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Noah's Ark Animal Foundation

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"Fall" in Love with a shelter dog or cat. Fall 2011 Newsletter

Rescuing The Environment Too!

If you've ever driven up the long gravel lane that leads to Noah's Ark Animal Foundation, you may have noticed three long, narrow, parallel strips of plantings on the east side of the drive, close to the road. You might think. Kind of a strange place to have garden beds. And what an odd shape! And you'd be right—if those three strips of plantings were just part of an ordinary garden.

But what you're seeing are actually miracles of green technology—sub-surface wetlands that are part of the shelter's unique septic system.

How it works at Noah's Ark is that the shelter's wastewater, both human and animal, flows to two separate septic tanks where it is partially treated and filtered. The "effluent" from the tanks then enters the first two gravel-filled wetland cells (one for each tank) that are populated with various species of wetland plants. Wetland plants provide oxygen to the system, which enhances the treatment process. The wastewater becomes highly treated as it flows through the plant root zone in the cells. The water from the two cells then flows together into the third and final cell. At the end of that cell, the water is completely clean. (We test it regularly to make sure.)

Voila! The wetlands make sure that there's no exposure to untreated wastewater and no mosquito breeding grounds, while adding texture and character to its landscape by creating a natural habitat for plants and wildlife.

A truly green solution.

"But," as they say in the commercials, "that's not all!"

All of this is just part of our commitment at Noah's Ark to save the lives of animals, yet tread lightly on our planet.

We want to do our part to make sure that all animals and the folks who love them have a healthy world in which to live and play.

Noah's Ark has many other green features, including:

- Active solar panels to help heat the water that flows under the floors to keep the animals warm
- Ground-source-aided heating and cooling
- Super-insulated walls
- A high-efficiency furnace
- Non-toxic construction materials whenever possible
- High-efficiency appliances: front loading washer and dryer, low-energy-use refrigerator and dishwasher
- Increased number of windows and skylights to bring in natural light and reduce the need for artificial lighting
- Super insulated slab for energy efficiency in heating
- Low energy use lights: Fluorescent fixtures with electronic ballasts
- Fly ash cement for the slab. Fly ash, a waste product from coal-fired power plants saves on the use of Portland cement. Production of Portland cement now accounts for more than 8% of carbon dioxide emissions worldwide, the primary greenhouse gas causing global warming.

Happy Endings

Adopting saves two lives; the one you adopt and the one waiting to come into the shelter.

A Wonderful Life For Heidi

I just wanted to let you know that for almost 15 years we had the pleasure of living with one of the survivors of your 1997 tragedy. When we heard the news (we were in Marion, IA at the time) we came down to adopt a cat. Never did we know what a wonderful part of us she would become.

She was 4 when we adopted her and we named her Heidi. She lived a wonderful life with us and we were so blessed to have had her in our family for all these years. She taught us we could sincerely LOVE an animal and be LOVED by an animal.

Heidi was so intelligent and so wonderful. She loved to lay her head on her catnip mice for her naps. She became upset when I cried or got upset myself. She did not particularly like anyone else but she

loved my husband and me (we have no children). She was one of the very best things that happened to us… coming into our lives.

She got her name because she spent her first week "hiding". We would wonder where she was and would say "She's hiding", probably from the horrific experience she lived through (she was in an enclosure in the basement of your shelter during the attack). Heidi seemed an appropriate name. But it did not take her long to learn trust and love us and us her. We will always love her.

I know that tragedy was horrendous and an undeniably atrocious act and should never have happened but through it we received a true gift from God.

We said good-bye to her yesterday with many tears and there will always be a void in our hearts… until, hopefully, we will see her another day when there are no mean people, no tumors, or cloudy days.

Thank you for giving us Heidi,
—Linda Bailey

Darby's Doing Well!

Hi Dawn!
Darby is doing very well with his obedience training and the doggie daycare. The daycare is really wearing him out on the days we take him there. We don't even get 2 miles down the road after picking him up and he is already sleeping. The ladies there say he is doing good and we have seen a big change in him in just the first week. I guess it really helps when you can have someone keeping you in line all day! Darby really wants to be a house dog, any chance he gets he will sneak upstairs. He just wants to lay in the living room while we watch TV and chew on his toys which we let him do for awhile each night.

Everything seems to be going well!
—Dave

"If a community can be judged by how it treats its animals, then Noah's Ark stood out as a big differentiator and an asset for Fairfield.

It was a serious plus mark in the 'Pros' column for our decision to relocate here—of all places."

—Tom & Michelle Paton

"Animals are such agreeable friends
—they ask no questions, they pass no criticisms."
~ George Elliott

Noah's Ark Program Updates

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RESCUE WAGGIN PROGRAM

Update on the Rescue Waggin® Program

October is an important month for dogs. Not only is October Adopt-A-Dog month, it's the month when PetSmart Charities® celebrates the 50,000th dog taking a life-saving ride through their Rescue Waggin'® program a national transport program that transfers dogs and puppies from animal shelters with high pet populations to other animal shelters in other communities where adoptable dogs are more in demand.

