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## **Dirty Dog Trail Run Partners with the Judy V. Spencer Fund and PAWSitive Helpers**

The seventh annual Dirty Dog Trail Run was held on Saturday, September 19. The race featured new partnerships with the Judy V. Spencer Fund and PAWSitive Helpers.

The Judy V. Spencer fund was set up by Michael Spencer in honor of his mother Judy V. Spencer and provides funding to ensure victims of domestic violence can provide a safe haven for their pets.

PAWSitive Helpers is a program offered by Partners for a Cause, that promotes positive human-animal interaction to improve the emotional and psychological lives of adolescents, while also providing support to local animal rescue organizations.

We appreciated our new partners along with all the racers, volunteers, sponsors, and everyone else who helped and participated in the event. Check out all the photos on the SOS Animal Rescue facebook page. Thank you everyone who came out to support the cause.



**Meet Izzy, a beautiful orange short-hair cat. He has chronic sinusitis which makes him sound wheezy but only requires periodic steroid medication. He does need his own person or family for love. Izzy loves to snuggle on my lap when it is free (which is not often enough). SOS has had him for too long. Please consider giving him a home.**

## **SOS EVENTS**

### **Adopt-athon**

PetSmart Saginaw  
Saturdays • 12:00–5:00  
*(additional dates  
around the holidays;  
check website for details)*

### **Soldan's Giving Tree**

November & December

### **Monthly Meeting and Elections**

Park Place Homes  
1007 E Wackerly St., Midland  
Thursday, November 19  
6:00 p.m.

### **River Rock Animal Hospital**

Pet Food Drive  
through November 30  
Pet Toy Drive  
through December 15

### **Morley Portraiture Event**

*tentative*  
January 14 and 15

*Board meetings have changed to  
the Third Thursday in the month.*

*The meetings are held at the  
Grace A. Dow Memorial Library in  
Conference Room B at 6:00 p.m.  
(except for this November). The  
board does not meet in August  
and December.*

*Check the website for other  
updates to the schedule.*

# THANK YOU!

## ***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 • M-20 Animal Hospital  
Northern Animal Clinic • Soldan's • Surrey Vet Clinic • Wall & Webb

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Monica Essenmacher

Richard and Brenda Keenan

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Madelaine Sasse

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R. Schluckbier

Susan Smith

Rebecca Waaso

In memory of Peanut by Darlene  
Wensaut

In memory of Norma Rozinski by  
Allen, Laura, Madison, and Noah  
Wittbrodt

In memory of Joyce Kartz by Jill  
Freeland

In memory of the mother and  
brother of Cynthia Thorn by Rena  
Marx

In memory of Mr. and Mrs.  
Jonathon Mustapha's mom by  
Rena Marx

In memory of Vicki Bender's mom  
by Rena Marx

In Memory of Mark and Beverly  
Vines' dad by Rena Marx

In memory of Mr. and Mrs.  
Carter's daughter by Rena Marx

In Memory of Stephanie and Paul  
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In memory of Nick and Garrett's  
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In memory of the sister, aunt, and  
great aunt of Betty Fazer, Joanna  
Howard, and Courtney Clark by  
Rena Marx

In memory of Janet Baker

Aaron and Sondra Aman

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Gary and Deb Stephens

Kathy Sutherland

Randy and Sharon Tausch

Charles and Susan Tusciuk

**Thanks to everyone who joined us this summer for  
the Bark in the Park series. It was fun for all.**





# THANK YOU!



**River Rock Animal  
Hospital Service Day.  
Thank you for volunteering  
to help the animals.**



## Platinum Sponsors

Larkin Food Center  
M-20 Animal Hospital  
Morley Portraiture  
Northern Animal Clinic  
Park Place Homes  
PetSmart  
Precious Cat  
River Rock Animal Hospital  
Surrey Vet Clinic  
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## Gold Sponsors

Aberro Creative  
Bob Evans  
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Soldan's  
Superior Title and Settlement  
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## Silver Sponsors

