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# Noah's Ark Animal Foundation

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*Until Every Pet Has A Home • Fall 2012 Newsletter*

## Noah's Ark Celebrates

### One thousand dogs and puppies transported aboard PetSmart Charities® Rescue Waggin'® vehicle

On August 30th, Ken was the lucky 1000th dog to be transported aboard the Rescue Waggin' vehicle to a destination shelter in Minnesota. Ken and his sister, Barbie, were left at a gas station to fend for themselves when a caring individual picked them up and brought them to Noah's Ark. After passing the behavior assessment and getting a clean bill of health, Ken was accepted into the program and eligible for transport. Fairfield's Mayor Ed Malloy was on hand to ceremoniously walk Ken to the Rescue Waggin' vehicle.

*Ken ready to board the Rescue Waggin' vehicle with Mayor Ed Malloy and Dawn Safrit*

Susana Della Maddalena, Executive Director for PetSmart Charities said:

***"What a wonderful milestone for Noah's Ark Animal Foundation and the pets in their care, clearly, they are very committed to getting as many dogs and puppies as they can aboard the Rescue Waggin' vehicle every month. We're very proud of their efforts to save the lives of so many dogs in their community."***

Noah's Ark joined PetSmart Charities Rescue Waggin' program in September 2007 with the purpose of saving lives and improving shelter operations. The Rescue Waggin' program is a national transport program that moves dogs and puppies from overcrowded shelters to shelters elsewhere in the country where adoptable dogs are more in demand.

As a partner in the Rescue Waggin' program, Noah's Ark Animal Foundation is eligible for grants to improve operations and make shelter improvements. Since joining the program, the shelter has received more than $100,000 in grant funding from PetSmart Charities to purchase stainless steel kitty condos, dog igloos and Kuranda beds, cat bedding, dog and cat crates and a stainless steel exam table as well as to make shelter improvements, including guillotine door panels for three indoor dog kennels, restructuring of the outdoor dog kennel fencing, indoor and outdoor doors, shade screens and concrete repair for the outdoor kennels, a new boiler system, resurfacing of shelter floors and foam insulation throughout the shelter.

*Ken ready for his next adventure*

"It's a lot of work for us every month, but we know that the dogs and puppies we place on the Rescue Waggin' vehicle will have the second chance they deserve to find new homes," says Dawn Safrit, Executive Director for Noah's Ark Animal Foundation. "Saving the lives of over 1,000 dogs and puppies through the Rescue Waggin' program is a huge achievement for us."

Ken was adopted just four days after arriving at Animal Humane Society in Golden Valley, Minnesota. His new family named him Roger. ***Congratulations!***

***Many Thanks!*** A big thank you goes to all of our wonderful adopters, donors, volunteers and the veterinarians who work with our program: Fairfield Animal Hospital and Veterinary Clinic, PC. You along with our adoption partners, Clive PetSmart® and the Rescue Waggin'® Program, made 2012 an amazing year for Noah's Ark. Noah's Ark receives no government funding for this work. All of our work is supported solely by private donations and grants. Please consider a donation to help us continue our work in savings lives. ***Thank you so much from all of us!***

# Happy Endings

***A person is the best thing to happen to a shelter pet.***

## Demo

*Demo thinks he's a lap dog*

I visited Noah's Ark web page for some reason last month and saw Demo, knew he belonged at my house. He is doing well. I've had to re-dog proof my house, as I've lost a few remotes, shoes and almost a wallet and such from becoming chew toys for him. Demo loves tennis balls, only problem is if playing outside, he'll chase it till he comes up on a scent trail then off he goes!

He's like a big clumsy cat playing with it in the house, and too bad for whatever gets in the way of his ball… but is such a sweet and gentle guy when you go to get the ball back out of that big ol' maw of his. I haven't changed his name, for one Demo (as in Demolition) is quite fitting for him I think. Even though he is the size he is, he thinks he's a lap dog.

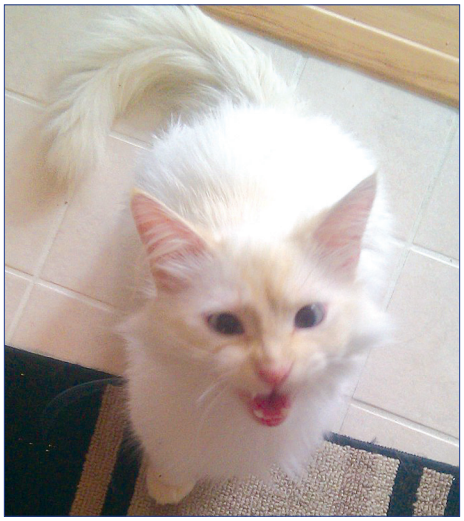
*—Kirt*

***"Dogs have a way of finding the people who need them,***
***Filling an emptiness we don't even know we have."***
***—Thom Jones***
***(submitted by Ellen Kovar)***

## Gideon *(formerly Alfie)*

My new furry companion seems to be warming up to his new surroundings with ease and enthusiasm. He has such a gentle, affectionate and playful spirit! I am honored to have the opportunity to care for such a beautiful creature. I adore his genetic Siamese talkative nature, especially since I have always loved talking with my family cats as a young girl! Here, he is talking in one of his pictures. Also, I have officially decided to give him a name of significance to me and, in my opinion, suits him much better- Gideon.

