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## A Year in Review

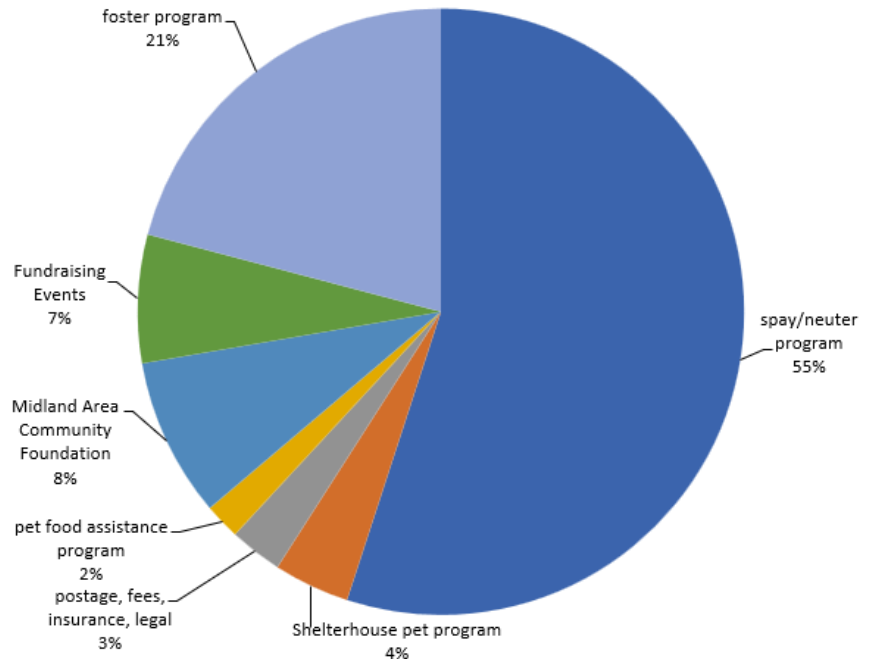
What your donations of time and money made happen in 2024:

- 102 foster pets placed via our foster program
- 403 spay/neuter surgeries for pets in low income families
- 487 animals living with 177 families helped with pet food
- Shelterhouse donation for their pet program
- 20 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*

## 2024 Spending by Program



## Elections

Elections for vice president, treasurer, and one director will be held via mail in March. If you are interested in running for a position or would like a ballot, send a note to [info@sosar.org](mailto: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.

## SOS EVENTS

### Give Local Midland

Tuesday, May 6  
 Midland Area Community  
 Foundation

### Dirty Dog Trail Run Packet Pick-Up

Friday, August 15  
 6:00–7:00 p.m.  
 Midland City Forest near chalet

### Dirty Dog Trail Run

Saturday, August 16  
 Registration 8:00–8:45 a.m.  
 Race 9:00 a.m.

*Visit [petfinder.com](http://petfinder.com) for pets available for adoption.*

# THANK YOU!

Michael Bartos  
Phyllis Beehr  
Jack Berdasco  
Eleanor Butcher  
Marilyn Butcher  
Michelle Dittenber  
Kris Grinn  
Isabelle Jansen  
Deneal Johnson  
Catherine Konn  
Michelle Lim  
Anna Marie Long  
Michael & Joy Marchione  
Elizabeth Marshall  
Brian Nylander  
Christine Rosseuo Ben  
Madeline Sasse  
Judith Scheuffele  
Terry Shell  
Jeffrey Smith  
Jean Thompson  
Pia Tucker

Yoshie And Jeffrey Ziarno in  
memory of Mr. Hitoshi Takahashi

Mike and Diana Dalton in memory  
of Max, beloved catchchild  
of Pat and Linda Andrews

## **Grape Beginnings Winery** for hosting a fundraiser



**Platinum Sponsors**  
All About Animals - Flint  
M-20 Animal Hospital  
Next Home Park Place Homes  
Group  
Northern Animal Clinic  
Precious Cat  
River Rock Animal Hospital  
Superior Title and Settlement  
Surrey Veterinary Clinic

**Gold Sponsors**  
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Cooling LLC  
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DeFiCreations  
Eastman Party Store  
The Gourmet Cupcake Shoppe  
Horizon Bank  
Member's First Credit Union  
UPS Store - Midland  
Valley Lanes  
Wildfire Credit Union

**Bronze Sponsors**  
Auto Technicians Inc  
Bone and Bailey Insurance  
Costco  
Family Fare  
Garber Chevrolet  
Grape Beginnings Winery, LLC  
Howl-A-Day Pet Resort  
Hugs for Homeless Animals  
Kroger  
LaLonde's Market  
Max's Place  
Midland Amateur Radio Club  
Midland Animal Clinic  
Midland Soccer Club  
Quilts for Cages  
Runners Athletic Company  
Shine of Midland  
Tractor Supply Company  
Zach's Dog Groomery &  
Bathhouse

**Canister Hosts**  
Auto Technicians  
Bicycle HQ  
Cohoon's Elevator  
Countryside Animal Health  
Center  
The Gourmet Cupcake Shoppe  
Howl-A-Day  
Larkin Food center  
Lodge Party Store  
M-20 Animal Hospital  
Max's Place  
Midland Liquor  
Nature's Niche  
Northern Animal Clinic  
Woodland Pet Resort

**DeFiCreations**  
for your regular fundraisers

**RepurposedbyRaine**  
for the fundraiser

**Braeden**  
for making so many cat shelters  
for his Eagle Project. They're  
sturdy, insulated, and easily  
cleaned. The shelters were  
snapped up within a few days  
because they were so nice.

