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SOS EVENTS

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 & Silent Auction

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

Grape Beginnings Wine of the Month

September

Board Meeting

November 20

Visit petfinder.com to find pets available for adoption.

THANK YOU!

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Mike Bartos
Beth Carr
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the Give Local event**

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Kroger purchases!**

**Community Rewards
Number: HN771**

**In 2025 Kroger donated
\$50 for a total of
\$2,195 to date!**

Hot Weather Safety Tips

We all love spending the long, sunny days of summer outdoors with our furry companions, but it's important to remember that like any season, summer comes with its hazards. To make sure you're prepared for whatever comes your way this summer, check out this list of summer safety tips from our experts at the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center (APCC).

- Visit the vet for an early-summer checkup. Make sure your pets get tested for heartworm if they aren't on year-round preventative medication.
- Give pets plenty of fresh, clean water when it's hot or humid outdoors as pets can get dehydrated quickly. Make sure your pets have a shady place to get out of the sun, be careful not to over-exercise them and keep them indoors when it's extremely hot.
- Know the symptoms of overheating in pets, which include excessive panting or difficulty breathing, increased heart and respiratory rate, drooling, mild weakness, stupor, or even collapse. Symptoms can also include seizures, bloody diarrhea, and vomit along with an elevated body temperature of over 104 degrees.
- Never leave your animals alone in a parked vehicle. Not only can it lead to fatal heat stroke, but it's illegal in several states!
- Know that animals with flat faces, like Pugs and Persian cats, are more susceptible to heat stroke since they cannot pant as effectively. These pets, along with the elderly, the overweight and those with heart or lung diseases, should be kept cool in air-conditioned rooms as much as possible.
- Do not leave pets unsupervised around a pool. If you plan on spending time near a pool, lake or beach with your pet, make sure you give them fresh water and avoid letting them drink from the pool or ingest ocean or lake water. When swimming, introduce your pets to water gradually and make sure they wear flotation devices when on boats. Rinse your dog off after swimming to remove chlorine or salt from their fur.
- Keep all unscreened windows or doors in your home closed and make sure adjustable screens are tightly secured. Open unscreened windows pose a real danger to pets, who often fall out of them.
- Feel free to trim longer hair on your dog, but never shave your dog. The layers of dogs' coats protect them from overheating and sunburn. Brushing cats more often than usual can prevent problems caused by excessive heat. And be sure that any sunscreen or insect repellent product you use on your pets is labeled specifically for use on animals.
- Don't let dogs linger on hot asphalt when the temperature is very high. Being so close to the ground, your pooch's body can heat up quickly, and sensitive

paw pads can burn. Keep walks during these times to a minimum.

- Use caution when using herbicides and insecticides. When applying these products to your yard it is best to keep your pet away from the area being treated, follow directions on the packaging and prevent your pet from accessing the area until it is dry or has been appropriately watered. Fertilizer exposures are also more common in the summer, and while typically not serious, they can cause some stomach upset and should still be treated seriously. Keep fertilizers out of reach and your pet out of the treated area until it is dry. Additionally, keep citronella candles, tiki torch products, and insect coils of out pets' reach as well.
- Be mindful of what you are planting in your garden. Being outdoors means more exposure to different types of plants—both ornamental and garden plants. It's important to familiarize yourself with the plants in your yard or garden and the potential hazard they may pose to your pets. Identifying possibly harmful plants ahead of time may prevent unwanted exposures. Always keep an eye on your pet when they are outside as even non-toxic plants can cause stomach upset if ingested.
- Remember that food and drink can pose one of the biggest threats to pets. To keep them from having food that is too high in fat, or ingesting a food item that may be toxic, it's best that your pet sticks to their normal diet and treats. Be sure to also keep the garbage out of reach, as snooping noses can find their way to hazardous items. If you're enjoying alcoholic beverages at your festivities, be sure to keep your drinks up and away from pets and clean up any spills before they have a chance to take a taste.
- Never use fireworks around pets. Exposure to lit fireworks can potentially result in severe burns or trauma, and even unused fireworks can contain hazardous materials. Many pets are also fearful of loud noises and can become lost, scared or disoriented, so it's best to keep your little guys safe from the noise in a quiet, sheltered, and escape-proof area of your home.

