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M-20 Animal Hospital & SOS Animal Rescue Announce Neuter Palooza Milestone

M-20 Animal Hospital and SOS Animal Rescue's spay/neuter assistance program have completed their 150th Neuter Palooza surgery! Neuter Palooza is a program that provides free neuter surgeries for male cats. These cats come from low income homes or are unowned community cats.

"This is a positive milestone in our efforts to help control the animal population," said SOS Animal Rescue President Joann Taylor.

"The 150 surgeries have prevented hundreds of unwanted cats from being born into abuse, neglect, and a life of misery," Taylor said. "In addition, the animals lead healthier lives after surgery and the community benefits by having significantly fewer homeless animals roaming the streets. There are not enough homes for them all so no birth is the first step to a no-kill community."

Since partnering with SOS Animal Rescue in 2013, M-20 Animal Hospital has offered free male cat surgeries on a monthly basis. "It is very rewarding to know that we can do something to help our community. Everyone here at M-20 Animal Hospital looks forward to the monthly Neuter Day, hence the name Neuter Palooza. SOS Animal Rescue is a great rescue and we have been happy to be a part of their efforts!" said veterinarian Dr. Busch.

"Without the generosity of M-20 Animal Hospital and their staff the Neuter Palooza would not be possible. Dr. Busch, Dr. Peterson, and their staff do a great job of handling the clients and cats at each event. Not only is the neuter surgery performed but each cat receives a health exam, pain medication, flea and ear mite treatment, rabies and distemper vaccines," said Taylor.

To participate, individuals must submit an application. Once their eligibility has been verified, the applicant will receive a voucher to present at M-20 Animal Hospital to cover the neuter surgical cost. This program represents a great working partnership between M-20 Animal Hospital and SOS Animal Rescue. By working together we can create a better community for all. Applications are available on the website at www.sosanimalrescue.org or by calling 989-492-0042.



SOS EVENTS

Adopt-athon

PetSmart

Saturdays • 12:00–5:00

Sundays • 12:00–4:00

Neuter Palooza

April 16 & 23

Give Local Midland

May 5

Rummage Drop-Off

104 W. Wackerly St.

May 7 • 1:00–8:00 p.m.

Annual Rummage Sale

104 W. Wackerly St.

May 8 • 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

May 9 • 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Monthly Meeting

Grace A. Dow Library

Conference Room B

May 18 • 6:00 p.m.

Bark in Park

June 10 & 24

6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Bark For Life

June 13 • 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Monthly Meeting

Grace A. Dow Library

Conference Room B

June 15 • 6:00 p.m.

Dirty Dog Trail Run

October 3

THANK YOU!

Lynnette Albosta
Barb Anderson
Christopher Arrington
Monica Essenmacher
Maureen Gierucki
Gabriele Golombeski
Isabella Jansen in memory of Spook
Elizabeth Marshall

Rena Marx in memory of
Jennifer Brooks' mother
Mr. & Mrs. Antonio Giannelli's Dad
Ronald Graham's mother
Margaret Power's mother

The employees of Nexteer for their pet food and supplies drive
Michelle Noack
Christine Peltier
Teresa Pennington

Diane Pudlo in memory of Joshua
Nancy Richey in memory of Chewy beloved pet of the Wolfe
family

Madeline Sasse
Judy Schueffele
Angela Tewksbury
Darlene Wensaut in memory of Rufus
Kim Wenzel

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Zach's Dog Groomery



Brownie Troop 50148, third-graders at Adams Elementary, thank you for your donation.

ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE!

Friday, May 8
9-6

Saturday, May 9
9-12

104 W. Wackerly St.
corner of Jefferson and
Wackerly, next to
Sylvan Learning Center

Donation Drop-off
Thursday, May 7
1-8 p.m.

No adult clothes.

PLEASE BRING
gently used items &
shoes, boots, clogs,
any foot wear

Proceeds benefit our
fostering, pet food, and
spay/neuter assistance
programs.

