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COVID-19 Impact

Like everyone else, SOS Animal Rescue has been affected by COVID-19, which has resulted in the following:

- The Neuter Palooza monthly events at M-20 Animal Hospital were canceled in April and are still on hold and expect to be for quite some time. Vets were shut down for two months and are now overwhelmed as they work within the COVID restriction guidelines.
- We reinstated our TNR (trap-neuter-return) program. All trapping occurs outside and the vets are doing a remarkable job fixing cats under very trying circumstances.
- All foster intake is on hold. We have trapped some kittens via the TNR program but are not taking in anything from anywhere else.
- Adoption events at PetSmart were canceled through August. We are still not comfortable doing large indoor events so have not resumed at this time.
- Our pet food assistance program has remained functional. We did see a large spike in needs during the early times of COVID restrictions and again during the Sanford and Edenville dam failures. If you know anyone needing pet food assistance, call 989.492-0042.
- The rummage sale that we hoped to move from May to September was canceled. We did sell some items on Facebook Marketplace using social distancing for pick-up. We were able to raise some funds but nowhere near what would normally occur.
- We canceled the Dirty Dog Trail Run, our largest fundraiser of the year. A new date of August 28, 2021, has been set in hopes that COVID is not still an issue.
- Midland Community Foundation's virtual fundraiser Give Local Midland did go on as planned on May 5. Thank you to all who donated.



We hope you are staying safe and healthy.

SOS EVENTS

Adoption Events

cancelled until further notice

Neuter Palooza

cancelled until further notice

Elections

for vice president, treasurer,
and one director
Park Place Homes
801 Joe Mann Blvd. Suite P4
November 19

Rummage Sale

Midland Curling Center
2009 S. Jefferson Ave., Midland

Drop-Off

May 4, 2021 • 1:00 – 7:00 p.m.
May 5 • 12:00 noon – 7:00 p.m.

Sale

May 6 • 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
May 7 • 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Dirty Dog Trail Run

Midland City Forest
August 28, 2021

*Check website
for schedule updates.*

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Susan Berghoff
Kevin and Sandy Budd
Kelly Burke
Paul and Lily Cheng
Tina Church
Michelle Cluff
Jonathon Cooper
Tim and Debi Craig
Michelle Dittenber
Jill Freeland
Joelle Gehring
Kevin Helsley
Jaime Kline
Elizabeth Knowlton
Jane Lacher
Elizabeth Marshall
Rosemany McFadden
Karla Oldenburg
Don Piering
Scott Rector
Tamara Reeves
Sali Reynolds
Arlene Rochlen
Thomas Rohde
Gary and Barb Rutherford
Madeline Sasse
Sabrina Saunders
Judith Scheuffele
Melody Seeley
David Smith
Kirsten Smith
Susan Young

Larry G. Marshall memorial
from Paul Franson

Susan and Richard Clemmer in
memory of our daughter's cat Baqi

In memory of Larry G. Marshall
from Tom McCann

Memorials from Rena Marx
Mr and Mrs Michael Fogelsinger's
brother

Ronald Graham's dad
Kathryn Jungnitsch's husband Ed
Joe Butcher and Chelsea Pulice's
grandfather

Karlene's Facebook Fundraiser
Amy Nuckles

Donating to help 16 kittens
rescued from one home
Keyna Spegel Ancic
Gabriele Golombeski
Shelby Hatt
Mimi Morrissey
Katie Marie

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Nowak Cabinets of Midland

For Give Local Midland Donations

Lynn Baker
Caroline Baldwin
Phyllis Beehr
Michele Buckingham
Jo Clarke
Christina Erskine in memory of Liz
Shook
Deborah Fugate in memory of Nancy
Fugate
Gabriele Golombeski
Martin Gottesman
Joanna Huitt
Carrie lafrate
Karl leuter
Karen Ivan
Isabella Jansen
Robert and Sue Johns
Heather Kettelhohn
Jennifer Klingler
Magdalena Klosin
Lawrence Levy
Zoe May
Julie McCollister
Diane Nold
John Nosal
Jennifer Piering
Christiann Root
Melody Seelye in honor of Glen Taylor,
the best neighbor a girl could have
Betty Shangle
Jeffrey Smith
Joy Stewart
Sandra Sutton
Joann Taylor
Glen Taylor
Nichole Toth

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Spherion
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Nature's Gift Organic Market
Paula's Pet Sitting
Poochie's Pit Stop
Quilts for Cages
Runners Athletic Company
Shine
Tractor Supply Company
Zach's Dog Groomery

Other Facebook Donations

Kathy Goss
Jill Oczepek
Randi Tomlin

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

We were able to donate pet food and supplies to outreach centers during the Sanford flood. Thank you to everyone who makes this possible.



