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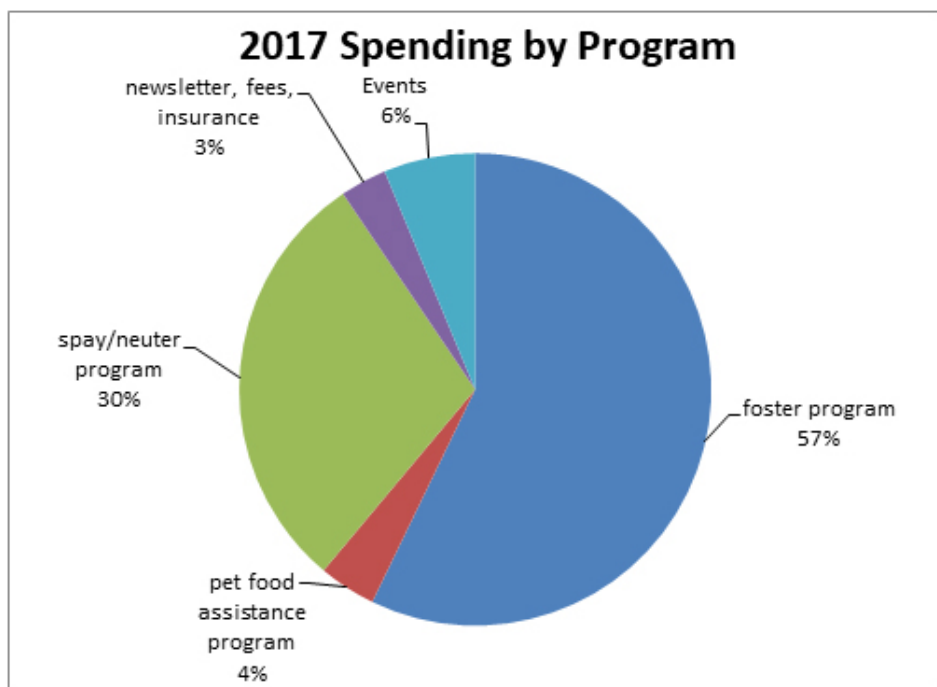
A Year in Review

What your donations made happen in 2017:

- 176 foster pets placed with new families
- 396 spay/neuter surgeries for pets in low income families
- 452 animals living with 176 families helped with pet food

Your donations make a difference and go directly to help the animals. Thank you for your support.

Joann Taylor
President SOS Animal Rescue



Dirty Dog Trail Run

SIGN UP AT ITSYOURRACE.COM

SOS EVENTS

Adopt-athon

PetSmart Saginaw
Saturdays

12:00 noon – 3:00 p.m.

Check the website in case of cancellations.

Neuter Palooza

February 21
March 21

Give Local Midland

Tuesday, May 1

Rummage Sale Donation Drop-Off

Midland Curling Center

Wednesday, May 2
3:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 3
12:00 noon – 7:00 p.m.

Annual Rummage Sale

Midland Curling Center

Friday, May 4
9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 5
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Dirty Dog Trail Run

Saturday, August 25

Spay Days

River Rock Animal Hospital
Contact SOS for details.

Check the website for other updates to the schedule.

THANK YOU!

For Hosting Donation Canisters

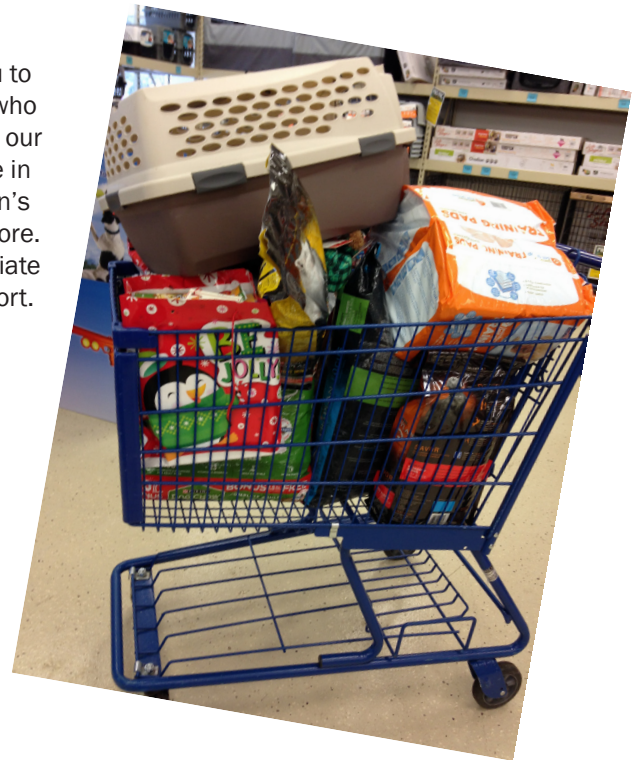
Auto Technicians
Bicycle HQ
Cohoon's
Countryside Vet Clinic
Eastman Animal Hospital
The Gourmet Cupcake Shoppe

