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Elections

Elections for vice president, treasurer, and one director will be held at the January 19 meeting at 6:00 p.m. If you are interested in running for a position or would like a ballot, send a note to info@sosar.org. 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.

Sharing Tree

Our share tree is up at Soldan's Pet Supplies in Midland. Stop by, pick out a tag, and fill a need for the animals.



SOS EVENTS

Board Meeting & Elections

January 19 at 6:00 p.m.
conference call

Board Meeting

February 16 at 6:00 p.m.
conference call

Rummage Sale

TENTATIVE DATES
May 2-3 donation drop-off
May 4-5 sale
TENTATIVE LOCATION
Midland Curling Center

Dirty Dog Trail Run

August 19, 2023

*Visit petfinder.com to find
pets available for adoption.*

THANK YOU!

April
Mike Bartos
Patricia Beyer
Marilyn Butcher
Paul and Lily Cheng
Rita Filcek
Hali Gilbert
Martha Holzheuer
Joy Marchione
Elizabeth Marshall
Rosemary McFadden
Jacqueline Raines
Leslie Rector
Madeline Sasse
Judith Scheuffele
Laurel Shaw
Terry Shell
Debra Smith
Sylvia Stein
Chris and Jean Thompson
Wayne Walker

in memory of Joan M Hash
by Ashley Mclauchlan

in memory of James Tiberius
(aka Captain) beloved pet of
Michael and Diana Dalton
from Katherine Black

in memory of Rebecca's Clemmer's
cat Kekow by Sue and Dick Clemmer

Canister Hosts

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

Facebook Birthday Fundraisers

for Candy Pomranky
Lisa Davis

for Nicole Kerr
Kristi Mitchell
Larry Mitchell
Terri Morse Puckett
Jeffrey Smith
Robin Hamann
Kevin Baldwin

for Mindy Murphy
Tonya Lusk
Tina Marie Phillips

for Kelly Gricar
Kelly Gricar
Holly Schultz

for Bea Hamer

for Teresa Sobremonte

to Grape Beginnings
for the wine fundraiser in September



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Shine
Tractor Supply Company
Zach's Dog Groomery

Everything You Need to Know About Your Cat's Whiskers

Reprinted from www.DrElseys.com

A defining characteristic of our furry companions, whiskers serve a multitude of important purposes aside from just adding to your pet's cuteness. As it turns out, whiskers are a vital multifunctional tool for your cat's sensory input and are needed to help them interact with their environment. From a built-in tape measure to night-vision goggles, whiskers are an essential part of your feline's genetic makeup.

What Are Whiskers?

While they might just look like extra long hairs on your cat's face, whiskers are a lot more than they appear to be. Whiskers aren't just hair follicles – they're attached to your pet's nervous and muscular systems. The hair itself is loaded with nerves, with an extra-sensitive tip called a proprioceptor, making for the optimal sensory tool. Whiskers are basically a sixth sense for our feline friends and allow them to sense more in their environment than we can through vibrations from their whiskers.

Where Are Your Cat's Whiskers?

The longer hairs around your cat's little nose are visible, but cats actually have whiskers in other areas of their body as well. These little sensory whiskers are also above their eyes like eyebrows, in their ears, along their jaw, and on their front legs. This allows for your cat to be able to sense prey, judge the size of small spaces, and detect changes in the air all through these magic little hairs.

How Do You Care For Your Cat's Whiskers?

There's one main rule for caring for your furry friend's whiskers – don't cut them! Some believe it can physically hurt your pet if you snip their whiskers, and above all, it would be like cutting off one of their senses. Cutting whiskers would leave your cat disoriented and confused, so leave this vital part of them alone to ensure comfort in their surroundings.

What Can You Learn About Your Cat Based on Whiskers?

Surprisingly, you can tell a lot about your cat's mood based on the status of their whiskers! In a normal, relaxed state, your fur baby's whiskers will be slightly



droopy. When they're feeling aggressive or threatened, they'll be tensed up and pointing out to the sides. When your pet's whiskers are pointing slightly forward, your cat could be feeling friendly or curious about their surroundings.



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THANK YOU FOR COMING TO THE DIRTY DOG TRAIL RUN!

See all race photos on our Facebook page under photos – albums!



RACE

10K NO DOG
10K NO DOG
10K WITH DOG
5K NO DOG
5K NO DOG
5K NO DOG
5K WITH DOG
5K WITH DOG
5K WITH DOG

DIVISION

ADULT MALE
ADULT FEMALE
ADULT MALE
ADULT FEMALE
13 AND UNDER FEMALE
ADULT MALE
ADULT MALE
13 AND UNDER MALE
ADULT FEMALE

1ST PLACE

MARVIN GUITAR
JUANITA RIVERA
PATRICK TESS
DENISE BERRY
RHIANNA ARMSTRONG
ETHAN DEVILLE
MATTHEW PRESTON
FERNANDO ESPINOZA
ALISHA TOYZAN

2ND PLACE

MICHAEL POMPA
STEPHANIE LEARNING
DEVIN DEVILLE
CLAIRE KAISLER
MADISON PARKER
BENJAMIN MCKEITH
WEYLIN FRISBIE
KATHERINE BOOTHROYD