**Donors to our  
Midland Community  
Foundation Fund**

Tori Duve

David L Morgan in memory of  
Anna Maria Morgan

Mr. & Mrs. George Quarderer

Dawn Belizaire & Matt Davis in  
Honor of Dandelion Davis

Kenneth and Vickie Konst

**THANK YOU!**



**Support us with your Kroger purchases!**

**Community Rewards Number:  
HN771**

**In 2024 Kroger donated \$139.57  
for a total of \$2,145 to date!**

**facebook**



**For posting SOS  
as your Facebook  
birthday fundraiser**

Chris Jeroue  
Merlin Linux  
Timothy Partin  
Kelly Gricar  
Jodie Luczak

**GIVE LOCAL  
MIDLAND™**

***Give where you live!***

**Tuesday, May 6**

**24 hours + 50 non-profits**

## *Hope Needs a Home*

This little lady needs a home. Hope is about ten years old. She came to us with a tumor on her face. Thanks to M-20 Animal Hospital, it has been removed and was found benign. In the process of getting her ready for surgery, she was discovered to have the beginning stages of kidney disease and a heart murmur. She also had all her teeth removed due to decay which is why her tongue hangs out. She is currently doing very well and will need a special home where she can live out her last days.

Hope is a very low maintenance kitty. She loves to sit on your lap, lay in her boxes, and basically be a couch potato. We don't know how much longer she has but hopefully a few more years for her to enjoy life.

Hope would do best as an only cat and probably in a quieter home. If someone can find it in their heart to take her in, we will cover her food and her daily heart murmur medication.

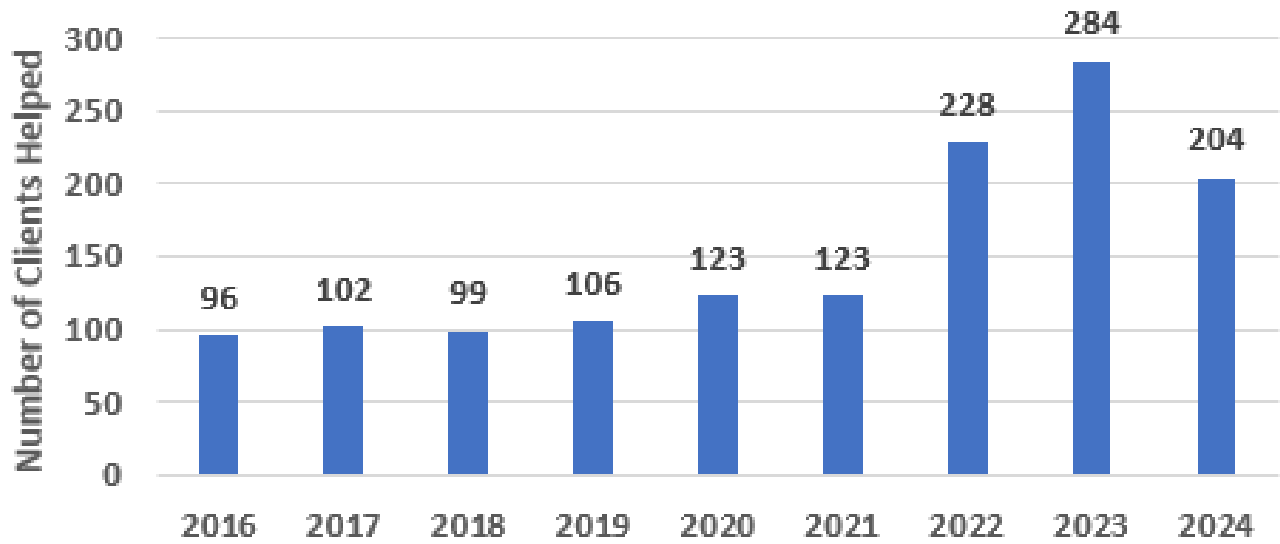
If you think Hope would work in your home, send us a message so we can chat.



# Pet Food Assistance Program

	Thru 2023	2024	Total
Families Helped	1,606	177	1,783
Dogs	1,893	216	2,109
Cats	2,834	268	3,102
Other Animals	44	3	47
Pounds Dog Food Delivered	59,874	7,820	67,693
Pounds Cat Food Delivered	29,761	2,469	32,257

