



Short notice! Rescues happen when they happen.

# **HOMeward BOUND**

A NEVER-ENDING VOYAGE OF LOVE AND HOPE

## **THANK YOU!**

We said YES to this mom and her eight pups because we believed that a friend like you would say YES to Fostering them.

***SOMEONE DID!***

They are arriving from Pine Ridge Reservation this coming Saturday, February 29th, and their Foster Home will be waiting for them!



**IN CASE YOU MISSED IT, KC, our colleague with Light Shine Rescue wrote:**

*"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."*

Thanks to your response to our call for help, Mom and her eight pups will have a Foster Home ready and waiting for them when they arrive from Pine Ridge this Saturday.

If you had considered helping, please don't feel that you missed out! We have all sorts of wonderful dogs and cats who have been in our shelter too long and need to get into a loving Foster Home.

Every time a friend like you says YES to Fostering, it opens up space at our shelter so we can say YES to another innocent dog or cat with no place else to go.

Visit our web site and look at who's in the [UnderDogs & UnderCats](#) section on our home page. They have all been waiting too long, and will all be loving companions for the right Foster Parent(s). If you can open your heart and your home to any of these innocents, please complete a [Foster Application](#) on our web site. Go to [animalarkmn.org/foster](http://animalarkmn.org/foster).

As a Foster Parent, we'll provide you with everything you need and everything you need to know. All you'll need to provide is a safe, loving home. Maybe with a Foster dog or cat in your life, you'll be able to answer the age-old question:  
*"Who rescued whom?"*

**Our goal is to add 10 new Fosters per month.** Not all will be asked to start Fostering right away. We need a group of pre-approved Fosters who can be standing by to help on short notice - like with the mom and her pups above. Rescues happen when they happen - and innocent lives are at stake every time 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.

We believe in Sustaining Memberships so strongly that Lorraine and all board members are Sustainers. [CLICK HERE](#) to join us for as little as the cost of one latte per month!



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FOR  
ANIMAL ARK  
MONTH



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