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Noah's Ark Animal Foundation

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Shy Dogs Deserve a Chance • *Fall 2018 Newsletter*

A Lucky Day!

Shy dogs come in every size, shape, breed, or mix. Why are some dogs shy or afraid of people?

Popular sentiment holds that dogs who exhibit fear toward people must have suffered abuse or something very scary must have happened to them. While this may be true in some instances, the combination of genetic predisposition and a lack of social experiences in early puppyhood probably play a much larger role.

BAMBI'S STORY:

Bambi arrived at the shelter from a neighboring vet clinic. She was going to be euthanized because the clinic needed space for other dogs. Noah's Ark stepped in and brought her to the shelter. Bambi was fearful of everything in the shelter: doorways, leashes, walking across the floor, kennels, toys, people, and other dogs.

Shy Bambi

She spent her days cowering in the back of her dog house or pacing across her kennel. The staff spent lots of time speaking softly and easing her into the routine of the shelter. Gradually, she would give us a bump with her nose, but then quickly retreated into the back of her kennel.

It was Bambi's lucky day when Al and Diane came for a visit.

They walked by each kennel asking questions about every dog. When they came to Bambi's kennel, they stopped and remarked how beautiful she was and asked to visit with her. Bambi's reluctance to interact didn't put them off. After giving it careful thought, Al and Diane decided that Bambi would be the perfect fit for their family. Paperwork complete, adoption fee paid, ready for the next adventure. Al had to carry Bambi and put her in their car for the ride home.

Here is an email I received about Bambi: Today is exactly two weeks since we adopted Bambi.

How things have changed, Bambi is still timid, but is accepting life here very well.

She loves to go on walks but wants to walk a little faster if something scares her. We get a lot of tail wags, yesterday she was laying on "her" bed wagging her tail and must have thought it was too much as she lifted a leg over her tail so it would stop wagging. Her vet visit went well, she accepted it pretty good, better than I thought she would, but was happy to get back home.

Comfy at home

Bambi seems to be housebroken, so we are still watching her. She has not chewed or torn anything up, so we stopped using her crate after a few days, even if we are not home.

Bambi still has not barked, she has made a few small noises, but we are still waiting for a full bark.

Thank you for saving her life, we are all very happy!

—Diane

So, Bambi indeed got her Happy Ending! Thank you, Diane and Al for making Bambi part of your family!

OCTOBER IS ADOPT-A-SHELTER-DOG MONTH

Everyone thinks they have the best dog in the world, and none of them are wrong.

—W.R. Purche

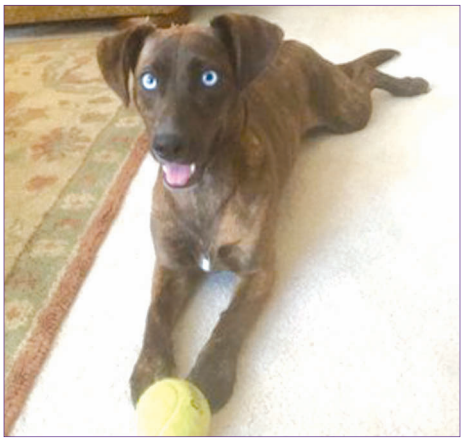
Happy Endings

Every animal deserves the chance to leave pawprints on your heart.

Brooklyn

Hi Dawn. I just wanted to send you some updates on Brooklyn. First, I just want to thank you; I never knew what I was missing until she was brought into my life. She is an amazing puppy and has truly been a blessing in my life, and she seems very happy as well.

—Taylor



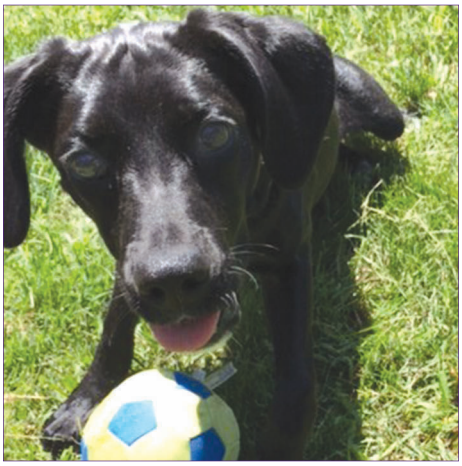
Brooklyn is an amazing puppy.

Twiggy

Hi Dawn, I just wanted to let you know, Twiggy is doing great. She made herself at home. Her new best buddy is our outdoor rescue cat. The two of them are hilarious together. We decided to keep her name, as it seems to fit her well. She listens well already and knows her name.

All around she is just a lovely addition to the family. She is very friendly, always up to play with our daughter, and she clearly has a sense of humor. We feel blessed to have found her. Thank you again.

—Andy



Twiggy is doing great!

Still working on getting along.

Valkyrie and Odin

Here is a picture of Valkyrie (formerly Kandy in the pink harness) and Odin (formerly Joey) that we adopted last year; Valkyrie in September & Odin in October. Though they are still working on getting along, they have moments of calm & play together. Tonight, we went out to enjoy the nice weather!

—Leslie

Liberty is a Rockstar!

Liberty

I adopted Liberty from you guys three years ago. Attached is a collage of pictures of her now.

Honestly in the first few months of having her I kept thinking "what did I get us into!" But three years later she has turned out to be the best dog I've ever had! She is sweet, patient and loving. She is a rockstar, cuddler and a funny gal. While she doesn't prefer the company of other dogs she is tolerant to others of her kind.

Thank you so much for saving our little blessing and allowing us to bring her into our home!