Thank you to Melody for the dishes and KMR formula



Thank you to Larkin Food Center for a great way to handle change during COVID.

Thank You to Our Donation Canister Hosts!

- Auto Technicians
- Bicycle HQ
- Cphoon's Elevator
- Countryside Animal Health Center
- Eastman Animal Hospital
- The Gourmet Cupcake Shoppe
- Howl-a-day Pet Resort
- Larkin Food Center
- Max's Place
- M-20 Animal Hospital
- Northern Animal Clinic
- Poseyville Party Store
- Sanford Hardware
- Shirlene's Cuisine
- Soldan's Pet Supplies
- Wall & Webb Jewelers
- Woodland Pet Resort



Our first donation to a client at the new Shelterhouse which now has accommodations for pets.

Pet Food Assistance Program

	Thru 2019	2020	Total
Families Helped	961	12	973
Dogs	1074	11	1085
Cats	1786	17	1803
Other animals	22	0	22
Pounds Dog Food Delivered	35,376	373	35,749
Pounds Cat Food Delivered	19,501	149	19,650
Flea Products - Families Helped	78	0	78

TNR Program Update

Our Trap-Neuter- Return (TNR) program was halted for two months due to COVID-19. Once the vets were open for business, we began trapping again. It has been tough to get appointments so we still are not trapping as much as we would like. In any case, we are still doing great things.

- 157 cats trapped and fixed, 89 were females, 68 males
- 88 placed in new barn homes for a better life.
- 3 moms gave birth in the traps producing 14 kittens
- 44 treated for lice/fleas.
- 33 treated for ear mites.
- 16 treated for visible tape worms.
- 6,140 miles driven between trapping locations and vet offices.

If you know of any location that needs help with TNR, drop us a note at info@sosar.org and we will put them on the list.

Thank you to Michigan Pet Fund Alliance for donating five traps to our TNR program.



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 30,000 from a life of hunger, cruelty, and disease.

Spay/Neuter	thru 2019	2020	Total
Female Cats	1808	114	1922
Male Cats	1512	102	1614
Female Dogs	638	26	664
Male Dogs	496	28	524
Total	4454	270	4724



GIVE LOCAL MIDLAND

MAY 5, 2020

2020 campaign final results – \$14,357 Thank you to everyone who donated.

On May 5th [Give Local Midland](#) accepted donations to dozens of area nonprofits and causes – for 24 hours only.

Check out our fund: [SOS Animal Rescue Personal Pet Assistance Fund](#) at the Midland Community Foundation.

Elections

Elections for vice president, treasurer, and one director will be held at the November 19 meeting at 6:00 p.m. at Park Place Homes, located at 801 Joe Mann Blvd. Suite P4 in Midland. Dues must be paid in order to be a member in good standing and eligible to vote. All members are entitled to cast one vote if they have been a member for at least three months.

Renewal

Membership renewal cards will be arriving in your mailbox. You help save animals by providing food and vet care to animals in need.

Kroger

Please support us with your Kroger purchases! The Community Rewards Number is HN771. In 2020 Kroger donated \$28 for a total of \$1621 to date!

Amazon Smile

Please choose our rescue as your charity via Amazon Smile and help raise money for the animals! In 2020 Amazon Smile donated \$43 for a total of \$645 to date!

9 Foods to Never Give to Your Cat

1. Chocolate

Chocolate contains 2 ingredients that are lethal to cats: theobromine, which is toxic to most animals, even in small amounts, and caffeine, which cats are far more sensitive to than we are. As much as we love chocolate, no amount is safe for cats and any chocolate related products (cocoa powder, pudding, even white chocolate) should be kept out of reach of little kitty paws. Most cats aren't interested in chocolate and will stay away from it, but it's better to be safe than sorry.

2. Onion

Onions contain N-propyl disulphide which causes anemia and, thereby, jaundice (yellow discoloration in lips and eyelids, as well as skin in light-skinned cats). Onions cause the breakdown of red blood cells in cats, and as these are the cells that carry oxygen around the body, it can cause weakness and shortness of breath. A toxic dose for the average cat can be just a few slices. No onions whatsoever, whether fresh, dried, or powdered.

3. Uncooked Potatoes and Tomatoes

Both these plants come from the deadly nightshade family. Eaten raw, they are likely to cause cats gastrointestinal distress. Cooked tomatoes and potatoes, however, have no toxic effects. (Eating green potatoes, cooked or not, can cause cardiac issues, hallucinations and paralysis, but as they are bitter this is not likely to be an issue.)

