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Fostering: It's the Cat's Meow • Fall 2014 Newsletter

Trainyard Trio

It was a dark and stormy night… okay, maybe not. But for three newborn kittens orphaned in a trainyard, it may as well have been!

Just imagine being a tiny kitten—so young that your eyes haven't even opened yet

Suddenly your momma is gone! You can't see, you can't hear, and you're so hungry, but momma isn't coming! That's exactly what happened to Thomas, Clarabel, and Annie on a fateful day in May.

Thankfully, some very kind people saw these orphaned babies and started making phone calls. The stars aligned: Noah's Ark found a bottle-feeding foster home. The family happily took the kittens in and began caring for them.

Would they survive? Thankfully, the two girls Annie and Clarabel took to the bottle. Thomas was a little trickier, but Laura found that she could get him to drink formula out of an eye dropper.

Fostering kittens this tiny takes a fair amount of time at first, but quickly becomes less and less time-consuming. The kitten continued to take the formula, and began the transition to a turkey/rice puree at around 4 weeks. Again, the two girls were more than happy to scarf down the "real food" while Thomas had finally gotten the hang of the bottle and didn't want to give it up! Once Thomas got a taste for food, the bottle was quickly forgotten.

The Trainyard Trio survived, and over the next weeks, they thrived!

One of the wonderful things about fostering is that you start to pick up on personality traits pretty quickly: Clarabel was definitely the boss, Annie was laid-back and sweet, and Thomas was a quiet boy who was happiest snuggling under his sisters!

The kittens were growing and changing so fast!

In a month or so, they evolved from tiny little beings weighing a few ounces to silly, toddling, awkwardly-wrestling furballs who played with toys, ate food from a bowl, and purred for attention. Soon they were rocketing around the house and challenging the family dog, Merry, to a wrestling match!

As the kittens got older, Laura noticed that Thomas' right eye just didn't look right. To the vet he went, and the diagnosis was a big surprise! Thomas suffered from a condition of the eyelid called "entropian," where the eyelid curls under causing the lashes to scrape against the cornea. Ouch!

After their spay and neuter surgeries, Clarabel and Annie quickly found their forever homes. Little Thomas had his eyelid repaired. He came out of surgery with stitches that looked like purple mascara. His eyelid healed and when his stitches came out, he went to Noah's Ark and was adopted that very day!

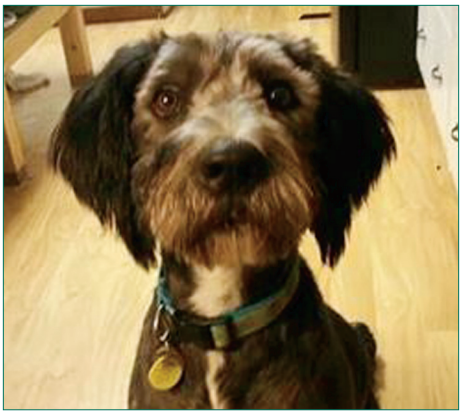
This story is what Animal Rescue is all about.

Given the right people and circumstances, Noah's Ark can step in and help an animal—or a whole litter—from certain death to "fur-ever" happiness! Please consider making a tax-deductible donation to help us continue this important work! And we promise to keep telling you *Happy Endings* stories like this!

A huge thank you to the Cohen family for caring for these babies.

Happy Endings

"I love cats because I love my home; little by little, they become it's visible soul." —Jean Cocteau



Stella

Hi, I just wanted to send you a picture of "Misty" now Stella, who we adopted in February 2014.

She's put on weight, her hair has finally grown back in, so much so that we had her shaved a few weeks ago. She has a ton of energy but she is now in a good routine where she runs 3 miles every morning with my husband. He's fast, and she can keep up! Next up is obedience class—she's already picked up some basic commands but we'd like to get her to the point where our two boys can walk her more easily. She's great until a squirrel crosses her path.

