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Summer Fun Is Almost Over • Fall 2013 Newsletter

A Day in the Life of Noah's Ark

Hi Everyone,

It's Charley here, ace canine investigative reporter, doing an exclusive report on 'A Day in the Life of Noah's Ark.' As a former shelter dog, I have a special angle on the whole thing. Since I've "been there, done that"... I know how it feels to live in a shelter and wonder when your very own forever family is going to arrive to adopt you. Now Noah's Ark is a great place as far as shelters go, it's the best, but there is no place like home!

My shelter buddies thought when I got adopted and went to live with my cat brothers that I would forget all about my former life as a shelter dog. Not a chance! I live with the shelter director and spend almost every day back at the ranch. I still get to hear and see a lot of what goes on there and I have a nose for news!

Lately, when everyone thinks I'm snoozing, I am really listening to what's going on. I made it a point to interview current residents--both dogs and cats! Since I live with cats, I've learned a little cat language. Here is a typical day in the life of Noah's Ark.

Early in the morning, the first staff members arrive. The dogs and cats are so excited! They know the food is about to arrive! The dogs get to go outside and take their turn in the big play yard. There is nothing more wonderful than a good romp in the grass! Sometimes they even get to do a little digging! Kennels are cleaned and litter boxes are scooped. Everyone gets fresh water, clean bedding and toys!

No matter what day it is, the staff stay busy all day doing everything they can to keep the animals and their surroundings clean and healthy. Vaccination and deworming day is important to everyone! And there is also something the humans call spay/neuter which prevents any unwanted litters!

This is Charley getting the scoop from Simba.

There are lots of volunteers that show up to walk and play with the dogs and cats. That's very exciting! Volunteers also help with off-site adoption events, fostering, cleaning the shelter and driving to the vet or low cost spay/neuter clinic. There is also a lady that made a bunch of colorful fleece beds for the kitties! Noah's Ark is so lucky to have such nice folks willing to spend time at the shelter! They make the staff work load so much lighter!

There is a lot more going on at Noah's Ark than you might think!

There are so many things that happen behind the scenes. Just to mention a few; folks call in who have unwanted or stray dogs and cats. People drop off much needed food, toys, treats, office and cleaning supplies, litter, gently used bedding and towels. There are people that catch feral cats and make sure they can't have babies before finding them a safe place to live. Other volunteers work with people who need help paying for their own pets spay or neuter surgery.

And the best is when someone comes to the shelter to find their new family member. The staff tells us to "put on our adoption eyes"; not sure what that means, but all of the dogs and cats are sure to be on purrfect behavior!

It's a happy day when one of us gets to walk out the door knowing we are on our way home!

Whew, I'm getting tired just thinking about all this stuff! I think I need to catch a little shut-eye so it's time to wrap up my report. When the day ends at the shelter, all the dogs and cats are secure in their sleeping areas, ready to have sweet dreams until the morning. (I think the cats play all night cuz their room is always messy in the morning.)

Having a place like Noah's Ark makes all the difference for a lot of dogs and cats who don't have anyone of their own to love them.... yet! I'm sure I speak for all of us who have been in that situation: Thank you for your support of Noah's Ark and please continue to help the shelter with its lifesaving work.

Love, Charley
(and the rest of us here at Noah's Ark)

Happy Endings

"A meow massages the heart." —Stuart McMillan

Titan

Hi! Titan is doing great and has quickly become a much-loved member of our family. We took a couple of weeks to get to know each other and a training class to figure out how to communicate with him (he thought he was supposed to be our alpha) and now we're doing fantastic!

Titan gets a couple of daily walks and plenty of time to romp around in the yard trying to catch ground squirrels or chasing our son (they get each other wound up). He gets to go to the DSM dog park and occasionally visits doggie daycare which is great for wearing him out. Other than that, we love hanging out together and he's not shy about requesting non-stop petting and rubs and reminds us when we slow down too much.

Thanks for all you do, Jennifer

We're so glad that we found Titan and were able to add him to our family!

Hi Dawn, 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 texted her "Awww". Jessie texted me.

"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

Perfect Molly

Hey Guys!! I wanted to give you a update on Moe... He is now Mossy but we do call him Moe for short. He loves to cuddle and sleep in bed with mommy and is absolutely amazing with children. My daughter loves him. He sleeps on his back which is so cute. We went boating for the first time last weekend other than the wind he loved it!!! He loves to give kisses!

I wanted to thank you guys for bringing Mossy and I together. He makes my family complete. I hope you guys at Noah's Ark had a great Memorial Day! We will keep in touch.

—Sincerely, Erin, Makenzie and Mossy

"He makes my family complete."

