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Give Local Midland

Thank you to everyone who donated on May 5 to Give Local Midland. Our fund is SOS Animal Rescue Personal Pet Assistance Fund at the Midland Community Foundation.

2026 Give Local Results

\$6,380	donations
1,841	matching funds
300	prizes
\$8,221	
\$132,714	total donations to date



Examples of Pets Your Donations Helped

- Cat needing a tooth extraction
- Cat with severe diarrhea (Fecal transplant performed)
- Dog with bad eye (antibiotics)
- Cat found outside (fluids, antibiotics)
- Dog with itching and hair loss (flea and lice meds)
- Cat with bad teeth (needed a dental with extractions)



Volunteers Needed!

to help with registration
and/or course monitoring
for Dirty Dog Trail Run
on Saturday, August 15
from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m.

EMAIL INFO@SOSAR.ORG

Elections

Elections for vice president and one director will be held on November 19. 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. If you are interested in running for a position, please send a message to info@sosar.org.

SOS EVENTS

Dirty Dog Trail Run Packet Pick-Up

Friday, August 14
6:00–7:00 p.m.
Midland City Forest
west end of parking lot

Dirty Dog Trail Run & Silent Auction

Saturday, August 15
Registration 8:00–8:45 a.m.
Race 9:00 a.m.



Board Meeting

November 19



Visit petfinder.com to
find pets available for
adoption.

THANK YOU!

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Northern Animal Clinic

2026 Give Local Donors

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Marsha Williams
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Donations

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Judith Schueffele
Terry Shell
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For Gimpy
Cheryl Dauer
Tracy Ghosh
Marcy Kirksey
Gabriele Golombeski
Isabella Jansen
Joann Taylor

