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**Thank you, Soldan's and PetSmart, for hosting
Photos with Santa. Many thanks to the volunteers
who took photos and printed pictures.
Special thanks to Santa!**



SOS EVENTS

Fridays

Saturdays

Sundays

11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Adopt-athon
at Saginaw PetSmart

January 16

Food Pantry at Ice Arena
on Fast Ice Drive in Midland

January 21

6:30 p.m.

SOS Meeting
Grace A. Dow Library

February 18

6:30 p.m.

SOS Meeting
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February 21

National Spay Day

March 18

6:30 p.m.

SOS Meeting
Grace A. Dow Library

*Adopt-athons may be cancelled if no
pets are available for adoption.*



Above, SOS participated in the food distribution program at West Midland Family Center on October 18. We helped 15 families with pet food and supplies. Our next event is at the Midland Ice Arena on January 16. Left, the Community Outreach Team at Dow Chemical donated food and other items to the foster program.

Below, Mallory Campbell and Rebecca Metzler presented SOS Animal Rescue with donations collected during the Members First Credit Union Pet Supply Fund-Raiser. Members First and their Volunteer Task Force's mission is to make a positive difference for their members and the community. Visit www.communitydifferenceproject.org to read about the fundraiser and to view pictures.



THANK YOU!

Jennifer Aloff
 Anne Applegath
 Sue Berghoff
 Nancy Camp
 Robert Christensen
 Susan Close
 Wilma Lee Cook
 Nancy Cosman
 Amy Danielson
 Janet Dean
 Dow Chemical Company's
 Community Outreach Team
 for food and supplies
 Tricia Eidsmoe
 Chris Erskine
 in memory of Nakita, beloved husky
 of David and Brandy Kessler
 Deb Fugate
 Michele James
 Marshall Giant
 Girl Scout Troop 50327
 Jefferson Middle School
 Heather, Anne, Danielle, Emily,
 Rachel, Mrs. Schaar, Mrs. Gosen
 Anna Godiali
 Jeremy Goldsworthy
 Glenda Gross
 Amy Guenther
 Beverly Holtham
 Marcia Horan
 Kelly Howard
 Sarah and Jon Hughes
 in loving memory of their cat Mal
 Hugs for Homeless Animals
 for quilted blankets
 Alexander Iwanow
 Anne M. Kelly-Rowley
 Sharon Kilgore
 Amy Kimball
 Deborah Lambesis
 Elisabeth Larsen
 Wilmer Lidke III
 Rena Marx
 Midland Myofascial Release &
 Therapeutic Massage, LLC
 Harriette Miller
 Joan Monahan in memory of
 16-year-old Sheltie, Maggie

John, Julie, J.R. Nosal
 in memory of Great Grandma Nosal
 Debra O'Connor
 Karla Oldenburg
 Elizabeth Orlowski
 Lyuba Pace
 Adam Paveglio
 Gary and Suzanne Paveglio
 Chris Peeler
 Teresa Pennington
 Mitchell Quirin
 Sali Reynolds
 Mary Rogers
 Leslie Russell
 Betty Shangle
 Janet Sherwood
 Sandra Simmons
 Soldan's Feed and Pet Supplies
 for hosting the SOS Sharing Tree. And
 to the staff, suppliers, and customers
 of Soldan's for their generous
 donations to the SOS Sharing Tree.
 Mary Spaeth
 John Tabor
 Hitoshi Takahashi
 Kathy Tangney
 Elizabeth Taylor
 Heather Taylor
 Joann Taylor
 Arlene Thompson
 Memorials to Cecil Robert Tugaw:
 Elisabeth Marshall
 Euka Bober
 Sam Higgins
 Bruce and Mary Ringey
 Victor and Inge Meyer
 Mary Beth Spencer
 Philip and Lynn Baker
 Marjorie Papenfuss
 Badger and Julie Beall
 Walter and Joanne Rupprecht
 Beverly Tugaw
 Wallace and Lindsay Mayton III
 Mary Varilek
 Megan Walters
 Patricia Watters
 Suseela Yalamarthy
 Arnold and Sally Young

PLATINUM
 ASPCA
 Morley's Portraiture
 Park Place Homes
 PetSmart
 Precious Cat by Dr. Elsey
 Surrey Vet Clinic
 VetMed of Midland

GOLD
 Arm and Hammer
 Coastal Pet Products
 Larkin Food Center
 Northern Animal Clinic
 Prime Lending
 Soldan's

SILVER
 Animal Pal
 Bioderm
 Furminator
 Garber Automotive Group
 Members First Credit Union
 Papa John's
 Quilts for Cages
 Superior Title and Settlement

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 Pet Plus
 Pet Rage Us
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 Scrapbooks Galore & More
 Shelley's Bed and Biscuit
 Shop Vac
 Small Critter Sitter
 Solvit
 Studio Fido Photography
 Syd's Fabric
 Target
 TFH Publications, Nylabone
 TNT Dog Center

Larkin Food Center Gets the Gold

One of the many ways we raise funds for SOS Animal Rescue is by placing canisters in local businesses. Larkin Food Center has achieved GOLD sponsor status by hosting our canisters. We hope you will stop in and let them know you appreciate their support for SOS Animal Rescue. They have great pizza and ice cream, and you can purchase those last-minute items needed for the weekend cookout. Thanks, Larkin Food Center!



