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## 9th Annual Dirty Dog Trail Run

The ninth annual Dirty Dog Trail Run will be held on Saturday, August 26. The Dirty Dog Trail Run has raised over \$23,000 to help families with pet food and spay/neuter assistance through SOS Animal Rescue. In addition, \$5,600 has been raised for race partners the Judy V. Spencer Fund and Shelterhouse to help ensure victims of domestic violence can provide a safe haven for their pets. The partnership with Shelterhouse has expanded beyond Midland County to include Gladwin County in our quest to help pets in domestic violence situations. Sign up for the race at [www.itsyourrace.com](http://www.itsyourrace.com).

None of this would be possible without the support of sponsors, participants, and volunteers. Special thanks go to top sponsors Northern Animal Clinic and Superior Title Settlement.



Photo By Brandee Thomas

## SOS EVENTS

### Adopt-athon

PetSmart Saginaw  
 Saturdays • 12:00 – 3:00 p.m.  
*Check the website in case of cancellations.*

### Neuter Palooza

August 16

### Dirty Dog Trail Run

Midland City Forest  
 August 26

AWARD SPONSORS:



### Pooches at the Pool

Plymouth Park Pool  
 September

*Check with Midland Parks & Rec for details as the time gets closer.*

### Board Meeting

November 16  
 with election of President, Secretary, and one director

### Spay Days

River Rock Animal Hospital  
 Contact SOS for details.

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



## Kroger Community Rewards: 91497

Great news this year: NO need to re-enroll,  
but if you haven't already signed up, please do so to  
help the animals. Our number is 91497.  
So far this year, Kroger has donated \$64!

## Spay/Neuter Statistics

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

Spay/Neuter	thru 2016	2017	Total
Female Cats	1238	78	1316
Male Cats	975	59	1034
Female Dogs	534	21	555
Male Dogs	393	20	413
Total	3140	178	3318



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## SOS Animal Rescue Dirty Dog Trail Run 2017 Registration Form

First & Last Name

Address

City, State ZIP

E-Mail

Main Phone/Cell

☐ Male ☐ Female Age on Race Day \_\_\_\_\_

☐ 10K Run ☐ 5K Run ☐ 5K Walk ☐ 1 Mile Walk

I am running with my dog ☐ Yes ☐ No

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

Shirt Size (Youth) ☐ S ☐ M ☐ L ☐ XL

Registration Fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

TOTAL DUE \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

☐ 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, its 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

(Parent/Guardian signature required if participant is under 18.)

Date

Emergency Contact Name and Phone Number

**Send form and check to Shelley Park Cluff,  
1007 E. Wackerly St., Midland, MI 48642.**

## Pet Food Assistance Program

	2010-2016	2017	Total
Families Helped	619	133	752
Dogs	771	50	821
Cats	1233	301	1534
Other animals	20	0	20
Pounds Dog Food Delivered	25,378	1447	26,825
Pounds Cat Food Delivered	13,742	2926	16,668
Flea Products - Families Helped	76	0	76



## J.R. Nosal, Dedicated Volunteer, Graduates

The impact one person can have on an organization is hard to imagine until you see one little lemonade stand turn into years of dedication. J.R. Nosal first volunteered to help SOS Animal Rescue when he was 10 years old. The article below describing his first venture was published in our October 2008 newsletter.

A lot of adults could learn from ten year-old J.R. Nosal and nine-year-old Matthew Adams. J.R.'s love for animals prompted him to do something to help. With SOS Animal Rescue in mind, J.R. and his friend Matthew set up a lemonade stand in August to raise money for their furry friends. The lemonade stand also featured prized possessions the boys had collected to assist in their fund-raising: Webkinz, Webkinz trading cards, homemade zucchini bread, and many other miscellaneous items.

"I thought I would raise about \$ 50," said J.R. when asked what his goal was. Instead, the boys raised about \$ 125. They were surprised at how many people came out, with many donations being cash. Because of the success, they hope to make this a yearly event and are already saving items for next year's fund-raiser.

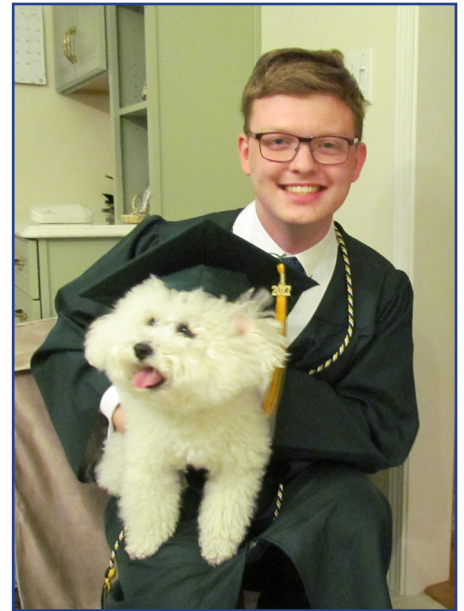
Why SOS Animal Rescue? "I really love animals. I want to be a veterinarian," he says. (Later J.R. showed me his Halloween costume, a veterinarian uniform.) He also believes that all animals should have a good home and if you cannot afford an animal, then don't buy one. Truer words were never spoken.

J.R. did follow through with annual rummage sales that turned into full blown volunteering as he grew older. J.R. photographed many events and volunteered extensive hours of data entry. He is a fine example of how a young person can have a large impact on an organization. J.R.'s dedication, along with the strong support of his parents, led directly to saving lives of animals in need.

We have been truly blessed to have a volunteer like J.R. and wish him well on his journey to Alma College.

Thank you for all the help you provided through the years.

Joann Taylor  
SOS Animal Rescue President



# THANK YOU!

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in memory of loving dog Kirby



Thank you, Connor, for representing  
SOS Animal Rescue at the Loons.



# THANK YOU!



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**We received \$6,580 in donations,  
\$2,664 in matching grants,  
and \$700 in prizes for a total of  
\$9,944.**

Thank you to PetSmart  
Saginaw for your amazing  
pet food drive.



Thank you to Shirlene's for donating lunches to the hungry volunteers and the great sign promoting our event.





# YOUR DONATIONS HELP THESE ANIMALS RECEIVE MEDICAL CARE

Ruby - bottle baby (adoption pending)

Olivia, Monty, Alice, Whitney - fleas, coccidia (all adopted)

Ron, Hermione, Harry - fleas, parasites, upper respiratory infection (all adopted)

Sushi Kittens - upper respiratory (adopted)

Ella, Tula - flat chests (available once spayed)



**Adopted!**

**Olivia  
Monty  
Alice  
Whitney**



**Sushi Kittens**

**Adopted!**



**Ella & Tula**



**Ruby**

**Adoption Pending**



**Adopted!**

**Ron  
Hermione  
Harry**



IN PARTNERSHIP WITH:



**9<sup>th</sup> Annual**

# Dirty Dog

**Trail Run**

**10K Run • 5K Run • 5K Walk • 1 Mile Walk**

**Saturday, August 26, 2017 • Midland City Forest**  
*Registration Opens at 8 AM & Races Start at 9 AM*

**REGISTER AT [ITSYOURRACE.COM](http://ITSYOURRACE.COM)**



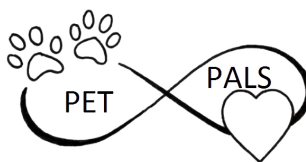
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#### Officers

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.

#### Directors

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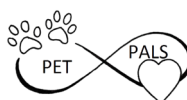


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