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A Year in Review

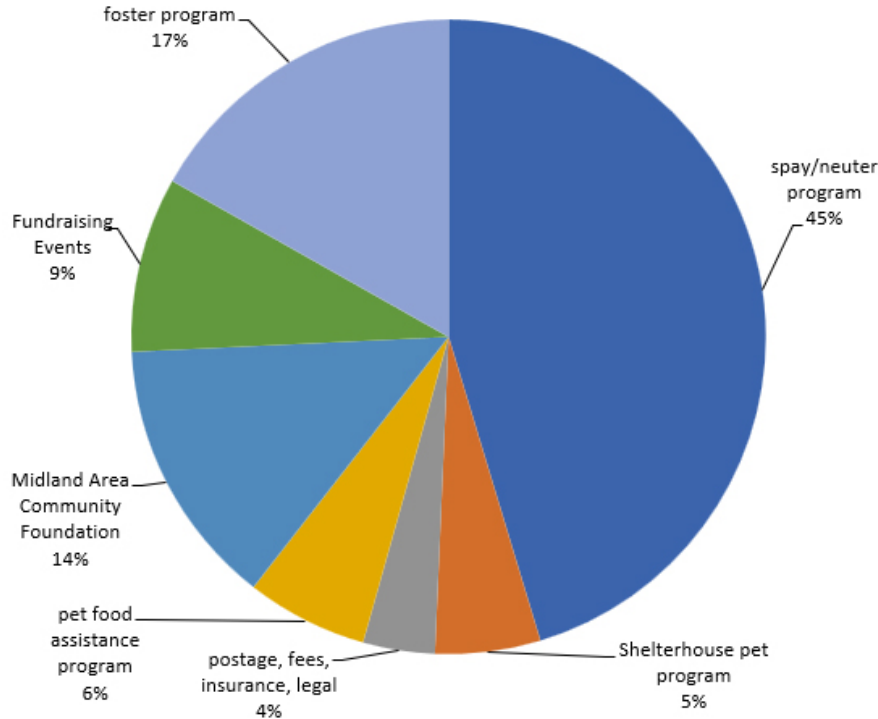
What your donations of time and money made happen in 2023:

- 85 foster pets placed via our foster program
- 349 spay/neuter surgeries for pets in low income families
- 640 animals living with 277 families helped with pet food
- Shelterhouse donation for their pet program
- 24 pets were helped by a grant from the Midland Area Community Foundation

Our dedicated volunteers use your donations to make a difference to help the animals. Thank you for your support.

Joann Taylor, SOS Animal Rescue President

2023 Spending by Program



Elections

Elections for president and one director will be held at the March 21 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.

SOS EVENTS

Board Meeting

February 15 at 6:00 p.m.

Board Meeting & Officer Elections

March 21 at 6:00 p.m.

Give Local Midland

tentative date

Tuesday, May 7

Midland Area Community Foundation

Dirty Dog Trail Run Packet Pick-Up

Friday, August 16

6:00–7:00 p.m.

Midland City Forest near chalet

Dirty Dog Trail Run

Saturday, August 17

Registration 8–8:45 a.m.

Race 9:00 a.m.

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



THANK YOU!

Platinum Sponsors

All About Animals – Flint
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Next Home Park Place Homes Group
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Precious Cat
River Rock Animal Hospital
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Gold Sponsors

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The Gourmet Cupcake Shoppe
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PetSmart
Spherion
UPS Store – Midland
Valley Lanes
Wildfire Credit Union

Grape Beginnings
for featuring us on "the Full Monty"
wine of the month Fundraiser

Virginia Crandall
in memory of her mother

In memory of Scrapper, beloved cat
child of Pat and Linda Andrews by
Michael and Diana Dalton

Michelle Lim
in memory of Gigi Zorkot

Mrs. Lynel Horn
from The Horn Giving Fund

Bronze Sponsors

Auto Technicians Inc
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Max's Place
Midland Amateur Radio Club
Midland Animal Clinic
Midland Soccer Club
Muddy Pups
Paula's Pet Sitting
Quilts for Cages
Runners Athletic Company
Shay Water Company
Shine of Midland
Tractor Supply Company
Zach's Dog Groomery

Canister Hosts

Auto Technicians
Bicycle HQ
Cohoon's Elevator
Countryside Animal Health Center
Feeders Pet Supply
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 – Eastman Road
Woodland Pet Resort

To the great volunteers
who make our blankets and cat toys



Barbara Anderson
Michael Bain
Mark Barger
Mike Bartos
Eleanor Butcher
Marilyn Butcher
Paul and Lily Cheng
Michael and Diana Dalton
Michelle Dittenber
Connie Deighan Eaton
Paula Elandt
Jan Elmore
Anna Holtey
Vicki Kraft

Elizabeth Marshall
Mary Anne McCarthy
Melissa Miller
Barbara Nead-Nylander
John, Julie, and J.R. Nosal
Suzanne Rice
Madeline Sasse
Judith Scheuffele
Terry Shell
Jeffrey Smith
Jean Thomspson
Elizabeth Twynham
Cathene Webster

THANK YOU!



Support us with your Kroger purchases!

**Community Rewards Number:
HN771**

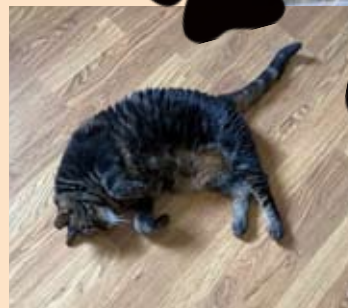
**In 2023 Kroger donated \$130
for a total of \$2005 to date!**

To everyone who donated to our share tree
and special thanks to Feeders Pet Supply
for allowing us to put it in the store.