Larkin Food Store
Max's Pizza
M-20 Animal Hospital
Northern Animal Clinic
Opperman's

Poseyville Party Store
Sanford Hardware
Shirlene's
Soldan's
Surrey Vet Clinic
Wall & Webb



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



Platinum Sponsors

Morley Portraiture
M-20 Animal Hospital
Northern Animal Clinic
Park Place Homes
PetSmart
Precious Cat
River Rock Animal Hospital
Superior Title and Settlement
Surrey Veterinary Clinic
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Patricia & David Kepler Foundation
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Soldan's
Vetmed of Midland

Silver Sponsors

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The Gourmet Cupcake Shoppe
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Midland Soccer Club
Quilts for Cages
Runners
Sanford Vet Clinic
Shay Water
Zach's Dog Groomery

Pet Food Assistance Program

	2010-2016	2017	Total
Families Helped	619	176	795
Dogs	771	108	879
Cats	1233	344	1577
Other animals	20	0	20
Pounds Dog Food Delivered	25,378	3337	28,715
Pounds Cat Food Delivered	13,742	3358	17,100
Flea Products – Families Helped	76	2	78

THANK YOU!

Lori Ackerman
Barbara Anderson
Melissa Bagley
Mary Bain
Susan Berghoff
Eleanor Butcher
Lily Cheng
Robert Christensen
Mona Cline
Evelyn Ducker
Deb Fugate
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Marlene Juhasz
Sandy Kelly
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Elizabeth Marshall
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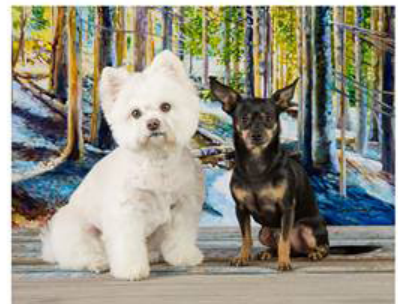
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Kathleen Russell
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Betty Shangle
Karen Shirey
Dr. Sandra Simmons
Hitoshi Takahashi
Joann Taylor
Arnold and Sally Young

In honor of Sally Young's birthday
from Sharon
In memory of Sassy Lady from
Michael and Diana Dalton

In memory of Julio, our son's dog,
from Ernest and Darlene Wensaut
In memory of Phyllis Kaya's mother
from Fran Bedolla and Joann Taylor

Rena Marx memorials for:
James Newkirk and Peggy in
memory of Sarah Jo
Mr. and Mrs. Angelo Napolitano in
memory of Chica
John Papranec's good friend.
Lisa McBeth's mom and brother
Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Komarmy's
dad
Mr. and Mrs. Craig Jaffe's dad
Mr. and Mrs. Mark Sherline's dad
Ed Komarmy's dad
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Newman's
mother
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Patrick's dad
and grandpa

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.
See all the great portraits on Morley Portraiture's Facebook page.



S.O.S. Animal Rescue Fundraiser

Sunday & Monday, January 14th & 15th, 2018 at Morley Portraiture



PAW IT FORWARD

December 11–24 WITH Soldan's

Soldan's, thank you for a great fund-raiser. We appreciate everyone who donated to our cause.

Shelterhouse Success Story

A portion of the Dirty Dog Trail Run proceeds goes to Shelterhouse to ensure victims of domestic violence can provide a safe haven for their pets.