Gabriele Golombeski in memory
of beloved dog Ekko

Michael and Diana Dalton in
memory of Lola, beloved dog of
Dave and Sue Roberson



**Support us with your
Kroger purchases!**

**Community Rewards
Number: HN771**

**In 2026 Kroger donated
\$62 for a total of
\$2,325 to date!**

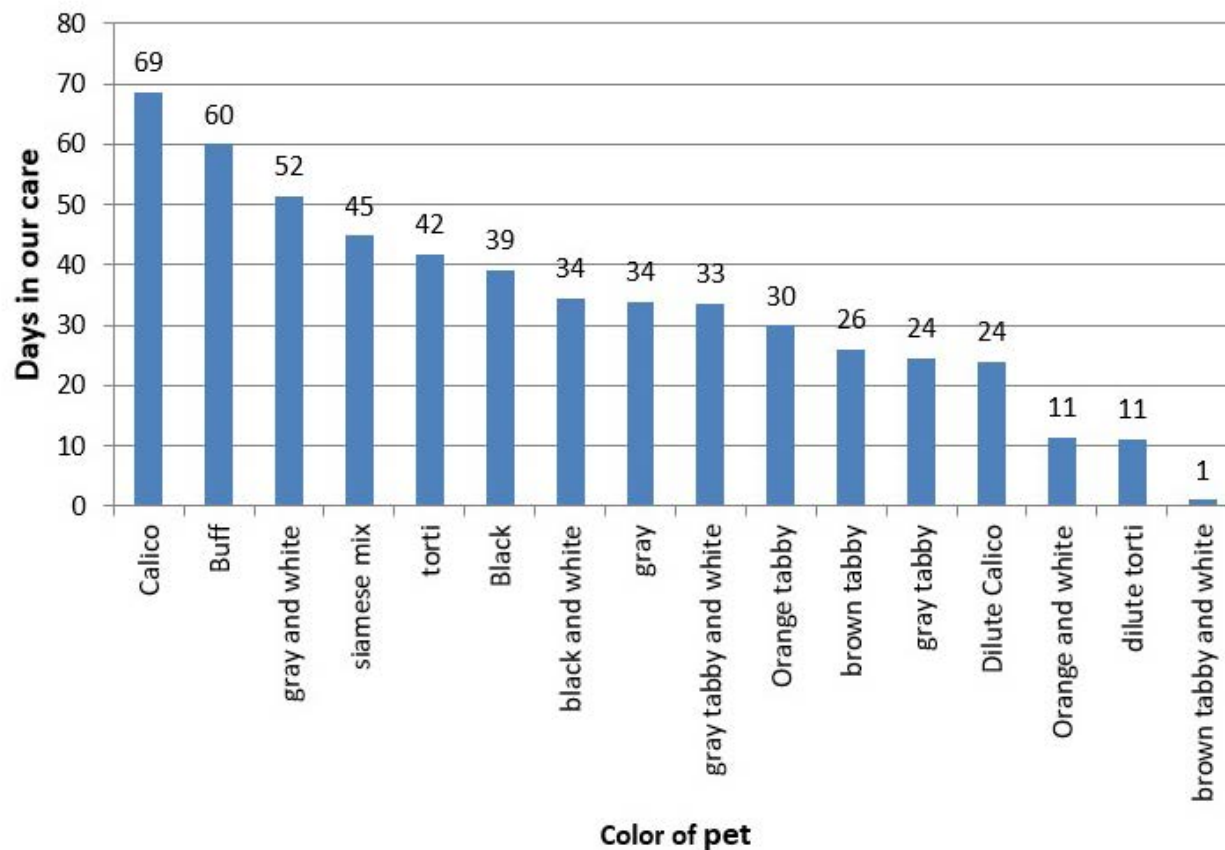


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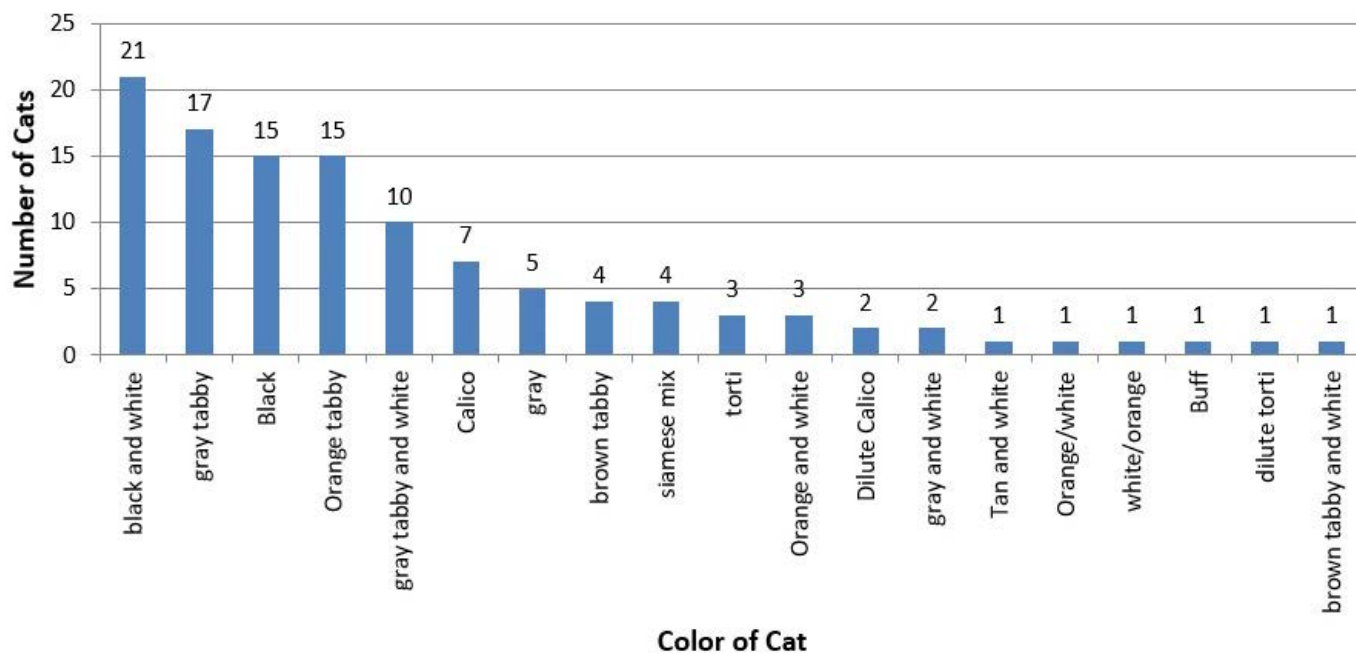
**For posting SOS
as your Facebook
birthday fundraiser**

Mihaela Cozma
Jennifer Krevinghaus
Walter Leite
Merlin Linux
Heather Lundy
Alan Moore

Color of Pet vs Days in our Care



Color of Cats Placed in 2025



ASPCA's 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 ASPCA Poison Control.

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 pets 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.

Infographic explaining the dangers of pets around pools. 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 out of 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!