Marmalade!

I first learned about Marmalade from one of the Noah's Ark Animal Shelter volunteers, Travis. He told me that she had been at the shelter for almost a year and was a really sweet cat. My mom and I went to visit her and I fell in love. I was able to adopt Marmalade a little over a week ago.

I was amazed how fast she settled in. Less than four hours after arriving at her new home, she was curled up in my lap happily purring. She's continued to become even more comfortable and feels completely at home. She loves to play with ribbons and even plays fetch with a strip of fleece material. Marmalade will even play so hard that she starts panting like a dog. I don't think she realizes she isn't a kitten anymore!

Marmalade seems so happy to finally have a place to call home.

Everywhere I go, she follows meowing and purring. She runs up to the door to greet me each day when I get home. She has explored every single inch of the apartment, including the shower as it was on. She wasn't very fond of that part! As I type this, Marmalade is sitting next to me in "her" recliner purring loudly while she gives herself a bath.

Even though it saddens me that Marmalade spent almost a year of her life in the shelter, I'm so glad she waited to become such a big part of my life.

Thank you so much for the opportunity to adopt Marmalade!

—Kelsey

Happenings at the Ark

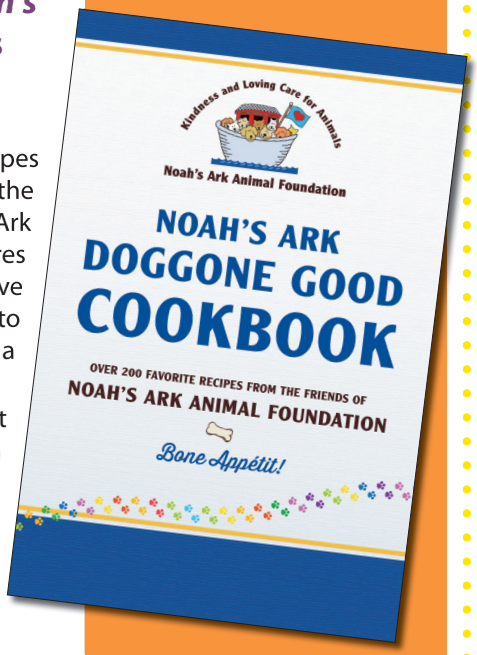
"Our perfect companions never have fewer than four feet."—Colette

Get Your *Doggone Good Cookbook* Today!

Noah's Ark Animal Foundation's Doggone Good Cookbook is finally here!

Woof Woof and a Big Meow!!

In addition to over 200 of the best recipes submitted by friends of Noah's Ark, the cookbook is a "who's who" of Noah's Ark residents and alumni, with over 150 pictures of our beloved animal companions. 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.



Cookbooks can be purchased for $15.00 at the shelter Tuesday through Friday from 1:00–5:00, and Saturday from 10:00-4:00. To order online and have them delivered directly to your door, please call the shelter at 641-472-6080 or visit our website: **www.noahsark.org** for more information.

Your purchase of our *Doggone Good Cookbook* makes it possible for us to continue our work.

Bone Appétit!

Microchip and Vaccination Clinic

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 held on October 19th from 11:00 to 2:00.

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 addition is doing in their new home. Maybe you'll be published in the next newsletter!—Dawn

"There is no snooze button on a cat who wants breakfast."

—Unknown

The Fall Fix is Back!

Noah's Ark's Caring Community Spay Neuter Assistance Program is now offering $25 cat spays or neuter and vaccination for the third year in a row. This proactive program dramatically reduces the number of unwanted spring litters and homeless cats. Many thanks to our special donors and foundations who make this work possible, including the Miccio Foundation, the Animal Relief Fund (Addie Hazel Meeker Trust), PetSmart Charities, Inc., Carol Kline, Claudia Roscamp, Suzanne Smelcer Robinson Trust, the City of Fairfield, and Helen Guy, Trustee for the Catherine "Miss Kitty" Glann Foundation. CCSNAP's direct line is 641-469-2015. Donations to Noah's Ark can be designated to continue this work.

Updates on PetSmart Charities®

Noah's Ark continues to save lives by participating with PetSmart Charities®.

Noah's Ark has been a Rescue Waggin'® Program participant since September 2007. Noah's Ark has transported 1185 dogs and pups through this program into their forever homes! We are also adoption participants with PetSmart Charities® in Clive, Iowa. Cats and kittens are transported to the adoption center in PetSmart where they find their forever homes. Since 2009, 841 cats have found homes through PetSmart. ***Thank you PetSmart Charities®!***

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: 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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"Whoever said you can't buy happiness forgot about puppies."
—Gene Hill