Noah's Ark Animal Foundation

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From My Paws to Your Heart • Spring 2026 Newsletter

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Hi friends, My name is Charlie, and I'm a shepherd mix with a big heart and an even bigger love for people and pups.

My story at the shelter began on June 14, 2023. I was only 4 months old then — just a cute yellow and black puppy trying to figure out the world. I had been rescued from a neighboring vet clinic, and while I didn't understand everything that was happening, I knew I was safe. Noah's Ark became my home.

I learned the daily routine and discovered some of my favorite things. I love long walks—all the smells and sights make every day an adventure.

Car rides? The best. If you've got snacks and a window, I'm your co-pilot for life.

Charlie as a youngster.

But what I love most… is friendship. I waited at the shelter for over a year, watching other dogs find their forever families. I put on my adoption eyes and wagged my tail for them—I hoped my turn would come too. And it did.

Charlie, all grown up.

In September 2024, I was adopted. I finally had a home of my own. A family. A couch. A place where I thought I'd stay forever.

But sometimes life changes in ways we can't control.

In August 2025, I was returned to the shelter—through no fault of my own. The staff made sure everyone knew that. They reminded me I'm still a good boy. Still lovable. Still deserving of forever.

So here I am again… leash ready, tail wagging, heart open.

I still love long walks. I still love car rides. I still love the friendship of other dogs. And I still believe my forever family is out there—maybe reading about me right now. If you're looking for a loyal best friend, and an adventure partner, who will love you with his whole heart…

I'm waiting.

—With hope (and lots of tail wags),
Love, Charlie

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.

USER REVIEW OF NOAH'S ARK

Barney, Guest Columnist

Hi, it's Barney here! I came to Noah's Ark in May 2025, and I can honestly report it's been pretty great. I'm still waiting for a home of my own, but Noah's Ark is the next best thing!

The accommodations are very comfortable—I have my own bed and blanket, plus lots of toys and treats. The food service is great too… though I do wish they'd sneak in some juicy table scraps now and then! Still, I always have a nice warm place to lay my head every night.

When the weather's nice, my days are spent romping and barking outside with my dog friends, especially Charlie! Sometimes volunteers take me for walks out in the country, which I especially love —there are so many amazing smells to check out! Sometimes, I get an ice cream Pup Cup!

All in all, I'd give this place a definite four-paw review. But what I'd really love most… is a forever home to call my own.

Happy Endings

The path to happiness is paved with paw prints.

Goose

Just wanted to give an update on Goose—AKA Sid—now that he's been home for a month! Goose can now sit, stay, heel, and lay down on command with fair consistency. He knows where his kennel is but doesn't love it - he is still getting used to the knowledge that he isn't going to be locked up forever. He spends his day in the back yard but with access to our garage for warmth and shelter from the rain, until his bladder is big enough he can be inside when we are working.

He's working on nipping when excited and leash etiquette, with gradual improvements in both areas. He is also working on signaling when he is to use the bathroom…. With a few accidents.

He has killed two toy hedgehogs, loves chicken and pumpkin purée, and LOVES meeting our women and children neighbors. He isn't so sure about the men! He thinks the cats want to play with him (and they do not).

Overall, we are all learning a lot, but we are so glad to be his forever home.

—Kaitlyn

Teddy

Hi Dawn, Happy Holidays!

Teddy is doing great. We're staying pretty warm, but we have a real winter on our hands. Hope all is well and love to all the little critters.

—Jan

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Bear

Bear is already part of our family.

—Destiny

Adopting saves two lives; the one you adopt and the one waiting to come into the shelter.

Lilly

Hello! Lilly acts as though she has always been in this house. She has explored and met the others and has even climbed onto my lap for scritches and rubs. I believe it was meant to be. I know you will share with Shayla. Thank you both!

—Carol

Ratchet

Loving his new home and best friend, Pickles, a pot belly pig.

—Tabitha

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

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

It's Hip to Snip

Spaying and neutering your pets is one of the best things you can do for them; your dog or cat will live a healthier and longer life. Noah's Ark received several spay/neuter grants in 2025; including $7808.45 from Animal Relief Foundation, a benefit trust established by Addie Hazel Meek, $3500 from the Suzanne Smelcer Robinson Foundation, $8500 from the City of Fairfield L.O.S.T. grant, $2500 from Walmart and individual donors.

