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Shelterhouse Success Stories

A portion of the Dirty Dog Trail Run proceeds goes to the Shelterhouse to ensure victims of domestic violence can provide a safe haven for their pets. Here are two success stories to show how we all can make a difference in the community.

A mom entered the shelter with her four children. The family had a one-year-old puppy, and her children were very attached their beloved pet. Through this fund, we were able to provide emergency boarding and vaccinations until they could be linked with a national organization Red Rover and a local kennel. Two months later, the family had a permanent home with a fenced-in yard, and their pet was reunited with the family.

A lady in need came into shelter with very few assets. While in shelter, she was able to house her 13-year-old cat with a family member. She was able to visit her emotional support pet daily. She secured employment and began searching for permanent housing that would allow a cat. While in shelter, her high school daughter was accepted into college, and she established her own bank account for the first time in her life. She overcame many obstacles to obtain permanent housing. With this funding, we were able to assist her with the pet deposit for her housing so that she could be re-united with her pet.



Annual Portrait Fundraiser

Save the date for the Morley Portraiture SOS Animal Rescue annual fundraiser on Sunday, January 14, and Monday, January 15. For details as the dates get closer, visit www.morleyportrait.com, www.sosanimalrescue.org, or the SOS Facebook page.

SOS EVENTS

Adopt-athon

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

Neuter Palooza

November 15
M-20 Animal Hospital

Board Meeting

November 16
with election of president, secretary, and one director

Giving Tree

November 23 – December 23
Soldan's

Neuter Palooza

December 13
M-20 Animal Hospital

Morley Portraiture Fundraiser

January 14–15

Spay Days

River Rock Animal Hospital
Contact SOS for details.

Check the website for other updates to the schedule.

THANK YOU!

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Soldan's
Surrey Vet Clinic
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Westown Grocery

For Donating to SOS:

Rena Marx in memory of:
Mr. & Mrs. Stan Metiva's dad
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and brother
Barbara, Kristen, and Craig
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YOUR DONATIONS HELP THESE ANIMALS RECEIVE MEDICAL CARE

It has been a busy summer. Your donations have helped treat many sick and injured kittens. A few of them are listed below.

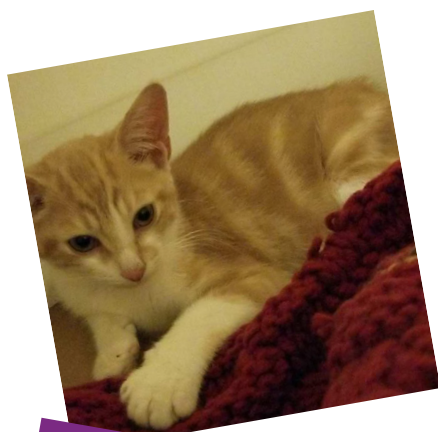
Rambo - One eye removed due to untreated infection, then he passed away due to viral pneumonia.

Swimmer Babies - Litter of five kittens came in with swimmer syndrome. One had to be humanely euthanized, and the others were rehabilitated through therapy.

Jaycee - Both eyes removed due to untreated infections.

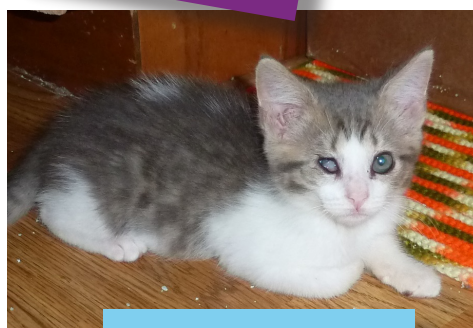
Slimjim - Bacterial infection on neck.

Scorch - Severe diarrhea.



Scorch

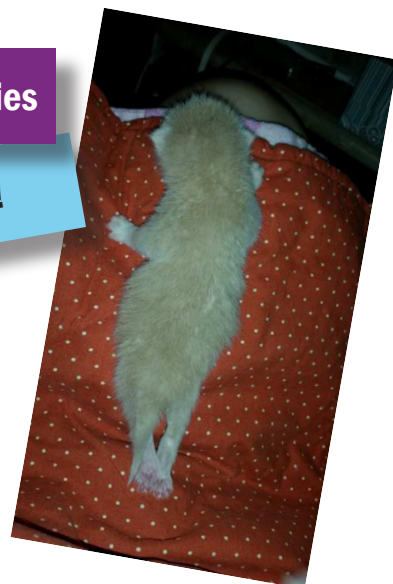
Rambo



Over the Rainbow Bridge

Swimmer Babies

Adopted!



Adopted!

Jaycee

Adopted!

