Meet Your Best Friend at the Zoo

Event FAQs

Dates?	Spring: Friday, May 16 th from 1 p.m. – 7 p.m. and Saturday, May 17 th from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
What is <i>Meet Your Best Friend</i> ?	The Detroit Zoo and the Michigan Humane Society, in collaboration with several local animal welfare organizations, will host the 21 st annual spring <i>Meet Your Best Friend at the Zoo</i> May 17 from 1-7p.m. and May 18 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The event is the nation's largest off-site companion-animal adoption program. Hundreds of adoptable dogs, cats, puppies and kittens will be available for immediate adoption to loving homes both days. There is no charge for admission or parking for adoption event guests; however, regular admission and parking fees apply for those visiting the Zoo.
What is a Puppy Pass?	The first 25 people receive puppy passes both Friday, May 16 and Saturday, May 17 Because puppies are often in high demand, "puppy passes" will be given each morning to the first 25 adoption event guests who are looking specifically to adopt a puppy. Those with puppy passes will be allowed to enter the adoption tents at 12:45 p.m. on Friday and 9:45 a.m., with the remainder of guests allowed to enter at 1p.m. on Friday and 10 a.m. on Saturday.
What is the adoption fee?	There will be over 40 participating shelters and animal welfare groups. Adoption fees and policies are set by each participating group.
What do I need to adopt a pet?	Adopters must present a valid driver's license or state ID card. All animals will have received a medical checkup and age-appropriate vaccinations. A "get-acquainted" area will be available to provide guests an opportunity to spend time with an animal before adopting.
Can I bring my pets?	For health and safety reasons, all current companion animals should be left at home.