

ABANDONMENT AND THE POWER OF RESCUE

In the world of animal rescue, our daily mission revolves around hope, compassion, and the belief that every creature deserves a chance at a happy life. Yet, amid the countless success stories and heartwarming moments, a harsh reality exists that we cannot ignore – the widespread cruelty of animal abandonment.

It's a phrase that weighs heavy on our hearts and echoes through our shelters: "Make it stop!" We whisper it to ourselves in moments of despair, as we witness the innocent souls left behind, discarded and forgotten by those who once promised to love and cherish them.

The sheer magnitude of abandoned animals in need of help is staggering, each one a silent testament to the failure of human compassion and responsibility. It's a heartbreaking truth that we confront daily, yet hope remains in the tireless efforts of those involved in rescue. We are blessed to have a community of compassionate souls who refuse to turn a blind eye to the suffering of animals in need. They are the unsung heroes, the ones who roll up their sleeves and dive headfirst into the trenches, armed with nothing but love and determination.

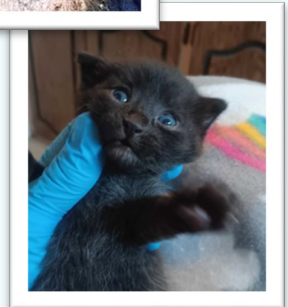
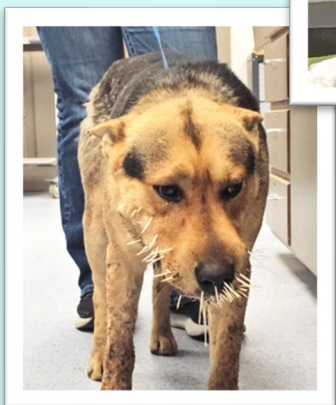
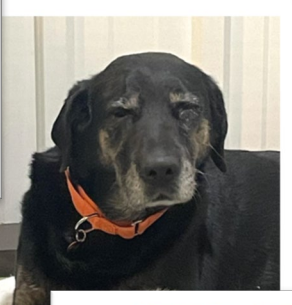
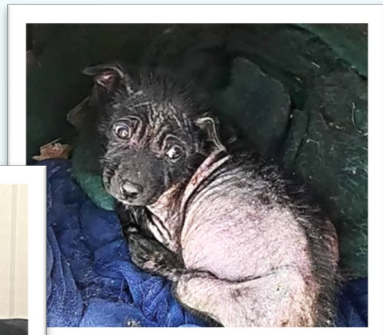
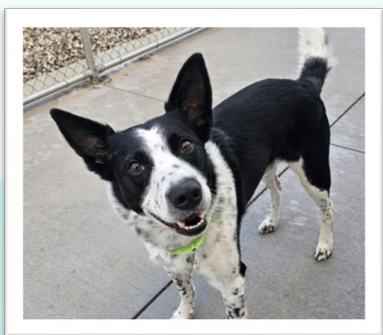
These remarkable individuals dedicate countless hours to caring for abandoned animals, providing them with much-needed care, love, and attention. They are the ones who clean kennels with tender hands, who walk dogs in the early hours



of the morning, who soothe frightened cats with gentle whispers and soft strokes. Despite their best efforts, the sad reality remains – there are simply too many animals in need and not enough good homes to go around. We wish with all our hearts that we could take them all home, that we could erase the pain of abandonment and loneliness with a single embrace. But – unfortunately – it doesn't work that way.

So, we press on, fueled by the belief that every life we save makes a difference, no matter how small. We continue to work tirelessly, finding fosters and forever families for these wonderful animals, giving them the second chance they so desperately deserve.

Let us never lose sight of the power of compassion and the profound impact that each act of kindness can have. Together, we can make a difference – we do make a difference. Together we'll continue working toward a future where every animal is valued, cherished, and loved.



Every year, 6.5 million dogs, cats, and other former pets are abandoned or lost and enter shelters.

UNDERSTAND THE JOURNEY

149

Animals taken in for care in April

56

Furry Friends adopted in April

998

Pets matched with their forever families since January, 2023

1896

The number of animals rescued since January, 2023

Bringing a new furry friend into your home is a wonderful thing. To ensure a smooth transition for everyone, take some time to prepare for your family's new addition. Many new pet owners are surprised by the efforts or issues that come up, and that sometimes leads to pets being returned or being left without proper love and care.

It's essential to remember that just like us, animals need time to adjust to their new surroundings and form bonds with their new family members. At FFRR, we believe that every shelter pet has a beautiful soul, and with love, patience, and time, they will blossom and thrive.

