



Short notice! Rescues happen when they happen.

HOMeward BOUND

A NEVER-ENDING VOYAGE OF LOVE AND HOPE

It was a leap of faith.

We said YES to this mom and her eight pups because we believe that a friend like you will say YES to Fostering them for about six weeks.

They are arriving from Pine Ridge Reservation this coming Saturday, February 29th.



KC, our colleague with Light Shine Canine Rescue writes:

"Two of our team members were driving on a country road at Pine Ridge - which is the majority of roads there - and they saw this really skinny nursing mother on the side of the road. She had the hunched-over posture of a very cold dog. The team members fed her. She was very very sweet."

"They sat and watched the dog for a few minutes, and when she got up to leave, they followed her up to an abandoned trailer that had no windows and no doors.



"Inside the trailer, they found a litter of eight tiny puppies. The people who live in the house kind of next-door had put a blanket in there, but the babies were still totally in the cold. Their eyes are now open and they are waddling around. In this picture, I think they were cuddling together to stay warm. By Saturday, they'll probably be three weeks old - maybe a couple days more than that.



"The mother and her pups are in veterinary and boarding now. We will have her fattened up a little this week but you can still see her ribs. She's giving everything she's got - which isn't much - to her babies so we are giving her good food and lots of water."

Mom and her eight pups will be transported from the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota to Animal Ark this coming Saturday, February 29 - a Leap Day that only happens once every four years.

The chance of beginning a whole new life on a Leap Day is 1 in 1,461.

Very lucky dogs. Very lucky Foster!

If you can open your heart and your home to this homeless family, please complete a Foster Application on our web site. animalarkmn.org/foster. We'll get back to you ASAP because all of this is coming down fast.

We will provide everything you need and everything you need to know. All you need to provide is a safe, loving home. It will really help get these young lives started on the right paw.

Yes, this is very short notice. Rescues are like that. They happen when they happen - but they save innocent lives every time that they do.

If you can't Foster, please forward this to friends who may be able to. *Thanks!*

NEW VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

**SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. at Animal Ark
2600 Industrial Court, Hastings MN 55033**

After the Orientation, you're welcome to hang out with Volunteers who once sat where you'll be sitting and maybe meet the dogs and cats they love. If you plan to join us, please [CLICK HERE](#) to visit the Volunteer page on our web site and complete the [Volunteer Application](#).

NOTE: For your protection and ours, you will need to provide an ID and Insurance Card before you can work with the animals. We hope to hear from you soon!

Mark Your Calendar!

This year's 3K Walk is Saturday, June 6!

Last year's family-friendly 3K Walk was our biggest yet, but with your help, we'll more than *double* the walkers, the donations, and the *FUN!* Please ask your friends to mark their calendars and join you. *Thanks!*



Be a Sustaining Member and support our Fosters for the cost of a latte per month!

At Animal Ark, our donors are also *Members* who have a voice in how we are governed. [Sustaining Members](#) are angels who automatically donate as little as \$5 each month via PayPal or their credit or debit card.

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FOR
ANIMAL ARK
MONTH



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