Follow these expert tips to have a happy, healthy and fun summer with your furry friends!

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Discontinuing Pet Food Assistance

Our source of pet food for the Pet Food Assistance Program has decreased significantly. We cannot get the amounts of food we need from our reduced cost supplier. For that reason, we have made the difficult decision to use up our remaining inventory of pet food and discontinue the program. This will allow us to focus our resources on spay/neuter assistance which has always been our most important mission.

Pet Food Assistance Program

	Thru 2024	2025	Total
Families Helped	1,783	19	1,802
Dogs	2,109	18	2,127
Cats	3,102	55	3,157
Other Animals	47	3	50
Pounds Dog Food Delivered	67,693	716	68,409
Pounds Cat Food Delivered	32,257	317	32,574

Fleas and Ticks

Fleas and ticks are two of the most frequent pet care concerns in America. While prevention is the best defense against these parasites, it's important to be able to recognize the signs and symptoms of fleas and ticks so you can help your pets if necessary.

Fleas are the most common external parasite to plague companion animals. They are wingless insects that feed on blood, can jump up to two feet high and are persistent in the environment. **Ticks** are parasites that feed on the blood of unlucky host animals, such as cats and dogs. Like mites and spiders, ticks are arachnids. Although their presence may not even be noticed by the host, ticks can transmit many diseases through their bite. Read more about fleas and ticks at www.asPCA.org.