The Importance of Patience

Imagine being suddenly uprooted from everything you've ever known and placed in a completely new environment – it's a lot to take in, right? Newly adopted pets may feel anxious, confused, or scared as they navigate unfamiliar surroundings and faces. Give your new family member the time they need to adjust, and realize that progress may seem slow at first. Your pet's true personality will soon shine through.

Create a Safe Space

Just like humans, animals appreciate having a safe space where they can retreat. It could be a crate, a bed in a quiet corner, or a designated room supplied with food, water, toys, and a comfortable place to rest. They will explore their new surrounding at their own pace.

Build Trust Through Routine and Consistency

Consistency is key when it comes to helping your newly adopted pet feel safe and secure. Establish a daily routine that includes regular mealtimes, walks, play sessions, and quiet time. Be patient and gentle as you build trust with your pet, using positive reinforcement techniques to encourage good behavior and reinforce the bond between you.

Celebrate Small Victories

As your pet begins to settle into their new routine, celebrate the small victories along the way. Whether it's a tentative tail wag, playful paw swipe, or a cozy cuddle on the couch, each moment of connection is a testament to your progress.

Thank you!

Thank you,
Big Dog Tiki Bar,
for hosting us for Furry Friends Tiki Takeover.
What a fun night!



Thank you,
Gideon's Brewing,
for hosting weekly BINGO!
Progressive Jackpots (\$100, \$200, \$300, and \$400). Be sure to join us!



Thank you to Leslie with **Big Lots** for collecting donations for the animals and saving boxes for our cats. Your support is so appreciated!

CELEBRATING NATIONAL PET MONTH

While May ushers in warmer weather, graduations, and thoughts of summer, it also brings a special opportunity to celebrate the furry, feathered, and scaly members of our families – National Pet Month. This month-long celebration is a time to recognize the joy and companionship that pets bring to our lives and to advocate for their well-being and welfare.

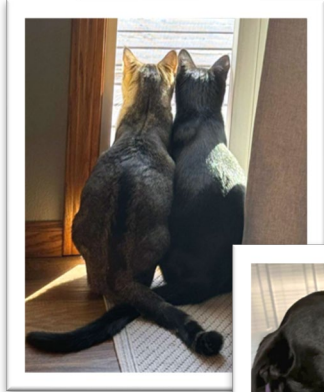
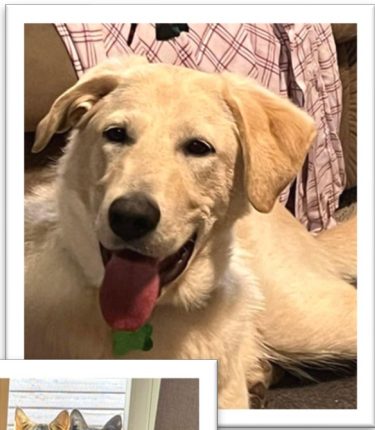
At FFRR, we see firsthand the profound impact that pets have on individuals and families every day. From the moment a wagging tail greets you at the door to the comforting purr of a cat curled up in your lap, the bond between humans and animals is truly remarkable.

National Pet month serves as a reminder of the importance of responsible pet ownership. It's a time to reflect on the commitments we make when we bring a pet into our homes – to provide love, care, and a forever family. It's also an opportunity to raise awareness about the millions of animals in shelters across the country who are in need of loving homes.

Looking for a few ways to celebrate National Pet Month while making a positive difference in the lives of animals?

- **Educate and Advocate:** Use your voice to speak up for animals in need. Share information about responsible pet ownership, the importance of spaying and neutering, and the benefits of adoption with your family, friends, and community.
- **Volunteer Your Time:** Whether it's walking dogs, socializing cats, or helping with administrative tasks, volunteers play a crucial role in the day-to-day operations of animal shelters. Consider donating your time and skills to help care for animals and support shelter staff.
- **Foster a Friend:** Consider becoming a foster parent to an animal in need. Fostering not only provides temporary care for animals awaiting adoption, but also helps to free up space in the shelter for other animals in need.
- **Adopt, Don't Shop:** If you're considering adding a new furry friend to your family, check local rescues and local animal control. There are countless dogs, cats, and other animals waiting for their second chance at happiness, and adoption is a wonderful way to give them the loving home they deserve.
- **Celebrate Your Pet!** Take this month to shower your own pets with a little extra love and appreciation. Whether it's an extra-long walk in the park, a special treat, or a cozy cuddle session, show your furry companion just how much they mean to you.

