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**10<sup>th</sup> Annual**

# Dirty Dog Trail Run

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



**Sign up  
before August 1  
to catch the  
lowest price and  
be guaranteed  
a shirt!**



## SOS EVENTS

### Adopt-athon

PetSmart Saginaw

Saturdays

12:00 noon – 3:00 p.m.

*Check website in case of cancellations.*

### Bark in the Park

Dow Diamond

August 6

*Bring your four-legged friend to the ballpark with you! Dogs are welcome on concourse and lawn all night!*

*First 100 dogs get a free doggy bag!*

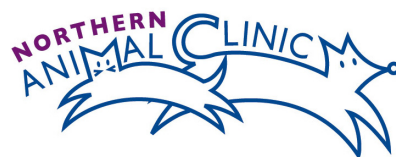
### Neuter Palooza

August 15

### Dirty Dog Trail Run

Saturday, August 25

AWARD SPONSORS:



### Board Meeting & Elections

November 15

### Spay Days

River Rock Animal Hospital

Contact SOS for details.

*Check website for schedule updates.*

# THANK YOU!



## For Sylvester "Tank"

To the many who donated to the care of Sylvester who we lovingly called Tank. His illness was too severe and he crossed the rainbow bridge after three months in our care.

Trisha Baker  
Patricia Baker  
Marina Cerame  
Peter and Raluca Chludil  
Paige Clare  
Michele Colbert  
Katie Danks  
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Elise Essenmacher  
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Jeff and Tammy Ross  
Diana Schnople  
Julie Vaughn  
Justin Weisenbach

## 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  
Target

## Gold Sponsors

Larkin Food Center  
Patricia & David Kepler Foundation  
Shirlene's Cuisine  
Soldan's Pet Supplies  
Vetmed of Midland

## Silver Sponsors

Animal Medical Center  
Bob Evans  
Bushey's Automotive  
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Gimmick's Valley Lanes  
Glover's Rexall Pharmacy  
The Gourmet Cupcake Shoppe  
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Insurance  
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## Silver Sponsors cont.

McArdle Buick  
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Safelite Autoglass  
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Wildfire Credit Union

## Bronze Sponsors

Bone and Bailey Insurance  
Chemical Bank  
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Eastman Animal Hospital  
Eastman Party Store  
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Hugs for Homeless Animals  
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Lowe's  
Melissa Lile Photography  
Member's First Credit Union  
Midland Animal Clinic  
Midland Physical Therapy  
Midland Soccer Club  
Muddy Pups  
Poochie's Pit Stop  
Quilts for Cages  
Runners  
Sanford Animal Clinic  
Shay Water  
VIP Pet Care  
Zach's Dog Groomery



Thank you to everyone who donated and came to our rummage sale. Keep us in mind if you are getting rid of stuff. Call us at 989-492-0042 for pick up any time.



# THANK YOU!

## To Megan

for her birthday donation to help the animals



### Donors:

Barbara Anderson  
Phyllis Beehr  
Ralph Brozzo  
Lori Burdo  
Michelle Cluff  
Isabella Jansen  
Kevin and Jenny Kendrick  
Heather Kettelhohn  
Jennifer Klingler  
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E. Calvin and Marilyn Schneider  
Betty Shangle  
Jeffrey Smith  
Sandra Sutton  
Joann Taylor  
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Sally Young

**We received \$5,640 in donations,  
\$2,319 in matching grants, and \$400  
in prizes for a total of \$8,059.  
Funds raised to date = \$29,536!**

## To Miranda Swank for hosting a fund-raiser for SOS Animal Rescue for her birthday.

Donations were received from:

Emily Kraszewski  
Connie Johnson  
Danielle Lee  
Kaitlynn Torrez  
Gary Ballard  
Lisa Dartey-Atkinson  
Miranda Swank  
Jeanne Dartey Swank

### For Donations

Memorials by Rena Marx  
Mr. and Mrs. Angelo Napolitano's dad  
Beatrice Banks' sister  
Mr. and Mrs. Martin Pontius' dad  
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ferchau's mom  
Mr. and Mrs. Carl Castnier's dad  
Gouveia Family's mom

