Noah's Ark Animal Foundation

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Smile! It's Spring! • Spring 2017 Newsletter

The Tale of Three Pups

Heath before

Hunter before

Harmony before

This is our story:

Our lives began just like any other litter of pups. Mom would take care of us; keeping our bellies full of warm milk and bathing us with her warm tongue. The only difference was Mom was a feral dog, not belonging to anyone; scavenging for food to keep us fed. She would be gone for long periods, leaving us to fend for ourselves. Mom decided that we were old enough to care for ourselves and never came back. Mom taught us well and we were clever enough to scramble through the woods for food. Our favorite pastime was gnawing on an old deer carcass. Imagine that! But, one day, our lives changed forever. We wandered into a yard and saw our first human! He had some really yummy food and water that was irresistible! The human managed to catch us, put us in a crate and off we went to Noah's Ark.

At Noah's Ark, the humans tried and tried to get us out of the crate. Because we were scared, we howled and tried to bite. But they persevered and one by one, we were handled for the first time. We weren't sure about any of this and trembled each time the humans touched us. They gave us vaccines and some medicine for worms that tasted really bad. We were given names: Heath, Hunter and Harmony.

The humans placed us in a kennel with a soft bed, toys and a big bowl of water. We were afraid and just huddled all together in the corner of the kennel. Every day, the humans would talk to us to let us know that everything would be all right. Lots of different people called volunteers would sit quietly with us in our kennel.

Gradually, we came out of our shells and decided that humans weren't so bad.

Heck, every time one of them came to visit, we got little bits of tasty treats. Yum! We even started playing with the toys in our kennel and enjoyed being petted.

The humans decided that it was time for the "big fix" so we would be ready for adoption. We were very brave! Our pictures were posted on Noah's Arks website and within one day, all of us had an application for a new home!

Noah's Ark never gave up on us and each of us are very thankful to have a safe, warm home to call our own.

—Heath, Hunter and Harmony

Thank you to our dedicated staff and volunteers for helping these pups through the tough times! ***We love happy endings!***

Gunner and Heath

Lia, Walter and Hunter

The Farmer family and Harmony

Happy Endings

"No matter how little money and how few possessions you own, having a dog makes you rich." —L. Sabin

We just love her

Abby:

Dear Noah's Ark, We adopted Abby and just love her! We say that she's the world's best cat. She must have had wonderful socialization in her foster home, and we are very thankful for that. She's friendly to everyone who visits, is afraid of nothing, loves sleeping on laps, and loves to play.

She even plays a version of hide and seek with our one-year-old daughter. They entertain each other every day! At night, she cuddles up in bed with us. Our oldest son, who is 21, has never been a huge fan of most cats (go figure)… but Abby snuggles up on his shoulders as soon as he comes over, and he says she is his favorite cat ever. We recently had a birthday party for our 13-year-old complete with friends and balloons and Abby plopped herself right down in the middle of the action on the living room floor so everyone could pet her. She likes to be where the action is. She is a joy to have, and we are lucky to have her! Thank you for all you do for these pets!

—The Betts family

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. You may be published in the next newsletter.

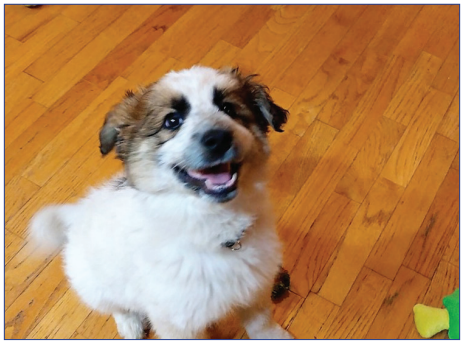
—Dawn

Bertie:

Feather's name is now Bertie. We actually named her Huberta after a really great dog, Huey, owned by a friend of ours. Bertie looks just like that dog. Bertie travels in the car really well. She's so smart and attentive. She can sit and lie down on command already.

We're really happy with her.

—Geri



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Coco:

Dawn, We wanted to send a note to say thank you, we adopted our little Coco from Noah's Ark 4 1/2 years ago and it was the best thing that we have ever done!

We take Coco nearly everywhere that we go, he comes to work at Americus Diamond everyday and now some of our customers come in just to see Coco!

Everyday has more joy, happiness, love, smiles and laughter because of little Coco, so thank you very much for everything that you do for these deserving little animals!