If you suspect that your pet ingested something potentially toxic, please call your veterinarian or ASPCA Poison Control at 888-426-4435 immediately.



Is Catnip Safe for Cats?

Excessive Consumption Side Effects



Digestive issues
(vomiting, diarrhea)

Temporary lethargy
from overstimulation



Occasional hyperactivity
or aggression

Usage Tips:



Offer catnip a few
times a week to avoid
desensitization.

Cats react for 5-15
minutes and need a
2-hour cooldown
before re-exposure.



Always monitor your
cat's behavior for any
adverse reactions.

Pet Pool Safety What to Watch Out For

Undiluted pool chemicals can
cause ulcers in the mouth,
throat and esophagus.



Watch for drooling, oral sores,
mouth pain, vomiting, anorexia
and bloody vomit/stool.

Sunscreens and bug sprays
can be harmful to pets if
ingested or applied topically.



Watch for GI upset, drooling,
weakness or difficulty walking,
allergic reaction, vomiting and
diarrhea.

Salt water pools and oceans
can cause hyponatremia if an
excessive amount is ingested.



Watch for extreme thirst, vomiting,
dehydration, impaired balance or
coordination, tremors and seizures.

Chlorinated pool water can be
harmful to pets if ingested.



Watch for mild vomiting and diarrhea.

Alcohol is extremely
dangerous to pets if any
amount is ingested.



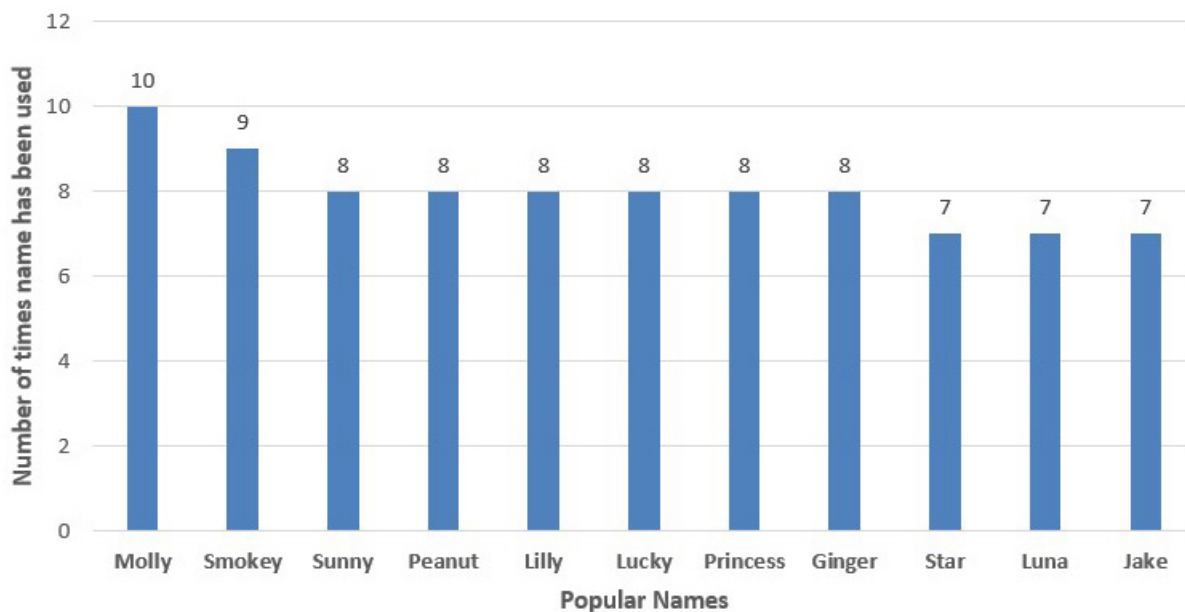
Watch for vomiting, diarrhea,
decreased coordination, difficulty
breathing, tremors and coma.



