

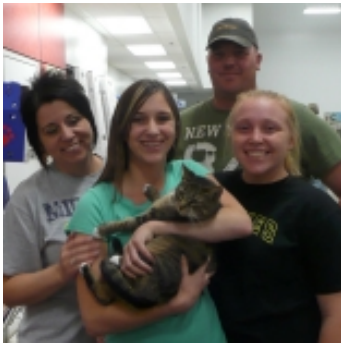
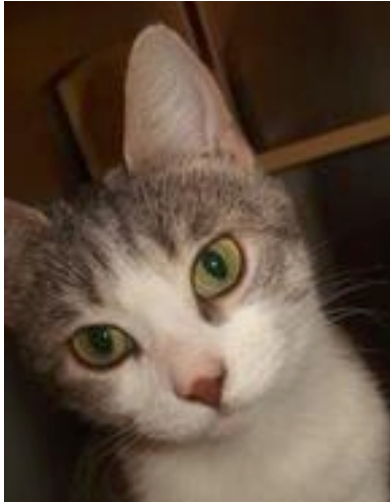


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Meet Justine Marie

Justine Marie was a wild girl who liked to hang out at a local gas station. After eight months in rescue and with a lot of TLC from a foster mom, she let people talk to her and pet her. She will even let you hold her. Maybe she'll purr, maybe she won't. Justine is nice and clean and would like a quiet household please. She is quite small so she won't take up much room either.



*Update from last newsletter:
Bubsey has a new family!*

Meet Mouse

Mouse is a two-year-old female dilute calico. She came to us with a litter of kittens from a house that had three litters all at the same time. Mouse was a great mom and was feeding so many kittens she was malnourished. She is now healthy and ready for a new home. She is good with other cats and dogs. Mouse is a little shy around people. She needs a quieter home and deserves to be pampered to make up for the rough start she had.



SOS EVENTS

Fridays

4:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Saturdays

12:00 noon – 7:00 p.m.

Sundays

12:00 noon – 6:00 p.m.

Adopt-athon
Saginaw PetSmart

October 21

6:00 p.m.

SOS Meeting
Grace A. Dow Library

November 18

6:00 p.m.

SOS Meeting
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November 25 & 26

SOS Fund-Raiser
Morley Portraiture

December 7 & 14

Pictures with Santa
Saginaw PetSmart

Neuter Palooza

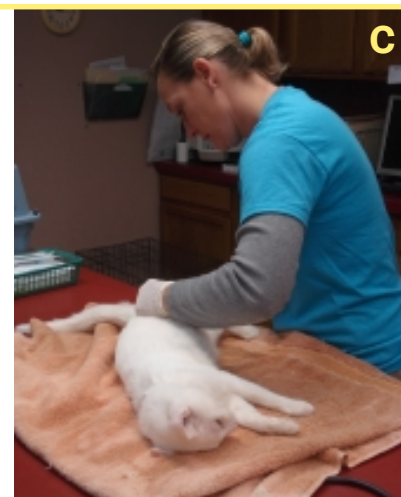
January 8
M-20 Animal Hospital

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



Neuter Palooza

M-20 Animal Hospital and SOS Animal Rescue partnered on our first Neuter Palooza on National Feral Cat Day, October 16. Free neuter surgeries were provided to 35 cats. Each cat received an exam, Revolution for fleas compliments of Pfizer, rabies and distemper vaccines, and treatment for ear mites. (The goal was 40 cats but a few ferals did not allow themselves to be caught on the morning of surgery.) The day was an amazing success.



In fact the event was so successful that another Neuter Palooza is scheduled for January 8 with a goal of neutering 50 male cats. Eligible cats must be feral, free roaming, or from low income families. Spread the word and contact SOS Animal Rescue at 989-492-0042 to receive an application for this event.

Pictured (A) M-20 Animal Clinic Neuter Palooza Team: Amber, Dr. Busch, Jennifer, Bianca, Tara, Sara, and Aleshia. (B) Tara and Aleshia weighing and tagging a patient. (C) Sara preparing a patient for surgery during check-in.

