Spring 2020 Edition

HOMEWARD BOUND

A NEVER-ENDING VOYAGE OF LOVE AND HOPE

NO-KILL SINCE 1977 Animal Ark
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ANNUAL 3K WALK: SATURDAY, JUNE 6

Mark your calendars for Animal Ark's biggest fundraiser of the year!

- Dogs!
- Music!
- Silent Auction!
- Food!
- Fun!

Join us for our biggest fundraiser of the year! 2019 surpassed our expectations with $24,000 raised! This year we set the bar even higher: Our goal for 2020 is to raise **$40,000**. Visit **www.animalarkmn.org/walk** for details. Stick around after the walk for games, music and activities for the entire family! Come have fun and help raise funds and awareness!

Saturday, June 6, 10:00 a.m.
Animal Ark
2600 Industrial Court, Hastings, MN 55033

A HEARTWARMING DONATION

Board Member Phil Triantafyllou with a grateful Ark resident.

Donating to Animal Ark can give you a warm feeling...sometimes literally. Animal Ark staff recently noticed that parts of our shelter were colder than usual. We called our friends at ONE HOUR Heating & Air Conditioning and they gave us the bad news: One of our furnaces was breaking down.

The cost to replace the furnace would have been burdensome. That's when ONE HOUR made a wonderful gesture: They would donate the furnace to Animal Ark!

The furnace was installed and our animals are once again toasty and warm. Their generosity floored us. What could have caused a severe financial hardship for Animal Ark instead turned into an opportunity to see how generous people can be. We are proud to welcome Benjamin Franklin, the Punctual Plumber, ONE HOUR Heating & Air Conditioning, and Mister Sparky Electric as business partners. Your kindness and generosity are appreciated more than we can say!

ADOPTION STORIES

Bono's adoptive mom had recently lost a beloved pet, also adopted from Animal Ark. Our executive manager introduced her to a diabetic kitty, Bono. The rest is history. Bono's new mom soon brought him home, where this cherished cat has "become one of the dogs," eagerly vying for treats with his rescue dog companions. Bono takes his meals atop the grand piano, pampered as a cat should be! Three species living in harmony: Feline, canine and human sharing the unique bond that forms when animals that might otherwise have been overlooked find just the right forever home.

Nikki is pictured here with her stuffed cheetah, her favorite toy even when she lived at Animal Ark. Nikki was yet another "love at first sight" story. Nikki's adoptive mom was grateful that Animal Ark held Nikki for three weeks while she waited for her home sale to close. At Animal Ark, we do what we can to accommodate special requests. Anything to ensure a lucky dog like Nikki finds just the right forever home!

A very special "In Memoriam" from the adoptive mom of Betty.

I just wanted to write and share this with you. 17 years ago I had just moved into my very first apartment on my own. My mom decided to bring me to the Animal Ark to pick out a cat as a birthday present. I remember standing in the kitten room, a bit overwhelmed by the choice, when a little white ball of fur came running at me, jumped, and climbed up to my shoulder. I thought, I guess I'll take this one then!

Her name was Sparkles which I quickly replaced with Betty. When I brought her home she wouldn't even eat unless I sat down beside her. Betty and I quickly bonded. I was her person and she was my cat. We spent 17 years together. She was with me the majority of my adult life. She was there through multiple moves, job changes, heartbreak, and the birth of my daughter. She was just always there, a constant in an otherwise chaotic world. On November 1st it was finally time to let her go as cancer was quickly consuming her tired body.

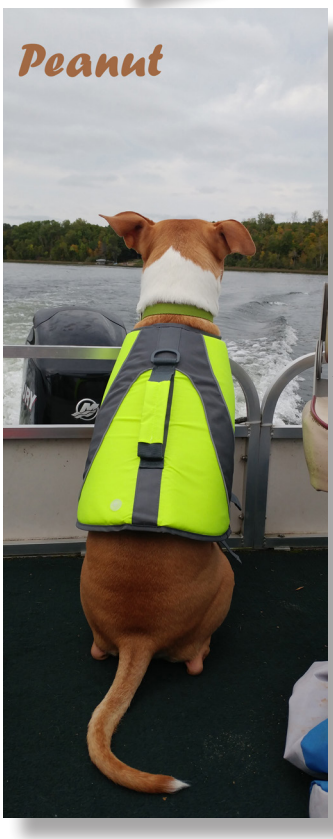
I wanted to share our story and thank you for the work you do. You often create and complete families. My family may never be complete without her, but I hope to bring my daughter to the Animal Ark soon to choose to new family member. Maybe in the Spring.

SPECIAL MEETING TO AMEND BY-LAWS & ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
Members in good standing are welcome to join us.
April 20, 2020, 6:00 p.m.
Come listen and be heard!
Join us at Animal Ark, 2600 Industrial Court, Hastings 55033

ADOPTION STORIES

Wally was adopted in Nov. 2019. Wally needed some extra love and time to adapt to his new home. His new family is pleased to announce he's doing great! Wally loves snow, snuggling and stealing socks. "We're so blessed to have him," his family reports. Wally is blessed to have you too!

Mickey and Maverick have settled in very well in their new home. Their new family bought them a huge new cat tower with plenty of places to hide and lounge. Their new dad is partial to steak and often shares it with Mickey and Maverick. They love their new home!



Found as a stray, Peanut had "no idea" how to live in an actual home. Thankfully, Peanut was a quick learner. Whether at home snuggled under his blanket or onboard the family boat (observing all safety precautions), Peanut is a shining example of what an Animal Ark pet can become when matched with the right family.

Bruno is pictured here with his older "brother." Bruno recently started puppy classes and is getting along with his fellow pets, canine and feline, quite well. He's a perfect fit!

Have an updated email address?
An adoption story to share?
Suggestions for content?

We're all ears!

Email *arknews@animalarkmn.org*

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MARCH MEANS KITTEN SEASON.

March means two things: An obligatory blizzard...and kittens. Animal Ark needs your help. We seek foster homes willing to take in litters for up to eight weeks. Fostering is a wonderful way to see if long-term pet ownership is right for you. If you can open your home to a litter of kittens, please visit:

www.animalarkmn.org/foster

And with litters of kittens comes additional expenses. We encourage everyone reading this to become a sustaining donor. Even five dollars per month goes a long way toward helping defray expenses. Learn how you can help by visiting:www.animalarkmn.org/donate

Thank you for supporting Animal Ark!

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- **Twitter: @AnimalArkMN**
- **Instagram: Hastings_Animal_Ark**
- **Web: www.animalarkmn.org**

OUR MISSION:

RESCUE

We work with animal control facilities and rescue organizations to take in stray and unclaimed companion animals that have been slated for euthanasia.

REHABILITATE

Our animals receive comprehensive medical and behavioral care to help prepare them for successful adoptions. Our Volunteers play a critical role in that.

REHOME

We believe that there is a loving Forever Home for every animal who enters our shelter. Our job is to help them find it.
animalarkmn.org/adopt