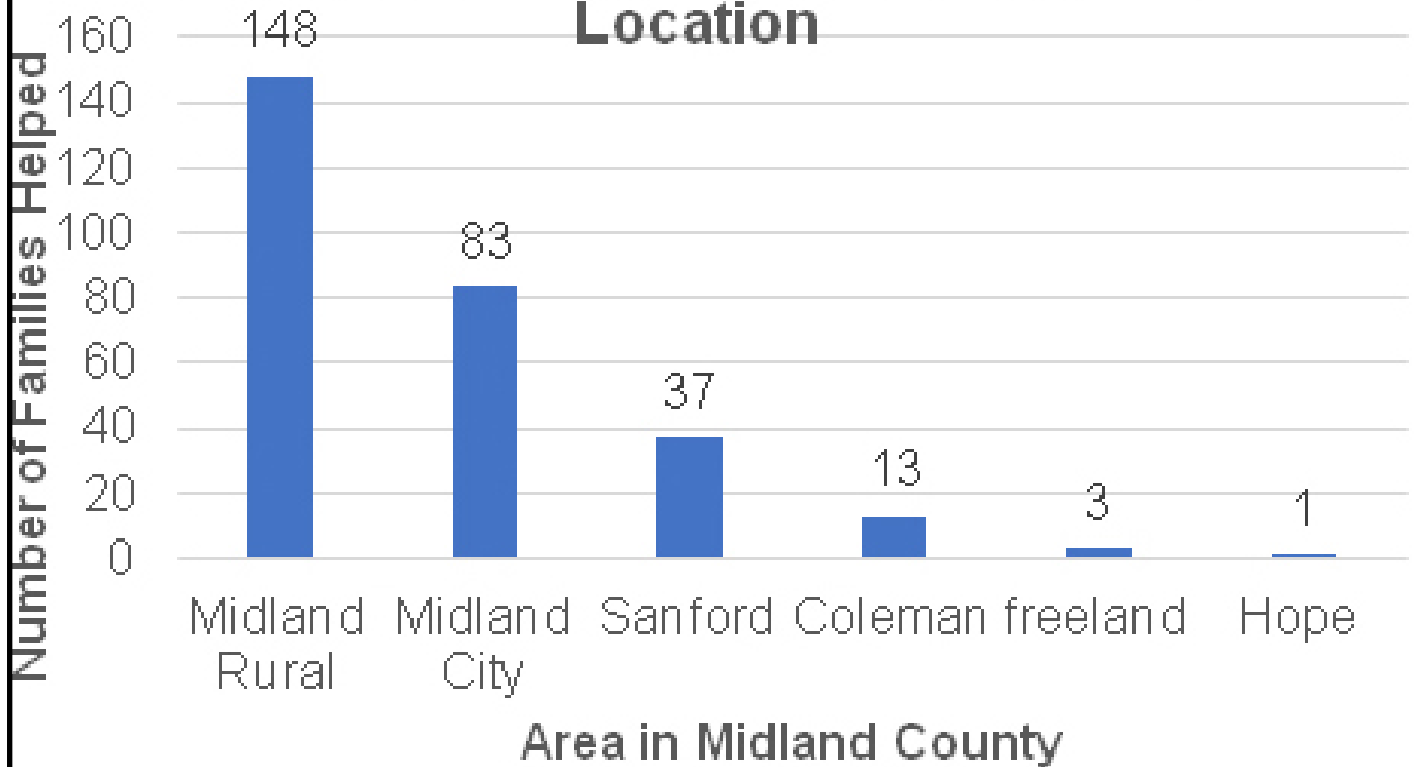


Meet Emmie

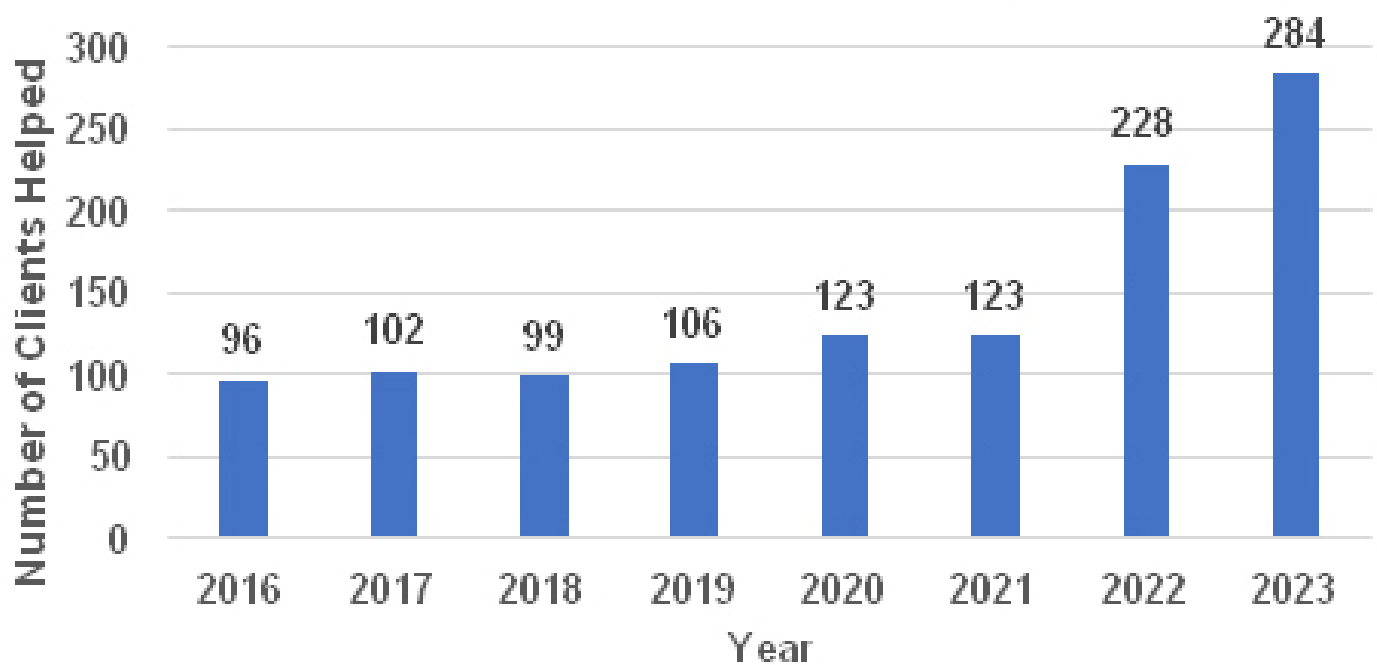
Emmie has been with us for almost two years. She came in because she was not using the litter box. After a lot of testing, it was determined she had bladder stones, which resulted in surgery to remove them. She was doing well and then we discovered her teeth were very bad. Emmie had a dental procedure with a few teeth pulled and is now thriving. She went from a cat that spent a lot of time in the litter box and being grumpy to a cat that now plays with toys, likes to be petted, and loves to lay in the sun. Emmie will do best in a quieter home where she is an only cat. She also needs to be on special food so no more bladder stones form. In addition, since her dental