



Harbor Humane Society
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CATS LEFT TO DIE OUTSIDE SHELTER

(West Olive, MI)- Two cats were left to freeze to death in a cardboard box outside of Harbor Humane Society located at 14345 Bagley Street in West Olive. The cats were discovered Thursday morning by kennel technician Shana Stuer.

“Clearly these cats had no food, water, or anything to protect them from the elements other than each other for body warmth,” said Stuer. The temperatures reached below freezing and the conditions were life threatening to the cats.

A bench, covered with an accumulation of snow, had been placed on top of the box.

Michigan law states that abandoning an animal without making provisions for its care is a misdemeanor punishable of up to 93 days in prison and a fine of up to \$1,000.00. A second offense is a felony punishable of up to 2 years in prison and a fine of up to \$2,000.00.

Due to the increase in animals being abandoned at Harbor Humane Society, HHS will be installing surveillance cameras and seeking prosecution for these crimes.

Harbor Humane Society is open Monday through Friday, 12pm to 6pm and Saturday 10am to 4pm. Animals can be received during these hours; please make arrangements if you need to bring an animal to the shelter.

The mission of Harbor Humane Society is to provide a safe harbor for animals entrusted to our care as we strive to ensure their future through outreach and education.

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