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Noah's Ark Animal Foundation

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What Can $33.61 Do?

She showed up one summer, alone and on her own, in an isolated rural area and took up residence in a farm building. A kindly neighbor living across the street didn't want to see her starve, and offered food. So she stayed, with shelter and food available, and soon there were two kittens in tow. The following summer, Mama Kitty and her two daughters all had litters. The kindly neighbor, now alarmed at the result of her good deed, and concerned about the future prospect of an ever-expanding multigenerational family, contacted Noah's Ark.

The mission statement of Noah's Ark has always been to take in homeless, neglected and abused dogs and cats, give them excellent medical care and nutrition, and find them forever homes.

In 2012 we received and placed over 600 dogs and cats. But we realized early on, as so many have, that we cannot adopt our way out of the homeless pet situation. The problem needs to be addressed at its source: through prevention of unwanted litters!

Since 2000 we have assisted in neutering and spaying thousands of dogs and cats through CCSNAP (Caring Community Spay Neuter Assistance Program). Those eligible for the program include seniors and others on fixed incomes, low-income pet owners, and caretakers of feral and other free-roaming cat colonies. CCSNAP works on a cost-sharing basis, with the pet owner contributing what he or she can afford and CCSNAP, through generous donations and grants, covering the difference.

This program has improved the health and lives of thousands of dogs and cats, reduced the number of unwanted litters, and enabled many pet owners to afford the care their companion animals need. In 2012 alone, 780 dogs and cats received CCSNAP assistance at an average cost to CCSNAP of $33.61. Of the 780 animals helped, 476 were female.

Is it making a difference?

YES! We know that most of those using the CCSNAP program simply could not afford to spay or neuter without it.

We know that dogs and cats that are altered and vaccinated are much healthier. We also know that since beginning our cat fix promotions--Beat the Heat in the spring, and Fall Fix in the fall—the number of cats on our intake wait list (Noah's Ark is limited access) has plummeted from highs of 250 to highs of 50-60 in peak season. We find that pet owners are getting the message, and choosing to alter at a younger age, before that first accidental litter.

Loaded up for a trip to the low cost spay neuter clinic

Pups and kittens can be spayed and neutered as early as 8 weeks and 2 lbs!

And we know that it made a difference in the lives of Mama Kitty and her offspring, all of whom were altered, vaccinated, and placed in homes and permanent care situations.

Noah's Ark programs, including CCSNAP, are only possible because of generous donors like you. As you consider your support this year, please remember Mama Kitty, and if you can, add an additional $33.61 to your check. It will make a big difference in the life of the next Mama Kitty out there, waiting for our help.

Janet Mullen, CCSnap Director

Many Thanks! A huge thank you goes to all of our adopters, donors, volunteers and the veterinarians who work with our program: Fairfield Animal Hospital and Veterinary Clinic, PC and our adoption partners, Clive PetSmart® and the Rescue Waggin'® Program. All of our work is supported solely by private donations and grants. Please consider a donation to help us continue our work in saving lives. **Thank you so much from all of us.**

Happy Endings

"People say that "money can't buy happiness" have never paid an adoption fee." –Anonymous

Hi Everyone,

"Astro", now "Sweetie Man", has charmed his way into our lives. He still has some house breaking episodes and is occasionally a bit skittish but at the same time is very affectionate. He's an energetic playmate with our mini schnauzer and gets on exceptionally well with our cats.

In fact, he found two kittens abandoned on our road and stood guard by them, barking, until I came to investigate (he stood between them and our schnauzer who is all terrier when it comes to small furry things in the ditch). Attached is a picture of Sweetie Man with those new friends. We couldn't be happier with Sweetie Man.

—John and Cindy Preston

Sweetie Man saves the kittens!

Molly's family says she is perfect!

Hi Friends of Noah's Ark,

Thought I would touch base with you. Molly is adjusting beautifully!

Everyone had to work yesterday, Molly was fine while we were gone. Jess gave her a bath last night and has fallen in love with her. I stayed in town with my brother last night because of weather. I received a picture message of Molly from Jess by 6:30 this morning. She was already up loving on her Molly! I text her back "Awww". Jessie text me back "She is perfect!" I called Jess and Molly is all she could talk about.

I also wanted to tell you how nice it was that Will could meet us there, even when it ended up later than we had planned on. He did a great job, as did you. Thank you for all your help in making Molly a part of our family!

—Sue

Hi Dawn,

I wasn't really in the market to get a dog but Frenchie won my heart the day I saw her at Pet Smart. I can't imagine my life without her.

When Frenchie came to me, I was told she was not potty trained and that she had lived in a cage most of her life. Frenchie no longer has those harsh arrangements as she owns the house. She loves her walks and has neighbor dogs that she loves to play with through the backyard fence. When I first got her, she had no idea what a treat, toy, or bone was but we have since changed that. She now has a couple favorite toys. Frenchie and my five cats are also getting along very well!

Frenchie is a little cuddle bug!

