Noah's Ark Animal Foundation

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"Fall" in love with a friend for life • Fall 2020 Newsletter

2020, not typical but still amazing!

Dear friends and supporters of Noah's Ark,

Social distancing— a foreign concept to all of us until a few months ago. Now the whole world has changed and there isn't anyone who is not affected by what is happening around us – including Noah's Ark. 2020 has proved to be a challenging year, but with a few adjustments we are able to continue to be open at the shelter by appointment for adoptions and intake requests.

The shelter has continued to operate normally, rescuing and taking care of the dogs and cats in our facility.

We have adjusted our adoption and intake processes to keep everyone safe while continuing to adopt our dogs and cats into their forever homes.

Our adoption center at the PetSmart store in Clive (Des Moines) has reopened and is now staffed by a Noah's Ark adoption counselor each weekday evening from 5:00 to 8:30 pm. It doesn't take long for our kittens to find homes!

Some adoptions take longer, like our senior Mitzi. Despite being declawed, she spent many years living outdoors, surviving brutal winters. Mitzi will live comfortably at Noah's Ark until just the right home comes along.

Waiting for just the right home

Since 2001, Noah's Ark has actively promoted spay/neuter of community pets. Families that need assistance in these trying times can contact our CCSNAP (Caring Community Spay Neuter Assistance Program) and receive funding that will prevent unwanted litters. COVID has not slowed this work and over the years we find fewer and fewer strays as accidental litters are reduced.

Over the last few months, we have learned a lot about ourselves, our community, and our incredible supporters as we've navigated the COVID-19 pandemic together. You have helped us make a tremendous impact on both animals and pet owners in need during these unprecedented times and we could not be more grateful for you and your support.

A big thank you!

A big thank you goes to all our wonderful adopters, donors, volunteers and the veterinarians who work with our program:

- Fairfield Animal Hospital
- Veterinary Clinic, PC
- Keokuk County Vet Clinic
- Quincy Humane Society

Even though 2020 has not been a typical year, it has been an amazing year!

All our work continues to be supported solely by donations and grants. Please consider a donation to help us continue our work in savings lives. **Thank you so much from all of us!**

All the best,
Dawn Hauck,
Director

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

"The cat could very well be man's best friend but would never stoop to admitting it."

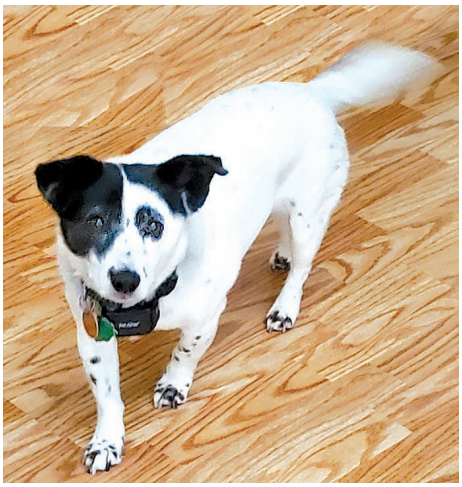
—Doug Larson

Where are they now?

"A person who has never owned a dog has missed a part of life." —Bob Barker

In this newsletter we are introducing our latest Facebook feature (https://www.facebook.com/NoahsArkIowa/), ***"Where Are They Now?"***. Noah's Ark alumni are reporting in, via their adoptive families, to let us know what they've been up to in the years since finding their forever home.

Enjoy



Jennie is living well

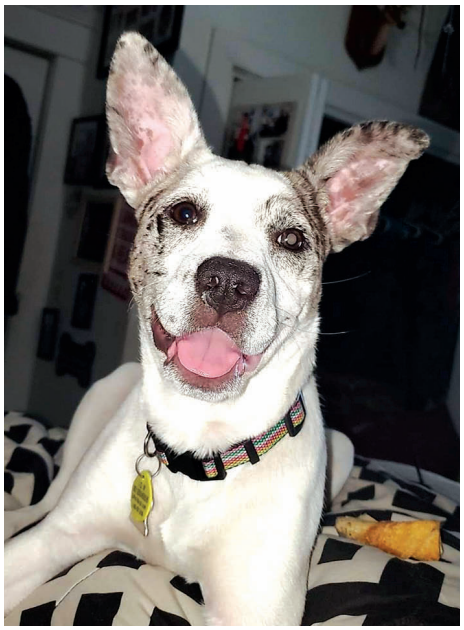
Jennie

My Dad, Bill Grunwald, saw Jennie and fell in love and brought her home. She brought them much joy and comfort through all their years together. Even when Dad's health was failing, she brought joy and purpose to him. Since that time, Jennie has become a great companion for Mom. Through Mom's health issues she brought joy and comfort again. Jennie even visited her in the hospitals and nursing homes. Now she is Mom's companion at home and still living well in Fairfield.