Teaching Your Cat to Use a Scratching Post

Cats scratch on things for two reasons: to shed their claws and to mark their territory. To save your furniture from damage, you should provide your cat with a scratching post or two and teach him how to use it. The requirements for a good scratching post are:

- Vertical posts must be sturdy and tall enough for the cat to stretch its body. Horizontal marking posts are preferred by some cats. Try both types to find out what your cat prefers, or offer one of each.
- The posts should be located in prominent areas in your home, not in the basement. Cats often scratch when they wake up from a nap so put one near the cat's sleeping area.
- You can buy ready-made scratching posts at the pet store or you can make your own. A simple log is preferred by some cats. For others, a piece of corrugated cardboard mounted on a piece of wood works just fine. Although most pre-made posts are covered with carpet, this may not be the best material to use. Cats can get their claws stuck in the fabric loops and stop using the post as a result. Try attaching the carpet upside down or using other materials like upholstery fabric that are more "shreddable."
- Attract your cat to the post using catnip. Sprinkle the catnip on the base and into the fabric or hang bags of catnip from the top. Spend time near the post encouraging your cat to interact with it. Play with the cat near the post and incorporate it into your play.
- The most important step is to reward the cat every time he uses the post. Have yummy food treats nearby and give one to the cat whenever you see him scratching the post.

Once your cat is using the scratching post you have provided, you can teach him that other things are off limits. If you catch your cat scratching the sofa or chair, make a loud noise to startle the cat or squirt him with a plant sprayer or squirt gun. It is important that the cat thinks the noise or water came out of nowhere. This way he will associate the bad thing with the behavior of scratching on the chair, not with you. It's important to entice the cat to the scratching post and praise him for using it.

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How to Use a Head Halter on Your Dog

A properly fitted halter will painlessly stop your dog from pulling when you walk together.

“Whoa, Rover, whoa!” Sound familiar? If that’s what it’s like when you take your dog for a walk, you may want to consider getting a head halter.

What’s a halter?

A head halter is a special kind of collar designed for dogs who like to pull their people when they walk. It consists of a strap that goes around your dog’s nose and another strap that goes around his neck, just behind his ears. The leash fastens to the halter under the dog’s chin to a ring that’s also attached to the nose strap.

When your dog begins to pull, the design of the head halter causes the dog’s nose to be turned down and back toward you, which makes it physically difficult for him to continue pulling.

The head halter is a very humane method of restraint because it doesn’t cause any pain. It works much better to stop a dog from pulling than a choke chain or prong collar. Some brand names of head halters include “Gentle Leader,” “Promise Collar,” and “Halti.”

How should it fit?

The head halter must be fitted properly to be effective and comfortable for your dog. The neck strap should be as high up on your dog’s neck as you can get it, just behind his ears. The strap should be just tight enough for you to fit one finger between it and your dog’s neck.

The nosepiece should be adjusted so that when your dog’s mouth is closed, the nosepiece can slide down to where the skin begins on his nose—but not so loose that it can slide off the end of his nose. The nosepiece will sit naturally, just below your dog’s eyes. Make sure that the metal ring to which the leash attaches is underneath his chin.

The head halter is a very humane method of restraint; it’s more effective than a choke chain or prong collar, and it’s painless.

How will your dog react?

Most dogs will resist a head halter at first. The amount of resistance varies for each dog. When you first put the head halter on, your dog may try to get it off by pawing at his nose or rubbing his nose on the ground, on you, or on anything he can get close to. The best strategy is to keep his head up and keep him moving by using positive verbal reinforcement and treats.

Most dogs eventually accept head halters. When your dog

associates the halter with going for a walk, he’ll begin to react positively to it, and soon, both you and your dog will enjoy taking walks together!

Things to remember

- Make sure the head halter is fitted properly.
- Fit the halter so that it is snug around your dog’s neck and high behind his ears, but loose enough around his nose so that the nose strap can slide easily down to the fleshy part of his nose.
- Don’t confuse the head halter with a muzzle.
- Keep in mind that a dog wearing a head halter can still eat, drink, pant, bark, and bite, if he chooses.
- Never use a hard jerk with the head halter.
- Never use the head halter with a retractable lead.
- Be sure your dog doesn’t run quickly to the end of the lead; if he does, he may give himself a hard jerk.
- Outfit your dog with the head halter only during on-leash walks with you and/or when you’re directly supervising him.
- Don’t allow your dog to wear the head halter around the house; he’ll have plenty of time to work at getting it off, and will eventually succeed.
- Read the information sheet that comes with your head halter.