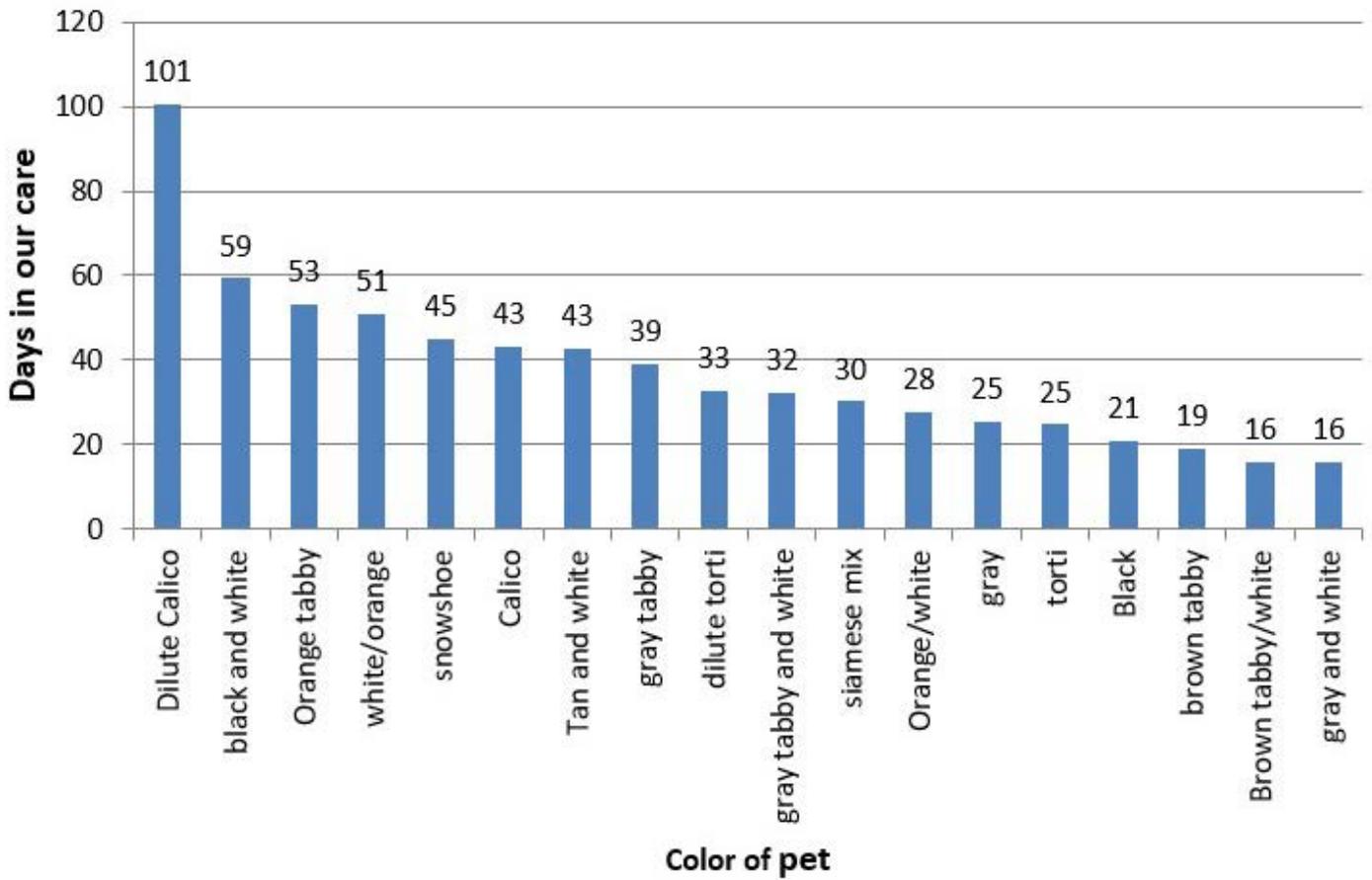


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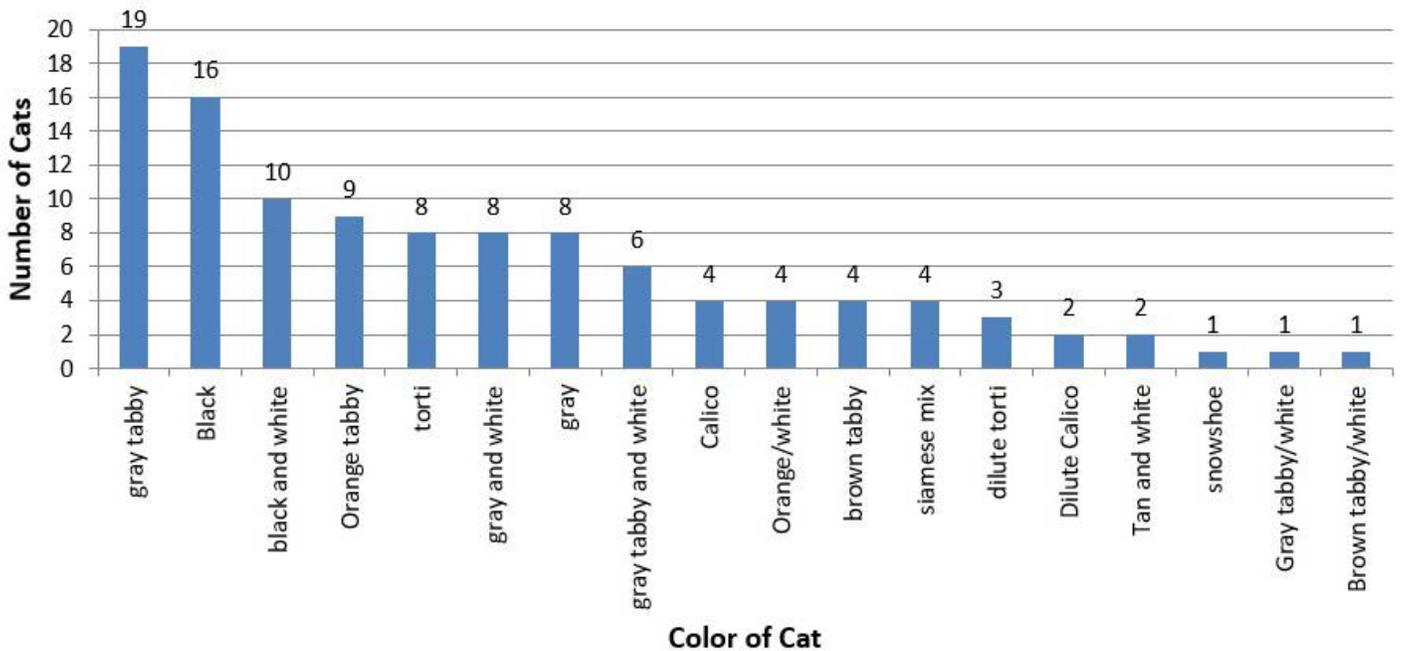


