

**SUNBEAMS, SOFT BEDS, & SECOND CHANCES**

A soft bed. A favorite toy. A pet bathing in a sunbeam with a child's arms wrapped around them. A happy, ordinary moment that is anything but ordinary when you know where that animal began.

That is a beautiful thing about the Furry Friends RR Reunion page on Facebook. It's a place for adopters to share photos, stories, milestones, and little glimpses into the lives their pets are living now. For families, it's a sweet way to celebrate the animals they love. For those in rescue, it is something more. **It is encouragement. It is hope. It is a balm to the soul.**

In rescue, we are often part of the chapter where things begin to change. We meet animals on some of their toughest days - frightened, sick, injured, underweight, unsure, or simply let down by the people who should have protected them. We step into that chapter and do our best to help them heal, to feel safe, and to help them learn that kindness, comfort, and love are meant for them, too.

We are rarely the whole story, and that's one of the most beautiful parts.

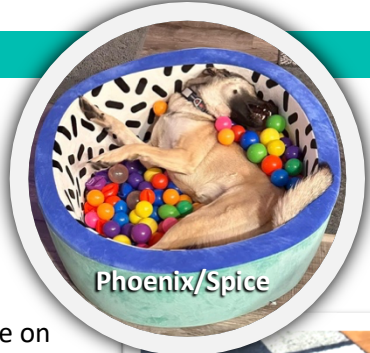
**The chapter every rescue heart hopes for** is the one that comes next - the one where they are home and where **they are cherished.** The one where they settle into the life they've always deserved. That's why your posts on our Reunion page mean so much.

They give us **a glimpse of the happily ever after.** They let us see the once abandoned dog snoozing on the couch like he has always belonged there. The kitten who needed bottle-feeding now thriving and full of mischief. The dog who had been let down over and over, now walking proudly beside his people. The cat who once knew uncertainty now stretched out in a sunny window, completely at peace.

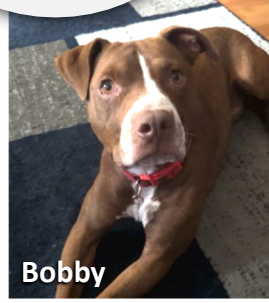
Those moments may seem simple, but to those of us in rescue, they are anything but small. They are proof that healing happens, that love takes root, and that the work of rescue matters in ways bigger than we may ever fully know. On the hard days especially, **those happy updates lift our hearts and bring us real joy.**

What a privilege it is to help write the chapter where things begin to change, and what a joy it is to catch a glimpse of the beautiful chapters that follow.

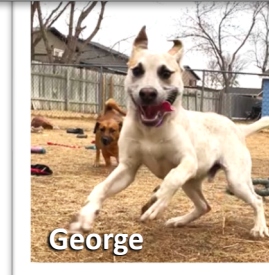
If you have adopted from us, we would truly love to see more of your posts on our Reunions page. Share the cozy naps, the silly habits, the family photos, the milestones, the adventures, or the wonderfully ordinary moments in between.



Phoenix/Spice



Bobby



George

**Thank you for loving them. Thank you for giving them the life they deserve** And thank you for letting us see a little of the happily ever after.



Hudson



Gypsy & Leroy



Cow Cow



Tater



Dingo

♥ **Happily**



Celia

**Ever After**



Johnny



Jelly Roll



What a privilege it is to help write the chapter where things begin to change for the better.



432

Animals currently in our care

76

Furry Friends adopted in March

159

Animals brought to rescue in March

211

Furry Friends adopted in 2026

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## RESUME OF A RESCUE PET

**Name:** Pending forever-home nickname

**Current Title:** Professional Heart-Healer/ Household Morale Booster

**Objective:** Seeking a full-time position in a loving home where I can love and be loved. I will contribute companionship, entertainment, and unwavering loyalty in exchange for snacks, patience, and a soft place to sleep.

