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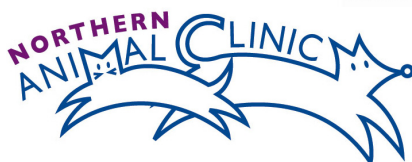
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Denise Berry, Shelterhouse executive director, and Joann Taylor, SOS Animal Rescue president, participate in a recent check presentation at Shelterhouse. SOS Animal Rescue provides funds to Shelterhouse to ensure victims of domestic violence can provide a safe haven for their pets.

## THANK YOU!

Thank you to Northern Animal Clinic, M-20 Animal Hospital, and Superior Title and Settlement for top sponsorship in the Dirty Dog Trail Run.



## SOS EVENTS

### Open House M-20 Animal Hospital

July 30  
1:00–4:00 p.m.

### Packet Pick-Up for Dirty Dog Trail Run

August 26  
6:00–7:30 p.m.  
Midland City Forest

### Midland City Forest Run

August 27  
Walk-Up Registration 8:00–8:45 a.m.  
Race Start 9:00 a.m.  
Midland City Forest

### Pooches at the Pool

September 10  
see *Midland Parks and Rec website*  
for details

### Board Meeting

November 17  
6:00 p.m.  
see *website for details*

Visit [petfinder.com](https://www.petfinder.com)  
to find pets available  
for adoption.

# THANK YOU!

## Care of the 21 Kittens

Sally Clarke  
Marlene Harrison  
Kimberly Frye  
Kayla Pockrandt  
Kimberly Hubbard



## Canister Hosts

Auto Technicians  
Bicycle HQ  
Cohoon's Elevator  
Countryside Animal Health Center  
Eastman Animal Hospital  
The Gourmet Cupcake Shoppe  
Higher Standard Automotive  
Howl-A-Day  
Larkin Food Center  
Lodge Party Store  
M-20 Animal Hospital  
Max's Place  
Midland Liquor  
Nature's Niche  
Northern Animal Clinic  
Ray's Bike Shop on Eastman  
Soldan's Pet Supplies  
Wall & Webb Jewelers  
Woodland Pet Resorts

## 2022 Give Local Midland

\$9,190 in donations  
\$2,012 in matching funds  
\$300 in prizes  
for a total of \$11,502

## Donors

Janet Acheson  
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## Birthday Fundraiser for Craciun Violeta

Ivan Alex  
Izabela Cristea

## Birthday Fundraiser for Sara Sutter

Diana Lawson

## Birthday Fundraiser for Miranda Elaine

Daniel Paccione  
Miranda Elaine

## Betty White Fundraiser

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Diana Schnople  
Jen Tinker  
Marion Knapp  
Shelly Taberski

Thank you to everyone  
who donated,  
volunteered, and  
shopped at our  
rummage sale.



# THANK YOU!

## Platinum Sponsors

All About Animals  
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

The Gourmet Cupcake Shoppe  
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leuter Insurance Group –  
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Morley Portraiture  
Paula's Pet Sitting  
Pet Pals  
Sunny 97.7 1490 WMPX  
Vetmed of Midland

## Silver Sponsors

Animal Medical Center  
Beauchamp's Heating and Cooling LLC  
Bushey's Automotive  
DeFi Creations  
Eastman Party Store  
Meijer  
Midland Physical Therapy  
Soldan's Pet Supplies  
Spherion  
Wildfire Credit Union

## Bronze Sponsors

Bone and Bailey Insurance  
Family Fare  
Garber Chevrolet  
Hugs for Homeless Animals  
Lowe's  
Max's Place  
Midland Amateur Radio Club  
Midland Animal Clinic  
Muddy Pups  
Nature's Gift Organic Market  
Poochie's Pit Stop  
Quilts for Cages  
Runners Athletic Company  
Shay Water Company  
Shine  
Tractor Supply Company  
Zach's Dog Groomery



Support us with your  
Kroger purchases! Community  
Rewards Number: **HN771**

In 2022  
Kroger donated \$70  
for a total of \$1854 to date!

In honor of James, (the Captain),  
owned by Michael and Diana Dalton  
from Kathie Black

In memory of Alfred "Chum" Arndt by  
Michele and Scott Buckingham

In memory of Wolfie and Arves by  
Teresa Pennington

Thank you, Morley Portraiture,  
for the great fundraiser

To the ladies from Bullock Creek who had a group project in English Class. We appreciate your donation and thinking of our organization.



