Noah's Ark Animal Foundation

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Think Like A Dog • Fall 2019 Newsletter

The most important thing is to think like a dog.

This is the advice offered by Will Steingreaber, former Noah's Ark staff, who now trains dogs professionally through his company Easy Dingo. Will started as a dog-walking volunteer in 2008, and in 2010 transitioned to a full-time employee, first as an Animal Care Technician, then Dog Program Manager. His understanding of dog behavior was heavily shaped and influenced by his experiences interacting with and learning from shelter dogs, and by the continuing education opportunities provided by the shelter through various programs and seminars.

Will also lived on-site at Noah's Ark for 3 years, in the upstairs apartment, where he gained valuable insight into the emotional lives of dogs through observation and self-study. He credits much of his growth and success to that immersive experience and recalls the period vividly and fondly. During that time, Will adopted a dog from Noah's Ark, Sonya, a Blue Heeler mix, who turns 9 years old this fall and has become his loyal companion and greatest teacher.

Will is starting his sixth year as a professional trainer, where he currently teaches group classes and private lessons, and offers custom day training services.

Helping to train staff and volunteers

Will Steingreaber

He also helps to train staff and volunteers at Noah's Ark, through an orientation held each month, and by assisting with dogs that have been returned due to behavior problems. It's these types of cases that inspired Will to start Easy Dingo in the first place.

He understands that most unwanted behaviors of dogs are rooted in emotions, instincts, and habits.

"Dogs often react out of frustration or fear; they are prone to overexcitement, insecurity, and cumulative stress. It's so important to build confidence and impulse control, to reinforce a calm mindset and fulfill primal needs, and to learn to listen and speak in their language. That's why I focus on the dog's perspective; their experience and perception of the world depends on our clear communication."

"Most problem behaviors are just symptoms of how they are feeling. Training can change how dogs feel and respond."

Will teaches volunteers how to reinforce calmness at thresholds like kennels and doorways and teaches shelter dogs that waiting patiently and being polite at these points of excitement can earn them access, attention, and treats. He also emphasizes the importance of maintaining a loose leash, rewarding eye contact, and using play to create engagement and motivation. He works with volunteers and adopters to help them improve their timing, mechanics, and leash handling. These simple skills practiced consistently result in more adoptable dogs and serve as a foundation for training and relationship building.

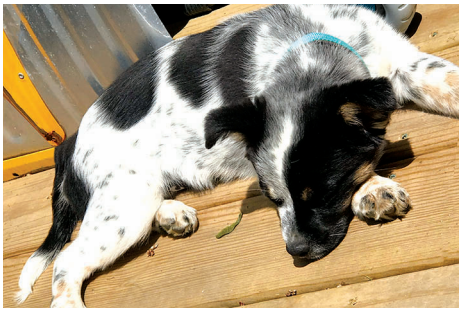
Spike in training

"I'm incredibly fortunate and thankful for my time at Noah's Ark, not just for the learning opportunities and handling experience I gained, but also for the relationships I formed. I've received so much support and encouragement, and it's great to be able to continue helping the shelter any way that I can."

Happy Endings

My sunshine doesn't come from the skies, it comes from the love in my dog's eyes.

Zumi



Enjoying the weather

Zumi is settling in just fine. From rolling around in the yard to sleeping on the deck enjoying the weather.

Thanks again Dawn.

—Devin

Blue

Settling in.

Here's a picture of Blue settling in. He's been great. My dog can't get enough of him. Such a great dog. Thanks again.

—Chris

If I could be half the person my dog is, I'd be twice the human I am.

Fen appreciates

Fenrir

Ken took this awesome picture over the weekend. Fen is a little on the psychotic side but is doing good. He has been blowing his coat forever it seems lol.

Thank you for doing what you do.

—Tammy

Nash, right at home now

Nash

Nash has made himself right at home.

—Kristi

Murray and Ivy

First trip on the kayaks

Hey! Just wanted to give an update on Murray and Ivy! Both are doing really well! They had their first trip on the kayaks this weekend and absolutely loved the water and enjoyed spending time together! Thanks again for allowing both of our families to adopt these puppies!

Keep up the great work!

—Joe and Nicole and Kristin and Erik

Doing really well

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

Volunteers do not necessarily have time; they just have the heart.

Microchips Brings Lost Pets Home

Microchips are about the size of a grain of rice and are implanted just beneath the skin's surface between the shoulder blades. The process is similar to receiving vaccination through a needle and is painless to your pet. Once implanted, the microchip remains in place for the rest of the animal's lifetime as a permanent form of identification.

Microchip and Vaccination Clinic on Saturday, October 19th

Noah's Ark Animal Foundation is hosting a low-cost Microchip and Vaccination Clinic on Saturday, October 19th from 11:00a.m. - 2:00p.m. The clinic will be held at the Noah's Ark Animal Foundation, 1986 Gear Avenue in Fairfield. No appointment is necessary. This clinic is open to the public; offering micro-chipping by a licensed veterinarian 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 being offered for only $15 each. Dog toenail trims for $15 and cat toenails $10.

Fairfield Animal Hospital's Dr. Bill Pollak donates his time to make these clinics happen. All proceeds benefit the animals and programs of Noah's Ark Animal Foundation. *Thank you Dr. Bill!*

Thank you!

Tammie and John Hartley sharing the $LoVe$ with Noah's Ark. Tammie and John presented Noah's Ark with a $1500.00 check to help fund our CCSNAP (Community Spay/Neuter Program). Janet Mullen, director of CCSNAP is accepting the check .

Tammie and John were part of an organization called Hogs4Dogs which disbanded earlier this year. Hogs4Dogs helped countless animals throughout Iowa in many ways. Their largest contribution to the pet community was helping with hundreds of spays and neuters for dogs and cats as well as helping folks with emergency vet care for their pets.

Noah's Ark appreciates your kindness and generosity.

October is Adopt a Shelter Dog Month.

Please adopt: you'll change a homeless animal's whole world AND get a new best friend!

Your Donations Really Help!

Noah's Ark appreciates all donations, no matter the size. We'd especially like to thank our monthly donors. These monthly contributions help create stability for our operations. 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.

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A Tribute to Wrigley

I am writing you about a wonderful dog originally named Flynn and renamed Wrigley. We had adopted Wrigley from you a little over two years ago and sadly on Monday June 10th he passed away very suddenly and unexpectedly. Wriggles was a very good dog, he enjoyed being on the farm herding cats with our other dog Ace. I even took him to an obedience class and dog show at the Hamilton County Fair where he won the rally class his first year.

He loved people and always got people to stop and stare at his unusual markings and loving nature. Wrigley will be greatly missed and I would like to thank you for allowing my family to have adopted such a wonderful dog from your shelter.

—Stacey

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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Richard Sarnat: Vice President, Jill Hebert: 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 – 4:00p.m. and Saturday 10:00 – 4:00p.m.

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