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## Dirty Dog Trail Run Announces New Partnership with Shelterhouse

The eight annual Dirty Dog Trail Run will be held on Saturday, August 27. New this year is Friday packet pick up and medals in each division for racers with and without dogs. Sign up for the race at [www.itsyourrace.com](http://www.itsyourrace.com).

The Dirty Dog Trail Run has raised over \$23,000 to help families with pet food and spay/neuter assistance. This year the Dirty Dog Trail Run is proud to announce an exciting new partnership with Shelterhouse. This partnership helps to ensure victims of domestic violence can provide a safe haven for their pets, and builds on the alliance created last year with the Judy V. Spencer Fund, whose goal is also to assist victims of domestic violence with their pet's safety and care.



## SOS EVENTS

### Adopt-athon

PetSmart Saginaw  
Saturdays • 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

### Monthly Meeting

Grace A. Dow Library  
Conference Room B  
Thursday, July 21  
6:00 p.m.

### Bark in Park

July 27  
6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

### Vet Chat on Nutrition

River Rock Animal Hospital  
July 28  
6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

### Bark in Park

August 10  
6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

### Neuter Palooza

August 18

### Dirty Dog Trail Run

August 27

### Monthly Meeting

Grace A. Dow Library  
Conference Room B  
Thursday, September 15  
6:00 p.m.

### Bark in Park

August 24  
6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

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

# Top 10 Toxins of 2015



## 1 OTC Items

With the increasing number of vitamins, herbal and joint supplements sold over the counter, there are lots more dangers for pet exposures.



## 3 Insecticides

The APCC commonly sees exposure to products used in the house, in the yard and on pets.



## 5 Household Items

Commonly used items in homes such as paint, fire logs and cleaning supplies can be very hazardous.



## 7 Chocolate

Calls about chocolate exposures were increased in 2015, with the APCC averaging one call about chocolate every 39 minutes.



## 9 Rodenticides

These are often grain-based and very appealing to pets. Bromethalin, a neurotoxin, is becoming much more common.



## 2 Human Prescriptions

These medications were barely edged out of their traditional No.1 spot on the APCC's list of top yearly toxin calls.



## 4 People Food

Human food and drink are often readily accessible—and very appealing—to pets. Xylitol and alcohol are common and serious exposures.



## 6 Veterinary Products

Many pet medications are in the form of chewable tablets—and that means pets may take the entire prescription at once if they have access.



## 8 Plants

Do the plants in your home and outside landscaping pose any danger to pets?



## 10 Garden Products

Pets often get into herbicides and fungicides that are left in the garage, shed or yard.

*This list is based on all calls received in 2015 by the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center.*

## Spay/Neuter Statistics

If each spay/neuter surgery prevents two litters of unwanted puppies or kittens from being born the program has saved over 23,000 from a life of hunger, cruelty and disease. Thank you for making a difference in the lives of so many.

Spay/Neuter	thru 2015	2016	Total
female cats	1072	69	1141
male cats	800	76	876
female dogs	486	20	506
male dogs	358	15	373
total	2716	180	2896



## Kroger Community Rewards

Don't forget to renew your charity at Kroger Community Rewards. April of each year requires a new sign-up. Our number is 91497. To date Kroger has donated \$1100 to SOS Animal Rescue.

## Determining a Kitten's Age

We get in many kittens this time of year and one key item is to determine how old they are. As suggested by the ASPCA, here is a few things to look for.

### How do her teeth look?

Baby teeth start to come in around 3 weeks of age and permanent teeth at three to four months. The middle incisors are the first to come in around 14 weeks, with the second and third incisors following at about 15 and 16 weeks, respectively.

Kitten teeth are tiny, which makes it tricky to tell if the incisors are baby or permanent. It's easiest when you have some of both to serve as a comparison. The baby teeth are a little smaller with pointed tips, while permanent teeth are a little wider with flat edges. Because the first two incisors in this kitten are permanent teeth and the third incisors are still baby teeth, we would estimate his age at approximately 15 weeks.

### How much does he weigh?

A kitten's weight in pounds roughly corresponds to his age in months, and he will gain weight at a relatively predictable rate until about five months of age. As long as a kitten is in good body condition, you can safely guess that a one-pound kitten is about four weeks old and a three-pound kitten is about twelve weeks old.