procedure, we have discovered that Emmie really likes to eat so she needs to lose a little weight now. Emmie is about seven years old and deserves a chance to enjoy the rest of her life. If you are interested in adopting Emmie, drop us a note at info@sosar.org!



Pet Food Assistance Program Number of Families Helped in 2023 by Location



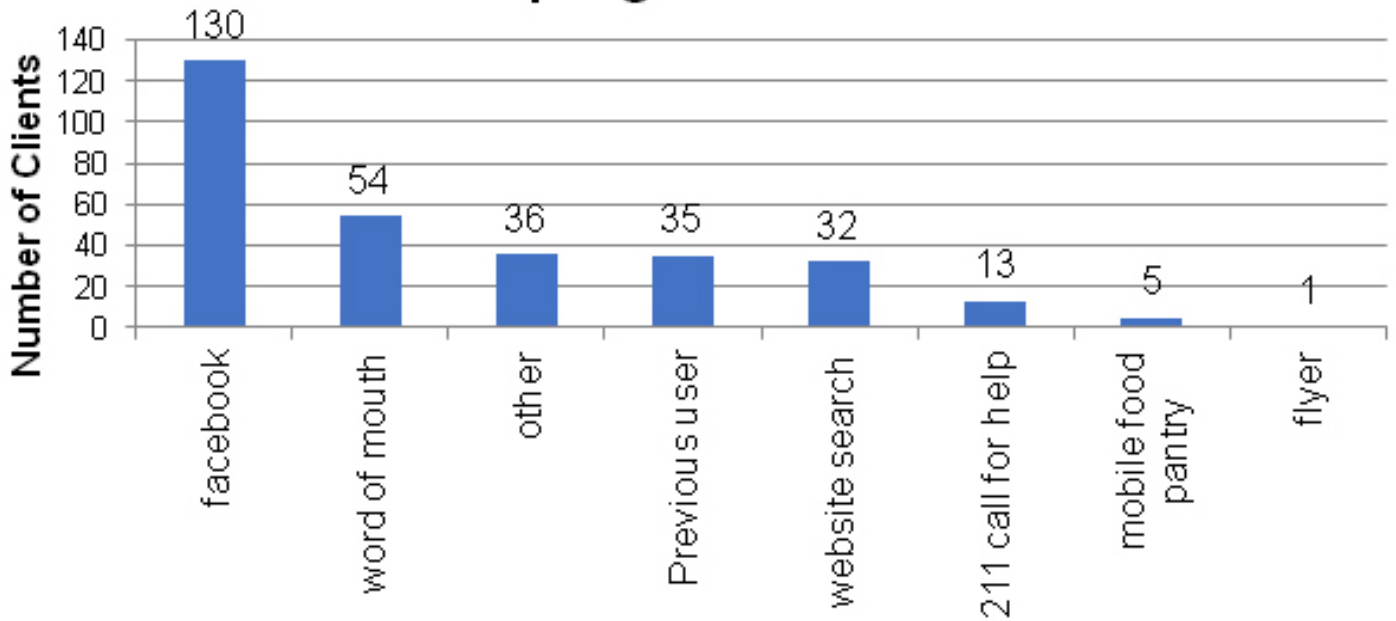
Pet Food Assistance Program Number of Families Helped by Year



Pet Food Assistance Program

	Thru 2022	2023	Total
Families Helped	1339	277	1616
Dogs	1613	291	1904
Cats	2503	343	2846
Other Animals	38	6	44
Pounds Dog Food Delivered	49,131	10,345	59,476
Pounds Cat Food Delivered	25,951	3730	29,681

Pet Food Assistance Program 2023 How did the client find out about the program?



