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Fall 2015 Newsletter • Every nose needs a home!

Arnell Tells It All!

Greetings fellow animal lovers!

My name is Arnell and I am the official greeter and shelter cat of Noah's Ark. Let me tell you, it's a WHOLE lot better than being a stray cat! That life is strictly for the birds! The folks at Noah's Ark are so nice and make my life purrfect in every way! I do spend most of my day snoozing in one of my favorite sunny spots, but occasionally I open an eye and scope things out!

Now, a bit about a typical day at the shelter.

The staff members arrive bright and early! The cats and dogs are so excited because they know its chow time! The dogs are very noisy when they know their food is being served. We cats are a little more reserved and elegant than those slobbery hounds. We are content to wait to be served our breakfast. The staff does a wonderful job scooping litter boxes and cleaning the kennels. Everyone gets fresh water, clean bedding and toys! We kitties love a good catnip mouse to bat around; sometimes we even get a real live one! That causes quite a commotion in the cat room!

And no matter, what day it is, the staff stay busy doing important stuff like vaccinations and deworming!

I try to help the humans by lying on the computer keyboard when they are trying to update records.

Arnell tells it like it is.

There is a lot of talk about spay and neuter which everyone has done before they are off to their new homes. The staff says it's very important to prevent unwanted litters!

Noah's Ark is so lucky to have such nice folks helping the shelter!

We have lots of volunteers that come to help at Noah's Ark. It's so exciting when we have company! Volunteers socialize shy cats and dogs, help with off-site adoption events, clean the shelter and drive us to a vet appointment or the low cost spay/neuter clinic!

So, my fellow cats waiting for their forever homes tell me that all cats are meant to be in homes where they can be loved and pampered. It's not a one-way street however. We cats have a lot to give to our humans.

Having a cat around reminds folks to enjoy the sunshine, stretch a lot (I think they call it Yoga) and just admire the surroundings.

I want to remind everyone that the shelter cats and dogs are counting on everyone to come through for us and adopt us. You won't regret it!

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

Well, it's time for a little beauty sleep!

I had been told that the training procedure with cats was difficult.
It's not. Mine had me trained in two days.
~Bill Dana

Happy Endings

"Cats have it all—admiration, an endless sleep, and company only when they want it." ~Rod McKuen

Milo

My husband and I talked about getting a second dog for quite sometime before we decided to come see Milo (formerly Benny). I found a picture of a 4 month old black and white puppy on your website while searching on Petfinder and we decided to drive down from Cedar Rapids to see him. As we drove my husband told me not to be disappointed if we didn't get him because we had to make sure he was the right dog for us. When we got to the shelter the puppy crawled into my husband's lap and licked his chin. I think he knew he was the one he had to convince to take him home :)

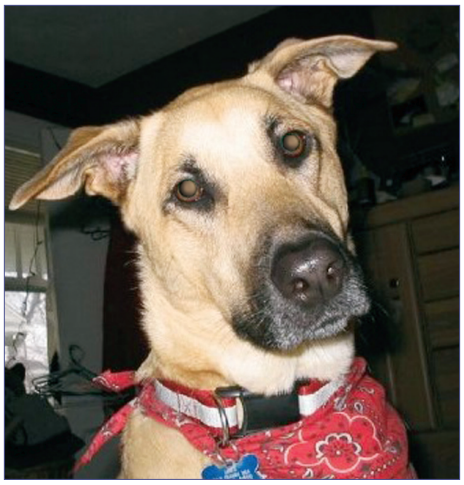
Desmond and Milo

We adopted Milo in May 2015. He has been with us for a little more than 2 months now and has settled in. He is housebroken, playful and follows me everywhere. He's learned how to sit, down and stay. We are working on roll over. Milo loves his siblings, human and canine, and loves to play with them outside and snuggle on the couch. The kids love him too and help make sure he has food and water, take him out in the yard to play and hold his leash when we take him for walks around our neighborhood. Milo is learning how to play frisbee and loves to play fetch with a tennis ball. He also likes to play tug and wrestle with Daisy, our 9 year old Australian Shepherd.

Milo is such a sweet boy and loves everyone he meets.

I teach an inclusive preschool classroom and he has visited the class a few times. He is very gentle with all of the children. I think he may make an excellent therapy dog with a little training. He has been a great addition to our family!

—The Gills



Mika

Hello, I just wanted to thank you for my dog. I adopted her 13 years ago from you and named her Mika. She was a lab, Shepard, mix and quickly became the greatest dog I have ever known. Smart as a whip and loving as could be. She was a part of my family and became very close to my two sons in her later years. She ran in streams, went Frisbee golfing, camping, and chased a million squirrels... She lived a long happy loving life thanks to you and your people. Thank you from the bottom of my heart! :)

—Bret

Mogli is perfect!

