Noah's Ark Animal Foundation

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The Power of a Microchip • Spring 2022 Newsletter

The Power of a Microchip!

Stryker Is One Lucky Cat!

Stryker showed up at Noah's Ark in March of 2013. He was thin, full of fleas and just plain tired. We're sure he'd used up one of his nine lives before arriving at the shelter. Shelter staff fell in love with this big lug and ensured he had good food, toys and a warm place to sleep. Stryker was close to a year old. Noah's Ark brought him back to health and thankfully he was negative for feline leukemia and FIV.

Styker was now ready for a new family! He was quickly adopted into a wonderful home, but a change in circumstances beyond their control necessitated his return to the shelter. Stryker had a great attitude, taking everything in stride and soon another family thought he was the perfect fit for them. Fingers crossed, this adoption was the one.

On December 27th, 2021, shelter staff could hardly believe their ears when a phone call came in from Grant County Shelter in Williamstown, Kentucky. One of our kitties had been turned into them as a stray at their shelter.

A traveling cat

Adoption Day

Lucky for Stryker, he had been microchipped years earlier by Noah's Ark. It didn't take them long to track down his information to our shelter.

So now, how do we get Stryker back to the shelter from Kentucky! Williamstown is 507 miles away from Fairfield. It seemed like an almost impossible task. Staff put their thinking caps on. Noah's Ark is lucky to have some wonderful volunteers! Ben and Rachel have been volunteering with Noah's Ark since 2012 and Rachel's family lives in Kentucky. Shelter staff gave Ben a call and fate was with us! Ben and Rachel were visiting Rachel's family in Kentucky and Williamstown was only an hour away.

On December 31st, Ben picked Stryker up from Grant County Shelter and began the long 7½ hour drive back to Fairfield. What a trooper! Ben brought Stryker into the shelter around midnight, just in time to ring in the New Year!

Stryker was in good shape when he came back and was soon ready for another new home. He was adopted by a wonderful family in February 2022. Anna and Izzy were so excited to take him home.

Why is microchipping important?

Stryker is the perfect example. With one in three pets becoming lost at some stage in their life, these tiny chips are your pet's best chance of being returned safely home if they do go missing.

Safely home

> *"Any glimpse into the life of an animal quickens our own and makes it so much the larger and better in every way."*
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> *John Muir, Naturalist*

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**

Happy Endings

"I think having an animal in your life makes you a better human." —Rachael Ray

Doing well

Franklin

Franklin is doing well in his forever home! Thanks again!

—Michael and Melissa

They adapted very quickly in our homes

Peanut Butter and Jelly

Hello! We adopted Cadillac (now named Peanut Butter) and Ford (now named Jelly) on September 13th. We love having them in our family and they have adapted very quickly in our home. They love playing with each other and us and LOVE to cuddle with us!

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to love these two sweethearts!

—Angie and Jeanne

"Until one has loved an animal, a part of one's soul remains unawakened."

—Anatole France, French Poet

The most wonderful dog!

Bea

I am writing to thank you for letting my family adopt a puppy named Bea. She is the most wonderful dog! I am attaching pictures to share of her growing and getting loved on—or more importantly—her loving on our kids! Thanks again!

—Jake

Loving her new home,

Nellie

Just wanted to send an update your way saying that Nellie is loving her new home, and I'm loving having her here just as much! She started out a little rowdy whenever I'd crate her and go to work, but she's adjusted well and has warmed up to her cage very well (with the help of many treats).

Thank you so much once again for helping me find my furry best friend, she's safe with me and will be part of my family forever. Till next time,

—Scott

Having a great day

Archie

We adopted Archie in 2018. He is now 3 years old and the best boy.

Thanks, have a great day.

—Brady

Fun at the reservoir

Isabel

Isabel loves her zoomies at the reservoir.

—Torrey

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Your Donations Really Help!

"An animal's eyes have the power to speak a great language." —Martin Buber

Many Thanks

Thank you! Thank all of you. You are all of our wonderful adopters, donors, foster families, volunteers, the veterinarians who work with our program: Fairfield Animal Hospital, Keokuk County Vet Clinic, Quincy Humane Society and Veterinary Clinic, PC and our adoption partner, Clive PetSmart® made 2021 an amazing year for Noah's Ark. Your generosity allowed us to rescue over 400 dogs and cats and place them in their forever homes. Amazing outcomes don't come from passion and commitment alone. They happen because the hardworking staff at Noah's Ark has the resources to make it happen: food, medication, cleaning supplies, training, and so much more. Noah's Ark receives no government funding for this work. All our work is supported solely by private donations and grants. And you, each of you. If our work in 2021 helped make your vision for animals come true, please consider a donation to help us continue our work. Thank you so much from all of us!

"If having a soul means being able to feel love and loyalty and gratitude, then animals are better off than a lot of humans."

—James Herriot, British Writer

Microchips Bring Lost Pets Home

Saturday, April 30th: Microchip and Vaccination Clinic

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.

Noah's Ark Animal Foundation is hosting a low-cost Microchip and Vaccination Clinic on Saturday, April 30th 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!**

Shelter Wish List

Help us stretch our dollars by donating supplies.

- »☐ Science Diet canned kitten food
- »☐ Cat toys
- »☐ Authority Cat Food: Chicken and Rice
- »☐ Clumping cat litter
- »☐ Canned cat food - Pate
- »☐ Cat beds
- »☐ Revolution Flea Treatment for Cats
- »☐ Purina Puppy Chow
- »☐ Science Diet Dry Adult Dog Food
- »☐ Kongs and other enrichment toys
- »☐ Dog collars and leashes
- »☐ Soft dog treats like Bill Jac's, and Pupperoni and Snausages
- »☐ Chicken broth
- »☐ K9 Advantix flea treatment
- »☐ Peanut Butter
- »☐ Gently used blankets and towels
- »☐ Paper towels
- »☐ Bleach
- »☐ Postage Stamps
- »☐ Pens
- »☐ Plastic trash bags – 13 Gallon
- »☐ Glass cleaner
- »☐ Murphy's Oil Soap
- »☐ Dryer sheets
- »☐ Dish washing liquid, especially blue Dawn
- »☐ Dishwasher detergent
- »☐ Gift cards: Walmart, Menards, Lowes, Amazon, TSC (Tractor Supply Co.)

Donations may be sent directly or dropped off at the shelter.

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 and directors for the year 2022 are David Sykes - Chairman of the Board and Founder, Janet Mullen - President, Richard Sarnat - Secretary, Jill Hebert - Treasurer, Darin Dowd - Director, and Dawn Hauck - Director of Operations.

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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"Time spent with cats is never wasted."

—Sigmund Freud

Meet Mateo, the new shelter greeter

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