Noah's Ark Animal Foundation

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Spring is in the air! • Spring 2014 Newsletter

Celebrating 10 Years!

Do you remember the famous line from the movie, Field of Dreams: "If you build it, they will come…"? That was Noah's Ark's motto ten years ago when the hope of having a beautiful new shelter became a reality. Two acres of land was purchased and construction began on the 3300-square-foot building in the fall of 2003. The design included important features for housing animals: clean and comfortable living areas, sound attenuation, ease and efficiency of cleaning, proper air circulation for odor and disease control, as well as energy efficiency —including some green features like passive solar design, solar panels for hot water, a wetlands septic system and ground-source heating and cooling.

Ten years in our new building and Noah's Ark is going stronger than ever!

Our rescue and adoption program helps hundreds of lost, stray, and abandoned dogs and cats find relief from suffering and fear each year—feeding and caring for them until we can find them permanent loving homes. In addition, Noah's Ark's Caring Community Spay Neuter Assistance Program (CCSNAP) is making great strides preventing future generations of dogs and cats finding themselves all alone and "out in the cold." The program works by providing subsidies for those owners in need of financial assistance to spay or neuter their pets.

Noah's Ark continues to participate with PetSmart Charities® Rescue Waggin'® Program and the cat adoption program at the PetSmart store in Clive, Iowa. Through PetSmart Charities® grants, Noah's Ark has received funding for shelter improvements, such as new kitty condos, flooring, a new boiler system, new doors, concrete and fencing for the dog kennels, just to name a few. The shelter also received a large grant from PetSmart Charities® for TNR (Trap Neuter Release) for the homeless strays in the area.

We can't thank our wonderful donors enough, especially Catherine V. Glann, affectionately known as Miss Kitty, for giving so generously and enabling us to create such a wonderful haven for the animals. Miss Kitty, who was in her nineties, passed away a few days after Noah's Ark received her gift in 2003. We also want to thank Helen and the late Jim Guy who continue to fulfill Miss Kitty's wish of a permanent endowment for Noah's Ark.

A huge thank you goes out to all of our wonderful volunteers who give their time so unselfishly to the dogs and cats at the shelter. You make such a difference for them!

Nothing is more fulfilling than seeing the happy faces of the once-abandoned cats and dogs we have been able to rescue and place in loving homes, as well as the families who love them.

Noah's Ark wants to thank you for your continued support for the dogs and cats that share and so deeply enrich all our lives. You've made all of this possible!

No one appreciates the very special genius of your conversation as the dog does.

— Christopher Morley

Happy Endings

"Cats are connoisseurs of comfort." —James Herriot

Mia and Emma

We went to Noahs Ark to adopt a kitty. When we got there we saw 2 sister kitties and I knew I couldn't leave with just one. On February 22 we adopted both Mia and Emma formally known as Paige and Pearl. I was excited to see how our 3 year old Old English Bulldog Molly would get along with them. The first night we had them Emma was rubbing up against Molly. My house was full of laughs and giggles from my 2 boys playing with them. They love laying with Molly and getting licked by her. We have a dog kennel attached to our house so Molly can go outside and as soon as the kitties figured it out they loved it. They go out there to lay in the sun or chase the leaves that fly by. My boys love laying down and petting them and listening to them purr. In the mornings the cats follow the kids around while they are getting ready. My sons love watching how they play with each other too from arching their backs to pouncing on each other. It's been wonderful having them home. From the moment we brought them home I knew they were suppose to belong with us.

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Chance

Hi, I thought I would give you an update on Chance. He is a very happy dog. He is very smart and learning a lot of new things and has so far learned to go up and down stairs and he now knows his name very well.

He loves going on walks and we go about 4 miles everyday. He follows me everywhere and tries to go to school with me he hates it when I leave, but he is so excited when I come home. He loves laying on his back and I rub his belly but when I stop he waves his paws at me until I continue. He also got a bath and a little hair trim today so now we can see his eyes. He also gets along great with our other dogs and my family agrees that I picked a great dog! Thank you so much for helping me meet the perfect addition to the family, and the best companion I could ask for, and the most adorable one!

—Grace

The best companion I could ask for

Our kitties light up our lives

Dali and Picasso

Hello!

My name is Jade, my boyfriend and I adopted two kittens from you in November. Their names were Alfie and Cortez but we changed them to Dali and Picasso. Soon after we adopted them, another cat showed up outside our house and we took her to the vet and she is now part of the family too! I just wanted to say thank you all so much! Our kitties light up our lives from the day we brought them home. It is obvious whoever fostered and took care of them before we had them gave them a lot of love and care. I really love your company and will recommend anyone looking for a furry friend to you! I included some pictures of our kitties, they miss their other brothers and sisters but are happy with their new home!

Sincerely,
Jade

Zeus

Hello Dawn!

I am proud to say that Zeus has gotten up to 120 pounds! The vet said that is perfect for him! He is loving "his" kitties :) Though, he does get a little possessive over his toys and food....even though he can play with their toys all he wants! Hahahaha. Anyway, I just thought I would update you. I couldn't have asked for a better boy! Thank you so much for letting us bring him home and into our lives :-)

—Caitlyn

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Happenings at the Ark

"Dogs laugh, but they laugh with their tails." —Max Eastman

Shelter Wish List

- Science Diet canned kitten food
- Cat toys, without catnip
- Purina Pro Plan Cat Food: Chicken and Rice
- Clumping clay cat litter
- Canned cat food
- Cat beds
- Advantage Multi flea treatment
- Purina Puppy Chow
- Science Diet Dry Adult Dog Food
- Kongs and other enrichment toys
- Plastic kiddy pools
- Dog collars and leashes
- Soft dog treats like Bill Jac's, and Pupperoni and Snausages
- Chicken broth
- K9 Advantix flea treatment
- Peanut Butter
- Gently used blankets & towels
- Paper towels
- Bleach
- Postage Stamps
- Pens
- Plastic trash bags - 13 and 33 Gallon
- Glass cleaner
- Murphy's Oil Soap
- Dryer sheets
- Dish washing liquid, especially blue Dawn
- Dishwasher detergent
- Gift cards: Wal-Mart, Menards, Lowes, Amazon, TSC *(Tractor Supply Co.)*

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 1254 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, 965 cats have found homes through PetSmart. Thank you PetSmart Charities®

Beat the Heat!

Noah's Ark's Caring Community Spay Neuter Assistance Program is now offering $20 cat spays or neuters and vaccination for the third year in a row. This proactive program dramatically reduces the number of unwanted spring litters and homeless cats, and improves the health of our feline friends. 2013 grants and donations making CCSNAP programs possible were received from PetSmart Charities, Inc. ($10,000), the Miccio Foundation ($1,875), the Animal Relief Fund (Addie Hazel Meeker Trust $2,500), Carol Kline ($1,350), Claudia Roscamp ($2,750), Suzanne Smelcer Robinson Trust ($2,000), the City of Fairfield ($2,000), and Helen Guy, Trustee for the Catherine "Miss Kitty" Glann Foundation ($6,000). We're making a difference, thanks to you!

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

The staff at Noah's Ark: Will, Cody, Dawn, Shayla and Lily

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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Let's Celebrate!

It's Spring!