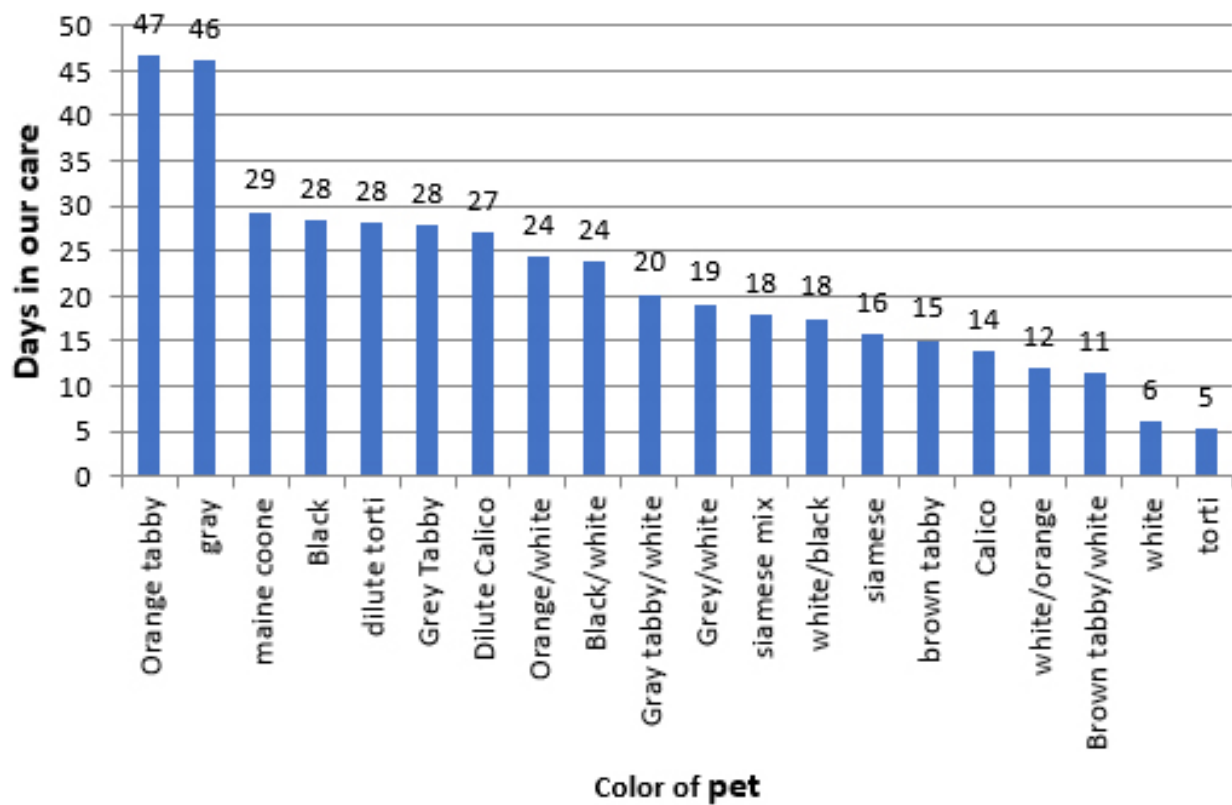
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Carla Good  
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Madeline Sasse  
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Terry Shell  
Terri Spagnolo  
Sarah Yonder