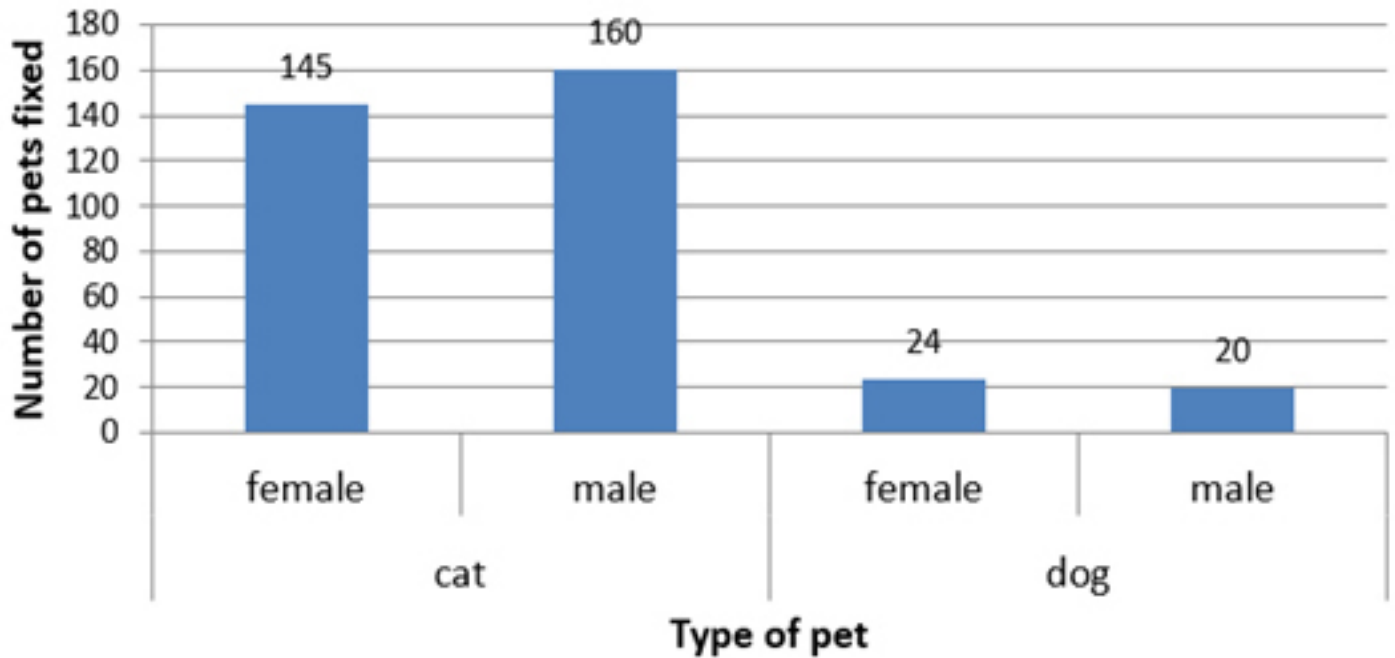
How did the client find out about the Pet Food Assistance Program?

Spay/Neuter Statistics

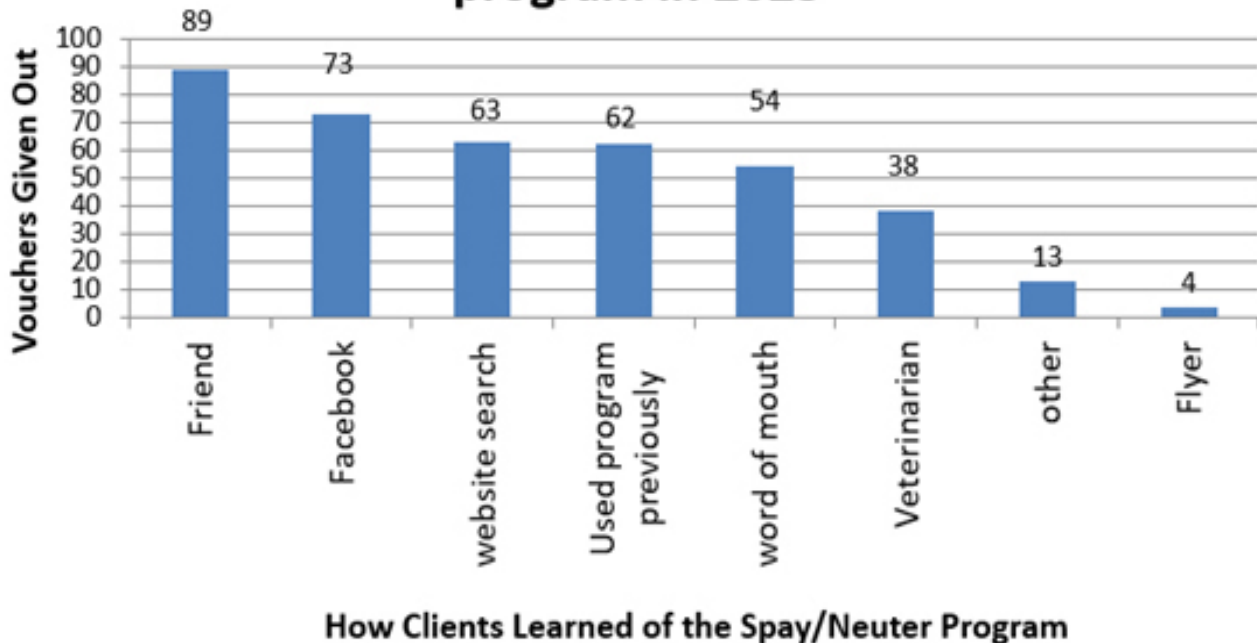
Thanks to your donations and support, we are able to provide more help each year. If each spay/neuter surgery prevents two litters of unwanted puppies or kittens from being born the program has saved over 40,000 from a life of hunger, cruelty, and disease.