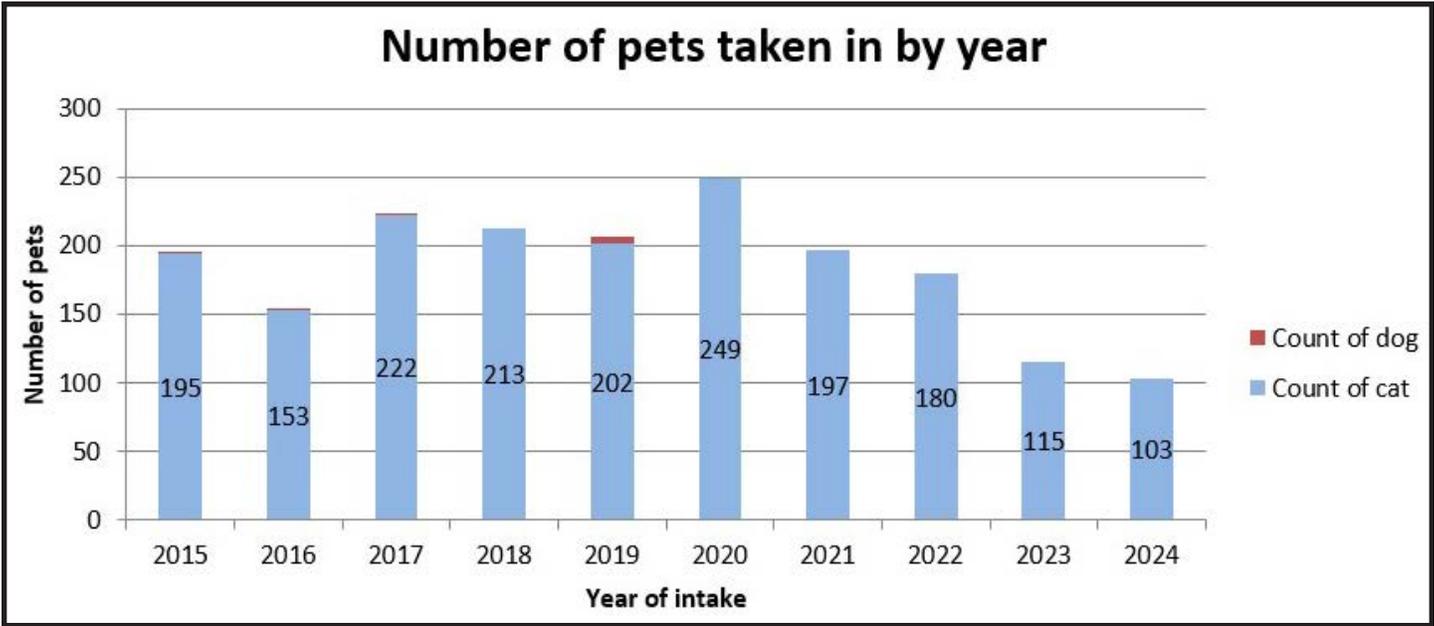
Please contact us or someone about getting your cats fixed before it gets out of control. This is a current local situation we are working on: 35 cats that need to be fixed with 21 done so far.

