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## **Pet Expo at the Midland County Fairgrounds**

On Saturday, May 20 and Sunday, May 21, the second annual Pet Expo was hosted at the Midland County Fairgrounds by the Heart of Michigan Animal Rescue. The SOS Animal Rescue booth (right) was brimming with our adoptable kittens and goodies to buy or take for free. We want to thank any of you who stopped by our booth to say "hi" or maybe adopt a cute kitten from us that day. We look forward to seeing you again in 2007 for the third annual Pet Expo.

## **Dog Swim**

Don't miss the next dog swim at the Midland Community Center on Friday, August 18. Dogs weighing 50 pounds or less swim from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. Dogs weighing over 50 pounds swim from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Contact the MCC to register for this event. Registration is required to participate. All proceeds benefit SOS Animal Rescue.



# **SOS EVENTS**

**July 10**

**5:45 p.m.**

Monthly SOS Meeting  
Conference Room B  
at Grace A. Dow Library

**July 12**

**6:30 – 8:00 p.m.**

Bark in the Park  
at the Tridge Dog Park

**July 15**

**Noon – 3:00 p.m.**

Adopt-A-Thon at Petco

**July 26**

**6:30 – 8:00 p.m.**

Bark in the Park  
at the Tridge Dog Park

**August 5**

**Noon – 3:00 p.m.**

Adopt-A-Thon at Petco

**August 9**

**6:30 – 8:00 p.m.**

Bark in the Park  
at the Tridge Dog Park

**August 10**

National Spoil Your Dog Day

**August 14**

**5:45 p.m.**

Monthly SOS Meeting  
Conference Room B  
at Grace A. Dow Library

**August 18**

Dog Swim

at the Midland Community Center  
*Sign up your dog at MCC today!*

**August 19**

**Noon – 3:00 p.m.**

Adopt-A-Thon at Petco

**August 23**

**6:30 – 8:00 p.m.**

Bark in the Park  
at the Tridge Dog Park

**September 11**

**5:45 p.m.**

Monthly SOS Meeting  
Conference Room B  
at Grace A. Dow Library

**September 16**

**Noon – 3:00 p.m.**

Adopt-A-Thon at Petco

**September 23**

SOS Annual Dog Walk  
at the Tridge

**October 1**

Blessing of the Animals  
St. John's Episcopal Church  
*Contact St. John's for details.*

## Bark in the Park

Bark in the Park brings happiness to dogs and owners alike. Come out to the Tridge Dog Park from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. every second and fourth Wednesday. This quarter's upcoming dates are July 12, July 26, August 9, and August 23.



## Top Ten Reasons to Adopt Older Dogs

### Loyalty, Loyalty, Loyalty!

Chances are good that by adopting a senior mutt, you have rescued a wonderful, loving canine from an untimely, unfortunate, and unwarranted death. A senior mutt can sense that he or she was saved and will be eternally loyal to his or her new "forever" family.

### Ease of Guardianship

Senior mutts are mellow, relaxed, and ready for a new home. They are past the puppy chewing and destruction stage and usually come with basic training. Most senior mutts are happiest sitting at your feet or curled up in their bed next to yours.

### No Huge Lifestyle Change

You don't need to worry about puppy-proofing your house and constant training ("No! Drop it! Not yours!"). And older dogs let you get a good night's sleep!

### Stress Reliever

Life today can be very hectic. Studies have shown that animal guardianship can decrease blood pressure levels and reduce stress. Senior mutts enjoy leisurely walks, which will encourage you to exercise for even a few minutes on your busiest days.

### WYSIWYG ("What you see is what you get.")

Senior mutts are full grown and their personalities are completely developed. When you meet with your senior dog, you will know what kind of wonderful, loving canine he or she is and will always be.

### Doggie Wisdom

Senior canines have learned many of life's lessons. They know, for example, that shoes are for walking and bones are for chewing.

### Calm, Cool, and Collected

Most senior dogs do not demand the time and attention that a younger dog does and are satisfied with casual walks and cuddling. Many senior mutts snooze the day away inside while you are busy at work and are waiting calmly at the door for you when you return home.

### Old Dog, New Tricks

Senior dogs can learn new tricks and be valuable family and community members. They also make excellent therapy dogs.

### Companionship for All

Senior dogs make wonderful companions for everyone, especially senior people and busy professionals.

### Save a Life

Senior dogs are often the first to be euthanized in area shelters. Passed over for cute and cuddly puppies, they often have little chance to be adopted.

*from Senior Mutt Match [www.seniormuttmatch.com](http://www.seniormuttmatch.com),  
The Sanctuary for Old Dogs [www.sanctuaryforseniordogs.org](http://www.sanctuaryforseniordogs.org),  
The Senior Dogs Project [www.srdogs.com](http://www.srdogs.com)*

## Golden Girl Scout

Kristen Shepherd chose to help SOS Animal Rescue for her Girl Scout Gold Award project. Through her project, SOS has received 50 pet blankets, dog and cat food, kitty litter, toys, collars, leashes, and dog bones. Thank you, Kristen, for supporting us and for reaching your personal goal of 50 pet blankets!