2012 Downtown Midland Pumpkin Festival Highlights



Rescue cats are the
best breed!



The perfect one is just waiting to go home with you.

SAVE A LIFE



ADOPT A PET



Spay/Neuter Statistics

To date, SOS has spayed/neutered 1614 cats and dogs.

SPAY/NEUTER	thru 2011	2012
Female Cats	619	73
Male Cats	369	40
Female Dogs	251	52
Male Dogs	175	35
TOTALS	1414	200



We were fortunate to have use of the Midland PetSmart cat condos this summer. We had to give them up on November 1 but were lucky to receive use of the Saginaw PetSmart cat condos. Thank you to both PetSmart locations!

PET FOOD ASSISTANCE

This year, 153 cats and 109 dogs from 73 families have been helped by our pet food assistance program.

We are here to aid any Midland County family that needs short-term assistance with pet food. If you know of anyone who needs assistance, please ask them to contact us at 492-0042.

Thank You for Displaying SOS Donation Canisters!

Auto Technicians
B-Xtreme Cycle & Sport
Countryside Vet Clinic
Eastman Animal Clinic
Elvira's
The Gourmet Cupcake Shoppe
HQ Bicycle
Larkin Food Store
Northern Animal Clinic
Service Express Cellular
Soldan's
Surrey Vet Clinic
Tractor Supply
Wall & Webb

Poison Help Line 1-888-426-4435

The Animal Poison Control Center is a unique emergency hot-line providing 24-hour-a-day, 7-day-a-week telephone assistance to veterinarians and animal owners. The \$50 consultation fee is paid by the animal owner, veterinarian, or product manufacturer.

Adopt-A-Less-Adoptable-Pet



Don't hate me because I'm less adoptable

Adopt me because...



Ways You Can Help SOS Animal Rescue

SOS Online Merchandise

We receive a portion of the proceeds from each sale of SOS merchandise at www.cafepress.com/sosanimalrescue.

United Way

Designate your United Way donations to SOS Animal Rescue by writing our name on the donation form.

Annual Rummage Sale

Save up for our annual rummage sale; date to be announced soon.

Canisters

Drop your change in one of our canisters.

eBay

Sell an item on eBay and donate part of the proceeds to SOS Animal Rescue by designating us as your charity.

Charity with iGive

If you buy items on the internet, here is an easy way to raise money for SOS. Using the iGive.com program, a percentage of each Internet purchase made will be donated to your favorite charity. Join iGive.com and list SOS Animal Rescue as your cause, then use www.iGive.com as the gateway to your internet shopping and let the fund-raising begin. Thanks to current members using iGive.com, SOS is already receiving these valuable funds.

SOS Animal Rescue Personal Pet Assistance Fund

You may donate to this fund that provides grants to benefit residents of Midland County who cannot afford the cost of providing primary care for their family pet. Primary care includes but is not limited to spay/neuter surgery, routine or emergency veterinary care, food, and supplies. Visit www.midlandfoundation.org/funds/sos-animal-rescue-personal-pet-assistance-fund-555.html.

**Having trouble
affording pet
food?**

**SOS can help
Midland County
families with
short-term pet
food needs.**



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And please contact us if you have pet food to donate!



Morley Portraiture FundRaiser volunteers Holly Jozwiak, Kathy Morley, Christina Matthews, Joann Taylor (Sharon Heilbronn not pictured).



Dirty Dog Run



Congratulations, Winners of the 2012 Dirty Dog Run!

10K Men

1	47 Mark Dauenhauer	43:35
2	92 Ben Conrad	45:11
3	87 Josh Borgerding	46:20

10K Women

1	89 Melissa Svitil	53:50
2	88 Natalie Olineto	58:24
3	86 Patricia Johnson	59:08

5K Men

1	215 Will Mapes	20:39
2	203 Greg Bausch	26:24
3	225 Jason Lijewski	29:16

5K Women

1	205 Nicole Gotts	26:19
2	212 Kelly Noock	29:55
3	204 Cindy Fink	30:00

5K under 13

1	216 Adrianna Ellis	29:50
2	217 Julia Ellis	29:54
3	304 Madeline Dauenhauer	33:14

Despite the cold and rainy weather, our Fourth Annual Dirty Dog Run was another success. A total of 52 brave runners and walkers participated in the 10K run, 5K run, and the walk. Again the members of the Midland Amateur Radio Club (MARC) were there to provide communications and directions to the runners and be there in case of emergencies, which did not happen.