Frenchie and I are having the time of our lives and she is starting to really open up because she knows that she's safe and loved. Thank you Dawn and the staff of Noah's Ark. It is a true honor to know you and work with you as you continue to save one animal at a time, you really do make a huge difference in the lives of many.

—Jed Hammen

Hi All,

Our family adopted Penny (Ribbons) about 4 years ago from the Petsmart in Clive and I just wanted to let you know she is a very happy girl and is loved very much! We have two beagles and another cat along with three children.

Penny is a sweet girl that loves everyone. She has especially bonded with Bailey our older beagle. It is so cute to see her search the house for him and she is so happy when she finds him. I often find them cuddled up together. I think Bailey likes her too but I know he would never admit it :-) Thanks for everything that you guys do!

—The Soults family

Penny and Bailey are best friends!

Success Stories!

Did you adopt an animal from us? We would LOVE to hear from you! Email friends@noahsark.org with a picture and story about how your new fur baby is doing in their new home! Maybe you'll be published in the next newsletter!

Happenings at the Ark

"Volunteers do not necessarily have time; they just have the heart" –Anonymous

Tribute to Jim Guy

In April, Noah's Ark lost a great friend: Jim Guy, beloved husband of Helen Guy.

The Guys, as the administrators of the Katherine V. and Raymond M. Glann Charitable Foundation, one of Noah's Ark's main sources of financial support, have been central to Noah's Ark's continued existence. Jim was a tremendously successful business leader and a respected expert in his field. He was also a loving husband and proud father and grandfather. All of us at Noah's Ark will miss his strength and quiet humor, as well as his wise counsel. We join the rest of the Fairfield community in sending our deepest condolences to Helen.

"My little dog—
a heartbeat at my feet."

—Edith Wharton

Coming Soon: Noah's Ark Mobile App!

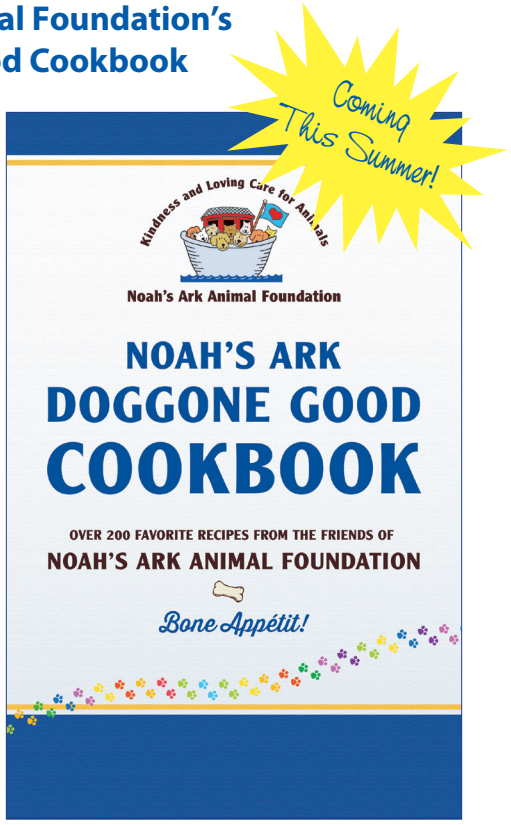
It's in the developmental stage right now and should be ready for download from the App Store for iPhones or the Play Store for Androids in about 8 weeks! You will be able to receive the latest shelter news at your fingertips! Now that's exciting!

Noah's Ark Animal Foundation's Doggone Good Cookbook

Noah's Ark Animal Foundation's Doggone Good Cookbook is about to roll off the presses! In addition to over 200 of the best recipes submitted by friends of Noah's Ark, the cookbook is a "whose who" of Noah's Ark residents and alumni, with over 150 pictures of our beloved animal companions. But wait – there's more! We've also got Happy Ending stories, a place to keep track of your favorite recipes, and a chapter devoted to dog and cat treats. Did we mention that there is a nifty chapter on recipe measurements and substitutions? (Let's see, the recipe calls for sour cream, but I'm out – what can I use instead?)

Cookbooks will be available for purchase toward the end of July! Watch our website and follow us on Facebook to find out when and where you can get your copy.

Bone Appétit!



Microchip and Vaccination Clinic

Tucker getting the lowdown on microchips

Noah's Ark Animal Foundation hosts a low-cost Microchip and Vaccination Clinic quarterly at the shelter. This clinic is open to the public; offering micro-chipping for $25, which includes free registration of the chip. Rabies vaccinations, as well as yearly vaccinations for both dogs (DA2PP, Bordatella) and cats (FVRCP), are also offered for only $15 each.

Dr. William Pollak of the Fairfield Animal Hospital donates his time for these clinics. All proceeds benefit the animals and programs of Noah's Ark Animal Foundation. **The next clinic will be on July 20th 11:00 to 2:00.**

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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Richard Sarnat: Vice President, Tom Paton: 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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