### Relevant Experience:

- Survived circumstances I should never have had to face
- Demonstrated resilience in the face of fear, hunger, neglect, or abandonment
- Mastered the art of starting over
- Learned to trust again with the help of rescue staff and fosters
- Improved dramatically in snuggling, toy testing, and morale boosting
- Experienced in winning over humans with a single look
- Continued personal development in healing, hope, and second chances

### Special Skills:

- Can turn ordinary households into happier ones
- Expert in forgiveness
- Advanced training in tail wags, purring, or both
- Strong growth mindset regarding house rules
- Proven ability to increase home happiness and lower stress levels
- Deep appreciation for kindness and consistency
- Strong instinct for bonding with those who need me most

### Ideal Work Environment:

A stable, loving home with understanding humans, a commitment to forever, and excellent snack benefits.

### References:

Available upon request from the people who loved me back to health.



Stanley



Winter



# WOOF

## ADOPTED DOGS

Ivy, Peter, Mac, Sugar, Duke, Stella, Sophie, Runner, Tonka, Louie, Buster, Gracie, Tatertot, Charlotte, Clover, Luna 2.0, Ember, Lucky Duck, Koda, Momma Bobbie, Ginger, Charles, Honey, Juneau, Judy, Peterbilt, Charlie (Stitch), Smiley Cyrus, Dorothy, Cherry, Bucket, Rocco, Brandy, Winnie, Pheona

## ADOPTED CATS

Cheri, Suzie Q, Marvin, Chyanne, Quill, Rikku, Chinook, Charleigh, Charlotte, Boo, Gertie, Hazelnut, Bessie, BB Cakes, Domino, Rubert, Medora, Benny, Dakota, Luna (Maisel), Tigger, Thunderpaws, Darry, Helmet, Topazia, Hocus, Edison, Sylvester, Binx, Groot, Verna, Gemma, Dinkles, Meadow, and Newman

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## FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

### When Rescue Needs Room to Grow

Our goal at FFRR was never to need land - **but - we need land!** FFRR was based on having animals in foster homes rather than in a kennel all day. We work diligently to make that happen. Unfortunately, **the need for fosters continues to outgrow the animals** in Western ND that need our help. Some of the animals in our care are simply not adoptable due to illness or behavioral issues. When these animals stay in foster care long term, it clogs up that foster's ability to foster more animals.

**We need a sanctuary** of some sort for these animals to live out their lives. That is why we are asking for anyone who has land within 15-20 miles around Bis/Man that is willing to donate or sell at a discounted rate to reach out.

We do a significant amount of fundraising, but that money goes into vet costs, food, etc. for the animals. If we can build a large space, we can continue our relationship with trainers that assist us with the higher numbers of dogs that need help with manners. With more space, we could also: rescue and rehab more animals, provide better shelter and enrichment, build a sanctuary for more cats/kittens, expand our working cat program, offer more space for temporary housing for pets in crisis situations (AARC, MOM, UW, 31:8 project, and other people in need of housing for their pets), expand our community outreach and support services, and so much more.

**If you or someone you know owns land that might be donated or considered for this mission, we would love to talk! Even a few acres could make a life-changing difference for animals in need.**

Thanks for reading. Thanks for believing in second chances and new beginnings.  
And thank you for the continued support. **You all rock!**



Pudding



Zeus



Griffin



Meadow



## RESCUE MYTHS: BUSTED

Every month, we're taking one common rescue myth and setting the record straight. Not because anyone means harm - most of these myths come from big hearts and good intentions - but because understanding how rescue actually works helps animal. So here we go...one myth at a time.

### Myth #2:

**You're a rescue - you can take just one more**

**Busted (and if love alone created space, we'd never be full.)**

We get it. When you're looking at an animal who needs help, "just one more" feels like a small ask. A simple yes.

Unfortunately, rescue doesn't work like a bottomless bin where you drop off an animal, and poof, everything is fine.