—John

OCTOBER IS ADOPT A SHELTER DOG MONTH.

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



Chloe is full of energy

Chloe

Hi there. We adopted Dottie from you a few months ago. *(We renamed her Chloe.)* She is super happy and full of energy and loves playing with her sister Mia. It's so hard to get a good picture of her while she is still awake but I thought you guys would like to see how she's grown.

—Katie

What a lucky kitty!

Annie

I adopted Annie from the Clive PetSmart almost 5 years ago. She is very smart and loving and keeps us on our toes. She is the official greeter of the house and offers up her belly for rubs to just about anyone. She is an avid bird and squirrel watcher and lets me know when I need to put more food out for her friends.

What a lucky kitty!

—Rebecca

We love our Cleo

Cleo

This year in September will mark 4 years since we adopted our baby Cleo. When we first adopted her Cleo was terrified, scared of meeting new people, of loud noises, and was very skittish. 4 years later and she has blossomed; she loves to snuggle and is just the biggest lover you could ever meet. We love our Cleo, thank you Noah's Ark for saving her.

—Ashley

Our very social and a cuddly lap cat.

Juniper

Hi! I adopted my cat from you in January via PetSmart in Clive *(her name at the time was Kolby but I changed it to Juniper.)*

We got her a cat tree and she loves being in the top basket because it lets her look out the window and play with the pull cords on the blinds. Thank you so much for taking care of her before she came to us. We're so happy to be her forever home.

—Regan

"If cats could talk, they wouldn't."
—Nan Porter

Happy Endings

"A cat is a puzzle to which there is no solution." —Hazel Nicholson"

Elsa and Branch—already totally loved

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They are already totally loved. The dogs are going to take a bit to settle in to this, but everyone else loves them. They have been renamed to Elsa & Branch. Elsa loves to play piano!

Thank you, Julie

Angelica is such a sweet girl

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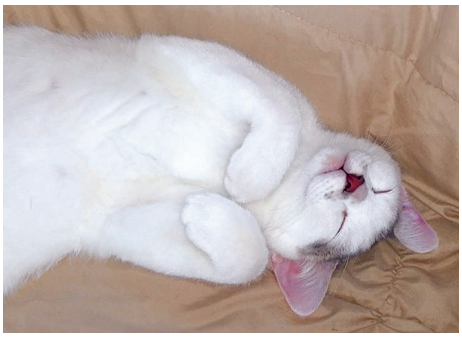
We are happy we took her home. She is such a sweet girl, happy, well adjusted Kitty!! Thank you so much!!

Heather, Aaron and Angelica



Ziggy has adjusted well

Ziggy

I just wanted to let you know that Ziggy has adjusted well into his new forever home! He gets along great with the dogs and seems to think that he is one too!

—Randee

Miss Dixie

Hello, I adopted Miss Dixie (formerly Queenie) at Petsmart. She has the most wonderful personality and is very, very loving. Thank you for the wonderful work you do. Again, thank you.

—Sincerely, Ann

Miss Dixie is absolutely wonderful!

Pongo

Hi, I just wanted to send some pictures of Jackson (Pongo) so you guys could see him! He has been the best addition to our family.

—Kevin

Pongo is the best addition to our family.

Baby Girl being extra feisty.

Baby Girl

Hey!! Baby girl has been fitting in perfectly with our family! She just started showing her personality yesterday. Playing a lot more and being extra feisty. She just started trotting through the house like she owns the place, it is the cutest thing ever!! Thank you again!

—Thad and Rachel Burkamper

Shaq had a long day

Shaq

Shaq (formerly Reggie) is doing well in his new home! He had a long day!

Thank you again so much, we are so very happy.

—Katelyn and Max

"I think dogs are the most amazing creatures; they give unconditional love. For me, they are the role model for being alive."

—Gilda Radner

Yes, I want to help save the lives of stray and homeless

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.
At this time, the shelter is open by appointment only. Please call 641-472-6080.

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Why did the chickens cross the road?

To get to Noah's Ark. Of course!!