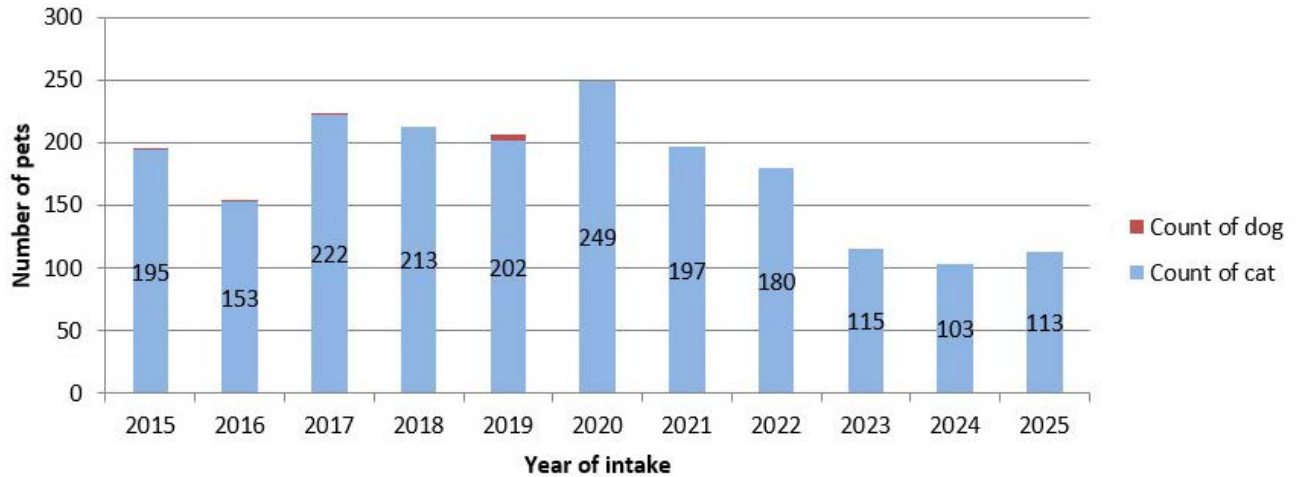
If your pet has been exposed to something toxic, please
contact ASPCA Poison Control or your veterinarian.