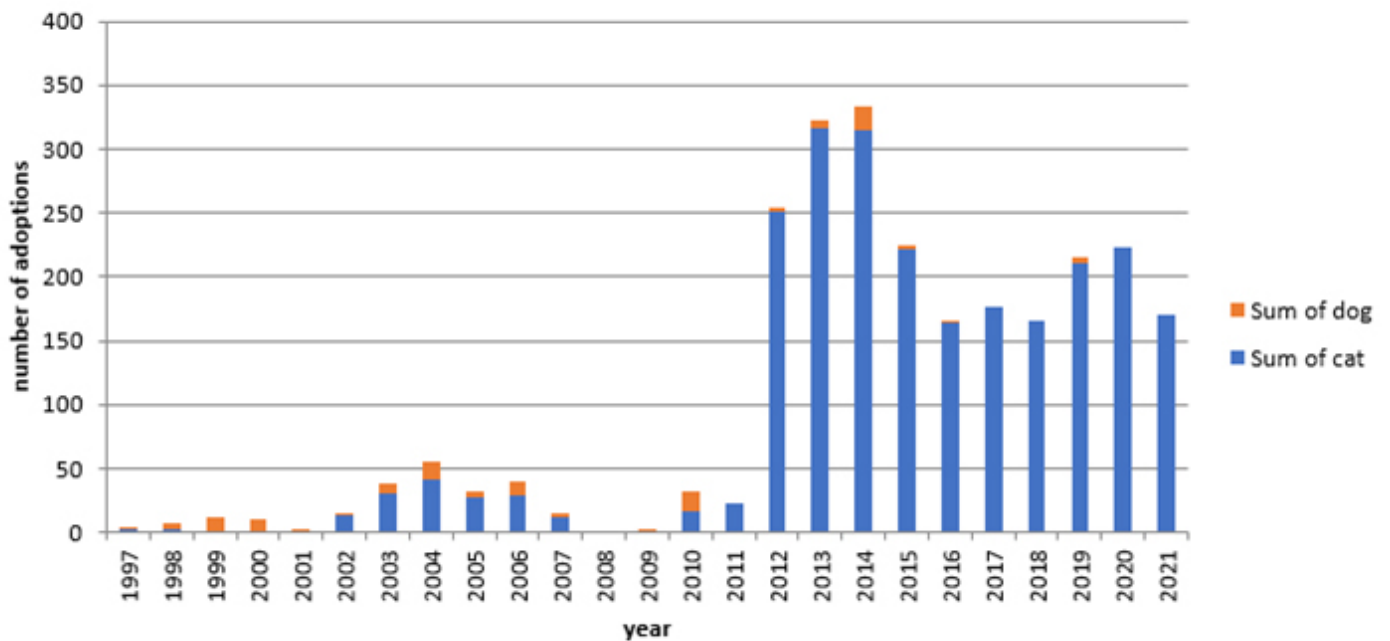
Choose us as your charity via  
Amazon Smile and help raise  
money for the animals!

In 2022  
Amazon Smile donated \$282  
for a total of \$1616 to date!