Color of Pet vs Days in our Care



Color of Cats Placed in 2024

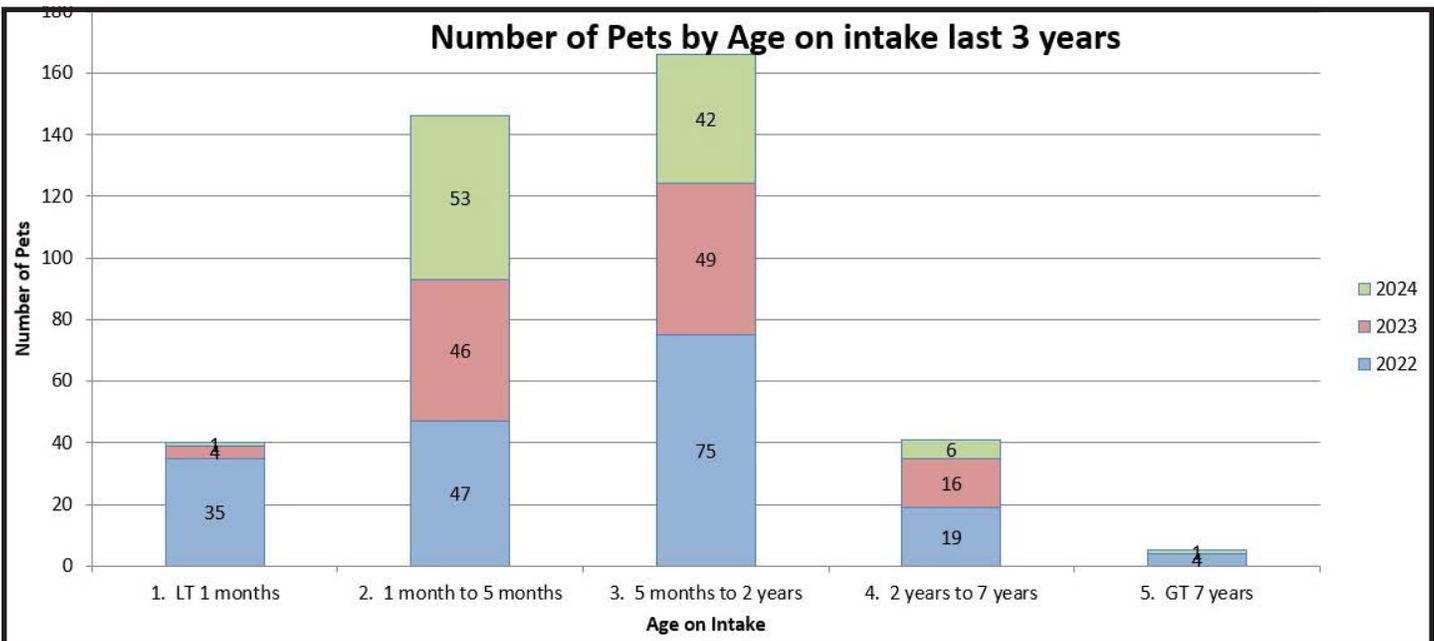




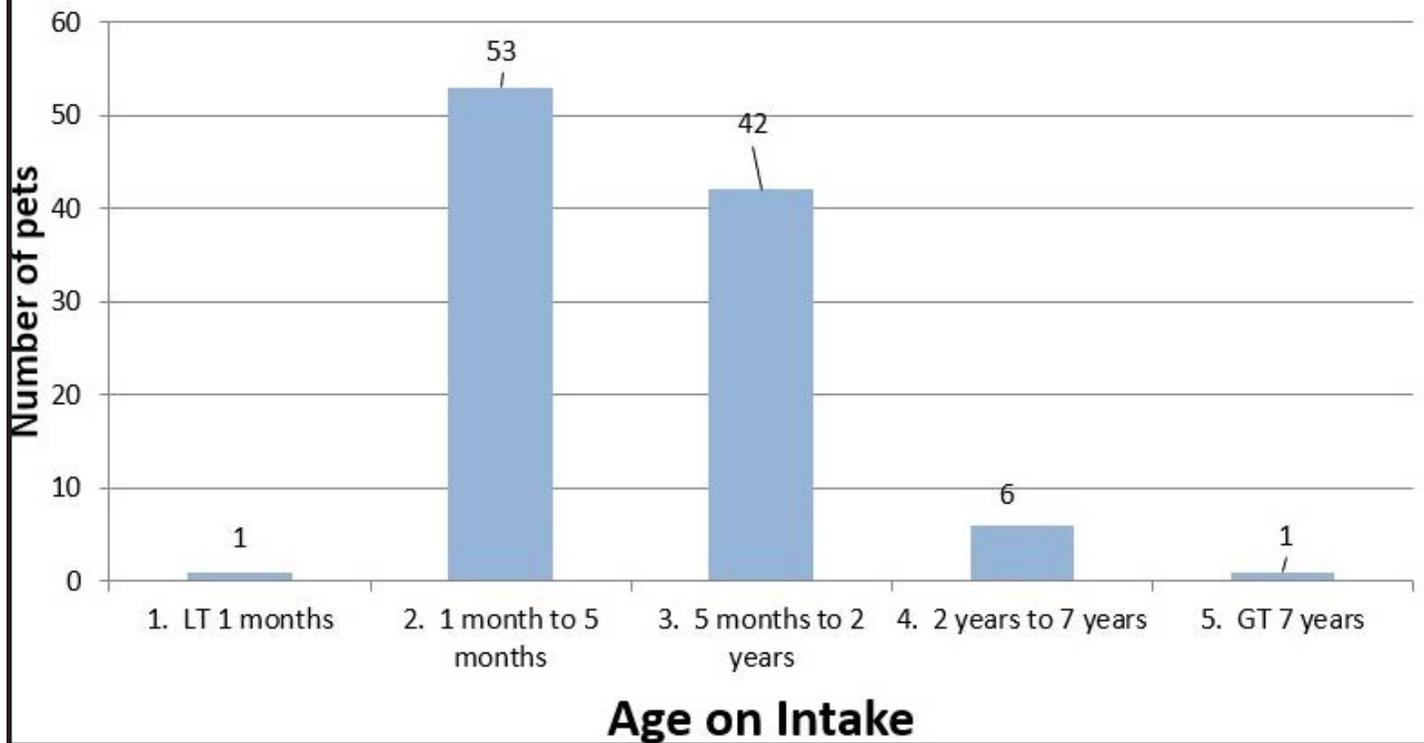
Spay/Neuter Statistics

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.