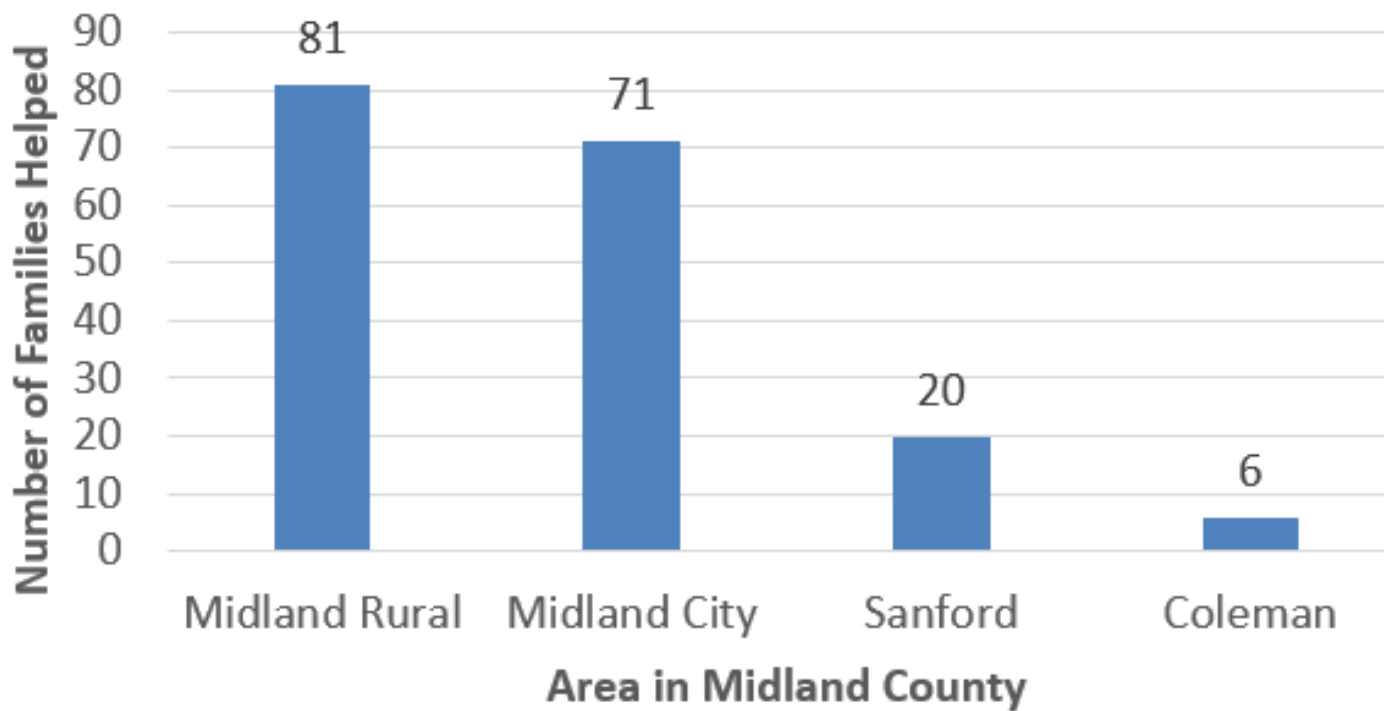
## Pet Food Assistance Program Number of Deliveries by Year



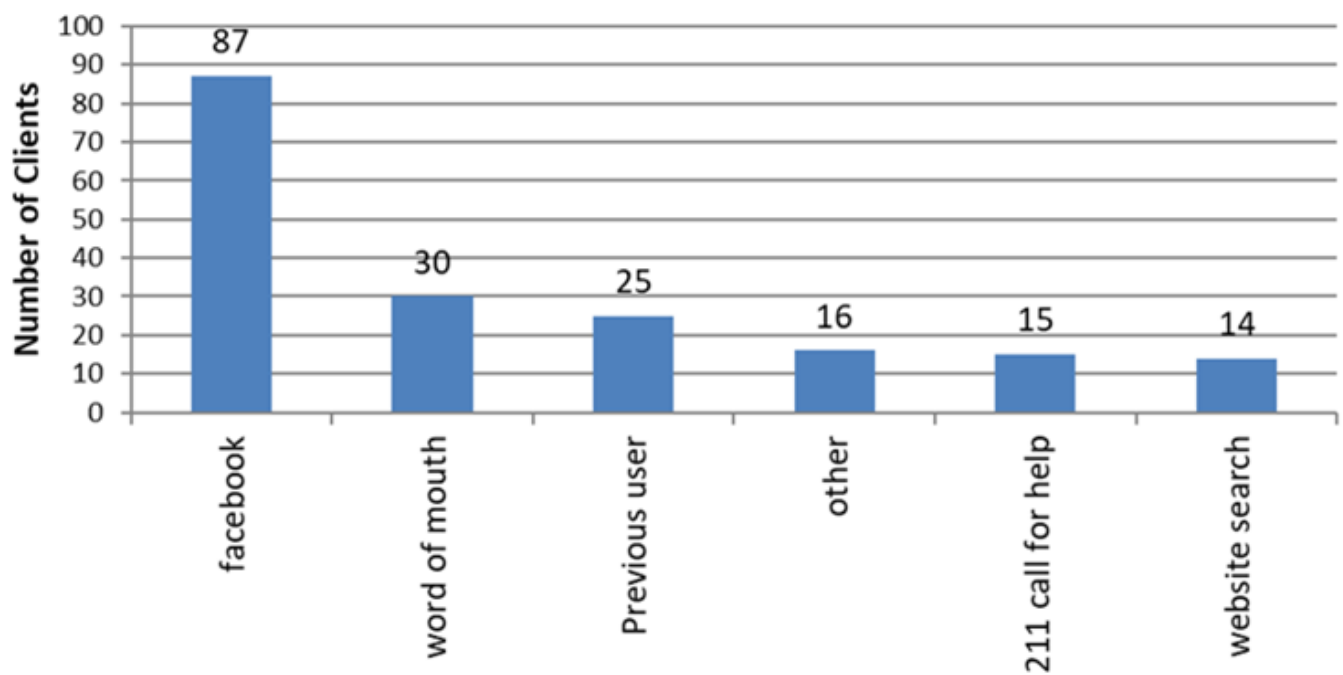
*Thank You* to our Chewy.com Wish List donors! This is a small sampling of the donations we have received from generous supporters!



