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Enzo the Aussiedoodle: A Life Full of Love and Fur

Given to a family at six weeks, Enzo began his life on a farm; full of life, where children, animals, and plants thrived together. He spent his days racing through the fields and rolling around in the tall grass with the children. The kids adored him—his joyful energy was contagious.

Enzo, a happy, wiggly boy

Enzo was a bundle of energy, with a coat of fur that seemed to grow wilder and more unruly by the day. As an Aussiedoodle, he had inherited the best traits from both his Australian Shepherd and Poodle parents: intelligence, agility, and an undeniable love for people. But there was one thing Enzo didn't share with his fellow Aussiedoodles—he had never been groomed. His fur grew into wild waves and tangles.

Enzo 's family decided that keeping his beautiful coat groomed was too much for them to handle and surrendered him to Noah's Ark.

Noah's Ark was happy to take in this handsome pup. Even though his fur was matted to his skin and had to hurt, Enzo was a happy, wiggly boy.

Enzo's life at Noah's Ark was idyllic: great food, soft beds and lots of toys and treats.

Enzo did test positive for two tick-borne diseases—Lyme's disease and E Canis. The news was unsettling but with the right treatment and some rest, Enzo would recover.

Noah's Ark decided it was time. Time for Enzo to experience something that no Aussiedoodle should ever go without: his first grooming session. We made an appointment at Bodhi's Hollow Grooming, a local grooming salon known for its gentle touch with even the most reluctant dogs.

Enzo, having never been to a grooming place before, wasn't sure what to expect. He was a little nervous, but the moment he entered Bodhi's Hollow Grooming, he was met with a soft voice, soothing music, and the gentle hands of a groomer named Nicole. He might have been nervous at first, but Enzo soon realized that he was in good hands.

Nicole worked her magic, carefully detangling his fur and shaving away the knots, and even giving him a bath. Enzo's coat, once a tangled mess, began to shine as it was cleaned and shaped.

After Nicole had worked her magic

By the end of the session, Enzo looked like a new dog— fresh, soft, and definitely ready for his new home.

With Enzo's health restored and his coat finally tamed, he was more ready than ever to take on the world.

The moral of Enzo's story is this: If you are thinking about adopting a "doodle mix", this dog will need regular grooming for its lifetime. And please routinely visit your vet to have disease prevention vaccines, flea/tick and heartworm treatment.

Your pup will thank you and give your family the boundless love and loyalty of a dog who is more than just a pet, a true friend and companion.

A house is not a home without a pet.

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

Cats are like little furry alarm clocks that only go off when you're trying to sleep.

Bella

I adopted Fiona yesterday and renamed her Bella. She is doing great! I am totally in love with her and so happy she is mine. Thanks for taking her, and her siblings, in and providing them with the care they deserve.

—Sincerely, Marilyn

Dolly

Dolly is doing really well. She has come out of her shell and found her tail wag. She went to a class with Melissa at Pawsibilites in Ottumwa and is officially a good citizen. She loves meeting new people and loves her life.

Thanks for letting me adopt her. She's a wonderful addition to my pet family!

—Kathy

Charley

Hello! I thought you'd like a picture of Charley, who we adopted through you. He's a cuddler, eats anything, very loyal and protective. We are lucky to have him. We could do without his need to destroy patio furniture buuuut are happy with our goofy boy.

—Anna

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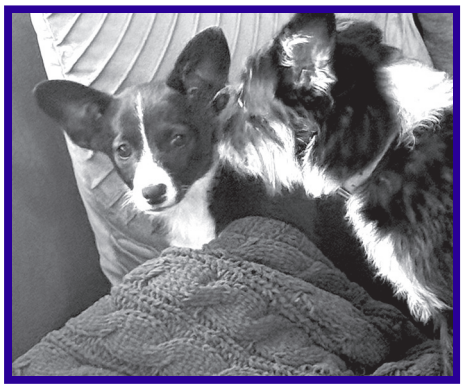


Chula

I wanted to send a few photos from when we arrived home with Chula. So far she loves playing outside with our other dog Quita, going for a walk, running around the house chasing Quita, taking naps, and playing with toys! She even went potty outside, so maybe she will be a fast learner at potty training! She is such a sweetheart. We are so happy to have her in our family! Thanks for letting me come get her today.

