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A Year in Review

What your donations made happen in 2016:

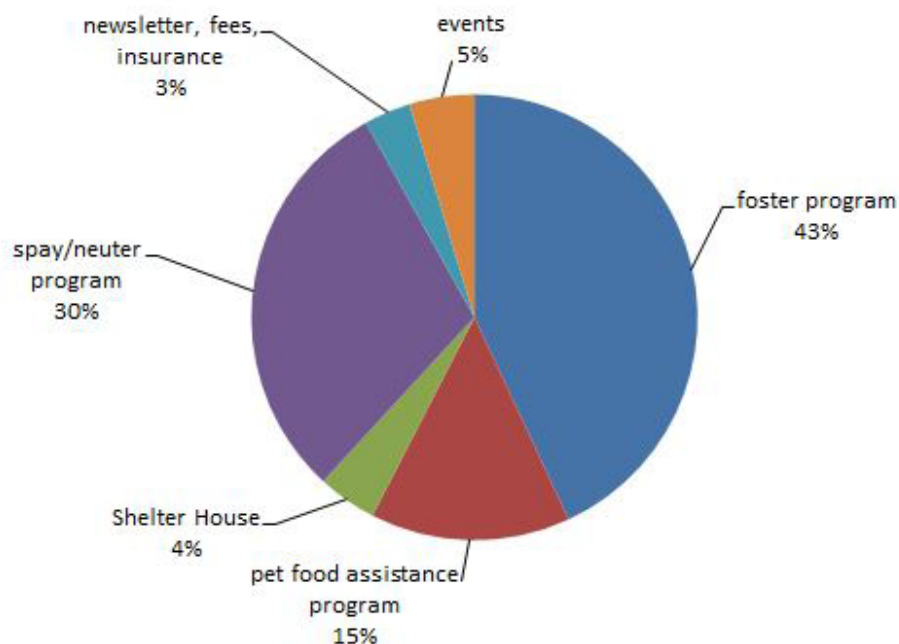
- 165 cats and dogs adopted to new families
- 424 spay/neuter surgeries on pets in low income families
- 426 animals living with 148 families helped with pet food
- \$3436 donation to Shelter House to help pets of families in need

Your donations make a difference and go directly to help the animals. The four programs above account for 92 percent of our budget. We have no paid staff, no building, no utility bills, and no wasted supplies. What we do have are very dedicated volunteers, fantastic veterinarians, and a great support network. None of this would be possible without you. Thank you!

Joann Taylor President SOS Animal Rescue

Sum of 2016

Spending in 2016 by category



SOS EVENTS

Adopt-athon

PetSmart Saginaw

Saturdays • 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Sundays • 12:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Neuter Palooza

M-20 Animal Hospital

March 9

Vet Chat

River Rock Animal Hospital

Vaccines. Bad or Beneficial?

March 23 • 6:30 p.m.

Neuter Palooza

M-20 Animal Hospital

April 6

Give Local Midland 2017

Tuesday, May 2

Rummage Sale

Tentatively May 5-6

Dirty Dog Trail Run

Midland City Forest

August 26

Spay Days

River Rock Animal Hospital

contact SOS for details

Check the website for other updates to the schedule.

Top Ten Tips: Caring For Ferals in Winter

Feral cat caretakers, here are some quick tips to help you and your colonies get through the cold winter months:

- **Donated Digs:** Ask your community to donate storage bins (like Rubbermaid). Line the bins with Styrofoam, cut out a doorway and voila! Instant shelter.
- **Build it Better:** Got handy staffers or volunteers? Neighborhood Cats offers detailed instructions on building the ultimate feral cat shelter.
- **In a Pinch, Raid the Trash:** A cardboard shelter is better than no shelter. To keep it from getting wet, elevate off the ground, line with newspapers and cover the lid with plastic (a garbage bag will do).
- **That's Heavy, Man:** Use sheets of plywood to weigh down lightweight shelters made from plastic, cardboard, Styrofoam, etc.
- **Cuddling Kitties:** Cats rely on body heat to stay warm, so keep your shelters small for colonies with just a few cats. For more populated colonies, go with multiple shelters of a larger size.
- **Warming Trends:** Because it resists moisture, straw is the top choice for insulation and bedding in your feral cat shelters, says Alley Cat Allies. Avoid blankets, which absorb moisture like a sponge.
- **Clean & Clear:** Yes, cats can get snowed in, so it's important to remove snow from all entrances and exits to their shelters. Shovel regularly to stay ahead of the game.
- **Not Worth Their Salt:** Alley Cat Allies cautions against using salts and chemicals to melt snow near your colonies. They can be toxic when licked off paws or ingested from melting puddles, and can hurt a cat's paw pads.
- **Fill 'Er Up:** Note that extreme cold weather can increase a cat's energy and nutritional needs. Don't forget extra water to prevent dehydration.
- **"Wet" Their Appetite:** Per Alley Cat Allies, wet food in insulated containers is ideal for cold-weather feeding because it takes less energy to digest, that's more energy for keeping warm.

Reprinted from ASPCA and Alley Cat Allies.



Shelley Park, major race sponsor and VP of SOS Animal Rescue, hands a check to Janine Ouderkirk, Executive Director of Shelter House. The funds were raised during the Dirty Dog Trail Run to ensure victims of domestic violence can provide a safe haven to their pets. (Left to right: Michael Spencer from the Judy V. Spencer Fund, Robin Greiner from Shelter House, Janine Ouderkirk, Shelley Park, and Joann Taylor from SOS Animal Rescue.)

Spay/Neuter Statistics

Thanks to your donations and support, we are able to provide more help each year.

Spay/Neuter	thru 2015	2016	Total
female cats	1072	166	1238
male cats	800	175	975
female dogs	486	48	534
male dogs	358	35	393
total	2716	424	3140

ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE!

Tentatively May 5–6

Check out www.sosanimalrescue.org for details.

WE NEED DONATIONS:
gently used items
(no adult clothing please)