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between life and death is **YOU.**

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Pet Food Assistance Program	2010	2011	2012	2013 ytd
families helped	50	40	77	114
dogs		56	121	157
cats		149	159	138
other animals		11	2	6
lbs dog food out			2458	5532
lbs cat food out			1627	2019

Avoiding Nighttime Dangers

Nighttime walks with your dog can be a relaxing, enjoyable ritual. But poorly lit places and areas with high traffic can be a danger to you and your pet. Bidawee offers the following suggestions to make your after-dark walks safer.

1. **Wear Reflective Gear:**
That goes for both you and your dog. Whether you are walking in the city, in a development, or along a country road, drivers need to be able to see both of you.
2. **Bring a Flashlight:**
Never leave the house for a nighttime walk without a portable flashlight to help you see the path ahead.
3. **Take Along Your Cell Phone:**
But the phone should be used for emergencies, not for talking while walking, which can be an unsafe distraction.
4. **Leave Other Distractions at Home:**
In addition to not talking on your cell phone, don't listen to music while walking the dog. Being distracted means being less aware of your surroundings and what your dog is doing.



**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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Big Rick's First Annual Charity Bike Run was held on May 4. It featured a ride to Sporty's Castaways, Retro Rocks in Bay City. An all you can eat BBQ was held at JD's BBQ. Thank you to everyone who rode in memory of Big Rick.



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We appreciate everyone who participated and hope we didn't miss anyone.

Spay/Neuter Statistics

To date, SOS has spayed/neutered 1862 cats and dogs.

SPAY/NEUTER	2013	Total
Female Cats	78	782
Male Cats	60	475
Female Dogs	52	358
Male Dogs	34	247
TOTALS	224	1862

Saginaw PetSmart is hosting pictures with Santa.

**Pet parents bring their own
cameras or smart phones and snap
pictures with Santa in front of the
holiday backdrop.**

**Saturday, December 7 & 14
11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

**Donation amount of \$5 per photo.
Proceeds to SOS Animal Rescue.**

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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.

Elections

Elections for president and secretary will take place at the November meeting. Dues must be paid in order to be a member in good standing and eligible to vote. All members shall be entitled to cast one vote if they have been a member of the organization for three months.

Look Who Was Adopted!



Missy

Cheez It



Membership Renewal Cards

Membership renewals cards will be arriving in your mailbox soon. Your membership helps save animals by providing food and vet care to animals in need.

THANK YOU!

In memory of Pumpkin,
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by Diana & Mike Dalton

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Timothy Cogley's mother
by Rena Marx

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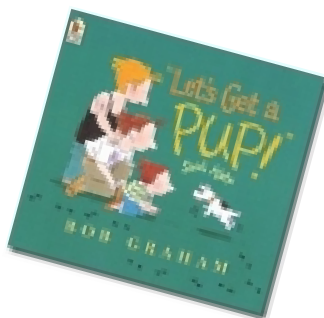
BOOK REVIEWS BY CHRIS ERSKINE

“Let’s Get a Pup!” said Kate

by Bob Graham

Ages 3-7

If you’re looking for a book with illustrations that will put a smile on your face along with an engaging story that the little ones will enjoy, this is it.



Kate missed Tiger, her kitty that had passed away the prior winter. With the onset of summer, Kate burst into her parents’ bedroom one morning declaring that she thought they should get a puppy. So the three loaded into their auto and sped to The Rescue Center...The center for dogs without a home and for dogs all alone.

At the rescue shelter, they found Dave, a puppy with tons of energy and kisses, which is what Kate wished for. They then saw Rosey, an old and gray dog that was “as broad as a table.” All three were touched by Rosey. When Dad said goodbye to Rosey at the shelter, he said, “My wish for you is that you could lie on someone’s living room floor.” Mom wished for Rosey to be able to lie on someone’s couch, and Kate wished for her to be able to be on someone’s bed. You see, Tiger would sleep with Kate every night.

Although Dave was everything a puppy could be, Dad, Mom, and Kate could not stop thinking about old Rosey left at the shelter. I will not divulge what comes next.

You have to look carefully at these delightful illustrations. You soon realize that this family is a little quirky, with a flower tattoo on Mom’s arm, and on their living room floor lays a magazine with rock musicians. Rolling Stone, perhaps?

I chuckled reading this book because it was just plain cute. The family is so sweet and human, you cannot help but fall in love with them. *Let’s Get a Pup* demonstrates that loving and caring for animals as well as truly bonding with them is universal, even if you have a flower tattoo.