Susan Berghoff  
Paul and Lily Cheng  
Nancy Emmert  
Gabriele Golombeski  
Kevin Helsley  
Dr. Anne Kelly-Rowley  
Elizabeth Marshall  
Victoria Roupe  
Madeline Sasse  
Judy Scheuffele

### For Hosting Donation Canisters

Auto Technicians  
Bicycle HQ  
Cohoon's Elevator  
Countryside Animal Health Center  
Eastman Animal Hospital  
The Gourmet Cupcake Shoppe  
Larkin Food Store  
Max's Pizza  
M-20 Animal Hospital  
Northern Animal Clinic  
Opperman's Cork 'N Ale  
Poseyville Party Store  
Sanford Hardware  
Shirlene's Cuisine  
Soldan's Pet Supplies  
Surrey Veterinary Clinic  
Wall & Webb Jewelers

# THANK YOU!

To Siebert Elementary  
School Fifth-Graders



Shelley Park, major race sponsor and vice president of SOS Animal Rescue, hands a check to Janine Ouder Kirk, executive director of Shelterhouse. The funds were raised during the Dirty Dog Trail Run to ensure victims of domestic violence can provide a safe haven for their pets. Sign up for this year's race on August 25 at [www.itsyourrace.com](http://www.itsyourrace.com). From left are Robin Greiner of Shelterhouse, Ouder Kirk, Park, and Joann Taylor, president of SOS Animal Rescue.

## Pet Food Assistance Program

	2010-2017	2018	Total
Families Helped	795	36	831
Dogs	879	45	924
Cats	1577	38	1615
Other animals	22	0	22
Pounds Dog Food Delivered	28,695	1173	29,868
Pounds Cat Food Delivered	17,097	351	17,448
Flea Products - Families Helped	78	0	78



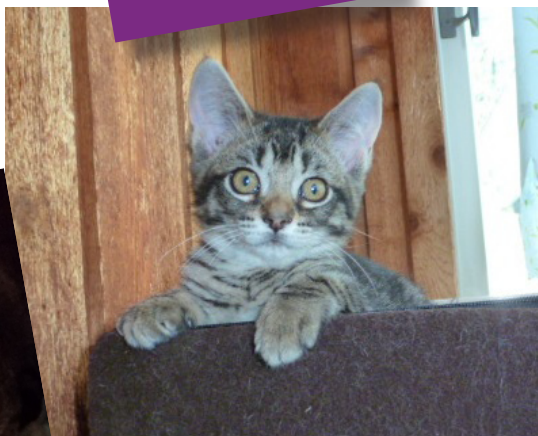
# YOUR DONATIONS HELP THESE ANIMALS RECEIVE MEDICAL CARE

Autumn – diarrhea, fleas  
Buddy – broken leg  
Charlie – FIV  
Edgar – severe diarrhea and dehydration  
Jasmine – upper respiratory  
Merlin – upper respiratory  
Samson – FIV  
Angel1 – heart issue