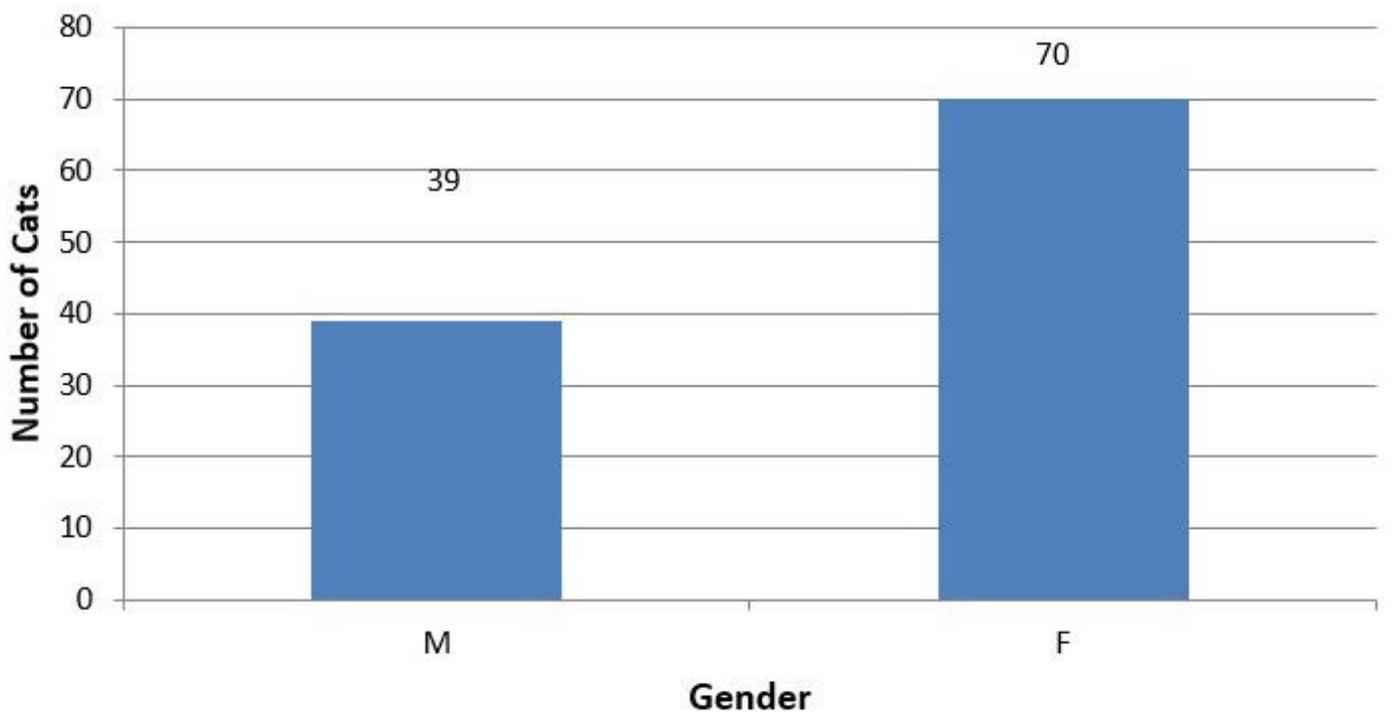
Spay/Neuter	Thru 2024	2025	Total
Female Cats	2,887	62	2,949
Male Cats	2,420	81	2,501
Female Dogs	797	10	807
Male Dogs	654	13	667
Total	6,758	166	6,924