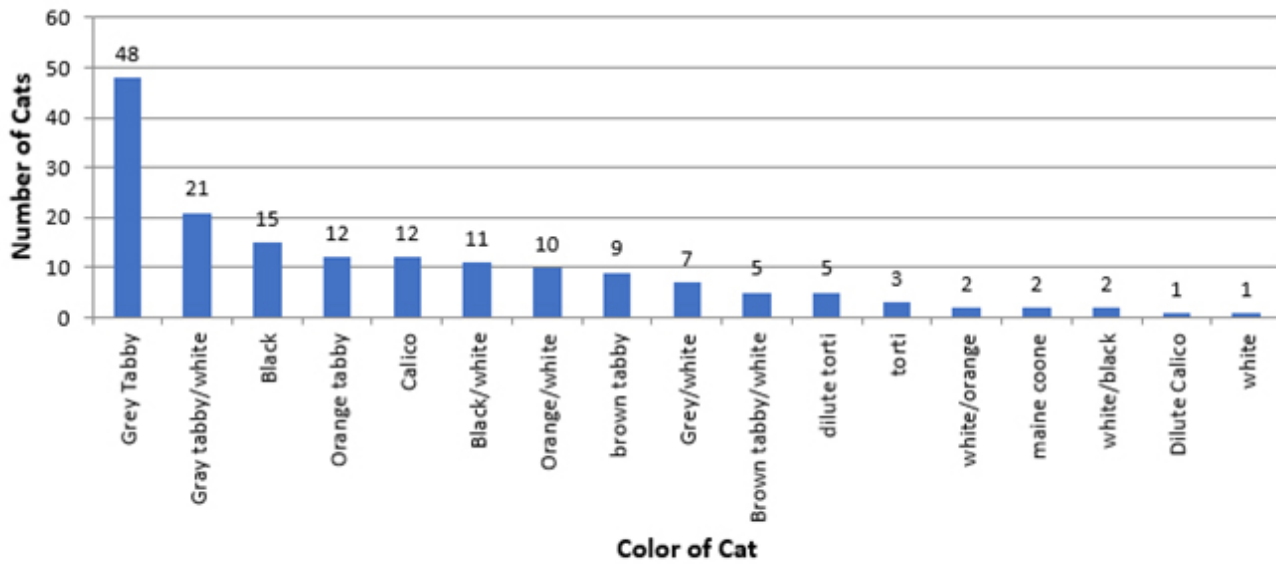
## Color of Pet vs Days in our Care



## Number of adoptions and transfers by year

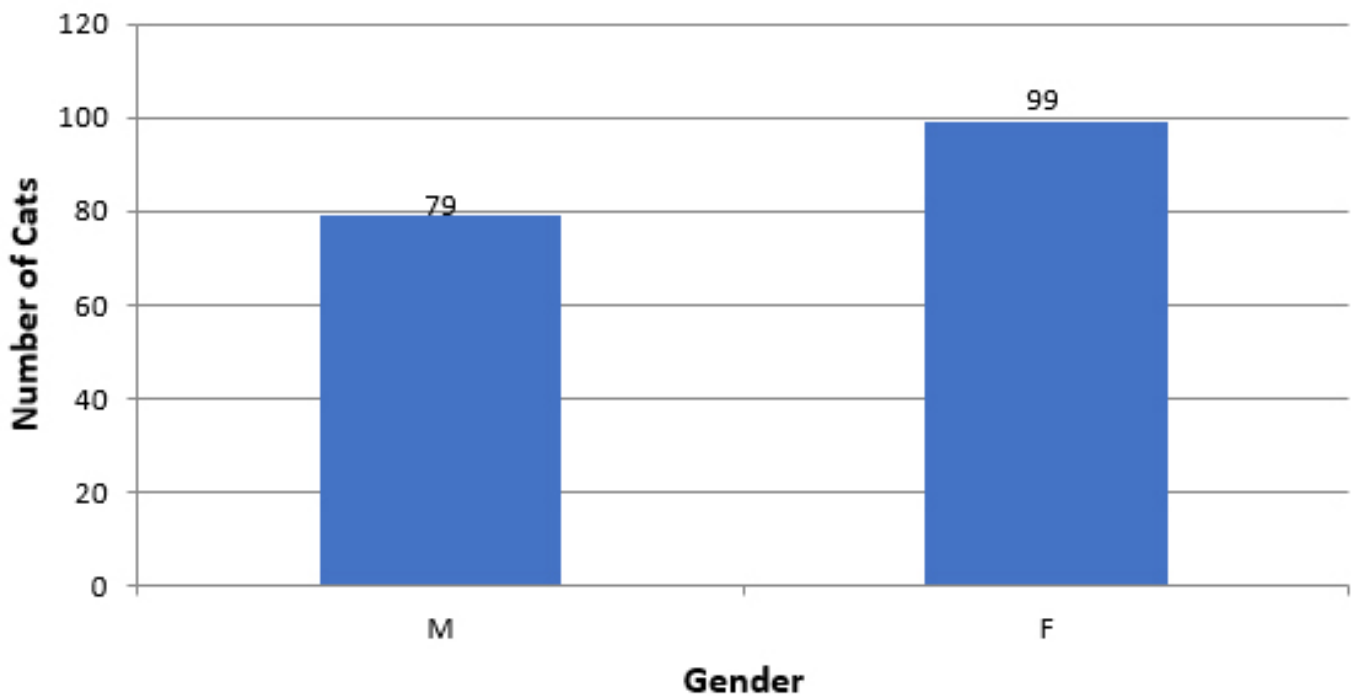


### Color of Cats Adopted in 2021



**“Cats have it all – admiration, an endless sleep, and company only when they want it.” – Rod McKuen**

### Gender of cats adopted or transfered in 2021

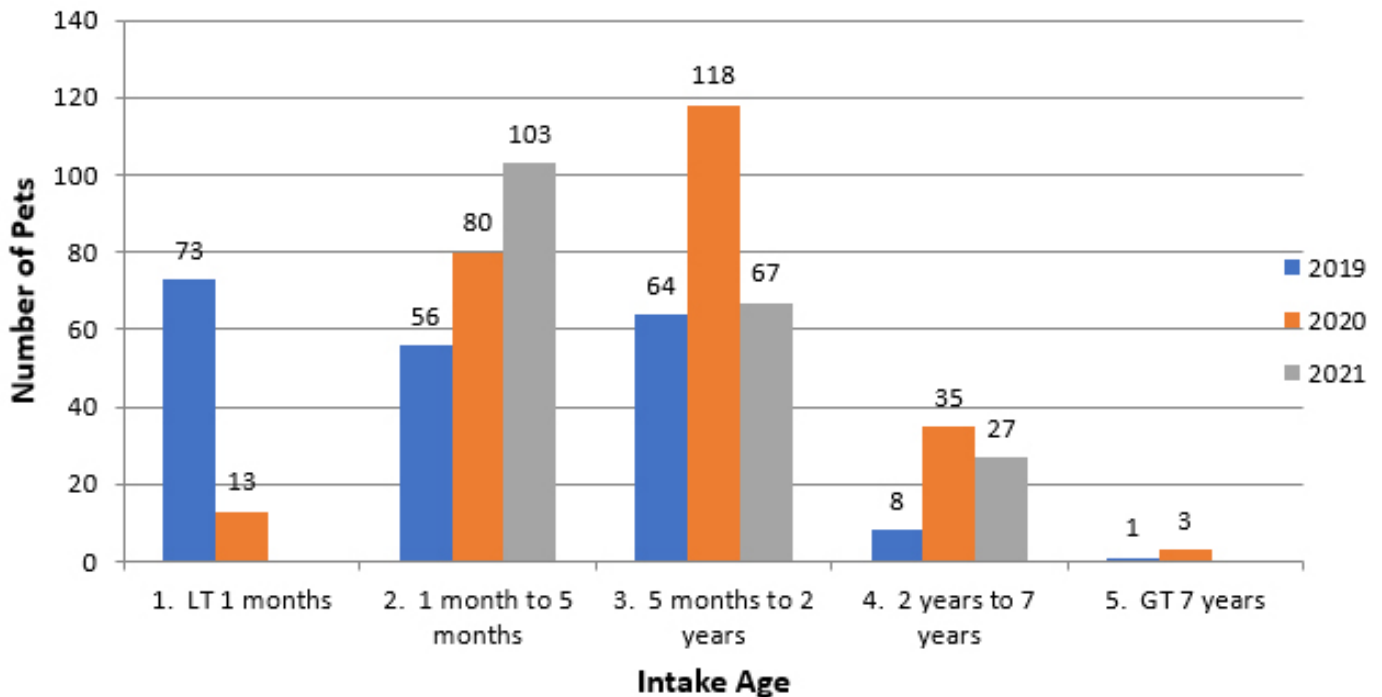


## Spay/Neuter Statistics

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 40,000 from a life of hunger, cruelty, and disease.

Spay/Neuter	thru 2021	2022	Total
Female Cats	2330	52	2382
Male Cats	1907	49	1956
Female Dogs	704	22	726
Male Dogs	570	20	590
Total	5511	143	5654

## Number of pets by intake age



## Pet Food Assistance Program

	Thru 2021	2022	Total
Families Helped	1198	98	1296
Dogs	1321	104	1425
Cats	2156	124	2280
Other animals	37	0	37
Pounds Dog Food Delivered	41,830	2894	44,724
Pounds Cat Food Delivered	22,850	1396	24,425

# YOUR DONATIONS HELP THESE ANIMALS RECEIVE MEDICAL CARE

Emmie - urinary tract infection and very overweight

Landon - Upper respiratory infection

Lolli & Luther - upper respiratory infections

Stormy - underweight and eye infection

TNR Kittens - underweight and upper respiratory infections

Buddy & Cleocatra - very underweight, mobility issues

All are currently in foster care except the TNR kittens which were transferred to Smart Paws rescue.



