



## SILVER MUZZLE COTTAGE

Greetings!

The Silver Muzzle Cottage (SMC) program is a new rescue and hospice program for homeless senior dogs. We are located in Elk Rapids, MI on the site of Bowsers By The Bay – a cage free social rehab/boarding facility for dogs. The goal of the Silver Muzzle Cottage program is to pull homeless dogs from shelters and give them the love and dignity they so deserve in their final days, months or years.

The SMC program has two components – the first is to pull dogs who are considered seniors, but still in good health, and place them in one of our pre-sceened foster homes. The second component focuses on seniors who are deemed terminal due to declining health or terminal conditions such as cancer. As you know, many of these dogs still have quite a bit of life left in them, but their time may be limited. We want to make sure they don't die alone...in a shelter.

At the present time, we are attempting to secure funding for the remodeling of a building on our property which, when finished, will be the Hospice cottage for dogs who have been deemed terminal. The Cottage will be staffed 24/7 and residents of the unit will be treated for their conditions by local veterinarians. When appropriate, the residents will also be treated to weekly massages, provided by certified Canine Massage Therapists. This facility will also be cage free. Dogs will be provided with opportunities to lounge in the cottage or mingle with our daily boarding and day camp guests. Volunteers will be on hand throughout the day to ensure that all of their needs are met. Until the cottage is completed, dogs we rescue will be placed in our foster homes.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you know of a dog that meets the criteria of this program and needs placement. When possible, we will arrange for the transportation for dogs out of the area. We will not be able to guarantee placement for every request as it is dependent on the number of foster homes we have available.

This program will rely solely on public donations and grant monies. Please feel free to share our information with rescue groups/shelter in your area. More information can be found on our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/silvermuzzlecottage](http://www.facebook.com/silvermuzzlecottage) and donations continue to be accepted via our gofundme page: [www.gofundme.com/silvermuzzle](http://www.gofundme.com/silvermuzzle).

Thank you in advance....

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