—Emily

Petunia

I adopted Bella, then Mama Cass and now Petunia. She was turned in as a stray, despite being the fattest cat I've ever seen and, she was declawed. I don't know how long she was out on the street, but she would have been totally defenseless and, as a result was very terrified. When I first brought her home she was always hiding, jumping at every sound and chewing her front legs down to the bone. She couldn't even make eye contact for six months. You should see her now! She feels safe and loved and now lies on my stomach when I'm in the recliner, looks deeply into my eyes and pats my face as if to say thank you. She's even lost a few pounds...very few.

—Sally

Petunia feels safe and loved.

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

Happenings at the Ark

No matter how many years we get with our dogs, it's never long enough.

How YOUR Donations Help

Noah's Ark relies on the generosity of donors to stay open and keep the animals happy and healthy while waiting for their new homes. Whether you donate money, your time or items that can either be used in the shelter, you can make a huge difference in the lives of our dogs and cats. Donating is a guaranteed boost to your happiness.

DONATE MONEY TO HELP OFFSET MEDICAL EXPENSES

When you give money, you can write off the tax-deductible donation, and the organization can put this money to use where it is most needed! *(JoJo had to have eye surgery!)*

GENTLY USED PET SUPPLIES AND HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

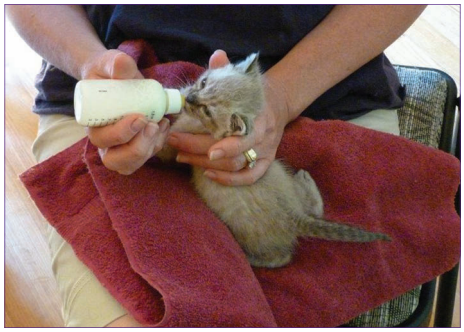
If you have pets, you may have toys, blankets, beds, crates, and other items that they no longer use. There are also several inexpensive household supplies you can purchase, such as cleaning supplies, office supplies, and even hand sanitizer. If you're unsure what we may need, please call and ask.

VOLUNTEER TIME

One of the easiest things you can do is to donate your time. Pet shelters need people to walk pets, socialize, and just play with them. Every time you volunteer, you are fueled by love.

Call the shelter for the next Volunteer Orientation date.

SPACE IN YOUR HOME: FOSTER CARE FOR PETS



Another way you can donate is to open your home to foster pets. Not only does this help get pets ready to be adopted, but it also frees up more room in the shelter so that more pets get the help they need.

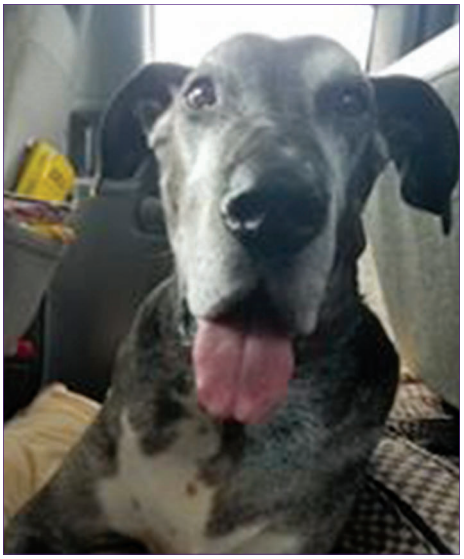
CAT AND DOG TREATS

The dogs and cats love treats!

The cats and dogs love treats whether homemade or purchased! Not only do treats reward for good behavior, but they provide staff and volunteers a chance for close interaction with our cats and dogs.

A BIG THANK YOU!

Thanks to our adopters, donors, volunteers, and foster families; your donations and time help our dogs and cats have a second chance at life! You along with our adoption partner, Clive PetSmart® and the veterinarians who work with our program: Fairfield Animal Hospital, Veterinary Clinic, PC, and the Quincy Humane Society made 2018 an amazing year for Noah's Ark.



A Memorial To Zeus

Hello Dawn,

I have been trying to muster the words to tell you that we had to make the hard decision last Wednesday to put our Zeus Man down. The tumor on his neck that we had removed in January had grown back very quickly and aggressively. It had started bleeding on and off, but on Tuesday night into Wednesday morning it would not stop and was getting worse and worse. I could tell he was tired, and his breathing was getting more and more labored. So, Wednesday afternoon, we said goodbye to our Zeus Man. I cannot put into words how thankful I am that we found him. I so much appreciate you giving him a chance being a senior, let alone a Great Dane senior.

He brought so much life and love to our family, and I will be forever grateful.

I realized that day that it had been 4 1/2 years to the day that we had adopted him from Noah's Ark. My heart is so heavy, but I know that everything I did was for him. It is so hard, but all I cared about was giving him a loving home until the very end.

Thank you again for everything.

—Caitlyn

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"

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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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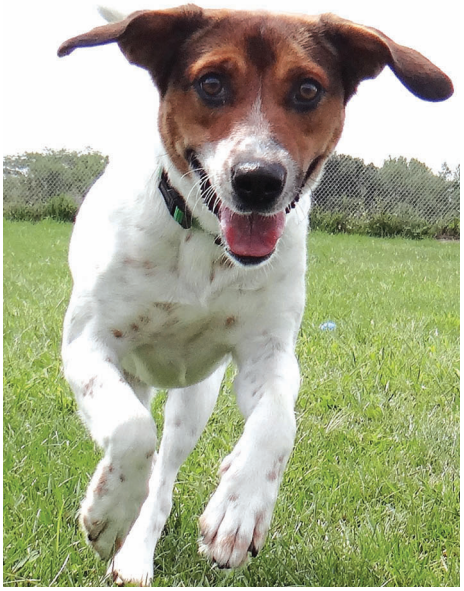

Happiness starts with a wet nose and ends with a wagging tail.