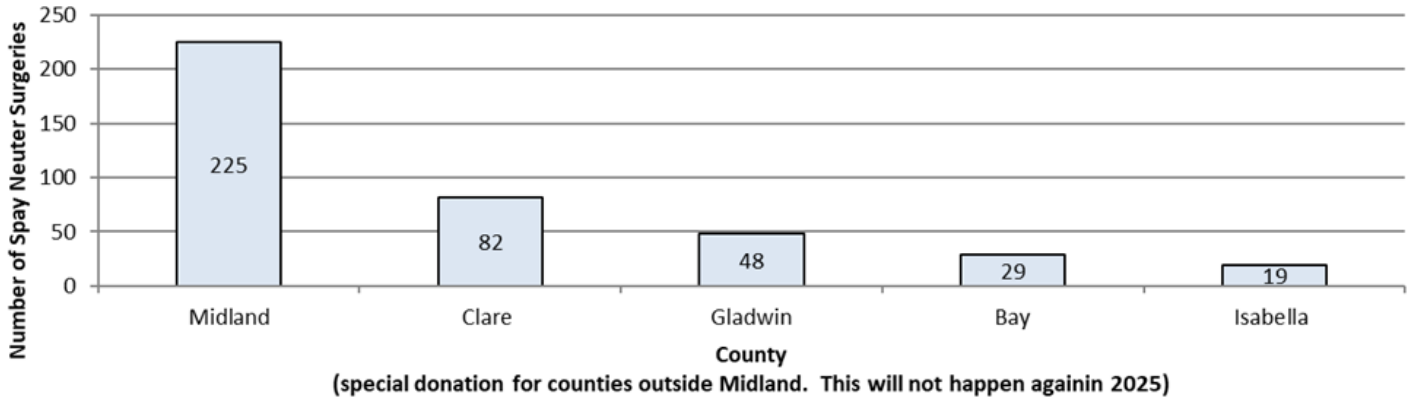
## Pet Food Assistance Program Number of Families Helped in 2024 by Location