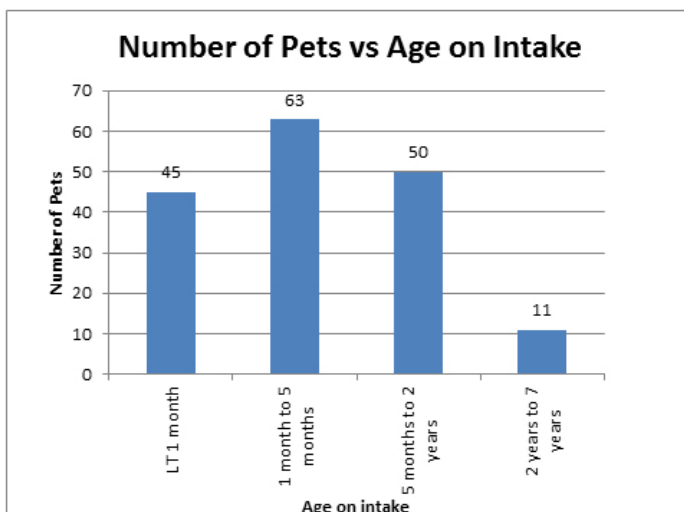
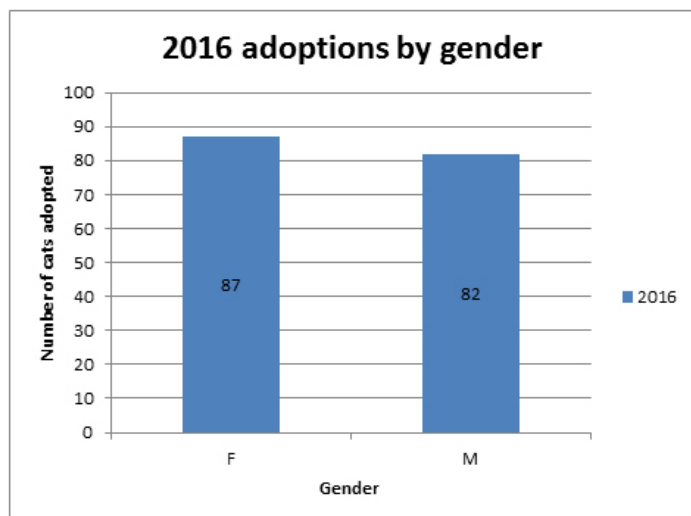
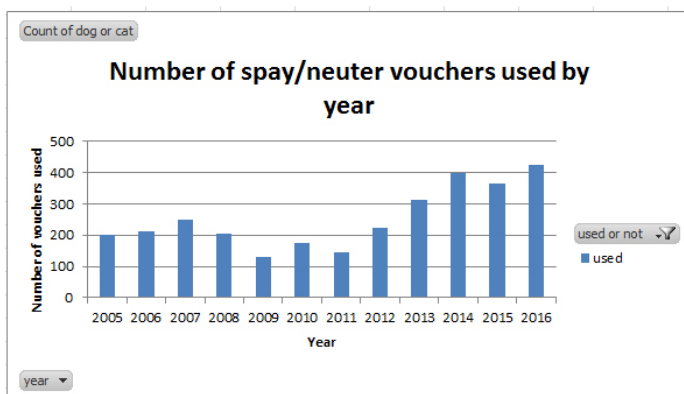
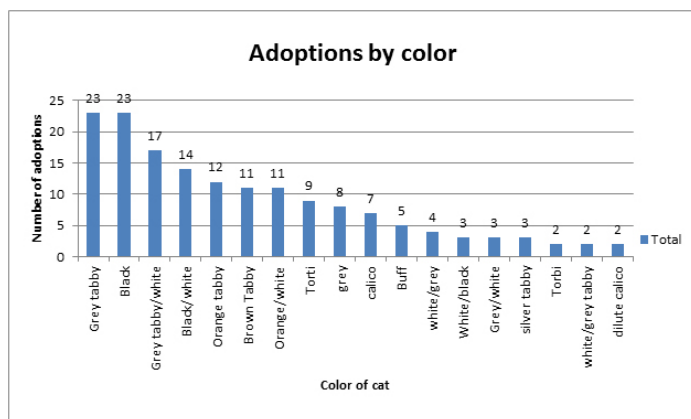
YOUR DONATIONS HELP THESE ANIMALS RECEIVE MEDICAL CARE

We only have two for this newsletter as we took time off over the holidays to rest, recover, and get ready for kitten season.

Critter - severely underweight.
Molly - not using the litter box.



Foster and Spay/Neuter Program Data



THANK YOU!

Lori Ackerman
 Melissa Bagley
 Michael and Mary Bain
 Michael Bartos
 Susan Berghoff
 Marianne Bird
 Merry Blades
 Patricia Brown
 Eleanor Butcher
 Paul Christensen
 Mona Cline

Andrew Colenbrander
 Sarah Deford
 Michelle Dittenber
 Evelyn Ducker
 Monica Essenmacher
 Leslie Foote
 Gabriele Golombeski
 Toni Hayes
 Richard Heiny
 Beverly Holtham
 Michelle James
 Sandy Kelly

Andrew Koehlinger
 Catherine Konn
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 Connie Palmer
 Chris and Nancy Peeler
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 Kathleen Russell
 Madeline Sasse
 Judy Scheuffele
 Betty Shangle
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 Hitoshi Takahashi
 Isaac Teller
 Sarah Wiley
 Sally and Arnold Young

In memory of dogs Mutty, Puddles,
 Penny, Herbie and cats M. Louise,
 Frederick, Smokey Joe, Janie,
 Charles Evans, and current
 resident Daisy Louise by Sara
 Hughes
 In memory of beloved dog Lindy by
 Janice Hawrelak