**Samson**



**Merlin**



**Adopted!**

**Charlie**



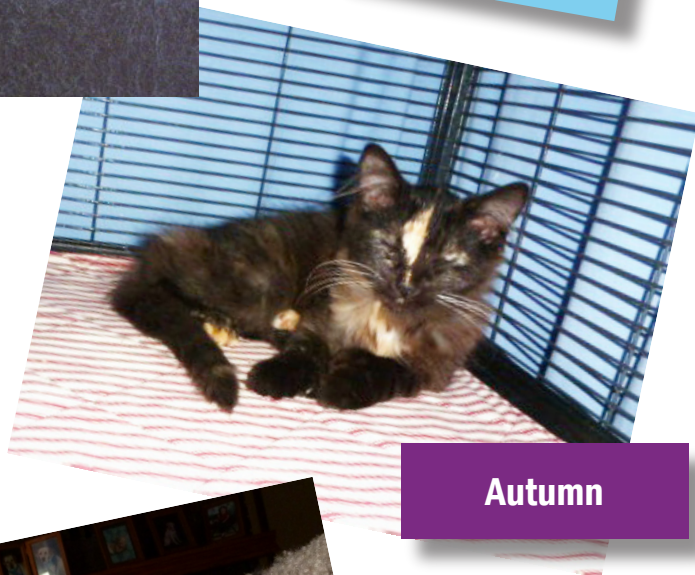
**Adopted!**

**Jasmine**



**Adopted!**

**Autumn**



**Angel1**



**Buddy**

**Returned to Owner**



**Adopted!**

**Edgar**



# SOS Animal Rescue Dirty Dog Trail Run

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 8:00 a.m. Registration Opens
- 9:00 a.m. 5K & 10K Run without Dogs
- 9:05 a.m. 5K & 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

## REGISTRATION

### Online:

Sign up online at [www.itsyourrace.com](http://www.itsyourrace.com). Online registration closes August 22.

### Mail:

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 8:00–8:45 AM inside the Chalet.

### Divisions:

Men’s, Women’s, and 13 & Under.

## PLUS

All participants will receive bag on race day with items as provided by our sponsors.

Door prizes will be awarded following the race. Silent auction will close at 10:15 a.m.

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.

## RACE FEES

PRICING:	Before 8-1*	/	8-1 to 8-22*	/	Day of Race*
10K Run	\$30	/	\$35	/	\$40
5K Run	\$25	/	\$30	/	\$35
5K Walk	\$25	/	\$30	/	\$35
1 Mile Walk	\$10	/	\$10	/	\$10

*\*Shirts are only guaranteed with registration before August 1 and are optional for an additional \$5.*

## ALL NET PROCEEDS FROM THE RACE WILL BE USED BY

**Shelterhouse** to ensure victims of domestic violence can provide a safe haven for their pets.

**SOS Animal Rescue of Midland County** provides 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!



## 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

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, 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 Name and Phone Number

Send form and check to Shelley Park Cluff,

1007 E. Wackerly St., Midland, MI 48642.



**Packet Pick-Up**  
Friday 8-24  
6:00-7:30 PM

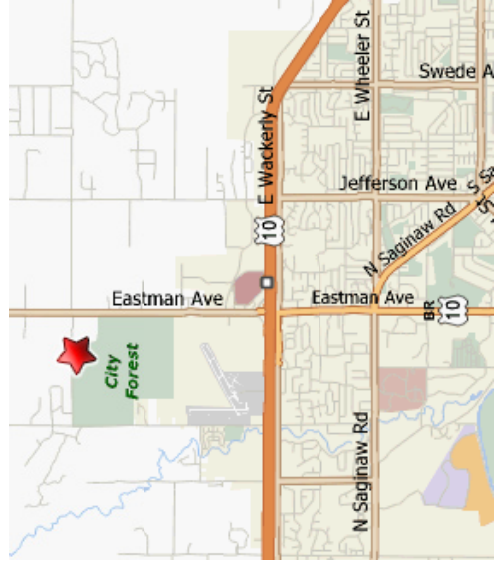
**Medals for  
Overall Winners  
in Each Division  
With & Without  
Dogs**

**Questions?**  
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## LOCATION & COURSE

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

The course is a combination of unpaved two-track and single-track trails that twist and turn over flat land and steep hills in scenic woods. 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 one-mile walk!

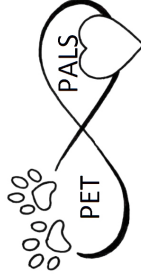


Restrooms available at trailhead & inside Chalet.

## THANK YOU, SPONSORS



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PORTION OF PROCEEDS GO TO



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# Dirty Dogs

**Trail Run**



**Saturday, August 25, 2018**

**Midland City Forest**



## HELP SOS Animal Rescue| EARN FREE FRESH STEP® CAT LITTER

Join the Paw Points rewards program and see how you can help improve the lives of our shelter cats.

LEND A PAW



If you see a sign like this in Midland County, we want to know about it. Facebook, Craigslist, yard sign, it doesn't matter. We can help get the cat fixed. Stop this madness of eight million kittens born with no where to go. We receive endless calls to take kittens, rehome them, or help them because they are sick. We would rather receive the call that says help fix the cat. Send us the link, telephone number, or address and we will follow up.