### Are her eyes open?

Kittens are born with their eyes closed, and they don't open until about ten days of age.

### Is he walking and playing?

Most kittens start walking around three weeks of age, but take a little longer to gain their coordination. You can be comfortable saying a kitten who is walking pretty well and playing is at least four weeks of age.





# YOUR DONATIONS HELP THESE ANIMALS RECEIVE MEDICAL CARE

Friday - Laceration to hind quarters and burned paws.

Jasper - Broken leg requiring a pin.

Lucas - Wound on side requiring major surgery to fix.

Bottle Babies - Day-old kittens requiring bottle feeding.

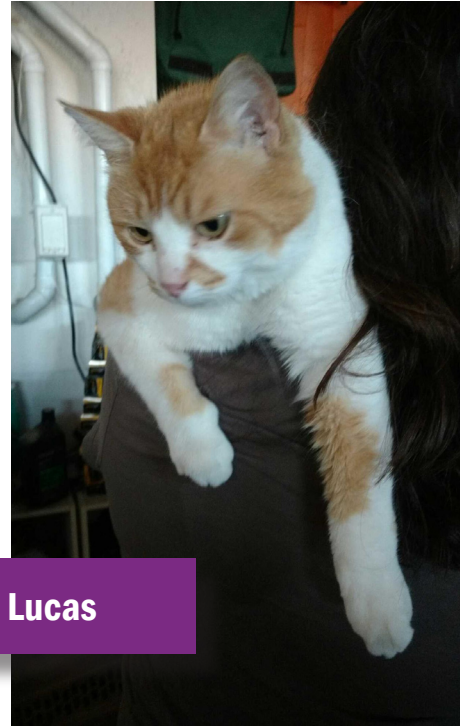
Little One - Eye infections and severely underweight.

Jordie - Gastrointestinal issues.

Roo - Liver shunt that could not be fixed. We lost poor little Roo at eight weeks of age.

Mac and Cheese - Returned because he doesn't like dogs. Blind in one eye due to buck shot.

Larry - Urinary tract infection.



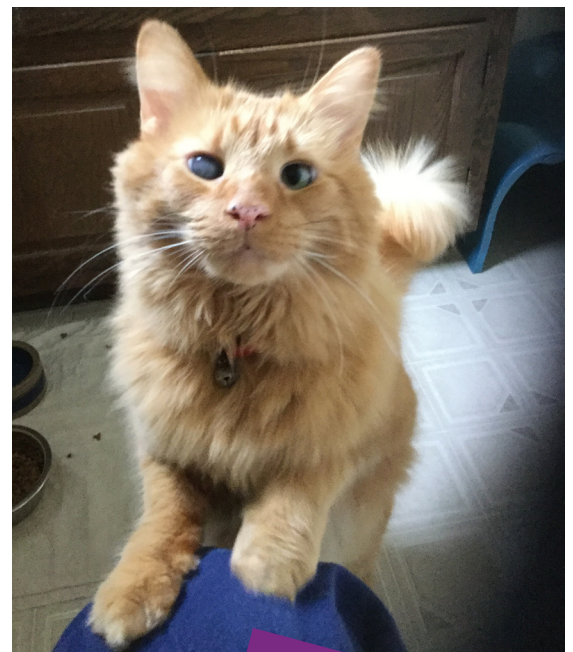
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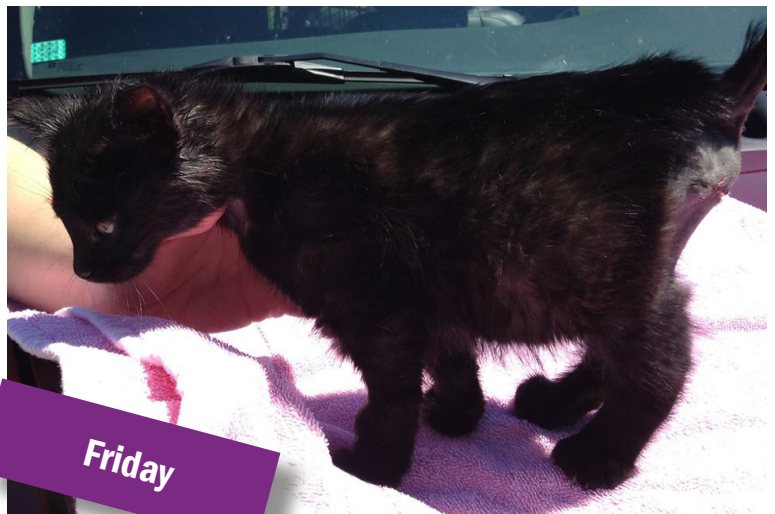
Mac and Cheese