Cuddly Puppy

HELLO Mogli is perfect! Loves all dogs and people. Sticks around like glue! First trim of face.

He's still wild but all the running he can do makes him a cuddly puppy at night.

—Heather

Friday

This is Friday. Her name was Wendy. My daughter and husband adopted her for me as a 40th birthday present in July. I saw her and fell in love. She is so sweet. She's instantly on my lap if I sit down and snuggles with me all night. Her best friend here is our 100# golden retriever!! I thought I'd share a few pics.

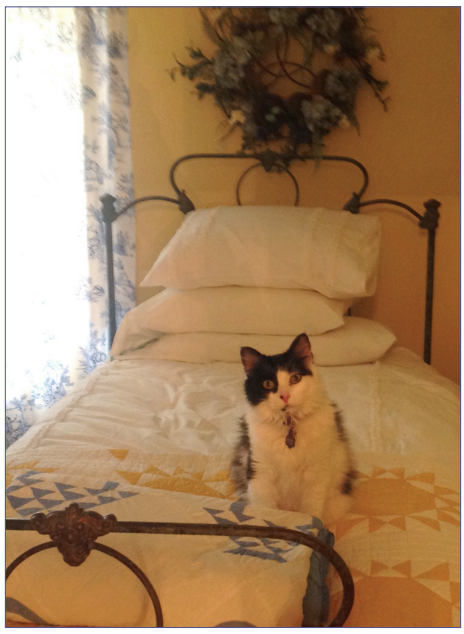
—Tausha

"She is so sweet."

Mi Mi

She has many favorite spots in the house. But the guest room seems to be popular this week! We're really enjoying her antics... Her climbing abilities are endless, had to get my step ladder out cause she likes the bookshelf in my husband's office! Lol. She's super sweet with the littlest meow Thank You All!

—Robin



"The littlest meow"

Happenings at the Ark

My goal in life is to be as good of a person my dog already thinks I am. ~Author Unknown

Big Thank You to PetSmart Charities, Inc ® and Bayer®

In August, Noah's Ark Animal Foundation was awarded an in-kind grant from PetSmart Charities, Inc ® for 242 doses of K9 Advantix II and Advantage II Cat, a topical flea and tick prevention for dogs and cats. The total retail value of this medicine was $3,630. Noah's Ark provides complete veterinary care for dogs and cats prior to adoption, so this is a tremendous savings for the shelter.

Thank you PetSmart Charities, Inc® and Bayer® for helping us to provide quality healthcare for our rescues!

Arnell has even more to tell us

CCSNAP Update

5th Annual Fairfield Fall Cat Fix!!

PetSmart Charities, Inc. has generously awarded $10,000 to Noah's Ark's Caring Community Spay Neuter Assistance Program for the Fall Fix. This support, together with funding received from Bissell Pet Foundation ($4,500), the Animal Relief Fund (Addie Hazel Meek Trust $2,870), Suzanne Smelcer Robinson Trust ($2,500), the City of Fairfield ($2,000), the Miccio Foundation ($1,500) and other generous donors ensures that no dog or cat (including feral and free roaming cats) in our area remains unaltered due lack of finances. Since 2000, CCSNAP, with your support, has made a difference…healthier pets for low income families, and fewer accidental litters which reduce intake demand on the shelter. Currently, the dog and cat stray populations are so low in our county that more than half our intake is from out of county. **MANY thanks to our generous supporters!**

Many Thanks!

A big thank you goes to all of our wonderful adopters, donors, foster families, volunteers and the veterinarians who work with our program: Fairfield Animal Hospital, Veterinary Clinic, PC and Quincy Humane Society. You along with our adoption partner, Clive PetSmart®, made 2015 an amazing year for Noah's Ark.

Please consider a donation to help us continue our work in savings lives.

Thank you so much from all of us!

October is Adopt a Shelter Dog Month

Fred and Chloe

Why Adopt Instead of Shop?

Because you'll change a homeless animal's whole world. And get a new best friend in the bargain.

What could be better than that?

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

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 2015 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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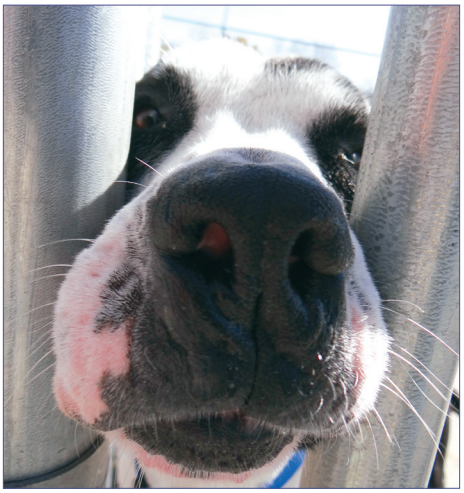
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