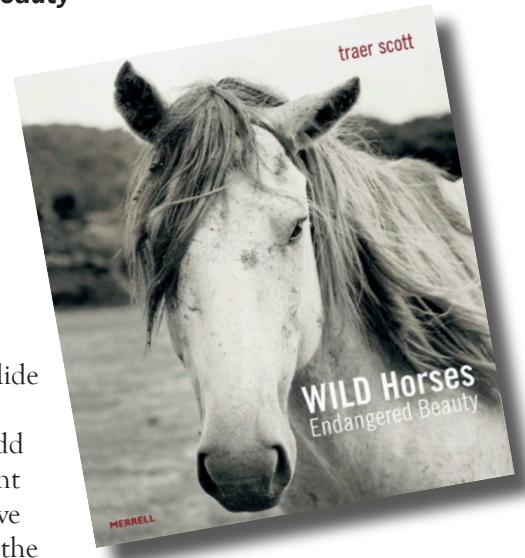
BOOK REVIEW BY CHRIS ERSKINE

Wild Horses – Endangered Beauty

by Traer Scott

Adult Non-Fiction

The wild horse dilemma in our nation is complicated. Open range ranchers, the horse meat industry always on the heels of our government to overturn the ban on U.S. horse slaughter plants continually collide with animal welfare groups and concerned citizens. Then you add the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) into the mix and you have a perfect storm. Unfortunately, the wild horses and burros are caught in the middle of this ongoing heated debate.



Note: Although horse slaughter for human consumption was banned in the U.S., the kill auctions are still facilitating the purchase of thousands of wild and domestic horses and burros yearly to be shipped to Canada and Mexico for slaughter.

Toward the end of the nineteenth century, wild horses and burros were considered to be an inexhaustible commodity where herds were relentlessly and cruelly hunted for sport, poisoned, driven off of cliffs, or captured for military use. Not unlike the American Buffalo which had been hunted close to extinction until the government was urged to intervene creating protection laws, the wild horses and burros were facing the same fate. However, it was not until the 1970s that animal welfare and conservation groups gained a foothold in Washington, drawing attention to the plight of the wild horse.

The 21-page introduction is a must-read to fully understand the dynamics of this ongoing battle. Since the first publication of Ms. Scott's book in 2008, there has been federal legislation and legislative failures with no resolution. Wild horses and burros still are enduring grueling government BLM roundups and then inhumanely confined in pens to await their fate.

Wild Horses is a beautiful tribute to these magnificent animals that have long been part of our nation's landscape. Ms. Scott is able to capture the intelligence and the souls of her wild horse subjects through the lens of her camera. Her collection of black and white portraits will draw you in.

I have been a long time admirer of Traer Scott and her work ever since I first read *Shelter Dogs* and her second book, *Street Dogs*. *Wild Horses – Endangered Beauty* is a testament to her dedication in preserving our country's historical treasures and that they do not become a forgotten memory. I highly recommend this book.

Introducing Your New Cat to Other Pets

Wouldn't it be nice if all it took to introduce a new cat to your resident pet were a brief handshake and a couple of "HELLO, My Name is..." nametags? But, since we're dealing with cats, not people, it's just not that simple.

Realistic expectations: You can't force your pets to like each other. We don't have a crystal ball to predict whether or not your pets will be friends, but we do have techniques that will increase your chances of success. Most importantly, try to choose a cat with a similar personality and activity level to your current pet. An older cat or dog might not appreciate the antics of a kitten.

Go slow during the introduction process to increase your chances for success. Don't throw your pets together in a sink-or-swim situation and just hope they'll work it out. That's a recipe for the fur to fly!

The nature of cats: Cats are territorial, and in general they don't like to share. A cat who's unhappy about a newcomer may express his displeasure by fighting with the other pet and marking territory (peeing on the floor, wall, or objects).

Cats also dislike change, and a new cat in the house is a huge change. These two character traits mean you could have a tough (but not impassable) road ahead.

Being social: Some cats are more social than others. An 8-year-old cat who has never been around other animals might never learn to share her territory (and her people) with other pets. But an 8-week-old kitten separated from her mom and littermates for the first time might be glad to have a cat or dog companion.

All of this means that your current pet and your new cat need to be introduced very slowly so they can get used to each other before a face-to-face meeting. Slow introductions help prevent fearful or aggressive behavior from developing.

Below are some guidelines to help make the introductions go smoothly. The introduction process can take anywhere from a few days to a few weeks, or even a few months in extreme cases. Be patient.

Confinement: To allow time for the newcomer to adjust to you and her new situation, keep her in a small room with her litter box, food, water, scratching post, toys and a bed for several days to a week.