Spay/Neuter	thru 2022	2023	Total
Female Cats	2555	145	2700
Male Cats	2103	160	2263
Female Dogs	744	24	768
Male Dogs	604	20	624
Total	6006	349	6355

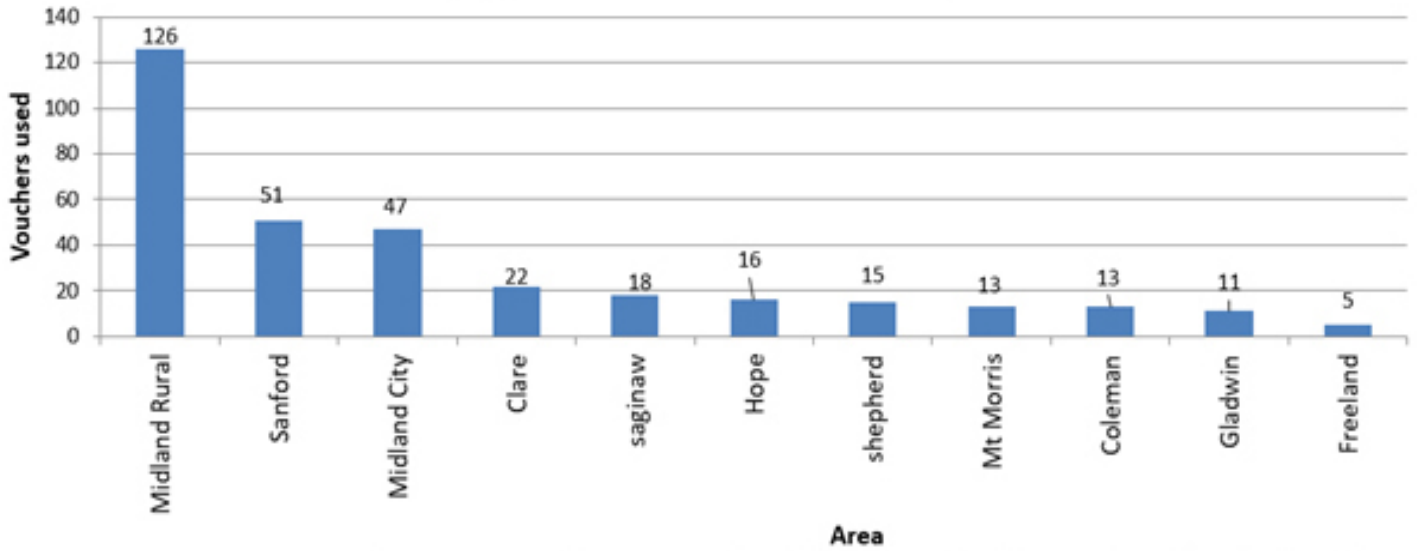
Pets fixed by Spay/neuter assistance program in 2023



How clients learned about our spay/neuter program in 2023



Number of Spay/Neuter Vouchers used by Area in 2023



We had some funding provided to help in Saginaw, Gladwin, and Clare Counties in 2023. This was a special grant that is not expected to be available in 2024.

“Free Kittens”

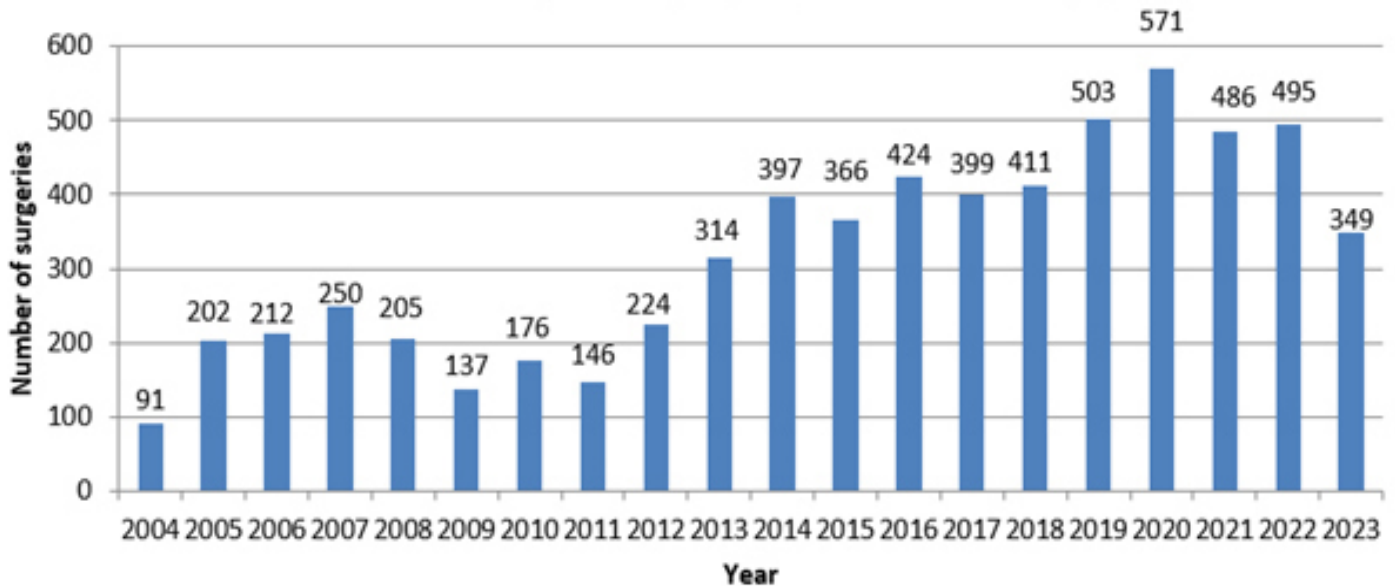
Now is the time females are getting pregnant. Babies will arrive starting in early April then the free kittens signs start showing up. Help us stop the cycle. If you know anyone who needs help getting mom fixed, let us know.