3RD PLACE

CHRISTOPHER SZESZULSKI
BARBARA TRUDEAU
NATHAN PASTUZYN
CRYSTAL PARKER
DELANEY PARKER
JEFF ROGERS
BRENT DANKERT
MIKAELA BARRERO

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Lisa Davis
Little Forks Outfitters
Nature Niche
Opperman's Cork 'n' Ale
Poochie's Pit Stop
Ray's Bike Shop
Runners Athletic Company
Shine of Midland
Soldan's Pet Supplies

Race Supplies, Treats, Water

Family Fare
Lowe's
Meijer
Shay Water

Race Communications

Midland Amateur Radio Club
Midland Soccer Club

Race Course Management

Dig Deep Races

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Garber Chevrolet
Midland Soccer Club

Thank You for Donating Extra to Shelterhouse and SOS Animal Rescue with Race Entry

ALISHA TOYZAN
BEN J MCKEITH
BRITTANIE SMEDLEY
CHARLENE TREVINO
CHELSEA GRIGG
CHRISTINA BOHNHOFF
DAWN EBY
DONNALINDSAYBETTINGER
FAY REID
INA R LERNER
JEFF ROGERS
KAEDANCE S HUNTER
MARK T LESINSKI
RAE ANN LAFRANCE
RYAN RICH
SARAH YONDER



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	106	2436
Male Cats	1907	115	2022
Female Dogs	704	34	738
Male Dogs	570	33	603
Total	5511	288	5799

Barn Cat Needs Home

We have a cat in need of a barn home. He is fixed, vaccinated, flea treated, and dewormed. He needs need food, water, shelter, and a place to acclimate for one to two weeks. In return, you get rodent control. Barn cats are delivered at no charge. Contact us at 989-492-0042 if you can give a shy cat a home.



Free Winter Cat Houses

We have winter cat houses available for free while supplies last. Drop us a note at info@sosar.org or leave a message at 989-492-0042 if you want one.

Pet Food Assistance Program

	Thru 2021	2022	Total
Families Helped	1198	186	1297
Dogs	1321	209	1530
Cats	2156	294	2450
Other Animals	37	1	38
Pounds Dog Food Delivered	41,830	5818	47,649
Pounds Cat Food Delivered	22,850	2737	25,587

YOUR DONATIONS HELP THESE ANIMALS RECEIVE MEDICAL CARE

Chuckle - liver failure; humanely euthanized

Murphy - broken leg; adopted after healing

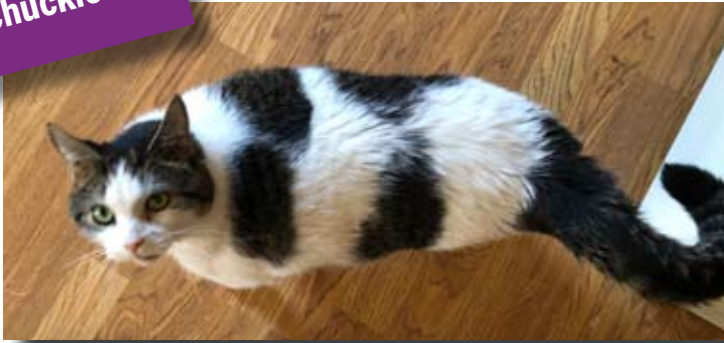
Waddington - severe face infection

Little Bit - covered in dried fecal matter requiring veterinary intervention

Emmie - urinary and uterus infections; still undergoing treatment

Chance - bladder stone requiring surgical removal; he will need a home that provides special food to keep the stones from coming back

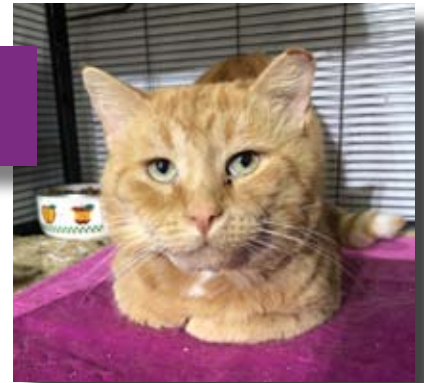
Chuckle



Emmie



Waddington



Little Bit

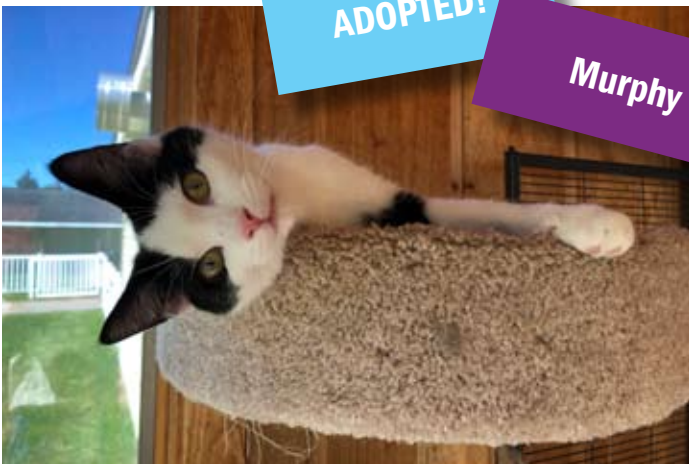


Chance



ADOPTED!

Murphy





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Dirty Dog Run

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Midland City Forest

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.

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