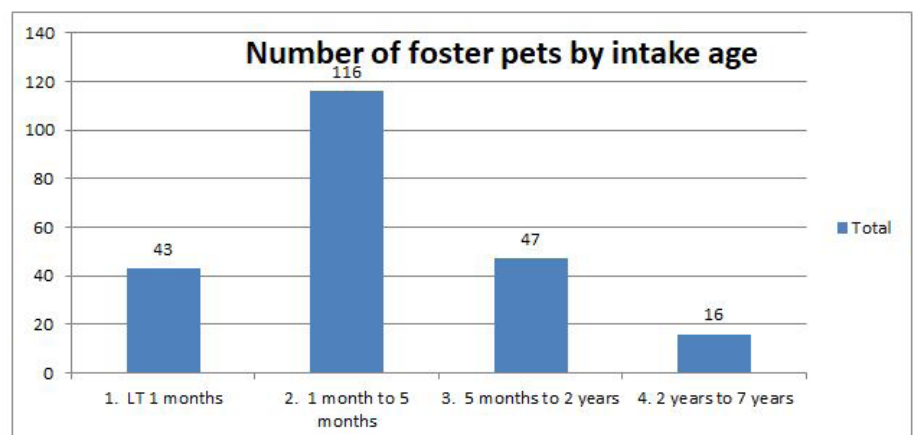
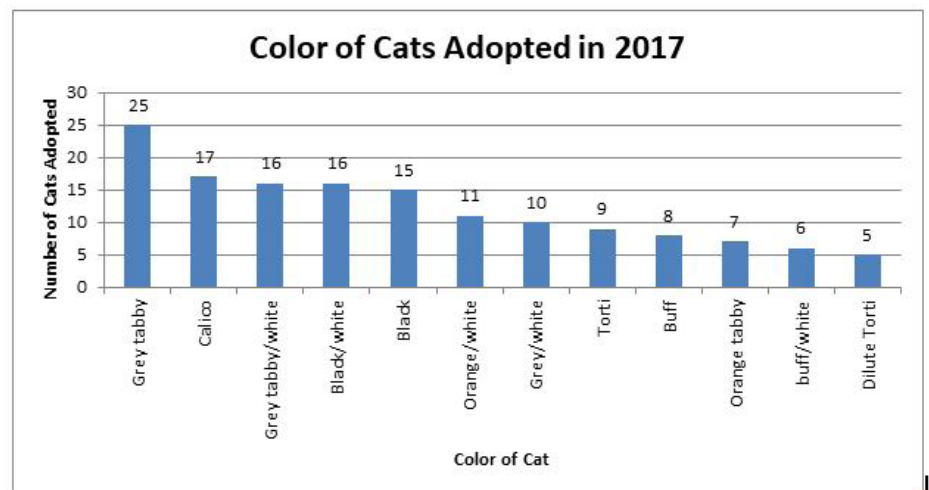
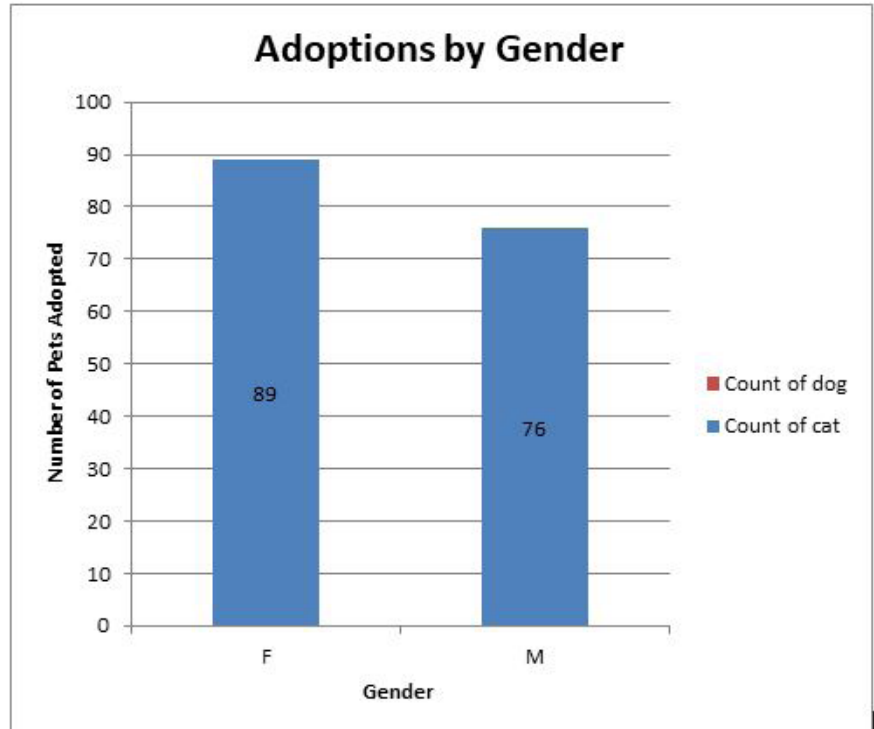
Here is another success story to show how we all can make a difference in the community.