**ADOPTED!**  
**Jordie**



**Friday**



**Bottle Babies**



**Larry**



**Roo**



**THANK YOU!**



# THANK YOU!

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Lily Cheng  
Monica Essenmacher  
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Diane Legner  
Elizabeth Marshall  
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Judy Scheuffele  
Cynthia Soney  
Pamela Vida  
Kim Wenzel

Rena Marx memorials  
The Doyle Family's mom  
The father-in-law and Grandfather  
of Marcy Besaw and family  
Christine Clements and family's  
Dad  
In loving memory of Maggie for the  
McKeith Family  
The dad and grandmother of Jason  
Hughley



Thank you to everyone who donated shoes. We collected 1,850 pairs! 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, Honduras, and other nations in Central America and Africa. Proceeds from the shoe sales are used to feed, clothe, and house their families.

Ross Medical, thank you for the supply drive.





# THANK YOU!



Thank you to everyone who donated, shopped, and volunteered at our annual rummage sale. Special thanks go to Tyler Snyder and Todd Bennett for the location.

## Platinum Sponsors

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Saginaw ISD, thank you for your continued support of the PetSmart Cat Condos.

Looking for an inexpensive way to provide dog enrichment? Food dispensing toys made from PVC piping are super cheap and easy to make. Simply drill a hole or two in food-grade piping, fill with kibble and watch canines roll the toys around to catch the kibble as it falls from the holes. Not only will the dogs be enriched through the puzzle feature, but they'll also enjoy the mouth stimulation.

## MAKE A FOOD DISPENSING TOY!

1. Drill a hole or two in a foot-long piece of food-grade PVC piping
2. Fill with kibble
3. Attach 2 PVC end-caps  
\*use screw-on type for easy cleaning
4. Watch canines try to catch the kibble that drops out as they roll the toy around!

Fun enrichment toy for dogs —  
and a great project for kids!

Photo: Humane Society of Vero Beach and Indian River County

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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).

## Pet Food Assistance Program

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Families helped	50	40	77	138	90	76	63
Dogs		56	121	180	104	100	67
Cats		149	159	210	174	159	139
Other animals		11	2	6	1	0	0
Total dog food delivered			2458	6386	3603	3904	2284
Total cat food delivered			1627	2824	1866	1599	1521
Flea products					16	60	0





**Thank you for donating to the SOS Animal Rescue Personal Pet Assistance Fund. In the 2016 Midland Community Foundation Give Local Campaign, \$2,656 was given in matching funds for a total of \$8,176.**

Dorian Shank  
Jennifer Piering  
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### **Location:**

The large dog pen at the Dog Park in Chippewassee Park in Midland (west of the Tridge) on the second and fourth Wednesdays in June, July, and August for an evening of fun and free doggie prizes! Event is from 6:30–8:00 p.m. and is sponsored by SOS Animal Rescue.

### **What Is It:**

Low-key event that ensures others will be at the dog park so you and your dog can have someone to socialize with. Some dates have a special activity. All have a free doggie prize for your dog.

### **July 27**

Pool Party

### **August 10**

Spay Day

### **August 24**

to be determined

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### New This Year:

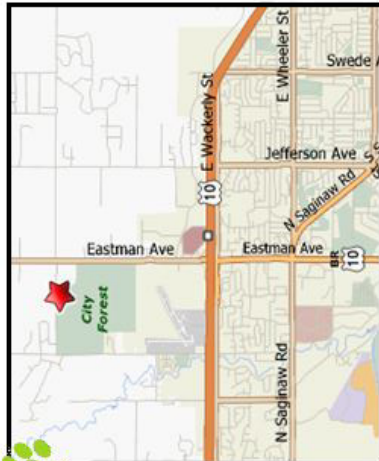
- Medals for Overall Winners in Each Division With & Without Dogs
- Packet Pick Up Friday 8/26 from 6-7:30pm

### LOCATION &

### COURSE DESCRIPTION

All events start and finish at the City Forest Trailhead located at 2840 E. Monroe Rd. (1/4 mile west of Eastman Ave.), Midland, MI 48640.

