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The Imperfectly Perfect Cat

When Rheanne saw an adorable brown and white kitten with one eye and a crooked jaw at Noah's Ark Animal Foundation, she desperately wanted to adopt the unique-looking little cat.

"I was smitten the moment I met him. Not only was he incredibly cute with his snaggletooth grin, but he had the sweetest personality."

While Rheanne wanted to bring the kitten home, she felt like her circumstances wouldn't allow her to provide him with the life he deserved.

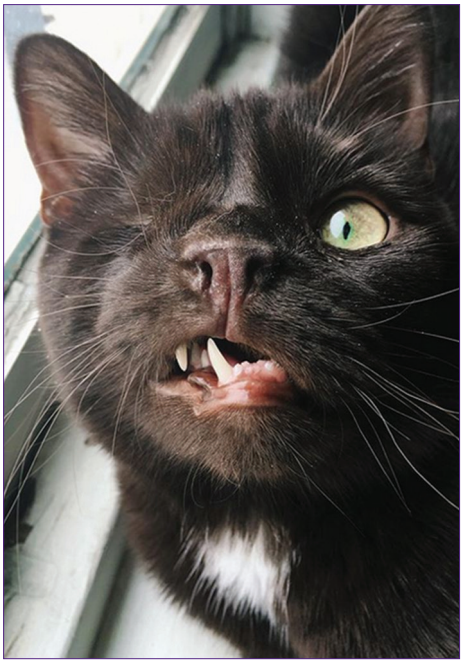
Still Rheanne was unable to forget about the cute special needs kitten, and over the course of the next few months, she thought about the brown and white kitten, wondering where he'd end up. Rheanne returned to the shelter and asked about the 'pirate cat' and the staff knew just who she was talking about. Much to her surprise, Rheanne learned the one-eyed kitten was still available. She jumped at the chance to adopt him.

"I just felt it was meant to be," Rheanne said.

And on that day, the one-eyed kitten became Wesley; an homage to one of her favorite movies, *The Princess Bride*. "I was inspired by Wesley's character in the film who spent time as the Dread Pirate Roberts."

Wesley, who ended up at the shelter after he was discovered alone in a parking lot with a missing eye and crooked jaw, didn't waste anytime proving to his mom that he's just as charming and agile as his namesake. Like any typical cat, Wesley enjoys playing with hair bands, milk jug rings and startling Rheanne by pouncing on her back.

There have been a few people that have concerns about Wesley's quality of life, but Rheanne assures them that his missing eye and crooked jaw doesn't hold him back. Wesley also loves to snuggle under the covers to show her just how thankful he is for the life she has given him.



Rheanne and Wesley

"I want people to know how much love these animals have to offer. They are just like any other pet you love; the packaging is just a little different."

Rheanne hopes Wesley's story will inspire others to look past appearance when adopting a pet because if they do, they will be rewarded with the kind of unique relationship she shares with this special boy. "He makes me laugh with his antics and his sweetness brightens every day."

Thanks to Wesley's growing social media following, this adorable brown and white cat can cheer up lots of people with his unforgettable face.

"He is just too wonderful to keep to myself."

If you want to check out Wesley's Instagram page, here is the url: https://www.instagram.com/wesley_the_pirate_cat/. You'll be glad you did!

"A meow massages the heart."
—Stuart McMillan

Happy Endings

"A true friend leaves paw prints on your heart." —Anonymous

Pumpkin loves to cuddle on the couch

Pumpkin

She is still getting used to her surroundings but is eating and drinking lots! Our vet put her on an antibiotic for a skin infection on her ears. She is very skiddish but loves to cuddle on the couch. She is working on potty training but is not a fan of the snow lol.

—Laura

Hazel

Hazel was adopted from you in 2017. Here she is taking a little after noon nap. Hazel was so tired, when we let her in, she walked into the toy room and fell asleep.

—Isabella

A little afternoon nap

Edgar (Pringle)

I just wanted to let you know that after a rough week or so of introducing Pringle (now Edgar) to my cat Oliver, they are good buddies! There's a lot of cuddling and playing in my apartment nowadays

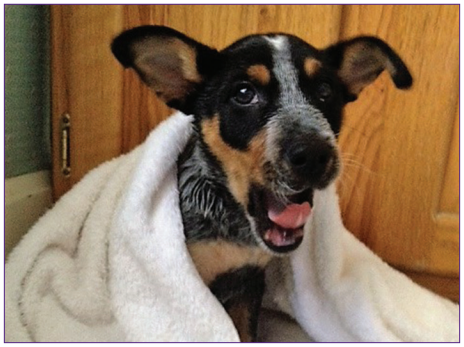
—Hannah

Edgar and Oliver are good buddies!

Dodger

Here are some long overdue photos of our little love! He is wicked smart and loves learning new tricks. We have mastered sit, stay, lay down, roll over, and many others! Working on that "puppy biting" and coming when we call, but otherwise, he is incredibly well behaved. We go on long walks through the woods and he LOVES walking on fallen trees. We could not be happier with our little guy. Thank you for doing what you do!