Barn Cats

We have cats looking for barn homes. They are fixed with rabies vaccines, dewormed, and flea treated. If you have a need for a barn cat, contact us at info@sosar.org. All that we ask is they be provided with food, water, and shelter in exchange for mouse control. Thank you to all those who are able to give barn homes to these shy cats.

Number of pets spayed/neutered by year



YOUR DONATIONS HELP THESE ANIMALS RECEIVE MEDICAL CARE

Kitty - severely underweight
Mrs. Peabody - upper respiratory illness
Pixie - scarred eyes
Chuckie - diabetic and possible brain tumor
Ruby - hernia
Leigha - missing hair

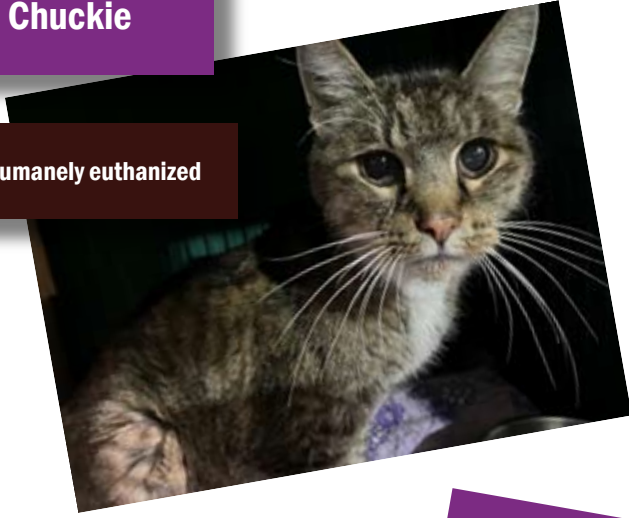
ADOPTED!

Kitty



Chuckie

humanely euthanized



Leigha

ADOPTED!

Mrs. Peabody

Pixie



Ruby

ADOPTED!



THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS OF THE DIRTY DOG TRAIL RUN!

It was a great day, and we hope to see you at this year's race on August 17, 2024.

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Isabella Bank
Midland Animal Clinic
Muddy Pups
Paula's Pet Sitting
Shine of Midland

Prizes/Silent Auction

ACE Hardware
Anderson's Stained Glass
Beauchamp's Heating and Cooling
Beyond Measure Bulk Foods
Dan Dan the Mattress Man
Howl-A-Day Pet Resort
Ieuter Insurance Group / Auto Owners Insurance
LaLonde's Market
Lisa Davis
Michele Gunkelman
Nature Niche
Runners Athletic Company
Shine of Midland
Soldan's Pet Supplies

Race Supplies, Treats, Water

Family Fare
Meijer
Shay Water

Race Communications

Midland Amateur Radio Club

Race Course Management

Dig Deep Races

Moving Sign Ads

Garber Chevrolet
Midland Soccer Club

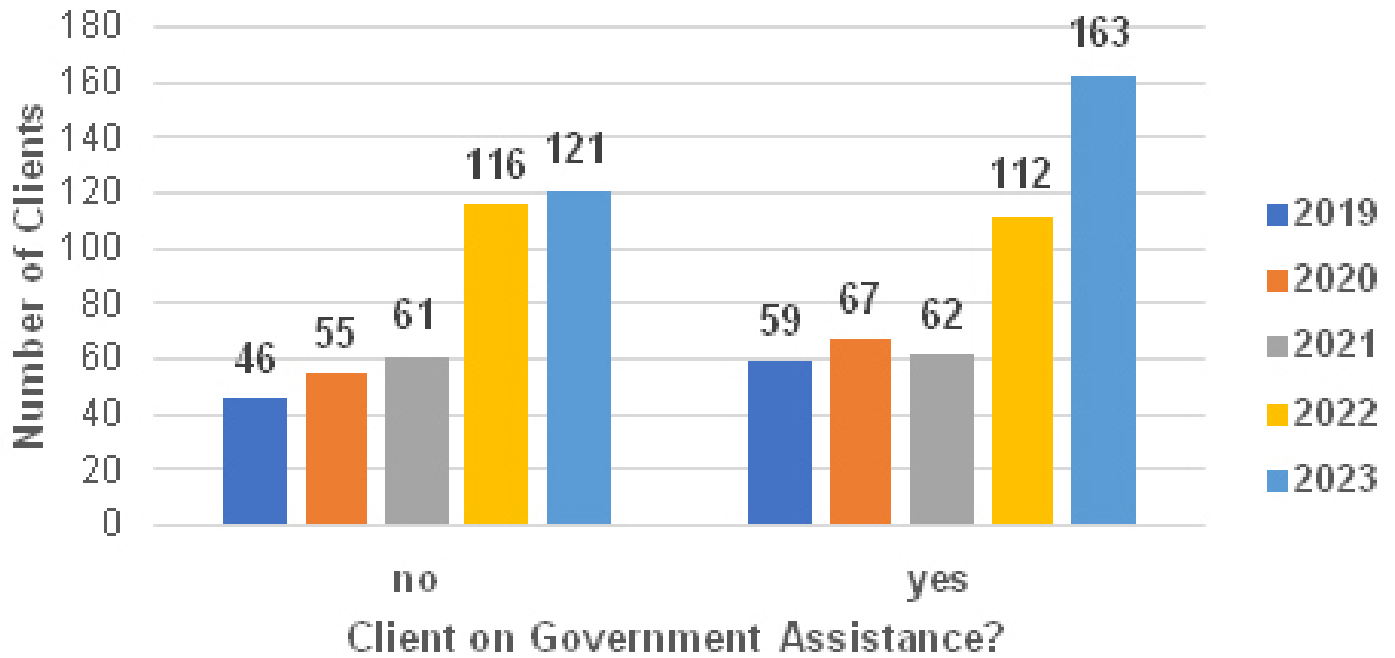
**See all race photos on our
Facebook page under
photos – albums!**