Mr. Graham’s book has a list of children’s book awards from an ABC Children’s Booksellers Choice to the Humane Society KIND award winner. I give this story a huge thumbs up.

A Street Cat Named Bob

by James Bowen

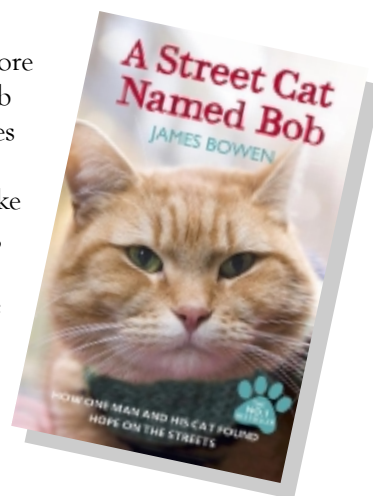
Adult

A Street Cat Named Bob is the author’s true story. James spent years making bad choices and addicted to heroine, leaving him homeless for a while. The reader is introduced to James while he is participating in a methadone program in order to live life without heroine. He supports himself by singing and playing his guitar on the city streets, relying on the generosity of people on their way to and from their jobs or the many tourists in London, England. James went out to work every day in an attempt to have a life without drugs. Things were simple for James with only himself to be concerned with. Then as fate would have it, a large stray ginger cat with a wound parked on the doorstep of his small flat and would not go away.

Not wanting to be responsible for another living being, James tried to dissuade the cat to leave, but to no avail. James realized that he was stuck with the ginger cat, and so their friendship began. Without giving away the story, these two misfits took an incredible journey together on the streets.

A Street Cat Named Bob is a wonderful book that I recommend. I might consider it a tribute to those who travel down a hard road but are able to change their lives for the better with determination and inspiration. If you have a large ginger cat with an unforgettable personality by your side, anything is possible.

You can also read more about James and Bob on Facebook at James Bowen & Street Cat Bob. If you would like to see Bob in action, check him out on YouTube. He is one cute kitty! A second book, *The World According to Bob*, is on my bucket ‘reading’ list.





Thank you, Midland Parks and Recreation and Northern Animal Clinic for sponsoring the annual dog swim at Plymouth Pool!

See more photos on our Facebook page.

See a video of the dog swim, Neuter Palooza, and the Dirty Dog Trail Run on our website: www.sosanimalrescue.org



Rummage Sale

Thanks to Midland Reformed Church for the location. Thanks to Amazing Deli for Thursday's lunch and Bob Evans for Friday's lunch. Above, our master mover Craig Sheldon. Right, volunteers Chris Erskine, Isabella Jansen, Jennie Nash, Joann Taylor, Doug Dean.



Dirty Dog Run 2013



Proceeds from our Fifth Annual Dirty Dog Run are used for the foster, spay/neuter and pet food assistance programs. Your support has helped save 170 animals, spayed/neutered 224 pets and provided pet food assistance to 114 families so far this year. Your support is critical to saving the animals. See more photos on our Facebook page.

Congratulations, Winners of the 2013 Dirty Dog Run!

10K Men

- 1st Brian Jones
- 2nd Andrew Broomfield
- 3rd Benjamin Conrad

10K Women

- 1st Amber Forge
- 2nd Deanna Losey
- 3rd Michelle Huebert

5K Men

- 1st Kurtis Depree
- 2nd Chandler Ludlum
- 3rd William Marenich

5K Women

- 1st Santana Kozuch
- 2nd Sheri Tausk
- 3rd Ellie Coleman

5K under 13

- 1st Will Rappuhn
- 2nd Noah Wittbrodt
- 2nd Maddy Wittbrodt



Runner of the 10K Shawn Pye (above left) came all the way from Denver, Colorado. Shawn is running a 10K in every state in 24 months. Michigan is race 29 and he has to finish by August 2014. Good luck in your travels, Shawn.



Eric Kozuch
and daughter

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Fuzzy Pawz and Cafe Boutique, for attending
our event and providing great treats for prizes.
They are located in the Midland Mall
at a kiosk near the food court.

Thank You,

Butch, for announcing times to the finishers.



(Right) Thank you, Midland Amateur Radio Club, for providing course communications at the Dirty Dog Trail Run. You did a great job as always.

(Below) Thank you, prize sponsors, for tables filled with door prizes.



Thanks to our race DJ's
Craig Sheldon and Jennie Nash



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