These funds are used by our Caring Community Spay/Neuter Assistance Program (CCSNAP) to help subsidize spays and neuters for strays and owned dogs and cats.

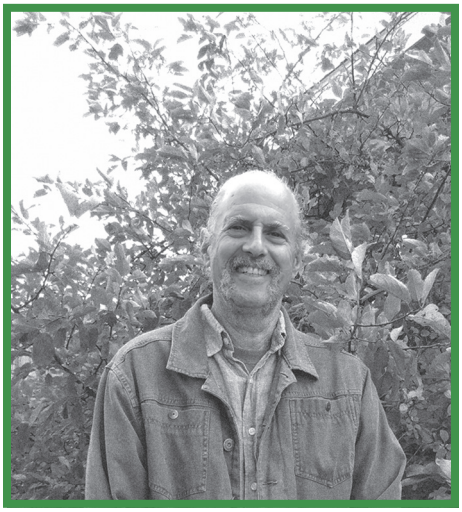
Thanks to these grants and donations, in 2025, we helped alter 1,380 animals through participating veterinary clinics.

Why is this so important? Because no shelter can adopt its way out of the homeless pet problem—it has to be addressed at the source. To help us continue this important work, please consider a tax-deductible donation.

Low-Cost Microchip and Vaccine Clinic! Saturday, May 16th from 11:00 am to 2:00

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 a vaccination through a needle and is painless to your pet. Once implanted, the microchip remains in place for the animal's lifetime as a permanent form of identification.



Low Cost Microchip and Vaccination Clinic

Noah's Ark Animal Foundation is hosting a low-cost microchip and vaccination clinic on Saturday, May 16th from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. The clinic will be held at Noah's Ark Animal Foundation, 1986 Gear Avenue in Fairfield.

No Appointment Neccessary

The clinic is open to the public; offering microchipping by a licensed veterinarian for $25 which includes free registration of the chip. Rabies vaccines are being offered for $20 as well as yearly vaccines for both dogs and cats (DA2PP, Bordatella and FVRCP) for only $15 each. Dog toenail trims are $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 Foundation.

—Thank you Dr. Bill.

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

Happy Faces

The happy faces in our newsletter are a result of being able to rescue and rehome the strays in our community and surrounding areas into loving families.

Whether you donate money, your time or items that can be used in the shelter, you can make a huge difference in the lives of our dogs and cats.

We could not be more grateful for you and your support.

Check out the new TikTok page for Noah's Ark to see lots of cute pictues and videos. Follow us on TikTok @ https://www.tiktok.com/@noahsark.iowa?_t=ZP-90pdqbcomZr&_r=1 for daily smiles, waggin tails and rescue love.

Remembering Our Guardian Angels

Jody Draznin
Ruth Best
Simba
Cindy Hahn
Margaret Curtis
Sue Nicely
Crystal Reneker
Dixie Richardson
Don Harwood
Colleen Hamberg
Lu Brown
Steven Olmstead
Betty Clark
Steve Pilkington
Bonnie Ridgley
Katie and Lily

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 2025 are David Sykes: President, Chairman of the Board and Founder, Shane Zisman: Vice President and Secretary, Rick Sarnat: Director, Ken Ross: Director, and Dawn Poetting: 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 on Tuesday from 11:00 to 3:00, other days by appointment. Please call 641-472-6080.

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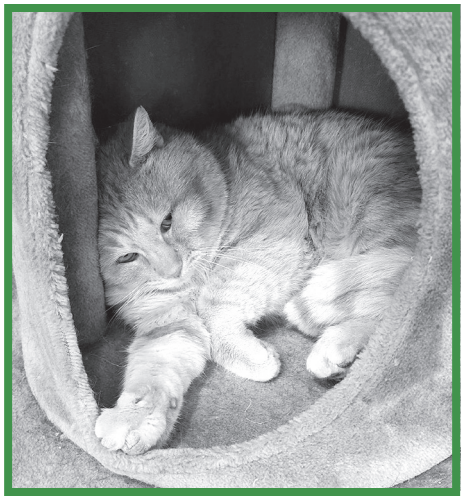

Perry knows best

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