**THANK YOU
for Donating Extra
to Shelterhouse and SOS Animal Rescue
with Race Entry**

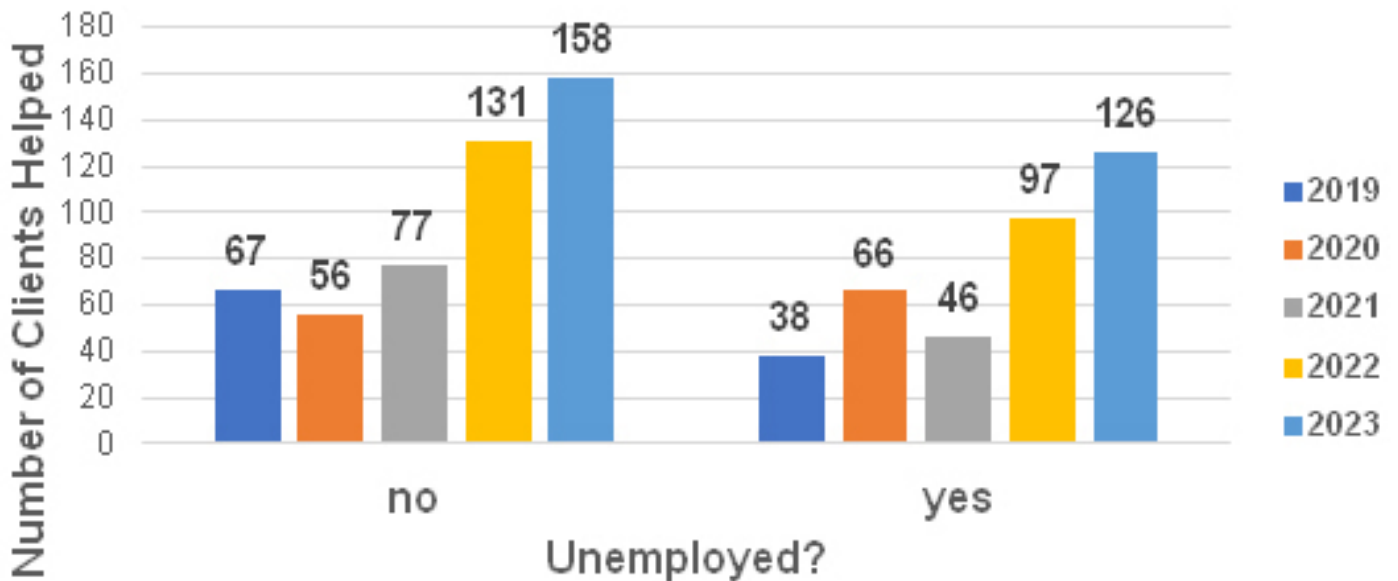
BETHANY CLAYPOOL
BRADLEY OTTEN
BRITTANIE SMEDLEY
DANIAL L MURPHY
INA LERNER
KRISTIN OLBERTSON
MARGARET M WHITE
PATRICIA C YOUNG
PATRICK TESS
SADIE HAINES
SARAH YONDER
SHERRY ROGERS

Pet Food Assistance Program Were Clients on Government Assistance?