Greg, Kari, Dylan, Lane, Nathan Wedge & dog Raymond



Thank You, Event Sponsors!

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Park Place Homes
Prime Lending
Superior Title and Settlement Agency

Thank You, Prize Sponsors!

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The Gourmet Cupcake Shoppe
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Runners
Scrapbooks Galore & More
Small Critter Sitter
Soldan's
Studio Fido Photography



Thanks to the Midland Amateur Radio Club (pictured above) and the Bullock Creek robotics club (pictured below) for their assistance on the Dirty Dog Run.



smallest dog Sam
and his owner

Thank You, Donors!

Liz Almond
Erik Barnard
Rose Davidson
Cindy Fink
Holly Gioannini
Tina Harper
Ada Ho
Kris Meyer
Bonnie Mercure
Amy Murphy
Vivian Murphy
Adam Paveglio
Shelley Potts
Pamela Render
Mark Shelley
Connie Sit
Pierre Tien
Allison Tobin
Sarah Yonder Hughes

Holly's Jolly Christmas

an update on the 2009 Christmas pups

Holly was born into the SOS Animal Rescue foster program on Christmas Day in 2009. She found a new home at six months old with a family in northern Michigan. Circumstances changed and the family could no longer keep Holly, so she reentered our foster program at the age of 2½ years. The transition was tough on Holly and she experienced several seizures and was also diagnosed with urinary tract issues. Poor Holly, who would ever adopt a dog that has seizures and needs a special dog food?

I had first fostered Holly at the age of 3½ months until her placement at 6 months old. Holly was from a litter of 10 puppies—the SOS Christmas puppies. Several updates have been written in the SOS newsletter and of course many readers still ask about these pups.

I was fostering Holly again and decided to contact the families of her nine siblings as some of them said that they were looking for another dog and really enjoyed this breed (Beagle/Black Lab mix) and wanted another dog.

I made contact with Jon and Sarah Hughes, the adoptive home of the second Christmas pup I fostered after placing Holly. Jon and Sarah and their dog Molly were interested in meeting Holly. So a few play dates were set up to meet Holly and it was also good to see how their dog Molly was doing. The play dates went great, Holly and Molly clicked and just enjoyed each other romping, running, snuggling, and having a wonderful time. Do you think they know they are connected, do they remember each other?

Jon and Sarah was interested in adopting Holly but they had a cat, Mal, that was ill and they did not want to bring another pet into the household until Mal was getting better. A few weeks later, Jon and Sarah contacted me and said Mal had passed but they needed some time with the loss of Mal.

And now Jon, Sarah, and Molly have adopted Holly. They welcomed Holly with much love and having a dog with seizures was something Jon knew about as he has had dogs that had seizures. Holly's urinary tract issues have greatly improved and is on regular dog food.

Liz Shook, SOS Animal Rescue



Great pals Holly (left) and Molly (right) enjoy their pool party for two.

a note from Holly's new family

SOS got the word out to us about Holly as we have one of her siblings—Molly. Our senior cat, Mal, was ill and we felt Mal needed time and did not want to bring another pet into the household. Unfortunately Mal passed away, and in the spirit of wanting to help another rescue animal, we eventually welcomed Holly into our home. Her sister, Molly, is so glad we did.

Jon and Sarah Hughes and Molly & Holly

Kroger Community Rewards Program

If you'd like to utilize the Kroger Community Rewards Program, simply follow these instructions from Kroger:

- Register online at krogercommunityrewards.com.
- Be sure to have your Kroger Plus card handy and register your card with your organization after you sign up.
- If you do not yet have a Kroger Plus card, it is available at the customer service desk at any Kroger.
- Click on Sign In/Register.
- Most participants are new online customers, so they must click on SIGN UP TODAY in the 'New Customer?' box.
- Sign up for a Kroger Rewards Account by entering ZIP code, clicking on favorite store, entering your email address and creating a password, agreeing to the terms and conditions.
- You will then get a message to check your email inbox and click on the link within the body of the email.
- Click on My Account and use your email address and password to proceed to the next step.
- Click on Edit Kroger Community Rewards information and input your Kroger Plus card number, which is 91497 for SOS Animal Rescue.
- Update or confirm your information.
- Enter NPO number or name of organization, select organization from list, and click on confirm.
- To verify you are enrolled correctly, you will see your organization's name on the right side of your information page.
- REMEMBER, purchases will not count for your group until after you register your card.
- Do you use your telephone number at the register? Call 877-576-7587 to get your Kroger Plus card number.
- Members must swipe their registered Kroger Plus card or use the phone number that is related to their registered Kroger Plus card when shopping for each purchase to count.



Thank you!



**She wishes you
could afford to have
her spayed too.**



***Payment assistance for spaying/neutering your pet cat
is available to Midland County residents!***

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Mission Statement

SOS Animal Rescue is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization whose mission is to reduce the number of unwanted pets in the Midland area through placement, public education, spay/neuter assistance programs, and support for the efforts of local animal welfare groups.

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