ASPCA POISON CONTROL
(888) 426-4435

Number of Times a Name has been used in our foster program



Number of pets taken in by year

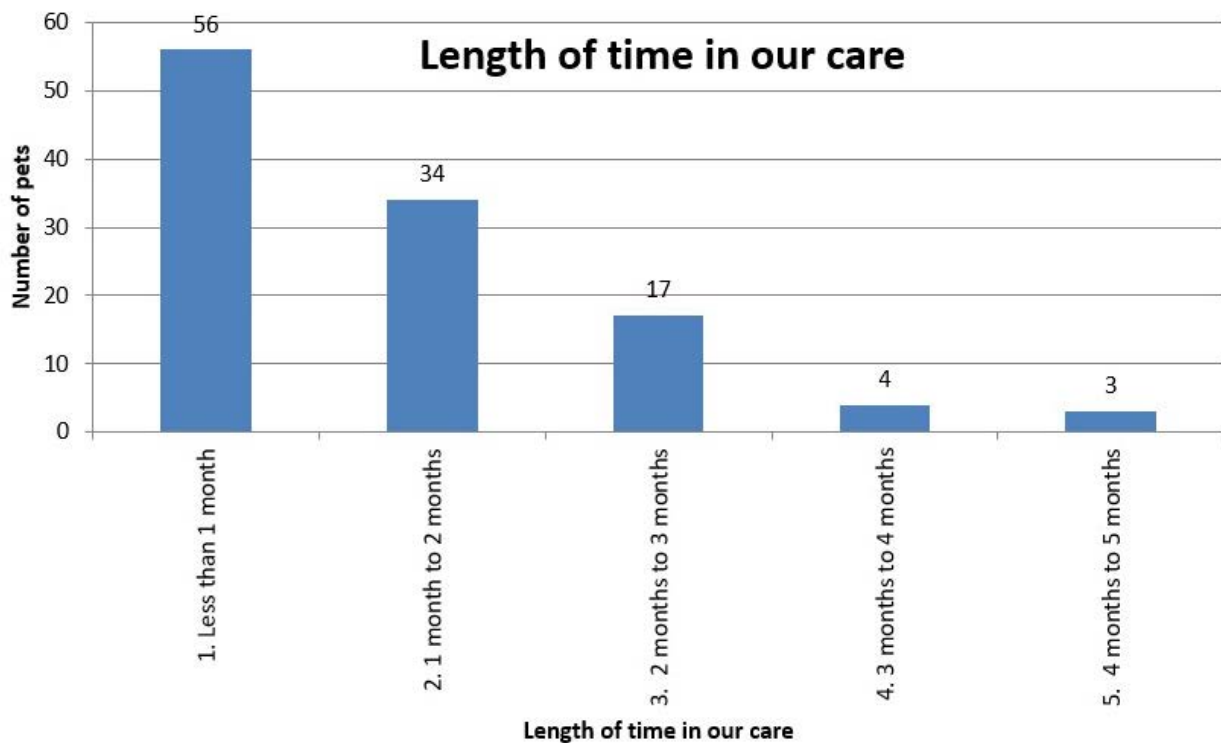


Spay/Neuter Statistics

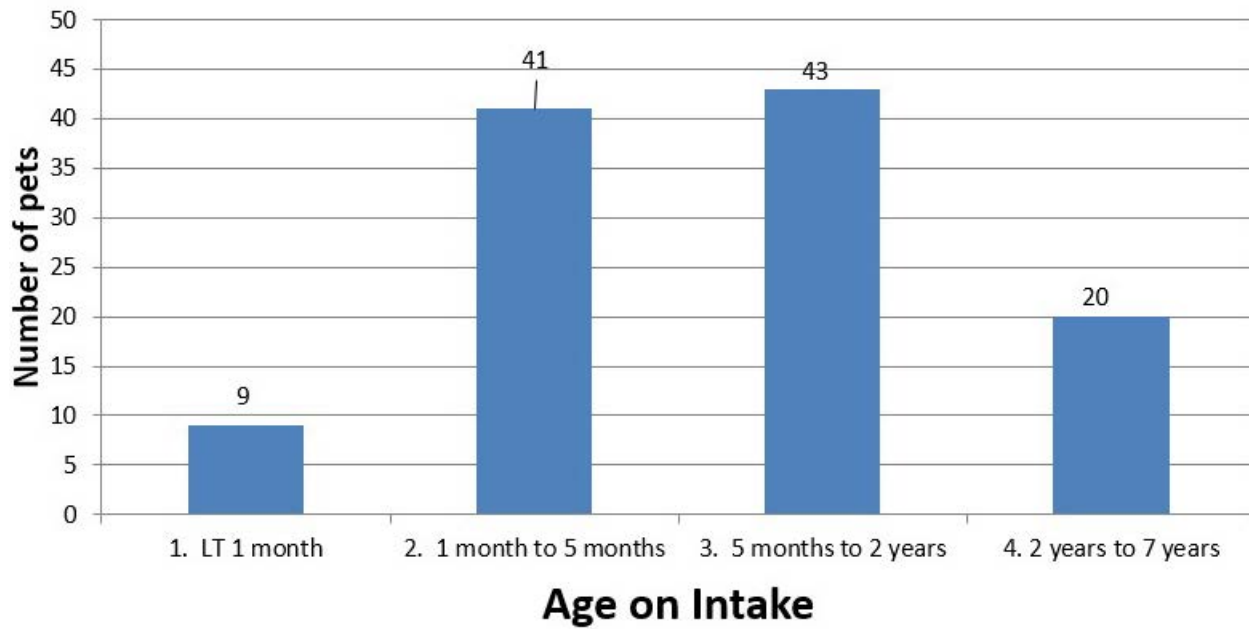
Thanks to your donations and support, we are able to provide more help each year. If each spay/neuter surgery prevents two litters of unwanted puppies or kittens from being born the program has saved over 40,000 from a life of hunger, cruelty, and disease.

Spay/Neuter	Thru 2025	2026	Total
Female Cats	3,149	74	3,223
Male Cats	2,688	50	2,738
Female Dogs	845	11	856
Male Dogs	698	7	705
Total	7,380	142	7,522