# THANK YOU!

**Holly and Frank Brod**

**Day of Caring (Darlene Andrews)**

**Elder-Beerman**

**Donna Goodwin  
in memory of beloved friend  
Patricia Phemister**

**Rick and Judy Ionita**

**Robert and Denise Lundy**

**Midland Community  
Cancer Services Staff  
in honor of the birthday of  
Sarah Fraze**

**James Monahan**

**Petco's Tree of Hope donation**

**United Way**

**Marjoire Woods Madden**

## Cat Trivia

- A cat's brain is more similar to a human's brain than that of a dog.
- Because a cat cannot see directly under its nose, it can't seem to find tidbits on the floor.
- A cat can be either right-pawed or left-pawed.
- A cat will spend nearly 30 percent of its life grooming itself.

*from Internet Pet Supplies [www.i-pets.com](http://www.i-pets.com)*

## Cuddle That Cat

Cuddling a cat has an almost instant calming effect on humans, causing blood pressure to drop and heart rate to slow. According to The Berlin Longevity Institute, cats can add as much as 10 years to their owners' lives.

*from American Humane Association*

**"I love cats because I love my home, and after a while, they become its visible soul."**

*Jean Cocteau*

## Hot & Humid: Memorial Day Parade

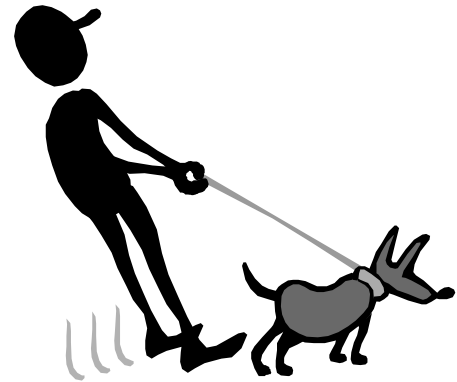
During record-breaking temperature, the SOS Animal Rescue group was out in full swing walking in this year's Midland Memorial Day Parade. Despite the hot and humid weather conditions, fellow volunteers, friends, families, and dogs joined the rest of the parade entries as everyone strutted down the street in their red, white, and blue. Thank you, Deann and her Red Hatter group, who provided a wagon and water for many dogs this day! That was extremely thoughtful and very much appreciated by the dogs. The SOS Animal Rescue wants to thank those of you who came out to support us and pay honor to all veterans who deserve this respect.



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# DOG WALK

*Saturday,  
September 23, 2006  
Registration at 10:00 a.m.  
Walk starts at 10:30 a.m.*



Tridge/Chippawassesee Park—  
look for our big red and white banner at the  
registration table near the Tridge

- Beautiful Trail Walk
- Doggie Games
- Pet First Aid Demo
- Pet Costume Contest
- Vendors
- Face Painting
- Prizes and More!

**Ask your FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS,  
and CO-WORKERS to pledge  
their support!  
Help us reach our fundraising  
goal of \$5,000 !**

Contact us for more info:

989-689-6198

or

[www.sosanimalrescue.org](http://www.sosanimalrescue.org)

*All proceeds will be used to help  
defer costs of rescue pets and to  
fund our spay/neuter program.*

## 4th Annual SOS Rummage Sale

On June 16 and 17, the fourth annual SOS rummage sale was held at St. John's Episcopal Church in Midland. During the two-day event, over \$1800 was raised. Funds will go towards the Midland Spay/Neuter program that has been sponsored by the SOS Animal Rescue since 2004. The SOS Animal rescue would like to thank the staff at the church for the use of their facility and any time given for our event. We also would like to say thanks to all of those who cleaned out their closets, attics, garages, etc. to drop off donated goods for our rummage sale. Finally, a big thank you goes to all of the volunteers who helped to set up the rummage sale on Thursday, June 15 and those who ran the event on that Friday and Saturday. Please keep us in mind next year if you are looking to get rid of old goods in May or June.



### THANK YOU FOR DONATING TO THE SPAY/NEUTER PROGRAM!

**Joyce Alley and Winnie**

**Merry Blades in honor of Teresa  
in memory of Snickers**

**Gayle Blues in memory of Lucy Blues**

**Mona Cline & Carol Quarderer for their charity  
marathon bridge tournament winnings**

**Christy English**

**Gabriele Golombeski in memory of Pocho**

**Michele James of Shelley's Bed and Biscuit**

**Karen's Auburn Hi-Lites**

**Deb Lambesis**

**Kathlene Lentz**

**Sandra Simmons**

**Paul and Pam Vammer**

**Sarah Wiley**

## Midland County Spay/Neuter Program

The Midland County spay/neuter program offers a voucher to help offset the cost of sterilization and is intended to service limited income homes, senior citizens on a fixed income, and other hardship cases. Spaying and neutering all pets is an integral part of any effort aimed at reducing the number of animals destroyed each year. Our program provides assistance to owners who cannot take this important step due to lack of funds. If you would like to make a tax-deductible donation to the Midland County spay/neuter program, please fill out the contribution card below.

### 2006 Spay/Neuter Statistics

Female Cats	28
Male Cats	29
Female Dogs	13
Male Dogs	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>79</b>

Midland County Spay Neuter Program  
**Contribution Card**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Contribution Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to  
Midland County Spay Neuter Program  
P.O. Box 2323  
Midland, MI 48641-2323

This is gift in honor of \_\_\_\_\_

This is gift in memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Please notify the following of this honor/memory gift:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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#### Officers

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Darlene Andrews, Secretary  
Carol Arnosky, Treasurer

#### Mission Statement

SOS Animal Rescue is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization whose mission is to reduce the number of unwanted pets in Midland County through placement and public education.

#### Board of Directors

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Stephanie Nearman  
Shelly Park

## THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS!



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