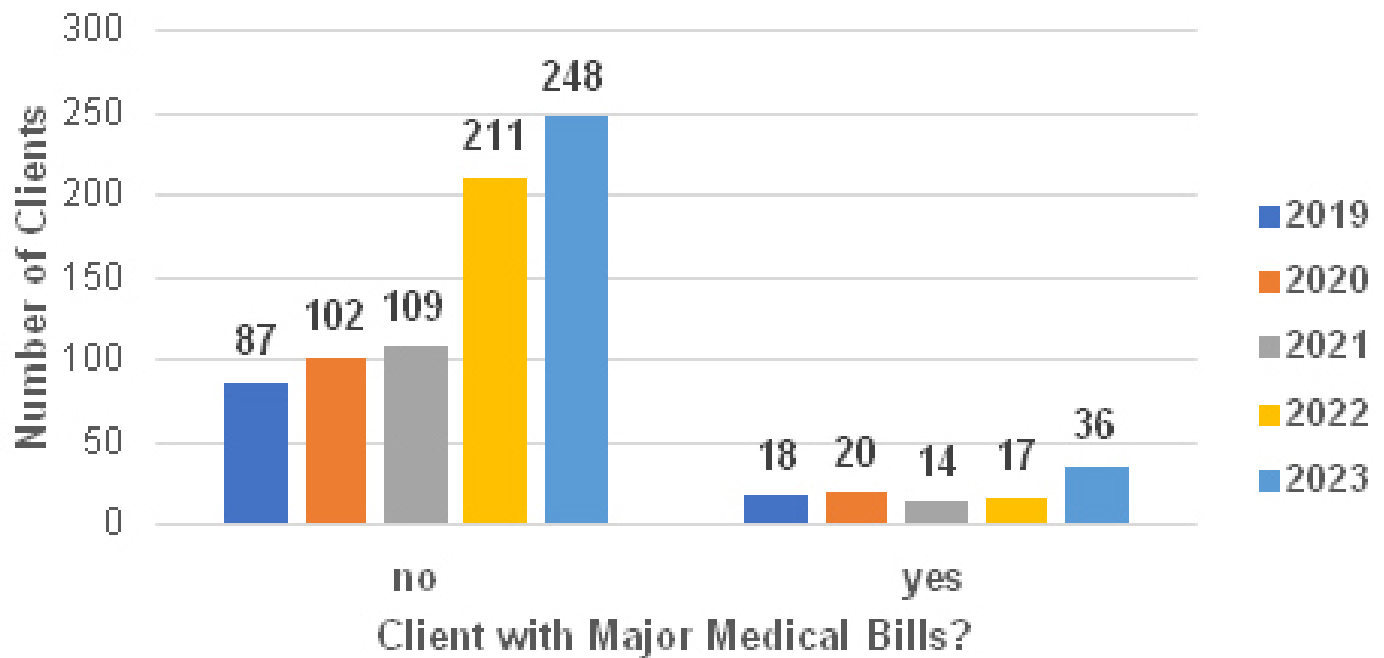


**Renewal: Membership renewal cards will be arriving in your mailbox.
You help save animals by providing food and vet care to animals in need.**

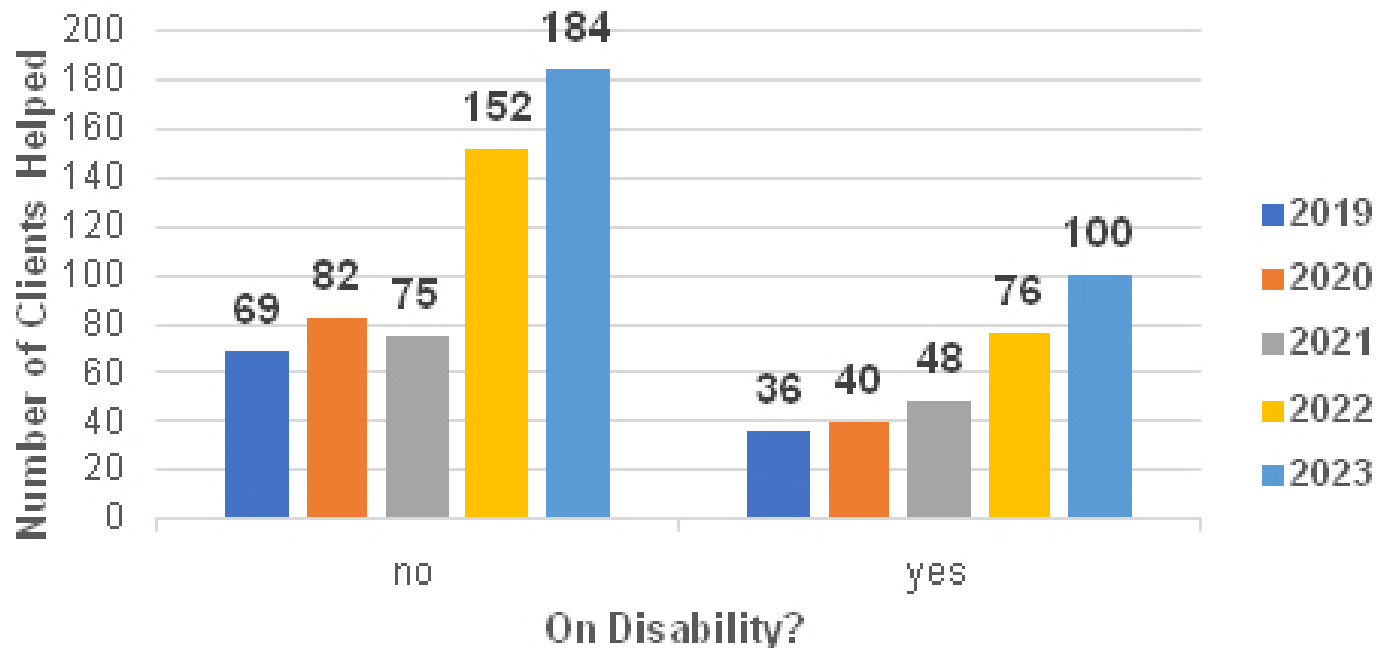
Pet Food Assistance Program Were Clients unemployed?



Pet Food Assistance Program Did Clients have Major Medical Bills?



Pet Food Assistance Program Were Clients on Disability?





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Dirty Dog Run

Saturday, August 17, 2024

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.

Directors

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Sheryl Billmeier Hnizda

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Surrey Veterinary Clinic



Midland VetMED

