



event spotlight

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Top: Robin McKenna kisses Stripe, an eight week old kitten.
Middle: A few of the treats sold as part of Pies and Pets.
Bottom: Humane Society volunteer Jackson Davis holds Maya.

Pies and pets at The Rolling Scones

The Rolling Scones is a friendly neighborhood bakery specializing in pastries with a small specialty coffee menu. Located in the heart of Eastown, this small business has won over the locals with their various themed events aimed to raise money for charities.

This year, The Rolling Scones Bakery partnered with the Humane Society of West Michigan to host an event called Pies and Pets. The event allowed the Humane Society to bring a variety of adoptable dogs, cats, and rabbits to The Rolling Scones to help find them their forever home.

Owner of The Rolling Scones Bakery, Janet Smitty said, "Our business is small and family-owned, so our team here is very close. We all share a love of not only baking, but also of animals. Pies and Pets has really allowed us to express who we are as a company while helping to find loving families for these homeless pets."

In addition to the bakery's regular menu items up for sale, there were also several activities revolving around various desserts, especially pies, in conjunction with the name of the event. Over the course of the day, attendees participated a pie eating contest, a pie walk, and sugar cookie decorating.

An attendee of the event McKenzie Mustard recalls, "I think that the pie walk was the biggest hit for a lot of people."

Taking place the day after Valentine's Day, the theme was love. Decorated with hues of red and pink, and the dogs each wearing a pink, red, or purple knitted sweater, people formed a line outside the doors with anticipation.

Another attendee of the event Mathew McGreggor said, "The adoption event was set up really well. They had a gated area for people to meet and play with the different dogs



Above: Lauren Petters gives Becca her new forever home.

that were up for adoption, which really allowed people to bond with the animals. I think this really helped up the number adoptions."

Smitty estimated that the charity event earned approximately \$3,200, which was donated to the Humane Society of West Michigan. She was told that these donations go towards purchases much needed supplies for the shelter animals, including cat litter, cat food, scratching posts, toys, beds, dog food, and dog leashes.

The biggest question from the day was *how many furry babies went to new homes?*

In addition to the money raised, Humane Society of West Michigan coordinator Jeffery Doe stated that they adopted out twelve smiling dogs, eight purring cats, and two floppy rabbits.

"The Humane Society of West Michigan is so happy to have partnered with The Rolling Scones to help find homes for so many deserving animals while also helping a local business gain traction. We are absolutely blown away by the success that the event had."

To learn more about the events hosted by The Rolling Scones or to learn more about the organizations that they partner with for events such as Pies and Pets, stop by their storefront, located at 1234 Wealthy St. SE in Grand Rapids, MI.

The Rolling Scones

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Monday-Friday 6am-8pm
Saturday 6am-6pm
Sunday 8am-6pm

Must Try Treats

Classic Apple Pie
The Rolling Scone



Featured Pet

Name: Patches
Sex: Male
Age: three years old

Patches is a lively three-year-old mutt. Like the perfect partner, he loves long walks on the beach, cuddles in bed, and hikes through Michigan's many state parks.

Despite being found leashed outside the Humane Society of West Michigan with a note from his previous owners, Patches is a loveable guy. He would be the perfect family dog or the furchild of an active couple.

Having been at the Humane Society of West Michigan for nine months, he is ready to find his furever family. Will it be you?