Slimjim



Pet Food Assistance Program

	2010-2016	2017	Total
Families Helped	619	157	776
Dogs	771	83	854
Cats	1233	316	1549
Other animals	20	0	20
Pounds Dog Food Delivered	25,378	2490	27,843
Pounds Cat Food Delivered	13,742	3108	16,852
Flea Products - Families Helped	76	2	78

Trap-Neuter-Release (TNR) Program Updates

Anyone in rescue can tell you that summer is a dreaded time of year due to all the kittens born to unfixed cats. Every rescue in the country is completely overwhelmed when kitten season starts. The only way to fix this problem is to spay/neuter all cats. Stop the breeding.

It takes a lot of effort and money to do TNR. Our TNR program comes on site then traps, transports, fixes, and returns the cats. This year at one home we caught 22 cats – 18 of which were females! Cats can have three litters a year with four or five kittens per litter. Can you imagine how many would have been born with that many females?

Thankfully SOS Animal Rescue sees spay/neuter as a core part of our mission. If everyone did, maybe there would be less suffering for the animals.



Houdinette
& Newman

Released

Destiny



Marie

Released



Emma

Spay/Neuter Statistics

Thanks to your donations and support, we are able to provide more help each year. If each spay/neuter surgery prevents two litters of unwanted puppies or kittens from being born the program has saved over 27,000 from a life of hunger, cruelty and disease.

Spay/Neuter	thru 2016	2017	Total
Female Cats	1238	99	1337
Male Cats	975	95	1070
Female Dogs	534	27	561
Male Dogs	393	23	416
Total	3140	244	3384

Soldan's Giving Tree

From November 23 to December 23, SOS Animal Rescue will set up a Giving Tree in Soldan's. It 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.





Stevie

TNR Program Updates continued

Here are some examples of what we find on a trapping and fixing expedition:
 Amber – Mother cat with two babies. Mom had untreated eye infection and the eye had to be removed. She is now in our foster program.

Arthur, Carl, Yin – Undernourished kittens with diarrhea and fleas. They were too little to put back out so they are now in our foster program.

Houdinette and Newman – FIV-positive kittens. In our foster program; waiting 60 days to be retested.

Stevie, Faith, Emma, Woodrow, Carpeta, Viola – All trapped at the same home.

All sick with upper respiratory, dehydrated, diarrhea, fleas. Too sick to go back.

Treating them in our foster program.

Marie – Severe bite wound to the leg. Treated, healed, and released back to the TNR location.

Garfield – FIV-positive. Now in our foster program.

Amber – One eye removed due to untreated infection.

Destiny – Trapped during TNR with severe diarrhea. Treated and released to a new barn home.



Adopted!

Arthur, Carl, Yin

Garfield



Amber



Elections

Elections for president, secretary, and one director will be held at the November 16 meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the Park Place Homes conference room. 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 at least three months. Park Place Homes is located at 1007 East Wackerly Street in Midland.

Renewal

Membership renewal cards will be arriving in your mailbox soon. Your membership helps save animals by providing food and vet care to animals in need.



**Great fun at the pool swim.
 Check out all the photos on
 our Facebook page.**

THANK YOU FOR COMING TO THE DIRTY DOG TRAIL RUN!



RACE

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1ST PLACE

Michael Pompa
Katherine Soave
Noah Wittbrodt
Mark May
Stacy Klupacs
Brett Pinet
Meagan Baranek
Jaden Boyce
Olivia McMath
Jamie Ewald
Lynzie Bacchus
Isabella Durham
Bryan Crouch
Pam Chapin
Jacob Van Houten
Sandy Vandewalker
Johannes Visser
Emilee Bonter

2ND PLACE

Daren Bledsoe
Stephanie Woods

Nathan Pastuzyn
Megan Barnard
Dominic Krause
Ashton Bortz
Fin Knight

Evan Fryzelka
Elyse Ward
Julia Stuart
Carson Winter
Trish Foerster
Dave Keenan
Kim Blasko

Coralina Visser

3RD PLACE

Scott Collick
Krista Good

Hans Karsten
Erica Hogetvedt
William Taylor
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Race treats and water: Bob Evans, Meijer, Shay Water

Race Communications: Midland Amateur Radio Club

Moving Sign Ads: Chicky and Chippi Vacuums, Garber Chevrolet, Midland Soccer Club, Wolverine Bank



Megan Barnard

See all race photos on our Facebook page!



Special thanks to the Midland Amateur Radio Club for providing race communications.



Tyra York, Morgan Hallberg



Seth Taylor, Jaden Bouce

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**Thank You to Everyone
Who Volunteered at the Dog Run**



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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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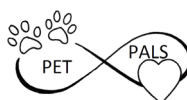


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