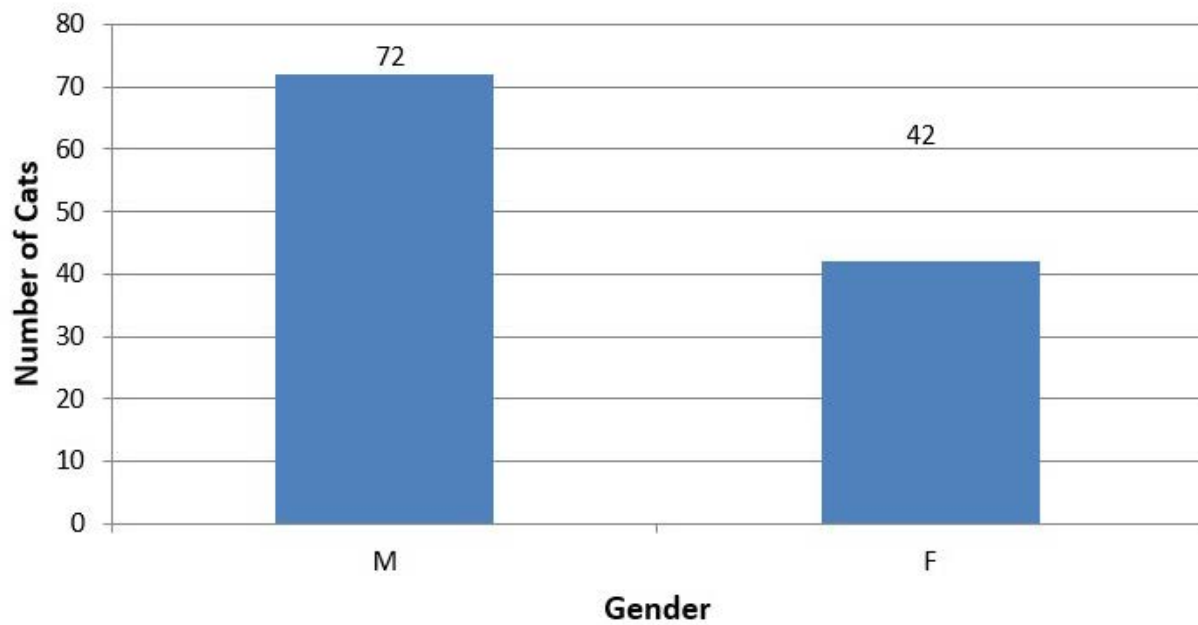
Length of time in our care



Age on intake by Number of Pets in 2025



Gender of cats placed in 2025



YOUR DONATIONS HELP THESE ANIMALS RECEIVE MEDICAL CARE

Bandit (returned home) – ear wounds
Puffers (returned home) – tumor on foot
Smokey (humanely euthanized) – bad teeth, followed by cancer
Tucker (adopted) – upper respiratory infection
Gimpy (adopted) – broken leg
Ziggy (available for adoption!) – head and neck wound



Puffers

RETURNED HOME



Ziggy

AVAILABLE!



Tucker

ADOPTED!



Bandit

RETURNED HOME



Gimpy

ADOPTED!



Smokey

HUMANELY EUTHANIZED



Thank You

FOR TOP SPONSORSHIP IN THE DIRTY DOG TRAIL RUN

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17 Years



M-20 Animal Hospital
9 Years



River Rock Animal Hospital
7 Years



Superior Title and Settlement
16 Years



Veterinary Rehabilitation Center
2 Years



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River Rock Animal Hospital
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Studio 154

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PORION OF PROCEEDS GO TO



17th Annual

Dirty Dog

Trail Run



Saturday, August 15, 2026
Midland City Forest

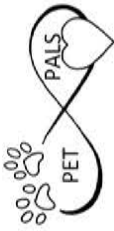
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PACKET PICK-UP:

Friday 8-14

6:00-7:00 PM

Midland City Forest

Medals for
Overall Winners
in Each Division
With & Without
Dogs

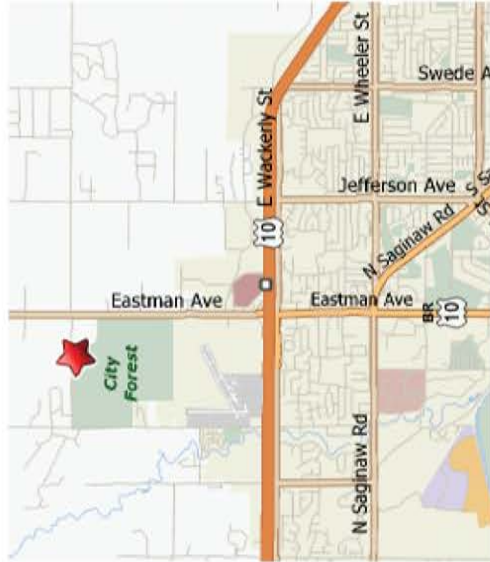
Questions?

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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

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 8-14'	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 12.

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.

REGISTRATION FORM

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

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 _____

(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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Dirty Dog Run
Saturday, August 15, 2026
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.

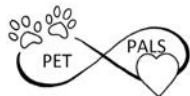
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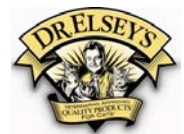
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