4. Milk and Milk Products

As kittens, cats can drink cow's milk, but as they grow up cats become intolerant to lactose, a sugar found in cow's milk, and can no longer digest dairy products. Even a few laps of milk or a tidbit of cheese can cause gastrointestinal pain and diarrhea in adult cats. Lactose-free milk or live culture yogurt, however, can be given at any age.

5. Yeast Dough

A cat's warm, moist tummy is the perfect place for yeast to expand, which can cause a whole slew of issues. The ingestion of yeast dough can cause severe abdominal pain, intestinal rupture, and even alcohol poisoning as the dough rises and expands and the yeast ferments. If you're worried about your cat jumping on the counter while you're baking, keep her in a separate room until all the cleanup is done.

6. Grapes and Raisins

We often think that what's healthy for us must be healthy for our pets. But this is not always the case. While the exact reason behind their toxicity is still unknown, grapes and raisins may cause kidney failure, vomiting, and diarrhea in cats. Every cat is different, so the ingestion of a grape or raisin won't definitively cause kidney failure, it's better not to risk the possibility and to keep these foods out of reach of your cat.

7. Caffeine and Alcohol

This one may seem obvious, and chances are these beverages would never end up in a cat dish, but if a curious cat were to lap the dregs out of a coffee cup or get into an open saucepan of penne vodka sauce, the consequences would likely be fatal as there is no cure for caffeine or alcohol poisoning in cats. Three tablespoons of 40 percent liquor is enough to prove deadly.

8. Garlic and Chives

Like onions, garlic and chives can also cause anemia and gastrointestinal problems in cats. In small amounts, chives are sometimes included in commercial cat food. While this may not be enough to cause problems, don't let your cat mistake your window box of chives for a planter of cat grass.

9. Xylitol

Xylitol is an artificial sweetener found in candy, gum, and even some toothpastes. Xylitol will produce seizures in cats soon after ingestion and liver failure a day or so after, so keep your gum out of kitty's grasp.

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YOUR DONATIONS HELP THESE ANIMALS RECEIVE MEDICAL CARE

Gemini - Upper respiratory infection, fleas

Yin - Massive belly wound

Alien - Cracked tooth

Daisy - Failure to thrive

Banjo - Eye infection



Yin



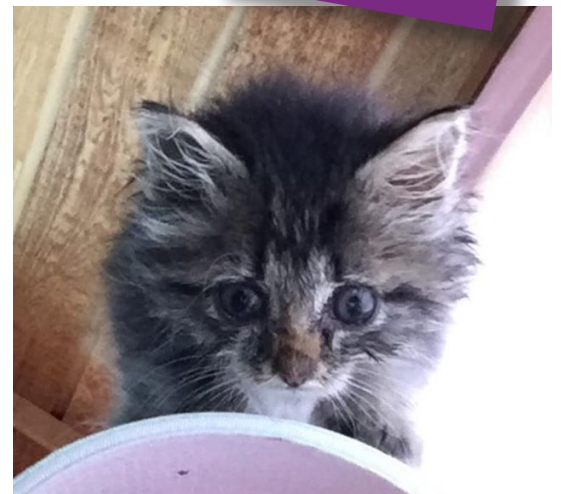
Banjo



Alien



Gemini



Daisy

YOUR DONATIONS HELP THESE ANIMALS RECEIVE MEDICAL CARE

Yvonne - Urinary tract infection
Peanut - Underweight, bad diarrhea
Michelle - Upper respiratory infection
16 kittens - Upper respiratory infection, fleas



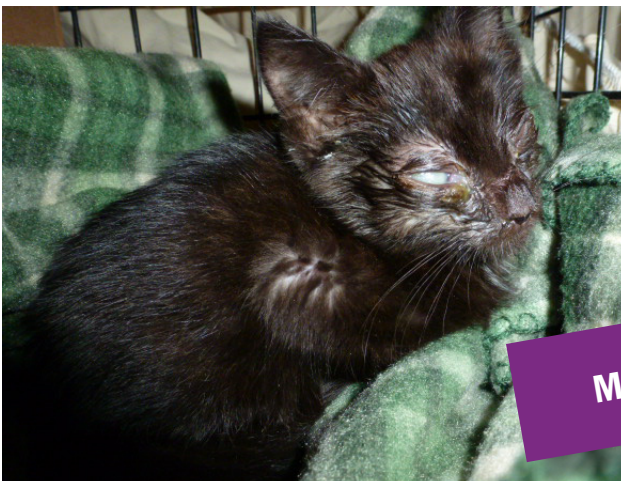
Peanut



KITTENS



Yvonne



Michelle





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Dirty Dog Run

Saturday, August 28, 2021

Midland City Forest

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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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