All the best,
—Christopher, Kim and Coco!

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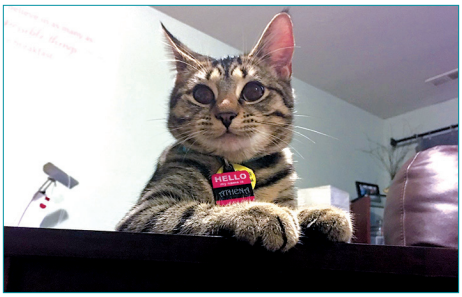

She is just a bundle of love

Athena:

Hello, just wanted to say thank you for everything you guys do. Our family was adopted by Athena (sister to Poseidon) about 2 months ago and I'm so very thankful that she had your wonderful organization to watch over her until we could get her! She is just a bundle of love and keeps us all laughing with her antics. She follows me everywhere and is a big "talker".

Again, thank you for all that you do to find these sweet animals homes.

—Jenifer and Athena

Daisy living the good life

Daisy:

Hi Everyone! Here's Daisy living the good life, all tuckered out after a fun day. We are having such a good time together. She is the sweetest, easiest little dog to have around. She's smart and trainable. She tries very hard to do everything just right. Her personality is blossoming as she feels more and more secure. I'm trying to show her a good time—lots of car rides and long walks, tasty food, kisses on her nose.

Thanks for the great care you took of her all those months!!! :)

—Cynthia

Happenings at the Ark

"The smallest feline is a masterpiece." —Leonardo DaVinci

Microchip and Vaccination Clinic

Noah's Ark Animal Foundation hosts a low-cost Microchip and Vaccination Clinic quarterly at the shelter, 1986 Gear Ave., Fairfield. This clinic is open to the public.
Offering:

- Microchipping 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.
- Toenail trims for $10.

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 April 29th from 11:00am to 2:00pm.

"A cat purring on your lap is more healing than any drug in the world, as the vibrations you are receiving are of pure love and contentment."
—St. Francis of Assisi

Caring Community Spay/Neuter Program

The 7th Annual "Beat the Heat" Cat Fix!

PetSmart® Charities, the leading funder of animal welfare in North America, has generously awarded a $15,000 grant to Noah's Ark's Caring Community Spay Neuter Assistance Program for our 2017 outreach program targeting community outdoor and feral cats. This tremendous support will enable Noah's Ark to neuter or spay 500 cats.

Prevention is key to our work, as we cannot "adopt our way out" of overpopulation problems.

In 2016, Noah's Ark subsidized a record 976 spay neuter surgeries for area dogs and cats.

We are very grateful to our donors and grantors who made this work possible, including Bissell Pet Foundation ($7,500), Suzanne Smelcer Robinson Trust ($2,500), City of Fairfield ($2,000), Animal Relief Fund (Addie Hazel Meek Trust $1,800), the Miccio Foundation ($1,000), Claudia Roscamp and other generous donors. This 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!

A Memorial to Jamie

He was the best dog ever

Thirteen years ago we adopted a German Shepherd/Husky mix pup from Noah's Ark. He had been named Pluto. We changed his name to Jamie. Today we helped Jamie cross over to Rainbow Bridge after his fight with a possible brain tumor and liver disease. He was the best dog ever. He loved his family and was an awesome watch dog. He loved to smash the cats with those big paws of him. He was truly a gift in our lives and will be missed. Thank you so much for having blessed our lives with this wonderful creature thirteen years ago. We cherished every single day we had him. Now he is in heaven with his best friend, Axel, that we lost a year ago.

Thank you for this perfect angel! We loved him every day of his life and he loved us to, he was so loyal and so kind.

—Pamela

A Big Thank You:

To all of our adopters, donors, volunteers, foster families, kids and groups who have made toys, treats and donated or raised money for us. Thanks also to the veterinarians who work with our program: Fairfield Animal Hospital, Veterinary Clinic, PC and the Quincy Humane Society. Without you, the animals we rescue would be fewer and so would the numbers of families whose lives are brightened with their adopted family member from Noah's Ark.

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.

☐ $5 ☐ $10 ☐ $20 ☐ $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 2017 are David Sykes: Chairman and President,
Richard Sarnat: Vice President, Tom Paton: Secretary, Janet Mullen: Treasurer, and Dawn Hauck: 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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