In honor of Paul Stasik by John and
 Patti Pawlak, Shawn and Janise
 Pawlak

In honor of Sally Young by Sharon
 Young

In Loving memory of Liz Shook by
 Kirsten Smith

In memory of Wayne Biehler by
 Michele Buckingham

In Memory of Robin Arbury
 Mary Ames

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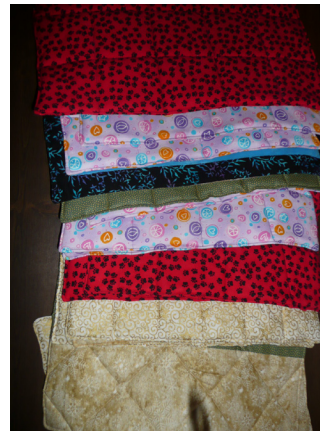
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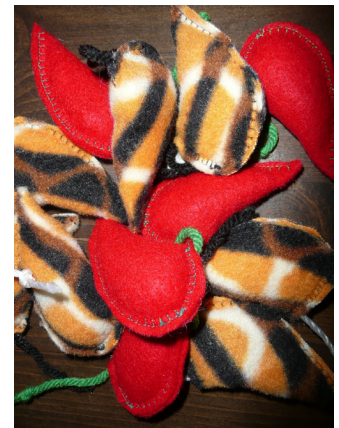
James and Donna Reichard

Edith Sylvester

Thank you
 volunteers for
 the wonderful
 catnip toys
 and blankets.



In loving memory from Rena Marx
 Ralph Sims' Sister
 Mark Jankoviak's father
 Winona Griggs's mother
 David Brunson's father
 Mr. & Mrs. Reed Burton's Mother
 Pat and George Klemkosky's mom
 Mark and Donna Scott's dog
 Mr. & Mrs. David Oczepek's mother
 Maxine Helms and family's
 husband and father
 Fred Zabkiewicz's wife
 The Segovia family's Angel
 Mr & Mrs Randall Forester and
 family's mother
 Mr & Mrs Keith Forester and
 family's mother
 The Paul and Sandy Wise family's
 Cocoa Bear
 Linda and Ken Haubenstricker's
 horse
 Nancy Jakovac's husband



Thank You for Displaying SOS Donation Canisters!

Amazing Deli • Auto Technicians • Cohoon's • Countryside Vet Clinic
 Eastman Animal Hospital • Elvira's • The Gourmet Cupcake Shoppe
 HQ Bicycle • Larkin Food Store • M-20 Animal Hospital
 Northern Animal Clinic • Opperman's • Poseyville Party Store • Shirlene's
 Soldan's • Surrey Vet Clinic • Wall & Webb • Westtown Grocery

THANK YOU!

We would like to thank and acknowledge these fine businesses for their support in saving animals.

Platinum Sponsors

Larkin Food Center
M-20 Animal Hospital
Morley Portraiture
Northern Animal Clinic
Park Place Homes
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River Rock Animal Hospital
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Jack's Fruit Market
Jet's Pizza

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Midland Soccer Club
Nature's Gift Organic Market
Poochie's Pit Stop
Quilts for Cages
Ross Medical Education Center
Runners
Sanford Food Center
Shay Water

Shelley's Bed and Biscuit
Shirlene's Cuisine
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Wysong
Zach's Dog Groomery



Thank you to everyone who donated to our share tree in the Soldan's Midland store. We appreciate your support.