We currently have a family that had two small dogs in need of shelter. The family consists of a mother who is on disability, a 20-year-old daughter who works full-time at minimum wage, and a young man who is a college student. They have been able to utilize the funding to receive emergency boarding and vaccinations. We have been able to link them to Red Rover and a local kennel until permanent housing can be secured.

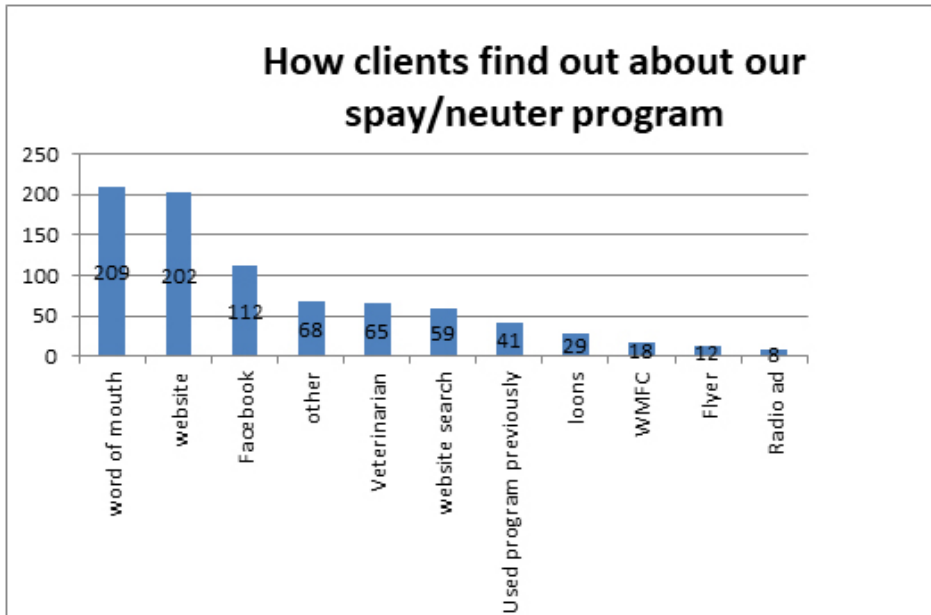
**GIVE LOCAL
MIDLAND™**

SAVE THE DATE!
Tuesday, May 1

2017 Foster Pet Data



2017 Spay/Neuter Data



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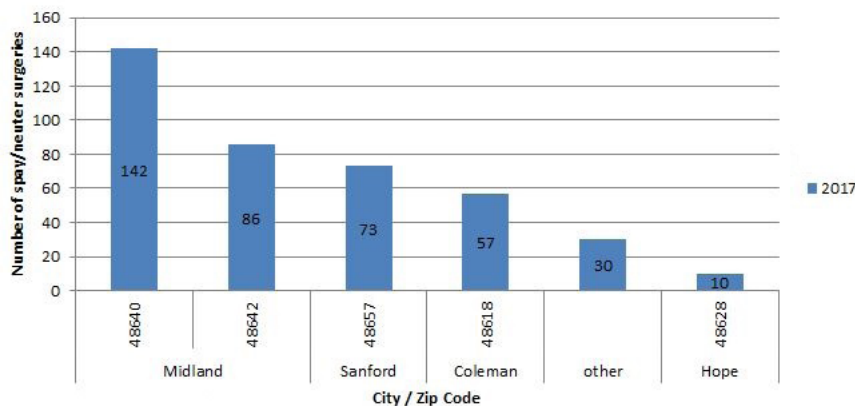
\$163

We are collecting
donations ahead of time
too, so call for pick up:
989-492-0042

Proceeds benefit our
fostering, pet food, and
spay/neuter assistance
programs.

Number of Spay or Neuter Surgeries by City and Zip Code

Count of dog or cat



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In 2017, we received \$163!

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SOS Animal Rescue!
Our number is 91497.

In 2017, Kroger donated \$124!

Neuter Palooza Program Hits Milestone

M-20 Animal Hospital and SOS Animal Rescue's spay/neuter assistance program has completed its 450th Neuter Palooza surgery.

Neuter Palooza is a program that provides free neuter surgeries for male cats that are unowned or come from low income homes.