Feed your resident pets and the newcomer on each side of the door to this room, so that they associate something enjoyable (eating!) with each other's smells. Don't put the food so close to the door that the animals are too upset by each other's presence to eat. Gradually move the dishes closer to the door until your pets can eat calmly while standing directly on either side of the door.

Try to get your pets to interact with a toy. Tie a toy to each end of a string, then place it so there's a toy on either side of the door. Hopefully, they'll start batting the toys around and maybe even batting paws. Be sure to spend plenty of time with your new kitty in her room, but don't ignore your resident cat.

The old switcheroo: To animals, smells are far more important than appearances, so you want to get your pets used to each other's scent before they meet face-to-face.

Swap the blankets or beds the cats use, or gently rub a washcloth on one cat's cheeks and put it underneath the food dish of another. If there are more than two animals in the house, do the same for each animal. When the pets finally do meet, at least their scents will be familiar.

Once your new cat is using her litter box and eating regularly while confined, let her have free time in the house while confining your other pets to the new cat's room. It's best to introduce your new cat to a room or two at a time and increase her access to other rooms over a few days. This switch provides another way for them to experience each other's scents without a face-to-face meeting. It also allows the newcomer to get familiar with her new surroundings without the other animals frightening her. You can do this several times a day, but only when you're home to supervise. If you have to leave the house, put your new kitty back in her room. After you've returned the cats to their designated parts of the house, use two doorstops to prop open the dividing door just enough to allow the animals to see each other. Under supervision, repeat the whole process over a period of days.

Bring your dog to the Chippewassee Dog Park in Midland (across the Tridge) on the second and fourth Wednesdays in June, July, and August (June 10, June 24, July 8, July 22, August 12, and August 26) for an evening of fun and free doggie prizes! The event is from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. and is sponsored by SOS Animal Rescue.



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SOS Animal Rescue Launches Shoe Collection Drive to Raise Money for Saving Animals

SOS Animal Rescue is conducting a shoe collection drive from March 15 to May 15 to raise funds for the animals. SOS Animal Rescue will earn funds based on the number of pairs collected as Funds2Orgs will purchase all of the donated goods. The money raised will benefit the rescues foster and spay/neuter assistance programs. **All footwear is welcome, including tennis shoes, clogs, dress boots, dress shoes, work boots, sports shoes, flip-flops, and snow boots.** Anyone can help by donating gently worn, used, or new shoes at one of the following locations:

Midland:

- Active Orthopedics at 324 S. Saginaw near the Circle
- Midland Chiropractic at 4710 Eastman on the corner of Eastman and Saginaw
- Park Place Homes at 1007 Wackerly Street across from the Tennis Center
- River Rock Animal Hospital at 116 Harold Street near Kroger

Saginaw:

- Faler Pharmacy at 1806 Court Street on the corner of Bay Street
- PetSmart at 3431 Tittabawassee Road, during regular adoption hours

Auburn:

- Animal Pal at 211 East Midland Street



March 15–May 15

All donated shoes will be redistributed throughout the Funds2Orgs network of microenterprise partners in developing nations. Funds2Orgs helps impoverished people start, maintain, and grow businesses in countries such as Haiti and Honduras and other nations in Central America and Africa. Proceeds from the shoe sales are used to feed, clothe, and house their families. One budding entrepreneur in Haiti even earned enough to send to her son to law school. Thank you for supporting this wonderful program!

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Slow and steady wins the race: It's better to introduce your pets to each other gradually so that neither animal becomes afraid or aggressive. Once the cats are face to face, though, there will be some kinks for them to work out.

If you're really lucky, your cats may do some mutual sniffing and grooming, and you're on your way to success. They may sit and stare at each other. You can provide distraction by dangling toys in front of them at the same time. This may encourage them to play together.

They might sniff each other, hiss and walk away. That's to be expected. This may go on for a few days or so, and then you'll probably find them both sleeping on your bed.

Break it up: If you're not so lucky, they may be very stressed. They may posture and make a lot of noise. As soon as there are signs of increasing aggression (flattened ears, growling,

spitting, and crouching) make a loud noise by clapping your hands or throw a pillow nearby to distract them. If the standoff continues, very carefully herd them into separate parts of the house to calm down. This could take up to 24 hours, and the cats may take out their stress on you.