*Sincerely, Bailey*



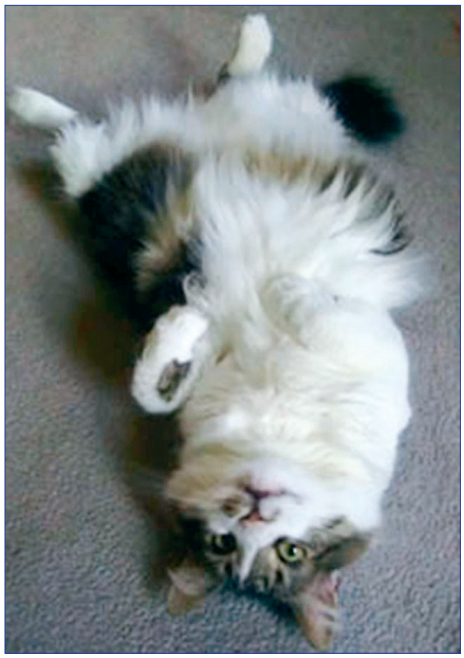
*Talkative Gideon*

## Leo and Luna

Luna and Leo settled into their new home nicely, and when they're not snoozing together, they're busy rocketing around the house after each other. Watching them groom each other and sleep all tangled up is so adorable and endearing. Thanks for bringing these sweet kitties into my life!

*—Nina*

*Leo and Luna snuggling*



*JD is a wonderful addition to our family*

## JD

I went into the West Des Moines Petsmart just to get cat food and kitty litter this past April. I couldn't help looking at the kitties. There was J.D. who had just come from Noah's Ark the day before. He reminded me so much of our Maine Coon cat, Marvin when I was growing up. It was love at first site. Maine Coons have the best personalities. So without my husband's knowledge, I filled out the adoption papers. Since J.D. is 6 years old, there was no adoption fee, and he was already front-declawed, all shots up-to-date. J.D. has been a wonderful addition to our now 3 cat household. He loves to cuddle, play, sleep on my lap and chase his adopted sisters. My hubby loves him, too. His previous owner obviously took really good care of him. I am so thrilled to have him. Thank you, Noah's Ark and Petsmart!

*—Ellen*

Adopted my dog, Jenny Lynn, from Noah's Ark. She is the best behaved dog and a treat to have in my home. Noah's Ark is a wonderful place. The staff really cares about the animals. The facility is so clean and neat.

*—Bill Grunwald*

# Noah's Ark Program Updates

***Pawsitive Programs That Make A Difference At Noah's Ark***

## Breed Rescue

Both boys are doing absolutely wonderfully. We have renamed them Murray and Rider.

Murray is the more outgoing and social of the two hounds. He is currently in a foster home in Des Moines. He is openly coming to everyone. He's not had any potty accidents in the house. He is happy to have his hound foster brothers for playmate. Murray is completely healthy medical wise.

I have Rider here with me until early next week while his foster mom is on vacation. He is a doll. He is much shyer than his brother. We've been working hard on some small socializing skills, but by no means do I think he's unsocial. He is absolutely scared to death of my husband and my 5 yr. old son. So that socializing has been slow going. Out of all of the bassets in my house, not a single one wants to play with him so he's made fast friends with our rottie. Rider is also doing very well on house training with only one accident. He tested positive for E. Canis (Ehrlichia) and has a yeast infection in his ears, so he's on a month of antibiotics, but otherwise is healthy.

*—Jess'e Potts,*
*Hounds Haven Basset Rescue*

## Here is a Rescue Waggin' Happy Ending

Blue *(formerly Gracie)* is getting along just fine in her new home. She is a very mellow well behaved, happy puppy. She's learning commands very well for a five month old and seeks to please. We have 20 acres in northern Minnesota and she seemed so perplexed by hiking in the woods the first few days- now, she loves it. She seems like the perfect fit for our family.

We are grateful for the Rescue Waggin' and the chance it gives these little ones for a happy life.

*Thanks again, Ken and Jen*

## It's Hip to Snip

*"No matter how much cats fight,*
*there always seems to be plenty of kittens."*
*—Abraham Lincoln*

Spaying and neutering your pets is one of the best things you can do for them; your dog or cat will live a happier, healthier, longer life.

Noah's Ark received several spay neuter grants in 2012, including $3,015 from Animal Relief Foundation, a benefit trust established by Addie Hazel Meek, $3,000 from PetSmart Charities®, Inc., $2,000 from the City of Fairfield, and $2,000 from the Miccio Foundation of Iowa City. The funds will be used by CCSNAP, the organization's spay neuter assistance program for its work including the popular Fairfield Fall Fix for Cats.

Noah's Ark provides subsidy vouchers to help alter approximately 500 dogs and cats annually at seven regional participating veterinary clinics. Donations to continue and expand this work are welcome and can be mailed to Noah's Ark/CCSNAP, PO Box 748, Fairfield, IA 52556.

## 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.**

**If you would like to use a credit card to donate: Please go to our website at www.NoahsArk.org and click on "Donate"**

***Please help us conserve our limited funds by checking below if you cannot donate at this time:***

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The Foundation's officers for the year 2012 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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