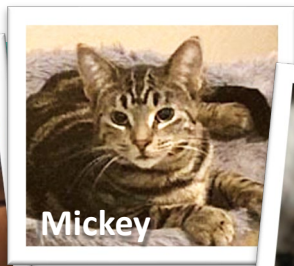
As we celebrate National Pet Month, let's not only honor the pets who enrich our lives but also commit ourselves to making the world a better place for animals in need.



These community businesses support us through sponsored gaming.

Jack's Steakhouse | Main Street Drive Thru Liquor | DJ's Tavern
Gideon's Brewing | Big Dog Tiki Bar | Ale Works | Bismarck Brewing

We're at PetSmart every Saturday from 11-2 with adoptable cats. Come see us!



Adopted Dogs

Smiley, Big Mac,
Blanca, Skye,
Daisy, Oscar, Sapa,
Gabby, Blueberry, Bear,
Gunnar, Bella, Boo,
Rocky, Charlie, Colt,
Adrian, Checkers,
Harvey, Sidney, Rusty,
Lief, Bentley, Zia



Adopted Cats

Blackstone, Payten, Jenny, Eli,
Elsie, Luna, Hodor, Muffin 2.0, Beeper,
Abe-Bobbi, Dilute-Bobbi, Orange-Bobbi,
Runty, Sweets, Hessket, Pembina, Gianni,
Culver's Mdn 9, Culver's Mdn 10, Robby,
Culver's Mdn 1, Culver's Mdn 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8,
Dixie, Emma, Aria

UPCOMING EVENTS

BLACKJACK

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



B-I-N-G-O

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

FAMILY FUN DAY

May 4, 2024 | Horizon Middle School | 500 Ash Coulee Dr. | Bismarck
12:00-3:00 pm | FREE Admission

DOG TRAINING CLASSES

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

BECOME A RESCUE MEMBER!

We invite you to deepen your impact by becoming a member of FFRR. Regular donations provide a reliable source of funding enabling us to plan ahead and extend our reach to more animals in need. Together, we can make a lasting impact on the lives of animals in need. Thank you for being a **vital part of our Rescue Family!** [Click HERE](#)

Pet Pal: \$25 | Family Pet Pal: \$50 | Tail Wagger: \$100 | Whisker Warrior: \$250 | High Paw: \$500 | Furry Friend: \$1,000



These adorable faces are waiting for their forever families.



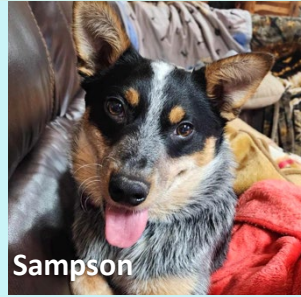
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Ernie



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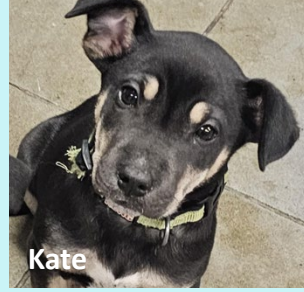
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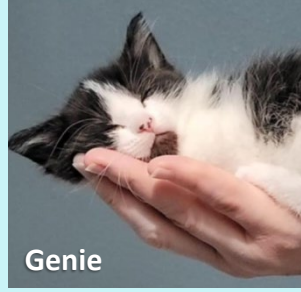
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Claudia



Kate



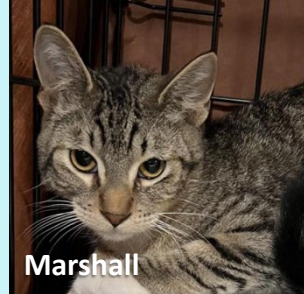
Genie



Friday



Bella



Marshall



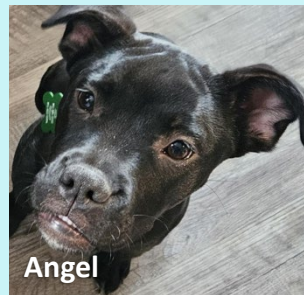
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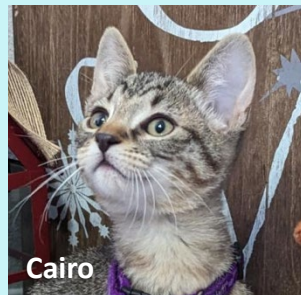
Chickadee



Mila



Angel



Cairo

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