—Claire



Dodger loves learning new tricks

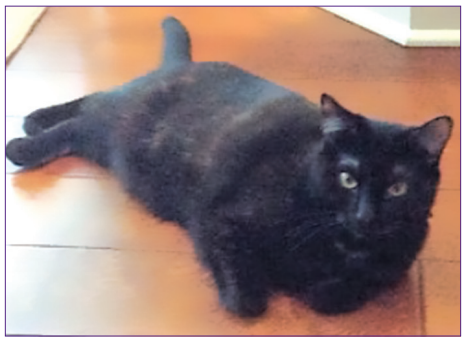
We don't know what we would do without him!

Barack

My family just wanted to drop you a line on Barack. We adopted him for our daughters in 2008 at PetSmart in Des Moines. Barack is doing well and is a big part of our lives. He has been a great cat and has loved and entertained us over the years. He is friendly to new people and enjoys company. We don't know what we would do without him!

Thanks again for your services and hard work!

—The Utterback's



Thanks for sending Kitty our way

Kitty

We adopted Kitty at Pet Smart in Clive,Iowa. We lost our Torte Lucky in October after 17 years of cat-joy. Kitty is a wonderful cat. Thanks for sending her our way.

—The McSorleys

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***

Happenings at the Ark

"Not every person knows how to love a dog, but every dog knows how to love a person."—Unknown

Snipping Overpopulation in the Bud

Spaying and neutering your pets is one of the best things you can do for them; your dog or cat will live a happier, healthier, longer life. Noah's Ark Caring Community Spay/Neuter Assistance Program is so important in our area. Funded by grants and donations, this program helps low income clients, seniors, feral cat colony caretakers and others who have rescued strays that are willing to provide a home if only they can get some assistance.

Spaying and neutering may prolong a pet's life and reduce the occurrence of reproductive related cancers. It may reduce unwanted behaviors such as wandering, marking spraying and aggressive or territorial behaviors.

For all these very important reasons, CCSNAP is savings lives and making them longer, happier one. This successful program will reduce the number of homeless pets; in 2017 this program provided subsidy vouchers to help alter **over 1,000** dogs and cats. We also receive calls from families needing assistance placing unwanted animals, many of which are unplanned litters. Funds are needed to take care of these surgeries. Donations to Noah's Ark may be designated for CCSNAP to continue this work.

Special thanks to our 2016/2017 CCSNAP donors for funding this program: The Animal Relief Fund (Addie Meek Trust), Carol Kline, Claudia Roscamp, Suzanne Smelcer Robinson Trust, PetSmart Charities, Miccio Foundation, City of Fairfield, Hawthorne Direct, Inc., Bissell, and Helen Guy, Trustee for the Catherine "Miss Kitty" Glann Foundation.

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A BIG THANK YOU

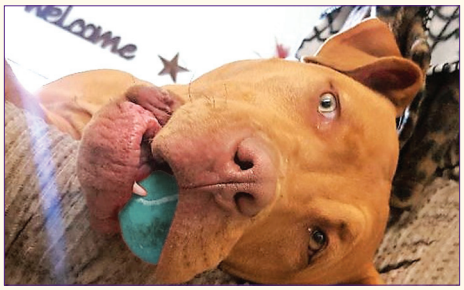
To all of our adopters, donors, volunteers, foster families, kids and groups who have made toys, treats and raised money for us. Thanks also to the veterinarians who work with our program: Fairfield Animal Hospital, Veterinary Clinic PC and the Quincy Humane Society. Without you, the animals we rescue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

April 30th

National Adopt A Shelter Pet Day

Save 2 lives

The one you adopt and the one waiting to come into the shelter.



A MEMORIAL TO A GREAT FRIEND

William "Bill" Louis Grunwald age 76 of Fairfield passed away peacefully surrounded by his family Tuesday, February 6, 2018, at University of Iowa Hospital & Clinic.

Bill liked to bake and was known as "Baker Bill". He volunteered at Noah's Ark Animal Shelter and helped at the senior center doing "Meals on Wheels". Bill was a big Green Bay Packers, Wisconsin Badgers and Milwaukee Brewers fan. Most important to Bill was spending time with his grandkids and supporting them in their extra-curricular activities. He loved to spend summers with family at Broken Bow Lake in Lac du Flambeau, WI.

Bill was a wonderful friend to all of us at Noah's Ark, and a loyal and generous volunteer for the dogs and cats. Bill visited Noah's Ark in 2010 and adopted his little dog Jennie. Bill and Jennie became our spay/neuter transport drivers and we always looked forward to seeing them on those early mornings. Bill, we miss you.

"If I had a pound for everytime my dog made me smile… I'd be a millionaire."
— Steph Harris

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.

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Noah's Ark operates an Iowa licensed animal shelter at 1986 Gear Avenue, Fairfield, IA 52556.
Hours are Tues through Fri 1:00 – 4:00p.m. and Saturday 10:00 – 4:00p.m.

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— James Herriot

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