Buddy & Cleocatra



Lolli & Luther



Stormy



Landon

TNR Kittens



Emmie





PORTION OF PROCEEDS GO TO



13<sup>th</sup> Annual

# Dirty Dogs

Trail Run



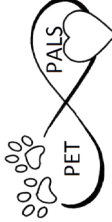
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THANK YOU, RACE SPONSORS



Medals for Overall Winners in Each Division With & Without Dogs

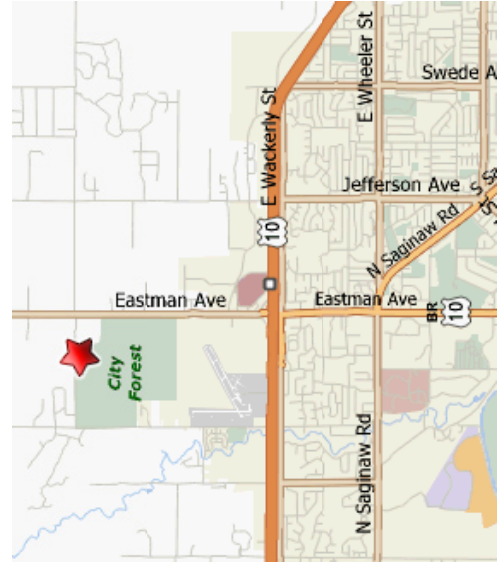
Packet Pick-Up Friday 8-26 6:00-7:30 PM

Questions? 989.492.0042

## 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!





# SOS Animal Rescue Dirty Dog Trail Run

## REGISTRATION FORM

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 8:00 AM Registration opens
- 9:00 AM 5K Run/Walk & 10K Run w/o dogs
- 9:05 AM 5K Run/Walk & 10K Run with dogs
- 9:16 AM 1 Mile Walk (not timed)

### RACE FEES

	PRICING:	Before 8-1*	8-1 to 8-24*	Day of Race*	
10K Run	\$30	/	\$35	/	\$40
5K Run/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 \$10.

### REGISTRATION

#### Online:

Sign up online at [www.witsyourrace.com](http://www.witsyourrace.com). Online registration closes at midnight on August 24.

#### Mail:

Send registration form and check payable to "SOS Animal Rescue" to Shelley Park Cluff at 801 Joe Mann Blvd., Ste. P#4, 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. Silent auction will close when the race winners are announced.

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.

Race management by Dig Deep Races. Chip timing and immediate race results by Miller Race Management.

### Purpose of the Run

Shelterhouse provides funding 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, and spay/neuter assistance programs.

Come join the fun and support two great causes!

Sign up online.

**Questions?** Call 989-492-0042 or email [info@sosar.org](mailto:info@sosar.org)



First & Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Main Phone/Cell \_\_\_\_\_

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

10K Run  5K Run/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

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

Shirt (optional for \$10.00) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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, sponsors, vendors, or contractors 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,  
801 Joe Mann Blvd, Ste P#4, Midland, MI 48642.**

# Everything You Need to Know About Kitten Season

Reprinted from *FoundAnimals.org*

Did you know spring kicks off a phenomenon known as kitten season? That's right, there is a season just for kittens and it is upon us! Depending on how you feel about cats, kitten season can sound like the best season of the year. Sounds like cuteness in abundance, round kitten bellies and playtime all day long! Unfortunately, kitten season isn't quite that, especially for the kittens and the people who opt to take care of them. (Though there is a lot of cuteness.) Here are the answers to some frequently asked questions about kitten season:

## What Is Kitten Season?

What is kitten season, you ask? As winter draws to a close and the weather begins to warm, many unaltered female cats are in heat. Sixty days later they begin giving birth to litters of kittens. Many shelters become overwhelmed with unwanted kittens from March through October, so if you're contemplating adopting or fostering a kitten, look no further than your local animal shelter. Kitten season occurs usually twice a year, and in colder areas, once a year. California is unique in that they have kitten season on average twice a year because of the warmer weather. It is possible that cats can have kittens in other times of the year as well.

## Why Is There a Kitten Season?

Kitten season is usually in line with when cats go into heat. November, December and January are colder months and cats usually go into heat when the weather gets nicer.

## What Does Being 'in Heat' Mean?

When a cat is in heat, the cat is ready to meet a mate and conceive kittens. There are only certain periods of the year when cats are in heat and that is in line with the weather, as described above.

## What is a Litter?

A litter is a number of kittens that a female cat can have through a pregnancy. On average, a cat can have anywhere from four to eight kittens. Because a cat can have on average four to eight kittens during on pregnancy, and a cat can be pregnant several times a year, the cat population gets bigger at a faster rate than the dog population. This is a reason why spaying or neutering your cat is so important.

## How Many Litters Can a Cat Have?

A cat can have more than one litter through one pregnancy. During the average seven-day period when cats are in heat, cats can have encounters with multiple male cats and be impregnated by multiple male cats and have the multiple cats' litters all at one time - meaning they can give birth to cats with different fathers at once!