Be careful: If the cats fight repeatedly, you may need to start the introduction process all over again and consider getting advice from a vet or animal behaviorist. Never try to break up a cat fight by picking one up. You're bound to get hurt.

Reducing tension: There are other things you can do to help ease tension between feline roommates. Have your cats examined by your vet before introductions to make sure they're all healthy. Have one litter box per cat plus an extra one. Try to keep your resident pets' routine as close to what it was before the newcomer's arrival. Make sure all cats have a "safe" place to escape to.

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Your donations help these animals receive medical care.

They are either still in treatment or waiting for their forever homes.



ADOPTED!

Pearl – very emaciated on arrival but is healthy now and ready for a new home.



ADOPTED!

Johnnie – arrived limping with frostbit feet and icicles hanging from his face. A little warmth, good food, and he turned out to be an amazing cat



ADOPTED!

Ceasar – FIV positive.



ADOPTED!

Mollie – cataract in one eye.



ADOPTED!

Lilly – severe diarrhea.



Izzy – upper respiratory infection needing breathing treatment.



Tiger – Featured in last month's newsletter as we learned he has chronic rhinitis. We have now learned he is also diabetic. Tiger receives insulin twice daily, and he is available for adoption as his last fructose test was perfect.

Feeding to Prevent Diabetes in Cats

Diet plays a huge role in preventing diabetes in cats. As is the case in people, most cats with the disease develop what is called type 2 diabetes, which is intimately related to the food we eat.

Some cats do develop a different type of diabetes — type 1 diabetes. In these cases, feeding an appropriate diet is very important in managing the disease, but unfortunately won't do anything to prevent the condition. Two aspects of the diet are critical to preventing type 2 diabetes in cats.

1. The Type of Food

Cats are carnivores. While they can use carbohydrates as an energy source, their physiology is not designed to handle large amounts of carbohydrates in the diet (they actually lack several of the digestive enzymes that other species use to break down carbohydrates). The feline body is a protein and fat metabolizing machine.

Over-feeding carbohydrates to some cats causes them to become insulin resistant. In other words, they are still making an appropriate amount of insulin, but their cells don't react to it in the normal way. The pancreas (the organ than makes insulin) responds by trying to make more insulin but with time it essentially wears out and can't meet the body's needs. At this point, the cat has diabetes.

Feeding cats a low carbohydrate – high protein – moderate fat diet can prevent insulin resistance and diabetes in at-risk cats. In general, this means feeding your cat a canned cat food, but watch out for varieties that contain more carbohydrates than you might expect. Dry foods are relatively high in carbohydrates, although some are much lower than others, so if you have to feed dry, choose wisely. A rough estimate of a food's carbohydrate content can be calculated using information provided on the product label.

2. The Amount of Food

Another critical aspect of a cat's diet is the amount of food he or she eats. Obesity is probably the most important risk factor for developing type 2 diabetes. Therefore, even if you feed your cat a low carbohydrate – high protein – moderate fat diet, you can negate its beneficial effects by feeding too much of it.

How much to feed is determined by an almost infinite number of variables: the food's caloric density, how many and what type of treats a cat gets throughout the day, variations in exercise, metabolic rate, ambient temperature, health status, and more. A simple solution is to feed with a goal of maintaining a slim body condition while a kitten is growing, and then once a cat has matured, weigh him or her monthly and fine tune the amount of food you are offering based on weight gain or loss.

Of course, we all have known obese cats who have eaten nothing but high carbohydrate dry foods for their entire lives and never developed diabetes. Diabetes is a multifactorial disease meaning that genetics, exercise, and other factors we haven't yet recognized also play roles in its development.

Diet and obesity are not the only risk factors for diabetes, just the two most important ones over which we have control.

By Dr. Jennifer Coates. Reprinted from www.petmd.com.