The course is a combination of unpaved two-track and single track trails that twist and turn over flat land and steep hills in the scenic woods of City Forest Park just north of the City of Midland. City Forest is a 520 acre preserve of woods, creeks, marshes and bridges, making for an enjoyable and challenging off-road run. Don't want to spend time in hilly trails? Then join the 1 mile walk!



Restrooms are available at trailhead & inside Chalet.

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8th Annual

# Dirty Dogs

## Trail Run

**Saturday, August 27**  
**Midland City Forest**





# SOS Animal Rescue Dirty Dog Trail Run



**AUGUST 27, 2016**



**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**



8:00 a.m. Registration Opens  
 9:00 a.m. 5 & 10k Run *without* Dogs  
 9:05 a.m. 5 & 10K Run *with* Dogs  
 9:10 a.m. 5k Walk *without* Dogs  
 9:15 a.m. 5k Walk *with* Dogs  
 9:16 a.m. 1 Mile Walk



**RACE FEES**



	Before 8/10*	8/11-8/24*	Day of Race*
5K Walk:	\$25	\$30	\$35
5K Run:	\$25	\$30	\$35
10K Run:	\$30	\$35	\$40
1 Mile Walk:	\$10	\$10	\$10

## REGISTRATION

**Online:** Sign up online at [www.ityourrace.com](http://www.ityourrace.com)

**Mail In:** Send registration form and check payable to "SOS Animal Rescue" to Shelley Park Cluff at 1007 E. Wackerly St, Midland MI 48642

**Day of Race:** Available from 8:00-8:45am inside the Chalet

**Divisions:** Men's, Women's, 13 and Under

All participants will receive race bling on race day as provided by our sponsors. Door prizes will be awarded following the race.

Pet participation is encouraged but not required. If you do bring a dog we ask you to be considerate of your dog's ability and limitations. All dogs are to be kept on leashes, no exceptions.

We are pleased to offer chip timing and immediate race results.

\*Shirts are only guaranteed with registration before 8/10 and are optional for an additional \$5.

**ALL NET PROCEEDS FROM THIS EVENT WILL BE USED BY:**

**Judy V. Spencer Fund** to provide funding to the **Shelterhouse** to ensure victims of domestic violence can provide a safe haven for their pets.

**SOS Animal Rescue** to provide funding for animals in need through their foster, pet food assistance, and spay/neuter assistance programs.



### Donate!

Has a special pet touched your life or the life of someone you love? If so, consider making a tax deductible donation and participate in their honor!

Questions? Call 989-492-0042



## REGISTRATION FORM

Send to: Shelley Park Cluff • 1007 E. Wackerly • Midland, MI 48642

First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work/Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Male ☐ Female \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

☐ 5K Walk ☐ 5K Run ☐ 10K Run ☐ 1 Mile Walk  
 I am running with my dog: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Shirt Size (Men's): ☐ S ☐ M ☐ L ☐ XL ☐ 2XL

## PAYMENT

Registration fee: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Shirt (optional for \$5.00) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Charity Donation made in honor of: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name of honoree as you would like it to appear in post-race printed materials \_\_\_\_\_

Total Due \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Check Enclosed (payable to SOS Animal Rescue)

Please accept my entry in the SOS Dirty Dog Trail Run. I state that I am physically fit for the event I entered. I waive any rights I may have against SOS Animal Rescue, it's volunteers, directors, or sponsors for damage or injuries occasioned by my participation in any SOS Dirty Dog event. I also authorize SOS Animal Rescue to utilize any photographs, personal narrative, interviews, or audio and video recording of my participation for any and all purposes.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Parent/Guardian Signature Required if Participant is under 18)

Emergency Contact Person & Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_



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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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