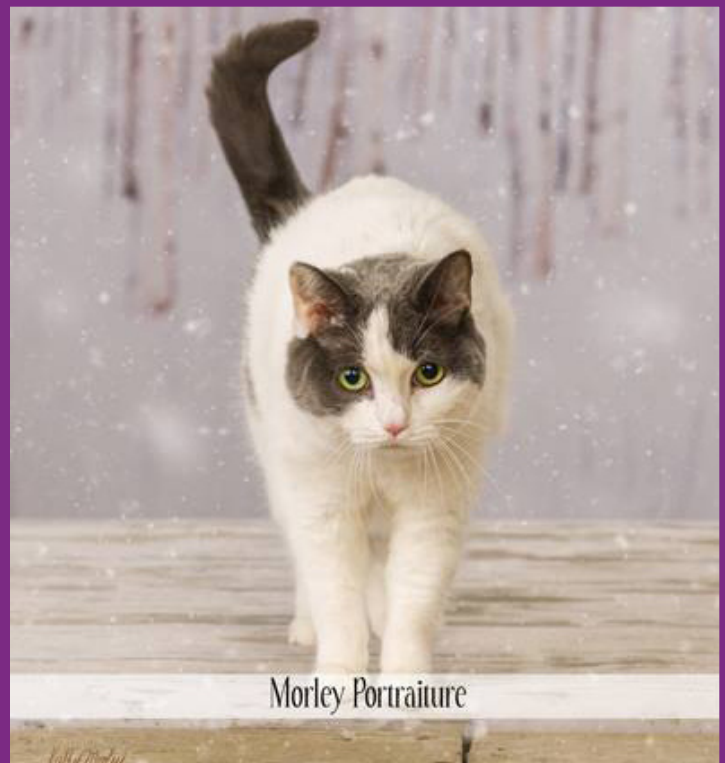
Pet Food Assistance Program

Families helped
Dogs
Cats
Other animals
Pounds dog food delivered
Pounds cat food delivered
Flea products

2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
50	40	77	138	90	76	148
56	121	180	104	100	148	
149	159	210	174	159	277	
11	2	6	1	0	0	
2458	6386	3603	3904	5153		
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		16	60	0		

HIGHLIGHTS FROM MORLEY PORTRAITURE FUND-RAISER

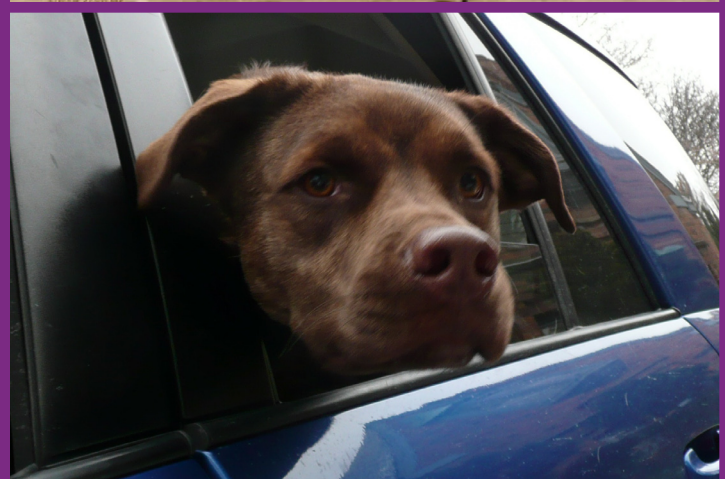
Thank you to everyone who brought their pets to the Morley Portraiture fund-raiser.
Special thanks go to Kathy Morley and volunteers for donating the time, talents, and energy to help.



Morley Portraiture



Morley Portraiture



Visit our Facebook page to see all of the photos!



Saving Cats One Surgery at a Time

M-20 Animal Hospital, River Rock Animal Hospital, and Vetmed Midland have partnered with SOS Animal Rescue to provide free spay/neuter surgeries to free roaming cats and cats living with families who cannot afford the surgery. The combined efforts of these vets have resulted in over 500 free surgeries since the programs started.

With cats having up to three litters per year, these surgeries have reduced the number of unwanted kittens by over 6000. We want to thank Dr. Blasko, Dr. Busch, Dr. Peterson, Dr. Schad, Dr. Varner, and all of their staff members for partnering with SOS Animal Rescue on these vital programs. There is a clear, ongoing need for these services. If you know someone who needs help in Midland County, have them call us or fill out an application on line.



We participated in the November and January mobile food pantry events at the Ice Arena. We distributed about 40 boxes of pet-related items like beds, blankets, toys, treats, etc. to participants. In addition, 500 pounds of cat food was distributed and 25 spay/neuter applications were accepted.



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Dirty Dog Run
Saturday, August 26
Midland City Forest

Officers

Joann Taylor, President
Shelley Park, Vice President
Darlene Andrews, Secretary
Karla Oldenburg, 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 the Midland area through placement, public education, spay/neuter assistance programs, and support for the efforts of local animal welfare groups.

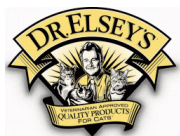
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