As an official Rescue Waggin' partner, Noah's Ark will celebrate this milestone, along with 60 other shelters in the program, during their October Rescue Waggin' transport. On October 4th, Noah's Ark placed # 798 on the Rescue Waggin' vehicle.

One lucky dog

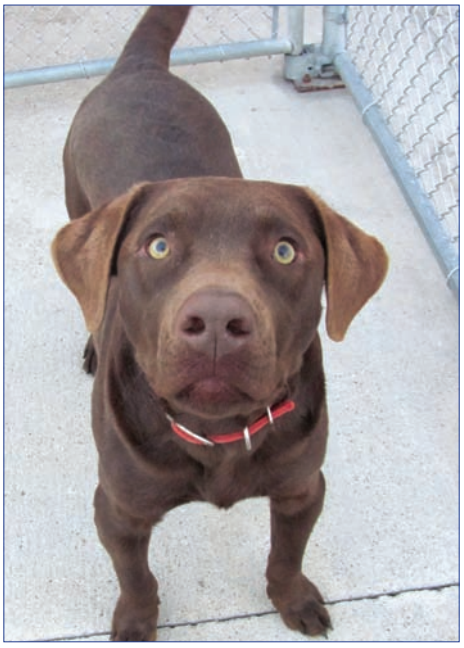
A chocolate lab named Chester rode the Rescue Waggin' vehicle in April 2011. Here is Chester's story: Chester, a sweet, energetic lab ended up at Noah's Ark after he was abandoned on a farm in the country. Soon after his arrival, the staff members noticed that he kept bumping into things. A local vet diagnosed Chester with severe cataracts. He needed surgery to restore his eyesight.

That's when PetSmart Charities® stepped in. Chester rode a Rescue Waggin' vehicle to Animal Allies Humane Society in Minnesota. Once he arrived, an ophthalmologist performed the necessary surgery at a discounted rate and PetSmart Charities covered the cost.

One of the Animal Allies staff members described what happened after the surgery: "This morning when we took him outside for the first time, he stood still for several minutes just looking around." It was like Chester could finally see everything and was taking it all in!

Soon after recovering from the surgery, Chester was adopted by Steve and Debbie Inman. Debbie had met Chester shortly before his surgery. "I took him out for a walk and got to know him," Debbie says. She loved Chester's personality and liked the idea of getting an adult dog. "He needed a home," she explains. And Chester gets along great with the Inmans' other dog, Moose.

Now, that's a happy ending!



A Big Thank You:

To all of our adopters, donors, volunteers, kids and groups who have made toys, treats and raised money for us. Thanks also to the veterinarians who work with our program: Fairfield Animal Hospital and Veterinary Clinic, PC. Without you, the animals we rescue would be fewer and so would the numbers of families whose lives are brightened with their adopted family member from Noah's Ark.

"I adopted a dog from Noah's Ark several years ago. He was very timid (still is) but we love him and wouldn't trade him for the world. Noah's Ark is a very reputable place to go if you are looking for a forever pet to join your family!"

—Kathy Coleman

CCSNAP continues to help

Noah's Ark's Caring Community Spay/Neuter Assistance Program (CCSNAP) continues to help neuter and spay 400-500 dogs and cats annually. Thousands of pets have been helped since CCSNAP's inception in 2001, and countless litters prevented. Why is this so important? Because no shelter can adopt its way out of the homeless pet problem—it has to be addressed at its source.

Who does CCSNAP help?

Low income pet owners, seniors, feral cat colony caretakers, and others who have rescued strays and are willing to provide a home if only they can get some assistance. Who helps CCSNAP? Our special donors include the Miccio Foundation, the Animal Relief Fund (Addie Meeker Trust), Carol Kline, Claudia Roscamp, Suzanne Smelcer Robinson Trust, the City of Fairfield, and Helen Guy, Trustee for the Catherine "Miss Kitty" Glann Foundation. Donations to Noah's Ark can be designated to be used for CCSNAP to continue this work.

Yes, I want to help save the lives of stray and homeless animals.

100% of your donation goes directly to help the animals and programs of Noah's Ark Animal Foundation.

☐ $25 ☐ $50 ☐ $100 ☐ $250 ☐ $500 ☐ Other_____

Please indicate if you have a preference as to how your donation is used:

☐ Food, medicine, shelter, and care of stray and abandoned dogs and cats

☐ CCSNAP Community spay and neuter program—because there aren't enough homes for them all!

☐ Please send me information about planned giving opportunities benefitting Noah's Ark including endowment gifts, gifts of annuities and stocks as well as remembering Noah's Ark in my estate planning.

Checks are made payable to Noah's Ark Animal Foundation.
Mail to P.O. Box 748, Fairfield, Iowa 52556.

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The Foundation's officers for the year 2010 are David Sykes: Chairman and President,
Richard Sarnat: Secretary, Janet Mullen: Treasurer, and Dawn Safrit, Director.

Noah's Ark operates an Iowa licensed animal shelter at 1986 Gear Avenue, Fairfield, IA 52556.
Hours are Tues through Fri 1:00 – 5:00p.m. and Saturday 10:00 – 4:00p.m.

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