Pet Food Assistance Program

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Families helped	50	40	77	138	90	10
Dogs		56	121	180	104	19
Cats		149	159	210	174	24
Other animals		11	2	6	1	0
Total dog food delivered			2458	6386	3603	537
Total cat food delivered			1627	2824	1866	163
Families helped with pet flea products					16	0

Dogs Are Not Public Property

Picture this: It's a lovely day, and you're relaxing at a local park, having a picnic with your family. A well-dressed lady you've never met before with a large smile on her face exits her car. She lays eyes on your family and begins staring. Slowly, she moves toward you, speaking gibberish and making baby talk, all googly eyes, and grabby hands. She begins touching your children, grabbing their cheeks. She grabs one by the face, moves her face to within inches of baby Tommy's, staring directly into his eyes and smiling. She grabs your husband by the ears and firmly plants her lips on his mouth. She gives you a little squeeze on the rump, hugs you tightly, and scratches your eight-year-old's head. Nearby stands your three-year-old nephew, she grabs his shoulders firmly and begins applying downward pressure, while saying, "SIT! SIT! SIT!"

What if she then spied your lovely new Coach purse on the picnic blanket and decided to throw it over her shoulder, cavalierly? "Oh, I really like this purse!" What if she then removed your keys, approached your car, and drove off with your credit cards.

OK, at what point during these events would you call the police? If anyone did this to you or your family, you would think they were socially defunct and may need to be removed from polite society. Would you, at any point in this interaction, have acted "aggressively" by telling her to go away? Would you have left the park? What would you

have done if you asked her to go away and she continued to harass your family?

This story seems absurd, like something out of a hidden camera show. Sadly, this is not science fiction but an every day way-of-life for many dogs.

In the eyes of the law, dogs are considered the "private property" of the owner. Society apparently did not get the proverbial memo, so many people assume, "all dogs are for me to touch." Many have excuses like, "I LOVE dogs!" which they think gives them a free pass to wander our communities, groping any dog that comes into their contact. Yes, folks, there are serial dog gropers in your community.

No other private property that I'm aware of is considered "free access" to the community. You can't just move into someone's house, take their purse or car, or abscond with a cell phone just because you like it. You can't pick up someone's kid and hug them just because the kid is cute. You can't snatch up someone's picnic basket because you happen to like organic chicken salad wraps, Petit Noir, deviled eggs, and fresh fruit. Yet somehow, when it's a cute dog, it's a free-for-all. Dogs are approached without owners being asked, subjected to all kinds of things that dogs don't like, and expected to just deal with it. If owners ask for their dog to be left alone, they're looked at as if they are some sort of green, three-eyed monster with a serious attitude problem. For dogs, the rules seem to be:

- Someone steps on your tail? Deal with it.
- Stranger steals your favorite toy? Too bad, so sad!
- Have arthritis and someone pushes down on your rear, causing intense pain? Deal with it.
- Want to have a nice outing with your best friend without being disturbed by strangers? Tough.
- Don't like to be molested by strangers? Too bad, sit there and take it.

I guess the question must be: Are dogs ever allowed to have opinions? Do we really expect them to welcome every type of social interaction, all the time, in any circumstance? Do we expect them to tolerate pain, social pressure, and molestation?

In the comments on a recent article, a number of people said something to the effect of, "If a dog is out in public, I assume it is friendly and that I am welcome to touch it." Really? Where did this sense of entitlement come from?



Saginaw Teams Up with SOS Animal Rescue to Help Area Animals

For the second year in a row, the Saginaw campus of Ross Medical Education Center supported SOS Animal Rescue. Joann Taylor, president of SOS Animal Rescue, came out and spoke to the students about the non-profit, no-kill fostering program that cares for sick and homeless animals. The campus collected items such as cat beds, paper towels, cat collars, cat food, dish soap, dog and cat toys, and treats.

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As citizens, we are allowed to protect our homes and property. We are entitled to legal protection if someone threatens the safety of our family, tries to break into our cars, homes, or bank accounts. Why are dogs, which unlike all of these other material possessions, have feelings, opinions, and comfort levels, the only “personal property” we have that is subject to being assaulted by community members without recourse? When will we realize that many actions that humans think are friendly are perceived as active acts of aggression by “man’s best friend?”

The moral of the story is my dogs are MY dogs. We may be out in public, but that does not entitle you to touch them or force yourself upon them. I have the right to say, “leave my dog alone” just as much as I have the right to say, “keep your hands out of my wallet or undergarments.” Mokie, my Chow mix, really doesn’t like being touched by strangers. She tolerates it, but does not enjoy it and looks at me the entire time as if to say, “I’ll get something for this, right?” Sometimes, she just wants to go for a walk and NOT be touched by every stranger along the path – in the past, I’ve had to resort to telling people, “She bites” (she never has) just so we can go on a peaceful walk. Why have I done this?