Age on intake by Number of Pets in 2024



Gender of cats placed in 2024



YOUR DONATIONS HELP THESE ANIMALS RECEIVE MEDICAL CARE

Bandit - missing hair, fleas
Benjamin - eye removed
Bronson - FIV+
Jake, Bianca, and Boris - upper respiratory infections
Big Brown - broken tooth



ADOPTED!

Jake



Bianca

ADOPTED!



Boris



Bandit

ADOPTED!



Benjamin



Big Brown

returned home

Bronson

ADOPTED!



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PACKET PICK-UP:
Friday 8-15
6:00-7:00 PM
Midland City Forest

Medals for
Overall Winners
in Each Division
With & Without
Dogs

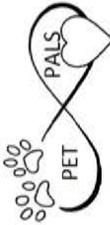
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16th Annual

Dirty Dog

Trail Run



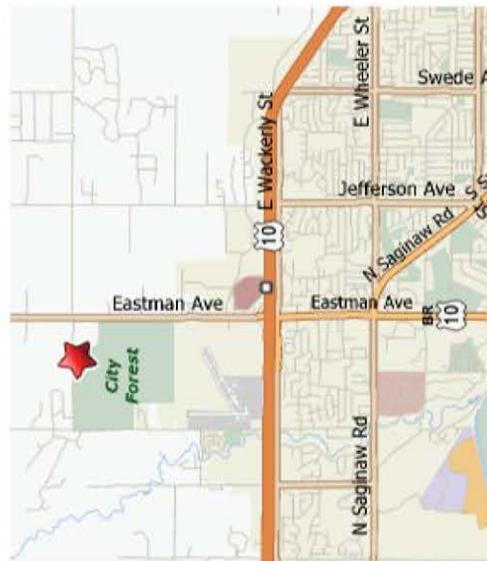
Saturday, August 16, 2025

Midland City Forest

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

RACE FEES

PRICING:	Before 8-1'	8-1 to 8-15'	Day of Race'
10K Run	\$30	\$35	\$40
5K Run/Walk	\$25	\$30	\$35
1 Mile Walk	\$15	\$15	\$15

**Shirts are only guaranteed with registration before August 1 and are optional for an additional \$10.*

REGISTRATION

Online: Sign up online at www.itsyourrace.com. Online registration closes at midnight on August 14.

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 near the race start.

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.



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 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 _____

(Parent/Guardian signature required if participant is under 18.) Date _____

Emergency Contact Name and Phone Number _____

**Send form and check to Shelley Park Cluff,
801 Joe Mann Blvd, Ste P#4, Midland, MI 48642.**



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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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