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Michigan Animal Control Shelters that provide animals to Class B Dealers for research and experimentation

In November-December 2007, American Humane’s Office of Public Policy conducted a phone survey of all municipal animal control shelters in Michigan to determine whether live shelter dogs/cats are provided for free or for a fee to Class B Dealers or directly to research facilities. We also verified information from Department of Agriculture yearly shelter activity reports.

Currently only two (2) shelters currently provide live animals for experimentation: Gratiot County Animal Control and Mecosta County Animal Control. These 2 shelters provide the animals **for free** to the dealer.

<u>Shelter</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2005</u>
	Dogs	Cats	Dogs	Cats	Dogs	Cats	Dogs	Cats
Eaton County AC	44	22	164	69	127	103	144	52
Gratiot County AC	170	176	146	141	162	206	165	215
Mecosta County AC	158	0	161	0	173	0	198	0
Montcalm County AC	120	31	187	67	178	87	192	49
Osceola County AC	0	0	10	21	53	35	80	1

Eaton County Animal Control placed a moratorium against pound seizure in May 2008 and passed a resolution banning pound seizure in November 2009; Osceola voted to stop pound seizure on April 7, 2009; and Montcalm County Animal Control voted on April 27, 2009 to stop pound seizure effective August 1, 2009.

Three counties provide deceased animals to Class B Dealers: Allegan County, Iron County (cats only), and Saginaw County.

Pursuant to Michigan Department of Agriculture records, the number of shelter dogs/cats provided for research has significantly declined in recent years:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Dogs</u>	<u>Cats</u>	<u>Total</u>
2004	983	1361	2344
2005	958	1257	2215
2006	836	454	1290
2007	668	298	966
2008	492	229	721

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