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Noah's Ark Animal Foundation

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Second Chances • Fall 2023 Newsletter

Miracles

Cats and kittens look fragile, but they can survive amazing odds. Young Ollie is a prime example of how resilient these little ones are.

Ollie

Ollie was found on the highway barely clinging to life. He certainly had a rough start. Ollie was underweight weighing only ½ pound and had fleas running through his fur. His left eye had ruptured leaving him without sight in that eye and his right eye was soon to have the same fate.

Ollie was clinging to life

As soon as this little fella came into the shelter, staff went into overdrive to save his life. An appointment was made with our vet clinic to assess his overall well-being. The doctor decided that it was in Ollie's best interest to remove both eyes.

And the healing begins!

It took some time, but Ollie is now thriving!

Watching him play, you would never know he was blind. Ollie tears around the shelter with his pals, Maui and Merle. He climbs up to the highest level of his cat tower and Supermans off the top when he is ready to get down. Ollie loves his cat dancer and turbo scratcher. Shredding paper is another favorite activity.

Ollie loves his turbo scratcher

Ollie may be vision impaired, but he is getting on with life and thriving.

Trina

Trina is another special little girl. She was rescued by a lady that happened to see her trying to escape under a trailer. This brave person scooped her up and brought her to Noah's Ark. Trina has suffered a traumatic injury to her front left leg, even her little shoulder blade needed to be removed. But she survived and is a spunky little lady!

Spunky Trina

Rocky

This handsome orange boy was found and brought to the shelter by a caring person. It was apparent that Rocky had a significant injury to his left back leg. The leg had been wrapped with elastic tape so tight that it was cutting off circulation to the leg and oozing with infection.

Rocky was taken to the vet and it was quickly determined that he would need surgical intervention to prevent infection from spreading throughout his body. The leg was amputated, and Rocky was on the road to recovery.

It is amazing how easily cats adapt to having only three legs.

Rocky

After a few weeks, Rocky was ready for his new home. His family reports that he is having the best cat life ever and that he doesn't show any signs of missing that back leg.

Precious lives are saved by your generous donations. Thank you!

Happy Endings

"Dogs have their day but cats have 365." —Lilian Jackson Braun

Very well bonded

Copper and Grizzly

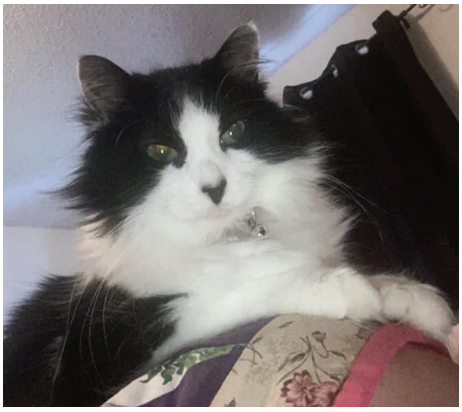
Good Morning. We are so happy we ended up taking both pups, I think they are very bonded. While life is chaos with 2 puppies and 2 kitties at home, we are enjoying having them.

—Amy

Charlie

Charlie was adopted from Noah's Ark through PetSmart. She has zoomies all the time, she is constantly meowing and pawing at us for attention and pets. We wouldn't trade her for anything! She is so funny and silly, she added a little spunk to our lives.

—Samantha



"Hey! Pay attention to me!"

"What greater gift than the love of a cat."
—Charles Dickens

Our favorite furry animal

Shadow

It's hard to believe it has been 2 years since I adopted my Shadow. This is his favorite spot to watch the neighborhood while the sun warms him. I am sending my donation via mail.

Thank you again for all you do and the joy you help bring to so many furry animals! Keep up the good work.

—Pat

Titan in his forever home

Titan

Hello, 10 years ago today Titan joined our family after Noah's Ark helped find him a forever home. He's been such a special member of our family and we are so grateful for the work that you did to help bring us together. Titan is enjoying his 10 year "gotcha" cupcake.

Thank you so much for everything you do.

—Joe

Boots

We adopted Bunny, now "Boots" on 5/1/23 and she is a wonderful companion. It has been two weeks today and she has totally trained her "staff" to understand and meet her every need. She's explored all 3 floors of her new home and has designated some favorite places. It's so funny, we tell her "Boots, it's time for bed", and she knows to get off the sofa and follow us upstairs to bed.

—Linda

Boots has totally trained us

Emma and Smudge

Smudge

We adopted Smudge (tiger stripe) this past January from Pet Smart in West Des Moines. Emma, one of our kittens, was immediately drawn to him and Smudge responded by cleaning and snuggling with her. He has been an excellent big brother to both kittens. He is a great addition to our family.

Thanks.

—Erica

Happenings at the Ark

"Rescue: It's not just a verb. It's a promise." —Anonymous

OCTOBER: Adopt a Shelter Dog Month.

Please adopt!

Rescue dogs are hidden treasures waiting to shine.

Microchip and Vaccination Clinic

Noah's Ark Animal Foundation is hosting a low-cost Microchip and Vaccination Clinic on:

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7TH FROM 11:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.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!**

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.

Remembering Our Guardian Angels

Cindy Biggs	Ryan Lang	Jerry Vonderheide
Thelma Shy	Jerry Sirdoreus	Carol Ann Snyder
Louis Bloomquist	Debra Griffin Nuckolls	Peggy Rogers
Pat Bates	Teresa Palm	Shirley Rea
Dorothy Sargent	Justin Malloy	Judith Eddy
Margie Mairet	Marilyn Nelson Bergess	Violet Findlay
Betty Foreman Wallace	Marjorie VanWinkle	Jennifer Dooley
John Moore	Shirley Heston	Steven Coleman

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***

"Some people see an unfortunate dog sitting in a shelter. I see an angel that someone threw away."
—Anonymous

Many Thanks

A big thank you to 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 The Veterinary Clinic, PC along with our adoption partner, Clive PetSmart® for making 2023 an amazing year for Noah's Ark.

Special thanks to the Animal Relief Grant for generously giving Noah's Ark $7,500 toward spays and neuters. The Fairfield Lost Option Sales Tax also granted us $7,500 for our Caring Community Spay Neuter Program. The Fairfield Walmart (store #985) granted us $1,500 to help care for the dogs and cats.

Your generosity allowed us to rescue over 300 dogs and cats in 2023 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, grants and you, each of you.

If our work in 2023 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

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

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"How is it possible that out of all the dogs in the world, the best ones are rescues?"
—Anonymous

True love is a hop, skip and a dog shelter away!