Animal Pal  
The Gourmet Cupcake Shoppe  
Legacy Wealth Management Benjamin F. Edwards  
Wolverine Bank

## Bronze Sponsors

Amazing Deli  
Glover's Rexall Pharmacy  
Good Times Pizza  
Hugs for Homeless animals  
Midland Animal clinic  
MidMichigan Limo  
Olive Garden  
Ross Medical Education Center  
Runners  
Sanford Food Pride  
Shay Water  
Shelley's Bed and Biscuit  
Shirlene's Cuisine  
Thai Basil Bistro  
WalMart



***Your donations help these animals receive medical care.***

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



Ginger – asthma

Baby kittens with upper respiratory and eye infections



**ADOPTED!**

Raven – 8 days old; found in a house that was to be torn down; required bottle feeding every two hours



Zinni – pregnant with coccidia, tapeworm, and fleas



**ADOPTED!**

Keke – coccidia



Pippi – parasites and bacteria in intestinal tract







No adoption fee!

Thank  
you to the  
barn homes that  
have taken in 21  
barn cats. The cats  
and we appreciate  
your help!

# 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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**Thank you to everyone who attended the Dirty Dog Trail Run! Additional photos can be seen on Facebook. Congratulations, race winners!**

**Thank You, Organizations That Volunteered at the Dirty Dog Trail Run**

Bullock Creek Robotics Team  
Dow High Key Club  
Midland High Key Club  
Mid Michigan Amateur Radio Club  
Northwood Women's Basketball Team  
Northwood Cause for Paws



**10K run male winners**

- 1 BENJAMIN CONARD
- 2 MARK MAY
- 3 ALAN DRUMMOND

**5K runners male winners**

- 1 STEVEN MARR
- 2 KENT WISCHMEYER
- 3 ERIC KOZUCH

**5K walkers male winners**

- 1 BLAKE DAVID
- 2 JOHN SWIECICKI
- 3 DAVE KEENAN

**Under 13 winners**

- 1 MADISON WITTBRODT
- 2 ISABELLA DURHAM
- 3 LUCAS DUNLOP

**10K run female winners**

- 1 JESSECA ELZA
- 2 AUDRA SWARTHOUT
- 3 MIRANDA SANSOM

**5K runners female winners**

- 1 MEAGAN BARANEK
- 2 ASHTON BORTZ
- 3 LAURA CROWER

**5k walkers female winners**

- 1 CAITLYN WILSON-VANCE
- 2 ASHTYN VANCE
- 3 KAREN YANK





## Thank You, Sponsors

**Awards Sponsor**  
**Northern Animal Clinic**

**Event Sponsors**  
Park Place Homes  
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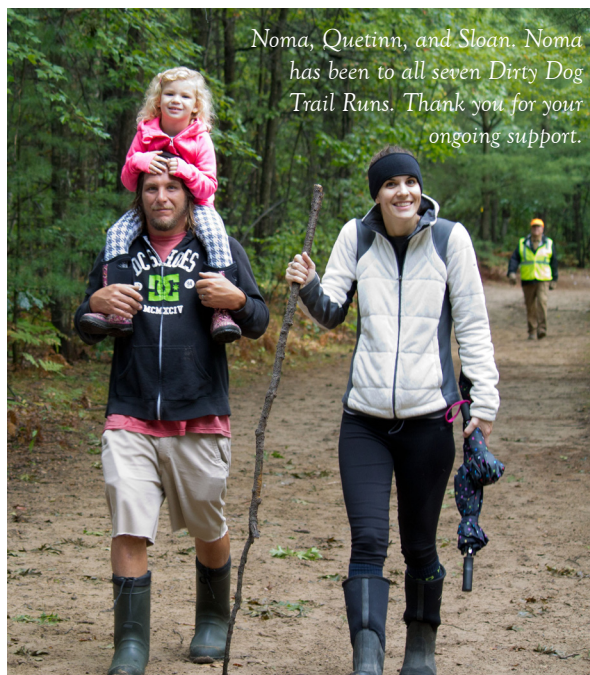
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**Sign Sponsors**  
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**Door Prizes**  
Gourmet Cupcake Shoppe  
River Rock Animal Hospital  
Thai Basil  
Shirlene's Cuisine  
Soldan's

