance of this challenge, and we will continue to move forward to improve the wellbeing of Detroit's animals. We appreciate your partnership.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dr. Abdul El-Sayed'.

Dr. Abdul El-Sayed  
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Detroit Health Department