## Pet Food Assistance Program 2024 How did the client find out about the program?



## Spay neuter by county in 2024

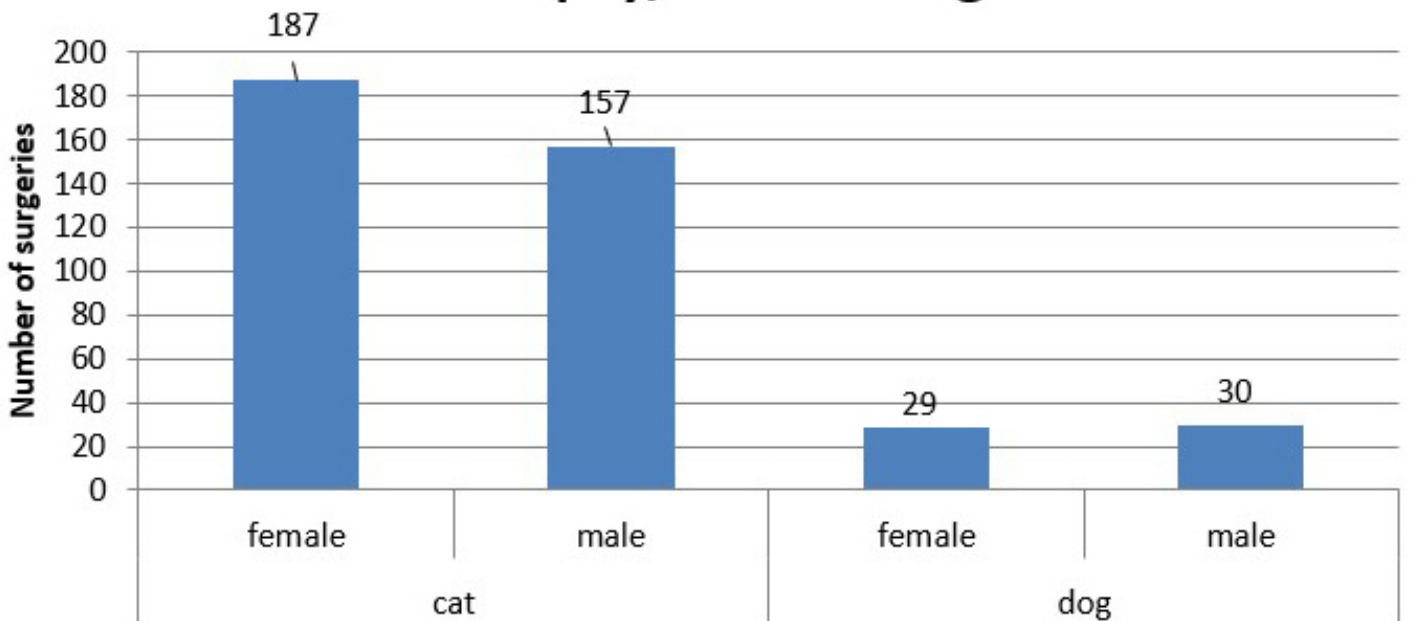


## Spay/Neuter Statistics

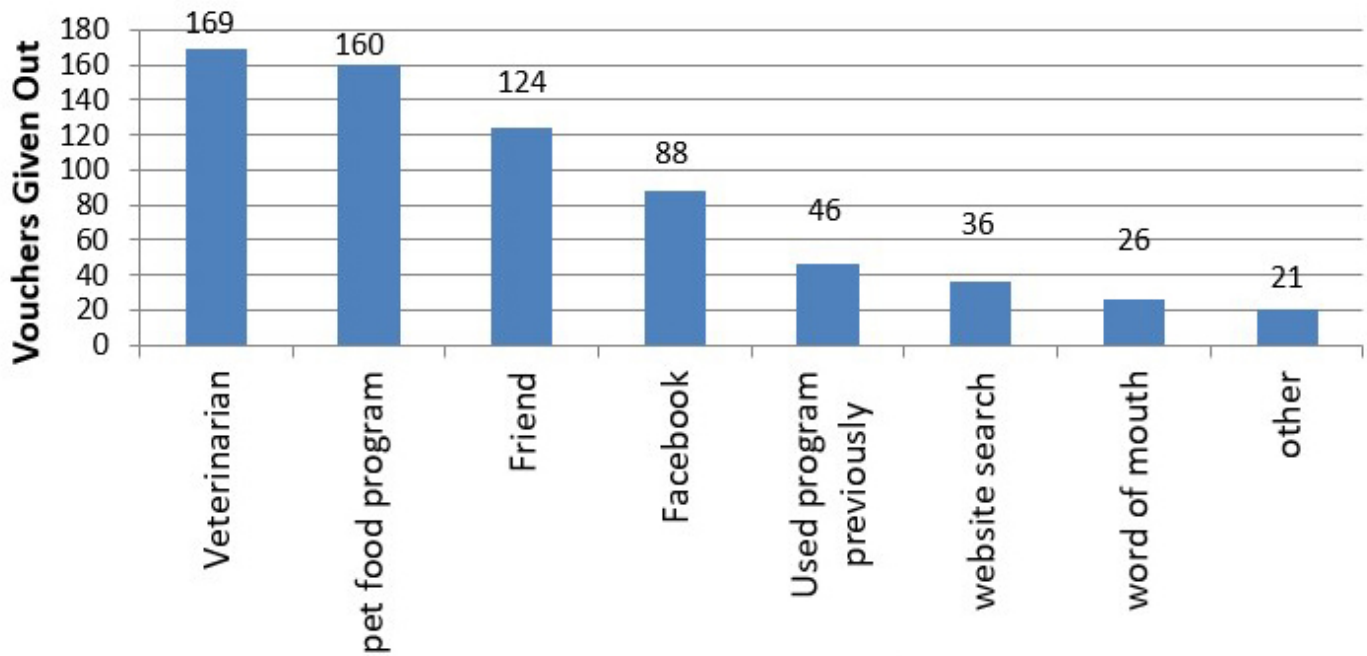
Thanks to your donations and support, we are able to provide more help each year. If each spay/neuter surgery prevents two litters of unwanted puppies or kittens from being born the program has saved over 40,000 from a life of hunger, cruelty, and disease.

Spay/Neuter	Thru 2023	2024	Total
Female Cats	2,700	187	2,887
Male Cats	2,263	157	2,420
Female Dogs	768	29	797
Male Dogs	624	30	654
Total	6,355	403	6,758

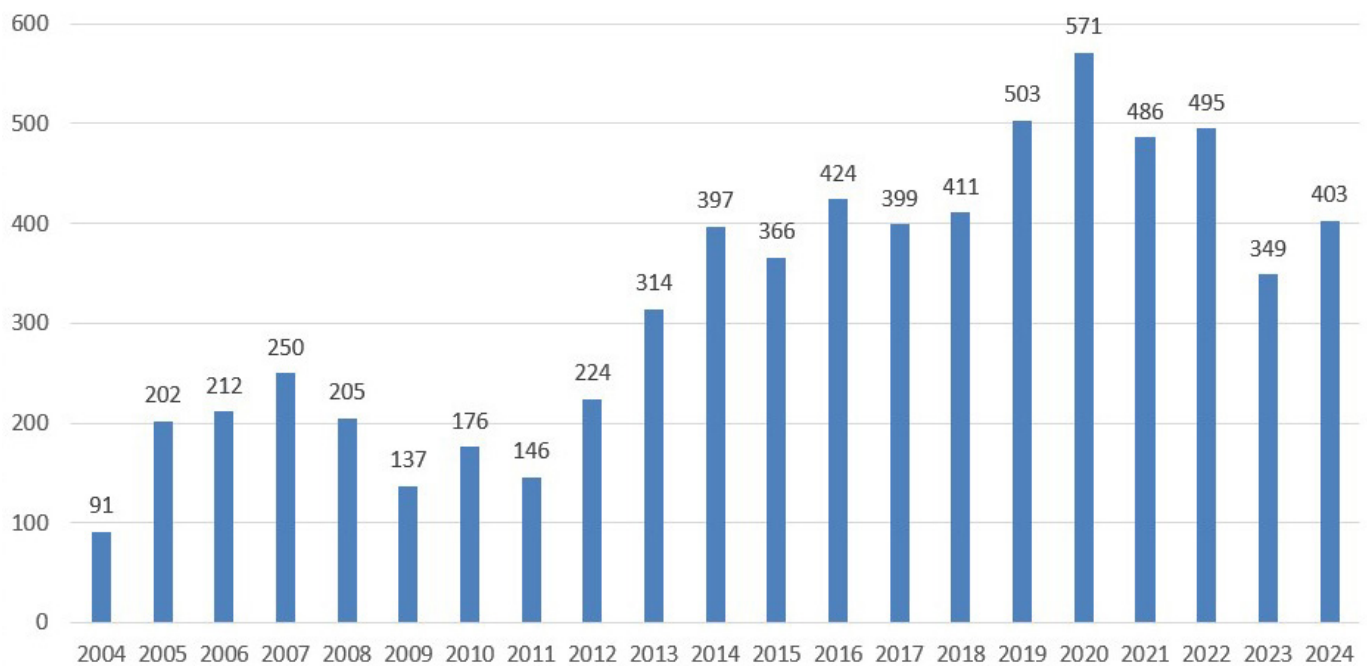
## Number of Spay/Neuter Surgeries in 2024



