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A NEVER-ENDING VOYAGE OF LOVE AND HOPE



Sustaining Donors Needed!

Springtime is a busy time at Animal Ark. Now more than ever we need reliable resources to continue our no-kill mission.

Our Executive Manager, Lorraine Royal, recently remarked, "The past few days have been a whirlwind." Regulars at Animal Ark had to chuckle. We can't remember a time during the Ark's four-decade history when things weren't a whirlwind.

Springtime brings challenges unique to the season. Kittens arrive in droves. Well-meaning people drop them off at Animal Ark unaware that providing the care they require consumes tremendous resources. The COVID crisis resulted in a pandemic of owner surrenders. And of course, with more animals comes a need for more supplies: Food, litter, paper towels, cleaning supplies and medication.

Animal Ark would like to encourage our supporters to become **Sustaining Donors**. Sustaining Donors contribute the same amount each month by check, credit card or debit card. More Sustaining Donors means a more reliable cash flow, which helps Animal Ark budget for both anticipated needs and emergencies.

Animal Ark believes in sustaining donations so much that all our Board Members are Sustaining Donors. We encourage you to become one, too. If everyone reading this email committed just \$5 per month, that would provide us the financial cushion we need to care for our current pets and the countless more that will eventually cross our threshold.

At Animal Ark, our donors are also members who have a voice in how we are governed. We encourage you to become a Sustaining Donor today. [Click here](#) to support our no-kill mission and also to have your say in our governance!

Calling all former volunteers!

Come home to Animal Ark!

Did you volunteer at Animal Ark in the past and suddenly realize you haven't visited in a long time? No judgment here! Animal Ark understands that in uncertain times like these, home is where a person wants (and sometimes needs) to be.

However, now that the world is slowly returning to normal, we'd like to invite our former volunteers to join us once again! During the worst of the COVID crisis, Animal Ark was run by a skeleton crew of staff. Dogs got walked and cats got socialized, but it was arduous work.



This beautiful redesign of our landscaping was courtesy of an Animal Ark volunteer!

Having a full contingent of volunteers helps ensure staff aren't overloaded and animals

aren't short-changed. Even if you can spare just a couple hours a month, that's much-needed affection and socializing that prepares our cats and dogs for forever homes. If being inside the shelter makes you uneasy given the continuing pandemic, consider lending your landscaping or handyman skills to Animal Ark in the beautiful outdoors. A longtime volunteer transformed the garden outside our front door, making Animal Ark an even more welcoming place. We guarantee there's a task at Animal Ark tailor-made for your talents and experience.

New Volunteer Orientation has been on hold due to the COVID pandemic, which is why we're reaching out to people who have already participated. You can hit the ground running! Do you miss being an active part of our no-kill mission? Animal Ark invites our former volunteers to come home to Animal Ark!

Email volunteer@animalarkmn.org today!

Visit our new online store!

Proceeds benefit our No-kill mission!



Featured Undercats

A bonded trio of Animal Ark alumni seeks their second forever home!

Anand, Gopa and Raizin were fostered by a loving person many years ago. So loving, in fact, that she adopted them. Unfortunately, this kind lady passed away recently and this trio of bonded cats once again finds themselves at Animal Ark. Taking on three adult cats is no small task, but if you have room in your heart and home to honor the legacy of these cats' former owner, please contact us today at (651) 772-8983.



Featured Underdog

A chance encounter brought this beautiful dog to Animal Ark.

Staff from a sister rescue discovered this beautiful German shepherd and her litter of puppies in an abandoned mobile home. Takoda and her pups were brought to Animal Ark where they quickly found a foster home. One by one Takoda's pups found homes, and now it's momma's turn. With patience and training Takoda has become a well-mannered, loving dog. If you're interested in providing a forever home to this resilient canine, please call Animal Ark at (651) 772-8983.



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Have you adopted an Animal Ark Pet?

Send your photos and stories to arknews@animalarkmn.org.

We might just feature your pet in our quarterly newsletter!

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