Behind every yes is a whole chain of things that have to be true: a safe place to land, a foster home (or a clean kennel), food, supplies, time, transportation, and veterinary care. There are quarantine protocols to protect the animals already in our care. There are contagious illnesses we have to take seriously, and stressed, scared animals who need decompression, structure, and training. We have to remember that there are only so many hours in a day for the humans doing the work.

When we say, "We can't right now," it's not because we don't want to help. It's because we refuse to say yes in a way that puts animals at risk - yours, ours, or the ones already depending on us.

Sometimes the most responsible thing we can do is to pause long enough to catch up, keep everyone healthy, and make sure we are providing quality care. Not just a spot, but actual support.

Rescue will **always** say yes when we can. And when we can't, we're still fighting for that animal - by protecting the system that makes the next save possible.



### Here's the truth:

rescue capacity isn't a feeling. It's fosters, caregivers, vet care, funding, quarantine space, and safety.

If you'd like to turn a "no" into a whole lot of "yeses," there are ways **you can help.**

- Foster (long-term and short-term fosters are needed)
- Sponsor care (vetting and supplies are crazy expensive)
- Volunteer (transport, cleaning, events, admin - every role matters)
- Share urgent posts (visibility finds fosters and adopters faster than anything)

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## DAKOTA GARDEN EXPO

Meet and Greet  
April 17<sup>th</sup> | 3pm-8pm  
Bismarck Event Center



## B-I-N-G-O

Every Thursday, 6 p.m.  
GIDEON's BREWING COMPANY  
Great Prizes | Cash Play only

## BOXERS & BEER

April 23<sup>rd</sup> | 4pm - 10pm  
Bismarck Elks

## BLACKJACK

Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays | 6 p.m.  
DJ's Pizza & Lounge | 70 Santee Rd | Lincoln

## GIDEON'S CHARITY GOLF SCRAMBLE

June 11<sup>th</sup>  
Apple Creek Country Club  
Register at [gideonsbrewing.com](http://gideonsbrewing.com)

## PETSMART MEET & GREET

Every Saturday | 11am – 2pm

## DOG TRAINING CLASSES

With Trainer Nancy Gerhardt  
Basic | Intermediate | Advanced  
Visit Eventbrite for details

KEEP YOUR EYE ON OUR  
FACEBOOK PAGE FOR  
MORE EVENT INFO!



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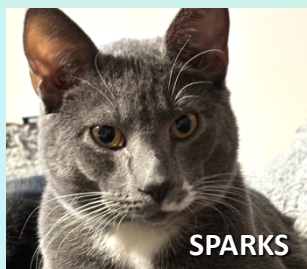
Luna

Sometimes the biggest needs call for bigger thinking, deeper compassion, and the willingness to dream a little beyond what feels easy. Rescue has never been about doing what is simplest - it has always been about doing what is needed, with heart, hope, and a whole lot of grit.

These adorable faces are waiting for their forever families.



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THELMA



NERYS



JUSTICE/RITZY



KONA



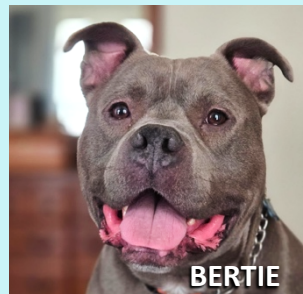
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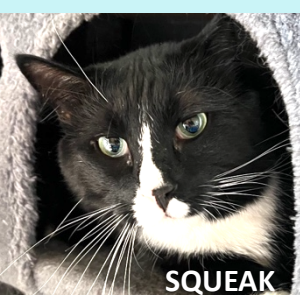
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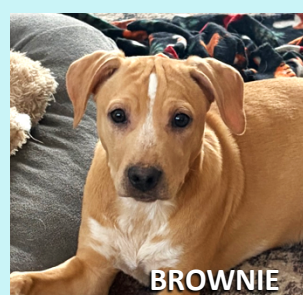
SQUEAK



BUDDY



QUINN



BROWNIE



Spring is a season of renewal, and in rescue, that feels especially meaningful. Thank you for helping us give animals the fresh start they deserve and for continuing to walk alongside us in this mission.