Because people try to grab her without even asking or proceed to try to grab her after I ask that we be left alone. She shouldn’t be forced into situations that make her uncomfortable; she’s my friend, and it’s my job to help her feel safe. Cuba, my Saint Bernard puppy, is a teenager and does like to be touched but needs reminders on his manners frequently, so if you want to pet him, you may need to wait a few minutes while I make sure that he is standing at my side, on a loose leash, and not pulling to meet you.

So if you want to greet someone’s dog, ask; and whatever their answer is, respect it and don’t take it personally because it’s not intended in that manner. Most dog owners are not indiscriminate jerks, and if a person says, “No,” there is likely a reason – the dog doesn’t feel comfortable being touched by strangers, the person is in a hurry, the dog is working, the dog is in training, the dog may bite you.

Dog owners are private property owners: If we treated dogs with the same respect we treated a Coach handbag, a lot fewer people would be bitten, dogs euthanized, and dog owners forced to deal with the stress of judgment for securing their dog’s physical and mental well-being.

Dogs Are Not Public Property. Groping a stranger’s dog is like groping a stranger’s wife – just NOT. COOL.

By Casey Lomonaco. Reprinted from www.dogster.com.



Kroger Community Rewards

Remember to sign up again in April. Kroger requires everyone to sign up each year. We know signing up each year takes time but we do appreciate your help. Thank you for using Kroger and designating SOS Animal Rescue as your charity. We raised \$576 in 2014 through your generosity. Sign up at www.kroger.com/communityrewards. Our number is 91497.

Spay/Neuter Statistics

If each spay/neuter surgery prevents two litters of unwanted puppies or kittens from being born the program has saved over 16,000 from a life of hunger, cruelty and disease. Thank you for making a difference in the lives of so many.

Spay/Neuter	thru 2014	2015	Total
female cats	959	7	966
male cats	646	30	676
female dogs	433	10	443
male dogs	312	7	319
total	2350	54	2404



Dirty Dog Run
Saturday, October 3
Midland City Forest

Bark for Life

June 13
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

SOS Animal Rescue is proud to be a supporter of Bark for Life on June 13 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Tridge in Midland. Much like Relay for Life, this event raises funds for the American Cancer Society. The difference: the walk is for the dogs!

This is the third year for this successful event. Opening ceremony is at 10:15 a.m., then a walk through Chippewasee Park with your team and four-legged friends. The walk is about one mile long and is followed by fun activities for people and dogs until 1:00 p.m.

Our goal for this event is public visibility, an opportunity to reach out to a different kind of crowd from our typical events, and the chance to engage with people who are passionate about another cause.

SOS Animal Rescue will have a registered walking team for this event. If you are interested in joining our walking team, please sign up via the link on our web page at www.sosanimalrescue.org/Bark-for-life. The cost is \$10 per dog.

We are hoping to help make this event a success for American Cancer Society, so please join our team.



Rescue Check is a public service website for adopters, donors, and pet professionals to review and rate their local area pet rescue. The website seeks to recognize and promote the work of pet rescue groups doing pet rescue well and to hold all rescues to a higher standard of care for their animals and for their communities at large. SOS Animal Rescue is listed, so leave a review if you have something to share. This is a place for the good and the bad to be shared with all. So far we are the only rescue listed in Michigan but you can add others to the database with a few extra key strokes.

Thank You for Displaying SOS Donation Canisters!

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No adoption fee!

BARN HOMES NEEDED!

Many cats in our foster program are not interested in living in a home. Some of these cats have lived their entire lives as strays and therefore tend to be shy, under-socialized, and not ready to be indoor pets. The perfect new home for these cats would be...a barn!

By providing a barn home for a SOS Animal Rescue foster cat, you are truly saving a life! All these cats need is a cozy barn where someone will provide them with shelter, food, and water. All cats adopted through our Barn Cat Program are spayed/neutered, up-to-date on shots, FIV/FelV negative, and treated for fleas and worms. They just need a few days in a safe place like a crate or small room to acclimate to their new environment.

Give a second chance to an outdoor cat.

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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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