### Race Treats & Water

Bob Evans  
Shay Water  
Walmart



*Noma, Quetinn, and Sloan. Noma has been to all seven Dirty Dog Trail Runs. Thank you for your ongoing support.*

## Thank You, Race Donors

Peggy S Barber  
Lizabeth Bauer  
Logan Beckman  
Jenny Carras  
Brian Cluff  
Emily Conard  
Emily Doyle  
Andrew Hauck  
Eric and Santana Kozuch  
Mark E. May  
John, Julia, and J.R. Nosal  
Brandon Paten  
Fay Reid  
Theresa Schroeder  
John P Swiecicki  
Karen Morris Yank  
Sarah Yonder

**All Photos Courtesy of**  
Tricia Lewis

**Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped make this race possible.**



*Sarah and Jon Hughes with Molly and Holly*



*David and Kristyn Frost with their four dogs*





# Pet Food Assistance Program

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Families helped	50	40	77	138	90	61
Dogs		56	121	180	104	81
Cats		149	159	210	174	131
Other animals		11	2	6	1	0
Total dog food delivered			2458	6386	3603	3020
Total cat food delivered			1627	2824	1866	1183
Flea products					16	20

## Pets Relieve Stress

Many researchers have found people aged 18 to 87 who choose to live with at least one dog or one cat were less likely to report feeling depressed, lonely, or stressed. Nearly 20 percent of college students and 15 percent of adults stated their pet was important to helping them cope with difficult times.

## 5 Ways Cats Give You Love

Though you may not see a lot of tail waving (like a dog), cats certainly love us as much as we love them. Their unconditional love is so heart-warming after a long day at work. In addition to purring, cats show their love through: rolling on the floor at your feet, bringing toys to you for play, rubbing their head on your arm or face, and following you around the house.

## Pooches at the Pool was fun for all!



Join us next year!  
See all the photos on our  
SOS Animal Rescue facebook page.



## Elections

Elections for president, secretary, and one director 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.

### 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.

## Soldan's Giving Tree

In November and December, Soldan's lets SOS Animal Rescue set up a Giving Tree in their store. The Giving Tree is similar to Midland's Sharing Tree; however, the focus is on dogs and cats in need. Please choose a card from the tree and help an animal in need.

## Kroger Community Rewards

Sign up and list SOS Animal Rescue as your charity. Our number is 91497. So far this year, Kroger has donated \$168!

### 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	84	1043
male cats	646	122	768
female dogs	433	42	475
male dogs	312	32	344
total	2350	280	2630

# WHAT TO DO IF YOUR DOG REACTS

**R**ETREAT to a safe distance.

**E**VALUATE the situation.

**A**DJUST your plan.

**C**APTURE desirable behaviors.

**T**REAT: You get what you reward!



Dogs growl, snarl, and snap when they perceive a threat they can't avoid or escape. If things go wrong, R.E.A.C.T.

[facebook.com/4pawsuniversity](https://facebook.com/4pawsuniversity)

**At SOS Animal Rescue, we often receive questions about helping animals that are considered wildlife. A rescue must be registered to handle wildlife via the Department of Natural Resources. Michigan rescues can be found at [www.michigandnr.com/dlr](http://www.michigandnr.com/dlr).**

## Silver Tabby American Shorthair

The Silver Tabby American Shorthair is one of the great American Shorthair cats that accompanied the Pilgrim Fathers and later settlers to America back in the 1600's. This breed proudly features a muscular build and known to be a very athletic. It's very appealing face and general hardy disposition make this breed of cat a great addition to any family.





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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.

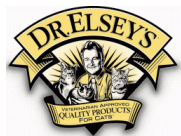
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