## How clients learned about our spay/neuter program in 2024

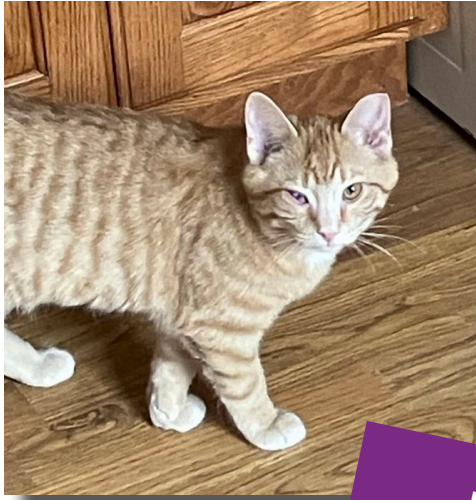


## Number of spays and neuters via our assistance program by year



# YOUR DONATIONS HELP THESE ANIMALS RECEIVE MEDICAL CARE

Indy - calici virus and upper respiratory infection  
Kenya - upper respiratory infection  
Laci - severely broken leg and other injuries  
Nicky - broken jaw  
Omaha - crypt orchid  
Paddy - severe diarrhea  
Whitney - very underweight



Indy



Whitney  
ADOPTED!



Paddy



Laci

humanely euthanized

Omaha

ADOPTED!



ADOPTED!

Nicky



Kenya

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 16, 2025.*

## **Event Sponsors**

M-20 Animal Hospital  
Northern Animal Clinic  
Superior Title and Settlement

## **Race Sponsors**

Beauchamp's Heating and Cooling  
leuter Insurance Group / Auto Owners  
Insurance  
Legacy Wealth Management - Benjamin F.  
Edwards  
Next Home Park Place Homes Group  
Pet Pals  
River Rock Animal Hospital  
Spherion

## **Award Sponsors**

Animal Medical Center  
Bushey Automotive  
Eastman Party Store  
Horizon Bank  
Members First Credit Union  
UPS Store - Midland  
Valley Lanes  
Wildfire Credit Union

## **Sign Sponsors**

Auto Technicians Inc  
Bone & Bailey Insurance Agency  
Midland Animal Clinic  
Shine of Midland  
Zach's Dog Groomery & Bathhouse

## **Prizes/Silent Auction**

ACE Hardware  
Anderson's Stained Glass  
Beauchamp's Heating and Cooling  
Beyond Measure Bulk Foods  
Dan Dan the Mattress Man  
Feeders Pet Supply  
Howl-A-Day Pet Resort  
leuter Insurance Group / Auto Owners  
Insurance  
LaLonde's Market  
M-20 Animal Hospital  
Nature Niche  
Ray's Bike Shop  
Runners Athletic Company  
Shine of Midland

## **Race Supplies, Treats, Water**

Costco  
Family Fare  
Meijer

## **Race Communications**

Midland Amateur Radio Club

## **Race Course Management**

Dig Deep Races

## **Moving Sign Ads**

Garber Chevrolet  
Midland Soccer Club

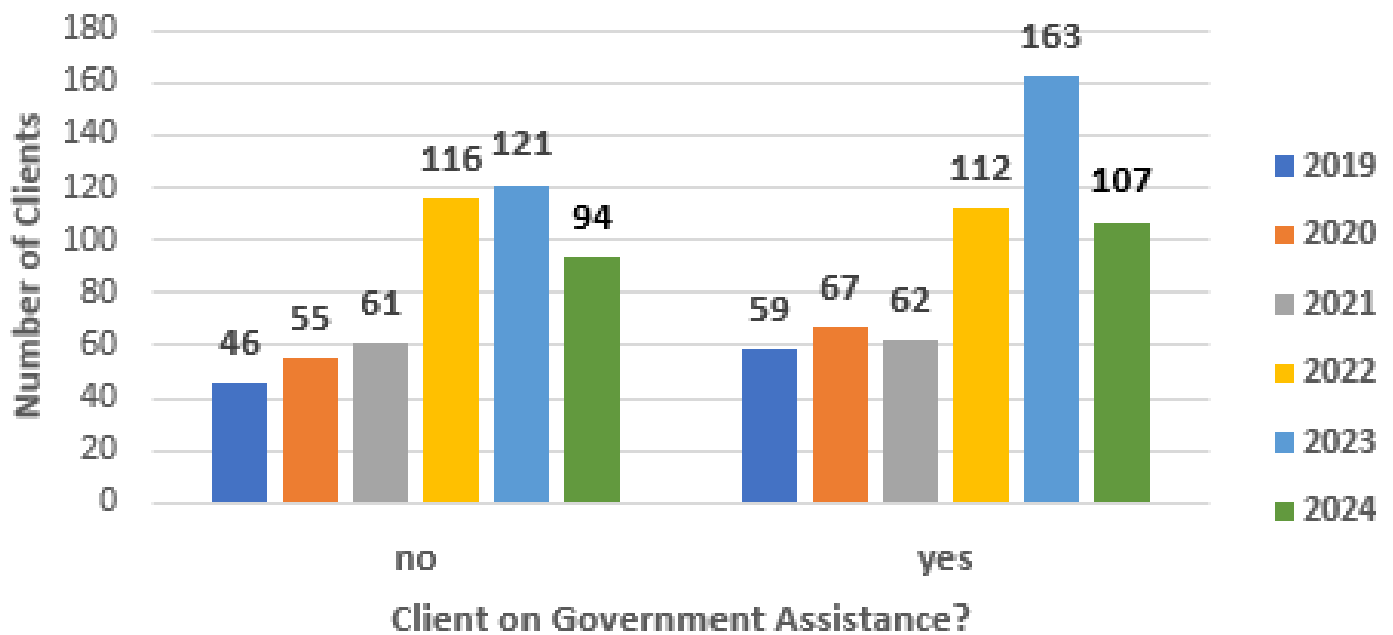
*See all race photos on our  
Facebook page under  
photos - albums!*