## Five Quick Kitten Facts

- Felines are considered kittens until they are one year in age.
- All kittens are born with blue eyes with their permanent eye color appearing around four weeks of age.
- An unaltered female cat can become pregnant at four months of age so spay your kitten!
- A kitten can be spayed or neutered when they reach two pounds in body weight, typically at eight weeks of age.
- Kittens instinctively know to use a litter box.

## How Can I Help?

Shelters and cat rescues almost always need donations and foster parents during kitten season. Adopting or fostering a kitten will provide you with hours of fun and entertainment. Of course, a kitten's favorite toy is another kitten, so you may want to consider adopting a second cat. Two kittens growing up together will be well socialized, and interested in exploring new things. See if organizations in your area need supplies like litter, food, blankets and toys.



**We are booking out into October for our TNR program. Please call to get on the list if you have outside cats needing to be fixed.**

**Thank you to NextHome Park Place Homes  
for the donation from Luke Day!**



## 5 Hot Tips for Summer Pet Care

*Reprinted from MyPet.com*

Summertime is fun time, but hot weather makes for some unique summer pet care challenges. Pets can be just as susceptible to extreme temperatures as their owners are. When the temperatures get extreme, pet safety should be top of mind. Here are five ways to stay safe while enjoying summer activities with your pet:

**Respect the heat.** Your pet has a limited ability to deal with the heat. Make certain that pets have access to plenty of fresh, cool water. Avoid letting them run around outside during the hottest parts of the day.

**Keep bugs away—safely.** Fertilizers and pesticides can be very dangerous for your pet. And watch for fertilizer warnings on neighbors' lawns when walking your dog. Cut grass short to reduce the presence of ticks.

**Beware of antifreeze.** In the summertime, it can leak out of cars when they overheat, leaving puddles on the ground that your dog can easily lap up. The sweet taste of antifreeze is tempting to dogs and cats, but when it's ingested, it's potentially lethal.

**Find out if your pet needs sunscreen.** Some pets are susceptible to sunburn. Talk to your veterinarian about sunscreens that are safest on your pet's skin. (Read article at left for sunscreen safety.)

**Practice water safety.** Keep a close eye on your pet when they are in or near the water. For riskier summer adventures with your dog, like boating, look into a doggie life preserver.

Watch over your pet the way you would a small child—protect them from too much heat, sun, and other summer dangers—and everything should be just fine.

## Sunscreen and Zinc Oxide Ingestion in Pets

*Reprinted from ASPCApro.org*

Sunscreen is one of those items the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center gets regular calls about in the summer.

If you've read the back of a container of sunscreen, you know it can contain many ingredients. Generally, the primary reported issue for a pet who has ingested sunscreen is gastrointestinal upset; occasionally, those signs may be severe and include diarrhea, bloody vomiting, and potentially dehydration.

Sunscreen generally contains two primary ingredients you should know about: salicylates and zinc oxide.

### Salicylates

Many sunscreens contain salicylates, often more than one kind, at various concentrations. Salicylates have several effects in the body that may result in respiratory alkalosis and compensatory metabolic acidosis. On rare occasions, pets may experience hepatotoxicity, hyperthermia, and seizures. Gastric ulcerations are also possible with exposure to salicylates. While these more serious effects are not commonly reported when sunscreens are ingested, more caution may be warranted when large amounts or higher concentrations of salicylates are ingested.

### Zinc Oxide

Besides sunscreen, zinc oxide is also commonly found in diaper rash creams. The most common sign reported is vomiting—and because it often occurs soon after exposure due to the irritating nature of zinc oxide, pets may decontaminate themselves this way.

On rare occasions, allergic reactions are reported with ingestion of zinc oxide—typically manifesting in facial swelling and pruritis. Luckily zinc oxide is not absorbed well from the gastrointestinal tract, so zinc toxicity is not common with ingestions of diaper creams and sunscreens.

### The Packaging

Sometimes the biggest concern regarding sunscreen exposure is not the active ingredients but the actual tube itself. Foreign body obstruction is a concern if a pet ingests a large portion of the tube.



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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

#### Newsletter Editor

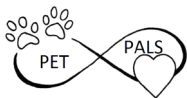
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