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Keep shopping on Amazon Smile [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com) and name SOS Animal Rescue as your charity. Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible purchases. So far for 2018, we have received \$103!



**Kroger  
Community  
Rewards:  
91497**

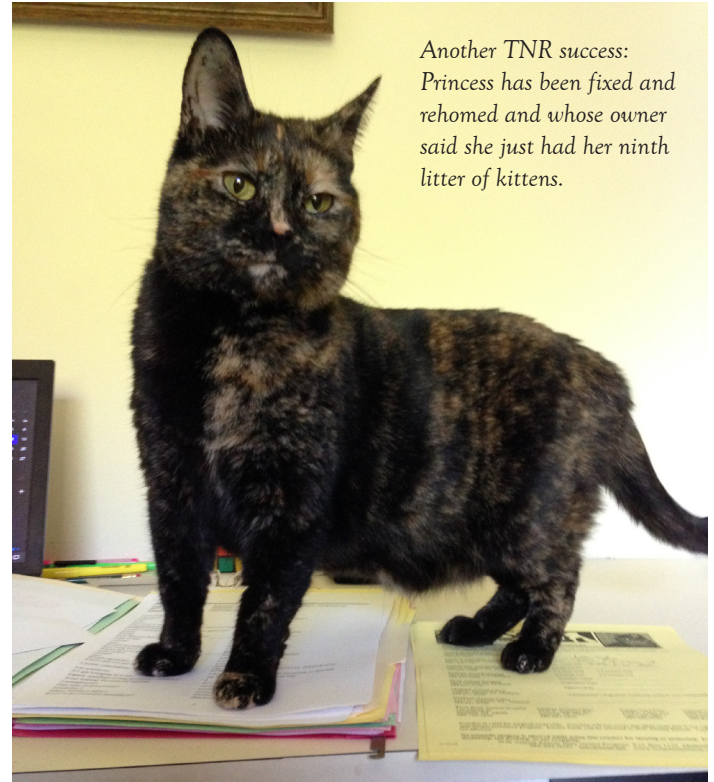
Great news this year: NO need to re-enroll, but if you haven't already signed up, please do so to help the animals. Our number is 91497. So far this year, Kroger has donated \$54!

### 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 2017	2018	Total
Female Cats	1411	51	1462
Male Cats	1128	55	1183
Female Dogs	574	10	584
Male Dogs	423	19	442
Total	3536	135	3671





*Another TNR success: Princess has been fixed and rehomed and whose owner said she just had her ninth litter of kittens.*

## Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR)

Fix the cats, the litters stop, the need for rescue is greatly reduced. We would rather spay one cat than deal with the kittens. (Left: Car load of cats to get fixed. Right: two mom cats that we have tried to catch for over a year. We finally got them.)

## Kitten Season

The summer is the toughest time of year for a rescue because it is kitten season. Unfixed mom cats start having litters of kittens in early March and it goes nonstop until November. This mom cat had seven kittens under a trailer. One died early on. She is too little to meet the demands of feeding the remaining six. She becomes rail thin, the kittens are always hungry, health declines. Unless someone intervenes, the story does not end well.

Luckily this mom cat has a better story. The owner of the trailer brought her inside. One of our fosters took them all when the kittens were about 12 days old. Another foster took two of the smallest kittens and bottle-fed them so mom cat only have four left to feed. Everyone is doing well. Mom cat is still very thin but the kittens are all gaining weight and appear healthy. So this one litter relied on three people, three different homes, and a ton of care to make it. What drives us crazy is all this time, effort, and money could be avoided by spaying mom before she goes into heat. Tell the world if they really love animals they would get them fixed. It is really that simple.

Mom cat and six kittens will be ready for adoption around September 1. Let us know if you are interested in giving one of them a new home.





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#### Officers

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.

#### Directors

Isabella Jansen  
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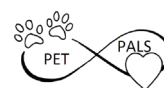
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