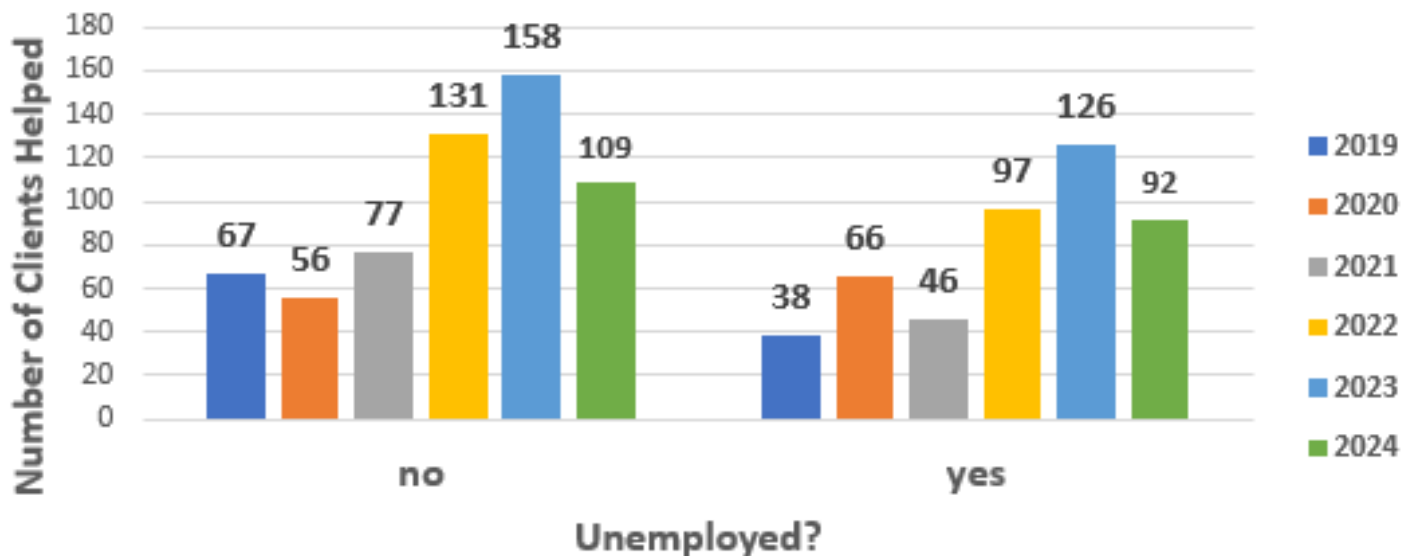
**THANK YOU FOR DONATING EXTRA  
to Shelterhouse & SOS Animal Rescue  
with Race Entry**

**Janet Flynn  
Angela Halliwill  
Lauren Holsapple  
Raeann Lafrance  
Brianna Lang  
Chelsea Melcher  
Morgan Monte  
Spencer Riley  
Rhea Schultz**