—Kaylyn

Freya

Wanted to share an update about Freyja. She has been doing great and we have had a lot of fun since I adopted her. I've taught her a few tricks and she gets tons of play time with her dog friends both at the park here in Burlington and with my mom's dogs at her home. She has brought me loads of joy and I am amazingly happy that I got to welcome her into my home.

— Dekker

MAKE A DONATION TO NOAH'S ARK WITH OUR NEW QR CODE!

It's easy!

- Position your cell phone camera over the QR code.
- Wait for your camera to recognize the QR code.
- Press scan or capture.
- Follow the link to Noah's Ark website (noahsark.org/donate-now/)
- All donations are tax deductible!

Happenings at the Ark

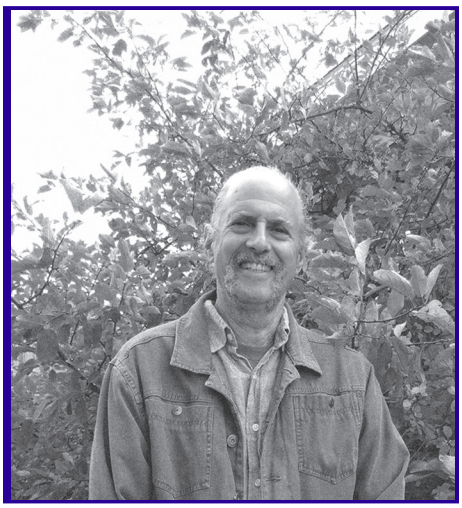
Dogs laugh, but they laugh with their tails.

April 30 is National Adopt A Shelter Pet Day

Show your love and support this National Adopt A Shelter Pet Day — make a difference to an animal in need by adopting a pet today!

Get ready to give a forever home to an animal in need on National Adopt A Shelter Pet Day, April 30! This special day was created to help raise awareness of animals that are up for adoption and encourage more people to open their hearts and homes by giving these lovable pets a second chance. Not only will you be giving an animal the loving home they deserve, but you'll also be gaining an amazing new family member.

Low-Cost Microchip and Vaccine Clinic!



Save the date! Saturday, April 26th; 11:00 – 2:00
No appointment necessary

This clinic is open to the public; offering microchipping by a licensed veterinarian for $25 which includes free registration of the chip. Rabies vaccinations ($20), as well as yearly vaccines for dogs (distemper/ parvo & 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 of Noah's Ark Foundation.

Please bring all dogs on leash and cats in carriers. Thank you!

Remembering Our Guardian Angels

Wilma Hootman
Ross Walker
Thomas Hauck
Mary Switzer
Susan Martin
Kathy Kline
Frank Nicely
Socks, the Cat
Avid Grimm
Wendell Ensminger
Debi Ayers
Kathy Baker
Linda Ramzy
Meeko, our beloved shelter greeter

Memorials

Goodbyes are so hard

Noah's Ark had to say goodbye to our shelter greeter and a beloved member of the family. Meeko wasn't just a dog—he was a constant companion, a source of joy, and a reminder of the purest love we can experience.

It would take all this page to talk about Meeko.

Rest in peace, dear Meeko. You are missed every day.

He was quite the character.

Many Thanks!

Thanks to all our adopters, donors, volunteers and foster families; your donations and time help our dogs and cats have a second chance at life.

Over the past 25 years, we have placed over 3,500 dogs, 3,600 cats and helped spay or neuter over 13,700 dogs and cats.

You, along with our adoption partner, Clive PetSmart and the veterinarians that work with our program: Fairfield Animal Hospital, Keokuk County Veterinary Clinic and Animal Health Clinic Ottumwa have made the past 25 years amazing!

Let's go for 25 more!
A Big Thank You!

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is found in the simple things
—like a tennis ball.

Kya's Joy

Tails of Hope

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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Noah's Ark operates an Iowa licensed animal shelter at 1986 Gear Avenue, Fairfield, IA 52556.

At this time the shelter is open on Tuesday from 11:00 to 3:00, other days by appointment. Please call 641-472-6080.