"This is a positive milestone in our efforts to help control the animal population," said SOS Animal Rescue President Joann Taylor. "The 450 surgeries have prevented thousands of unwanted cats from being born into abuse, neglect, and a life of misery," Taylor added. "In addition, the animals lead healthier lives after surgery and the community benefits by having significantly fewer homeless animals roaming the streets."

Since partnering with SOS Animal Rescue in 2013, M-20 Animal Hospital has offered free male cat surgeries on a monthly basis.

"At M-20 we feel that the benefit to the community by reducing Midland's unwanted cat population is very rewarding to all of us. We are honored to continue to work hand in hand with SOS Animal Rescue for the benefit of our feline friends and their families," Dr. Megan Tomich said.

"Dr. Tessa Peterson, Dr. Megan Tomich, and the whole M-20 Animal Hospital staff do a great job of handling the clients and cats at each event. Not only is the neuter surgery performed, but each cat receives a health exam, pain medication, flea and ear mite treatment, and rabies vaccine," Taylor said.

To participate, individuals must submit an application. Once their eligibility has been verified, the applicant will receive a voucher to present at M-20 Animal Hospital to cover the neuter surgical cost. Applications are available at www.sosanimalrescue.org or by calling 989-492-0042.

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Common Winter Health Problems for Dogs

Dog allergies, cold, hair shedding, etc. are common winter health problems of dogs. To ensure good health of your canine companion, here are few winter care tips for dogs.

- **Winter Allergies:** Due to lack of fresh air in the house during winter, a dog's chances of allergies rise. A clean house with low humidity prevents the dog from developing skin allergies. Red skin and itchy feet, belly, paws, and face are a few symptoms of skin allergies in dogs. This is mainly due to dry skin. Biotin is often used with fatty acids to treat dogs with allergies. It is safe with no side effects or toxins. Consult your pet before choosing medications.
- **Hair:** To get rid of hair shedding, trim the hair from the body, especially from the toes and footpads to remove dirt and bacteria which stick to the hair during winter.
- **Arthritis:** This is a common winter health problem of dogs. It is generally found in young and geriatric pets. Protect the dog from injuries because a common fracture can also lead to arthritis. Overweight dogs are more prone to suffering from arthritis. Exercise and a walk can prevent the dog from suffering this winter health problem.
- **Hypothermia:** This results when the body temperature is lower than the expected one, which can lead to fever or cold. Keep the dog in a warm temperature and put on a coat to protect it from cold weather conditions. Keep the dog away from cold. If the hypothermia is severe, take it to a vet.
- **Warm Water:** Offer your dog warm water to drink. It helps prevent the dog from developing a cold and cough.

These are the common health problems of dogs in the winter season. Proper winter care for dogs can keep the dog free from diseases and poor health.

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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	173	1411
Male Cats	975	153	1128
Female Dogs	534	40	574
Male Dogs	393	30	423
Total	3140	396	3536

YOUR DONATIONS HELP THESE ANIMALS RECEIVE MEDICAL CARE

Moxie - Pneumonia, eye ulcer

Gwen - Bad eyes, lungworm (adopted)

Ace - Bad eyes (adopted)

Thumbelina - Severely undersized and underweight

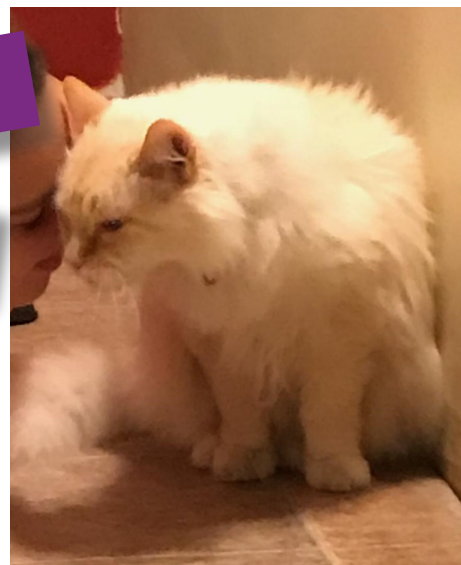
Maybeline - Starving, Fleas (adopted)

Michaela - Starving, fleas, worms (adopted)

Butters - Thin, fleas, missing hair (adopted)

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Adopted!



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Gwen

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Thumbelina



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Joann Taylor, President
Shelley Park, Vice President
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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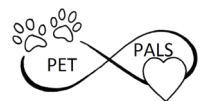


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