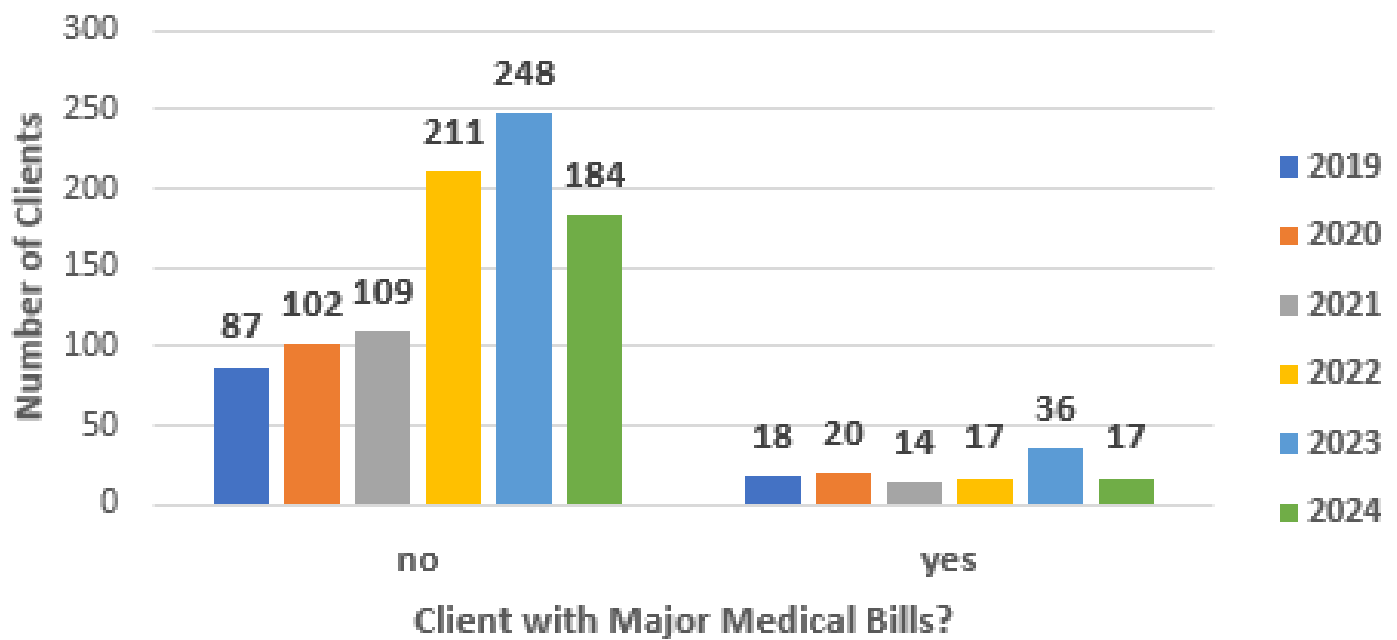
## Pet Food Assistance Program Were Clients on Government Assistance?



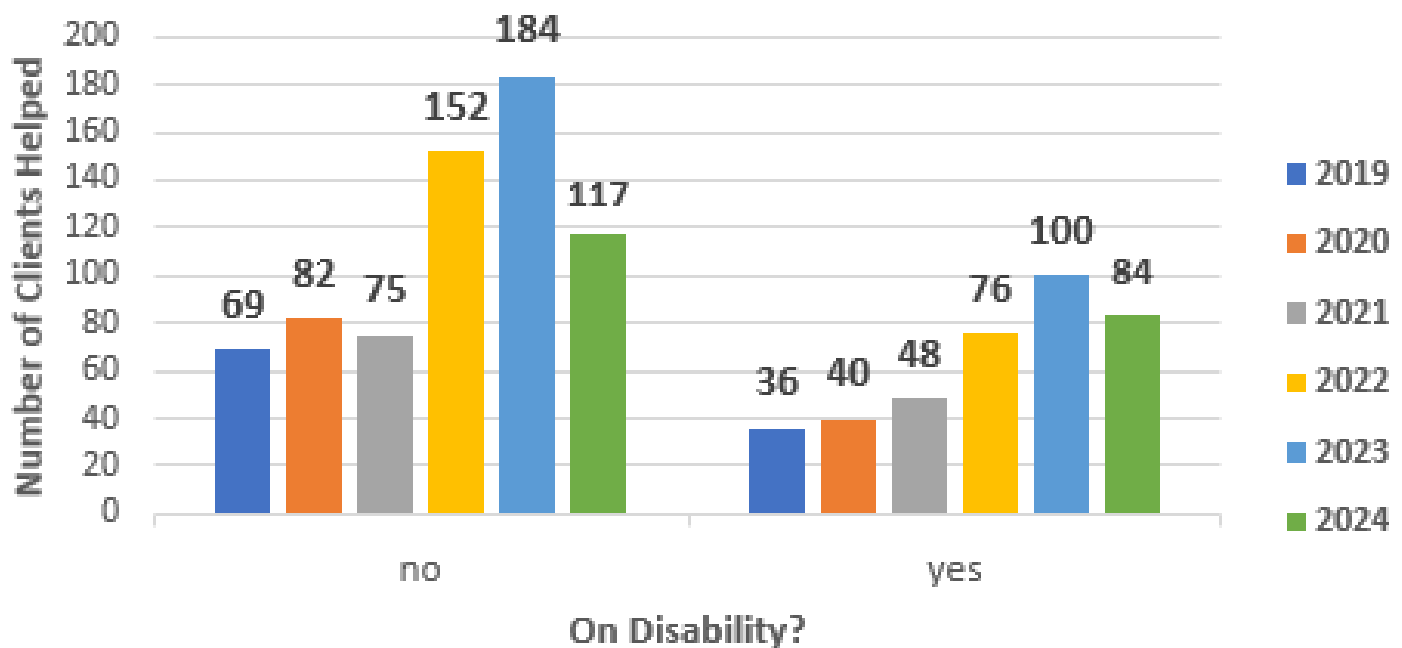
## Pet Food Assistance Program Were Clients unemployed?



## Pet Food Assistance Program Did Clients have Major Medical Bills?



## Pet Food Assistance Program Were Clients on Disability?





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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.

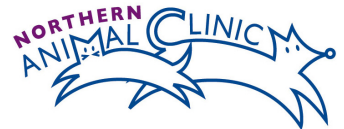
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Sheryl Billmeier Hnizda

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Surrey Veterinary Clinic

