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# Noah's Ark Animal Foundation

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*Bark 'n Purr • Fall 2022 Newsletter*

## Nobody's Purrfect

### Meet Maui

This adorable little 4-month-old was dumped at the shelter. We had set a humane trap for a kitty that had been roaming around the shelter. Imagine our surprise when we found this little cutie instead. Shelter staff weren't sure he was going to make it. Maui could barely stand up and his little head wouldn't stop shaking. We took him to the vet asap!

*Adorable and needing help*

Maui was diagnosed with cerebellar hypoplasia (CH). The vet said this was the first cat she had ever seen with CH. It is a condition that he inherited from his mother in the womb. Most likely, mom had feline distemper when she was pregnant. Maui's little brain did not develop properly causing him to have severe head twitches. Luckily, CH is not contagious nor painful. There is no cure or treatment for CH because it is a lack of development of the brain while the kitten is growing. Maui's head tremors get worse when he is stressed and when he eats. CH does not affect the lifespan or Maui's quality of life.

*Living the best life ever*

***Lucky for Maui, Noah's Ark was looking for a new shelter greeter. Maui has embraced his life at the shelter doing all the things a kitten loves to do.***

Maui's favorite toy is a little tunnel that he can run through and he loves batting around stuffed mice. He also likes to climb to the highest platform on his cat tower to take a snooze, which makes staff a little nervous.

Staff now think that Maui has vitiligo which is a condition that causes depigmentation in his fur. Nothing serious, just some pretty white hair in his jet-black coat.

***Now Maui looks distinguished and wise with this sprinkling of gray hairs.***

*Happy in his new home*

*The official new shelter greeter*

## How to Prevent Cerebellar Hypoplasia in Cats

***The prevention of cerebellar hypoplasia couldn't be simpler... Vaccinate! Vaccinate! Vaccinate!***

The vaccine used to protect cats against panleukopenia, aka feline distemper, is considered a core vaccine. This means it is recommended for all cats except for pregnant female cats. It's important to NOT vaccinate pregnant cats, so when in doubt, wait a month or so to see if a cat is pregnant. (The length of time for a feline pregnancy is right around 63 days.) After the kittens are delivered, it's best to wait another month or so before vaccinating the mother.

***Everyone that meets him, falls in love. Maui is going to live the best life ever at Noah's Ark.***

# Happy Endings

*"You can't change a dog's past, but you can rewrite the future." —anonymous*

## Franklin and Heath

*A cat happy ending*

Hello! We've had Franklin for 8 months and rescued Heath about five weeks ago! Both are doing really well! Enjoy their Halloween pics! Hahaha!

*—Melissa*

*Napping in his new home.*

## Tyson

Tyson is loving his sister and new home!!

*—Rose*

*After a long day*

## Cooper

One week in and Cooper (Poppy) is settling in great!!! After a long day of playing.

*—Sunchet*

*Sharing the ice cream*

## Camo aka Logan

Just wanted to update you all at Noah's Ark. Camo aka Logan is 1 year old! We spoiled him! He got his own cheeseburger, a stop at our local ice cream shop where he got a pup cup and he got to go to the dog park. We just adore him! He's 98lbs now, a total goofball and has held up mastiff standards by being lazy, sleeping 20hrs a day and making it known that we share the bed with him. We wouldn't want it any other way.

—James & Erin

## Margo

*An absolute joy*

We adopted Demi, named changed to Margo, last Nov 2021. She is a healthy 38 pounds and an absolute joy. We had a test to determine her breed and I wanted to pass that along to you. She is 30.6% Pit Bull Terrier, 19.4% German Shepard, 10.3% Russell Terrier, 10.3% Australian Cattle Dog, 9.3% Saint Bernard, 7.3% Weimaraner, and 12.8% Super Mutt, little % of everything else.

*—Del*

*So loved*

## Oliver

Hello Dawn! Oliver is the best puppy in the whole wide world!

Thank you! Thank you! Oliver is so loved and he is giving so much love in return.

*—Cindy*

## SUCCESS STORIES!

***Did you adopt an animal from us?*** We would LOVE to hear from you. Email us **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

*"There are few things in life more heartwarming than to be welcomed by a cat." —Tay Hohoff*

## Thank you! Thank all of you.

***You are all of our wonderful adopters, donors, foster families, volunteers, and 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 2022 an amazing year for Noah's Ark.

Special thanks to the Animal Relief Grant for generously giving Noah's Ark $7,150 toward spays and neuters. The Fairfield Lost Option Sales Tax also granted us $7,500 for our Caring Community Spay Neuter Program.

Your generosity allowed us to rescue over 350 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 of our work is supported solely by private donations and grants. And you, each of you.

If our work in 2022 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!***

**"A cat will do what it wants, when it wants and there's not a thing you can do about it."**
**—Frank Perkins**

## OCTOBER: Adopt a Shelter Dog Month.

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

*Secondhand animals make first class pets.*

## Amazon Smile

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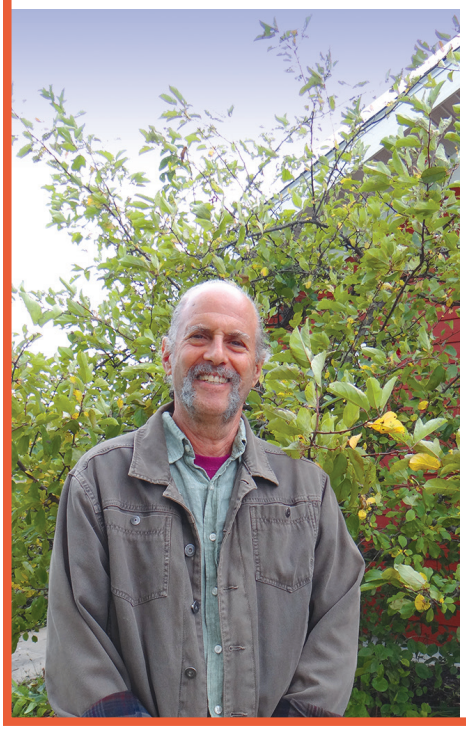
**"One cat just leads to another."**
**—Ernest Hemingway**

## Microchips Bring 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.



**Noah's Ark Animal Foundation is hosting a low-cost Microchip and Vaccination Clinic on Saturday, October 29th, 11:00a.m. to 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!**

## 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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**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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### Adopt a Shelter Dog Month.

**Live Love Rescue!**

*Honey with her new bling*