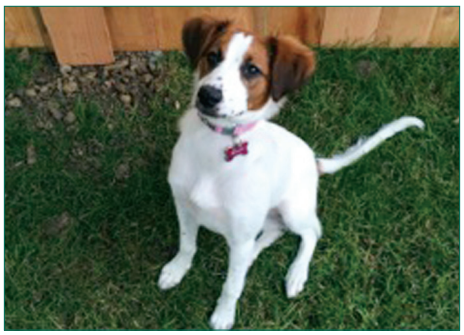
Stella is a wonderful addition to our family.

Thanks for letting us adopt her! —Kate

Bella

Hello Dawn! We wanted to give you an update on Bella (formerly known as Kisa). We have had Bella for about 2 months, and she has adjusted well in fact she has really made herself at home. House training went well and she has learned some basic commands. She enjoys playing with her toys, going for walks, and rides in the car.

We are so glad we made the trip to Fairfield to adopt Bella at Noah's Ark!



We even fenced in our back yard to allow her some space to play, dig, and run off her puppy energy. We actually saw some familiar faces at Petsmart when we took Bella to her first vet appointment as that was the same day you guys were there with adoptions going on at the store.

Thank you for the new addition to our family, we love Bella! —Todd and Jennifer

Dutchess

Adopting her was the best decision we have ever made.

We adopted our Bloodhound, Dutchess *(formerly known as Ruby)*, a little over two years ago. Since then, she has brought more joy, laughter, adventure, and slobber to our lives than we ever could have imagined. Cross-eyed with a bump on her nose she is really quite special and we continually say that adopting her was the best decision we have ever made.

—Nick and Anna

Toby and Socks

Hi, I just wanted to send you a photo of our precious Noah's Ark angels, Toby and Tabitha aka/Socks. We adopted them at PetSmart in West Des Moines.

Thank you also for educating us about not declawing. We will never declaw any cat ever again. We love them and their cute claws. God bless you and thank you for the opportunity to adopt these wonderful babies!

Sincerely,
—Greg and Jill

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

Many Thanks!

A huge thank you goes to all of our adopters, donors, foster families, 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.

Happenings at the Ark

"Happiness is a warm puppy." —Charles Schulz

October is Adopt A Shelter Dog Month

What Can An Adopted Dog Bring To Your Life?

There are as many responses to that question as there are dogs in this world! Are you looking for:

- **an exercise buddy?**
- **a best friend and confidant for your child?**
- **a dog you can train with to learn animal-assisted therapy?**
- **a partner in agility competitions?**
- **a constant companion for your favorite senior citizen?**
- **a fuzzy face to greet you after a hard day at work?**
- **An adopted dog can be all these things—and so much more!**

Noah's Ark is the perfect place to find dogs of every type, size, age and personality—all waiting for a loving home.

Find out what a shelter or rescue dog can bring to your life this October during Adopt-A-Shelter-Dog Month!

A Tribute to Toby

My Toby, beloved and tender, met his Maker Monday afternoon. Toby was 10 years young when he crossed the Rainbow Bridge.

Toby was one of the first kittens to be adopted from Noah's Ark Animal Foundation after moving into the new building in June 2004. A tiny, frail waif of a kitten, he'd been orphaned and attacked by a dog, around 3 weeks of age. Toby was so weak; he had stopped breathing and was blue around the lips and nose. He had to be fed with a tube down his throat into his tummy! I carried him around the shelter in a washcloth and tucked him under my shirt for warmth. I adopted Toby and loved the little guy, from the moment I saw him. He recovered, and led a safe, good and happy life. In recent months he began to dwindle, and the vet that treated him as a kitten did everything to relieve and comfort him. Then, together, sent him on his blessed way.

—Betsy

Noah's Ark hosts a LOW-COST MICROCHIP AND VACCINATION CLINIC

The next clinic will be on October 11th from 11:00 to 2:00.

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.

Elmer getting the scoop on vaccinations and microchips

"In order to keep a true perspective of one's importance, they should have a dog that will worship him and a cat that will ignore him."
—Dereke Bruce

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"

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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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