



2026 WoofStock

AUGUST 22ND | 12 P.M. TO 8 P.M.

WOOFSTOCK IS BACK!

It's one of the most heartwarming—and most fun—days of the year.

Woofstock returns to Buckstop Junction on Saturday, August 22, and we can't wait to welcome animal lovers, families, friends and neighbors for a day filled with fun, community, and plenty of four-legged excitement.

Woofstock is so much more than a fundraiser. It's a celebration of rescue, of the people who make this work possible and of the animals whose lives can change when a community comes together.

What's in store:

- Beautiful & delicious baked goods
- Fabulous silent auction items
- Food trucks & Craft Vendors
- Inflatables & Foam Pit
- Live entertainment
- Family fun & kid-friendly activities
- Adoptable animals ready to meet YOU**
- Friendly volunteers to chat with if you want to learn more or get involved

COME SPEND THE DAY WITH US -

Everyone is welcome, and entry is a free-will donation. Come for an hour or stay for the day. Bring the kids, invite your friends and tell the animal lovers in your life to mark their calendars. Every donation, purchase, auction bid and filled merchandise bag helps provide food, shelter, veterinary care and another chance for animals who need us.

Many readers will remember Lily the Kid, whose return last year made the event especially meaningful to our rescue family. Pulled from an impound just in time, Lily was a high-energy dog who needed the right home and the right outlet. She found both with an experienced DockDogs family.

Dock Dogs will return this year with another talented group of dogs and trainers ready to make a splash on both August 22 and 23. The speed, athleticism, and pure joy of the dogs are incredible to watch!

Peace **LOVE** **RESCUE**

HAPPY TAILS



LOVE FINDS A WAY

Some friendships start with a **meet-and greet**.
Some begin with a **foster home** and a comfy couch.
Some take just one look that says, **"That's my dog."**
However it starts, we're grateful it ends in **forever!**

Welcome Home

Adopted Dogs

Lillie, Cookie, Raya, Princess, Kevin, Red, Arlo, Crostini, Zeus, Levi, Rodeo, Rocky aka Mac, Poppy, Knoephla aka Koa, Niko, Dude, Herman, Katie, Zinni, Roxie, Bisque aka Missy, Tux, Buttons, Cocoa, Girlfriend, Frank-E, Hazel aka Campbell, May, Bay, Brownie, Pearl, Sherlock, Lizzie, Bullet, Lily, Thor, Sherman, Gumbo, Finn, Teddy, Jeff/Odie

Adopted Cats

Bee, Coco aka Daphne, Oreo aka Dinah, Nala, Gretchen, Shadow, Everly, Lilly Bell, Ansel, Sprout, Colby Jack, Regina, Thelma, Bramble, Hector, Claire, Ace, Vidalia, Slinky, Roux, Jerry, Han, Phoebe, Cedric Diggory, Henry, Ember, Azalea, Petunia, Thais, Zane, Cheezy, Glacier, Nova, Cheddarwurst, Jubilee, Brulee, Horchata, Anais, LoverBoy, Harry Pandora, Dhalia





RESCUE MYTHS: BUSTED - WITH LOVE

If animal rescue came with a frequent-flyer program, we would have lifetime status by now. We would earn bonus miles for every chewed shoe, shredded dog bed and message that begins with, We love him, but...

Over the years, we have heard plenty of myths about rescue and rescue animals. Some come from misinformation. Others come from frustration—or from the understandable surprise of discovering that a puppy does not arrive fully trained, emotionally mature and familiar with the household rules.

So, with honesty, experience and a whole lot of love, we are busting another rescue myth.

THE MYTH: A dog with behavior issues is a bad dog.

He chews everything. She jumps on everyone. He never seems to stop moving.

It can be easy to decide the dog is naughty, uncontrollable or just plain bad. But behavior is rarely that simple.

Puppies chew, mouth, play-nip and steal anything within reach. They are teething, exploring and learning—and apparently conducting quality-control inspections on shoes, furniture and electrical cords.

High-energy dogs may bark, jump, dig, pace or create their own entertainment when they don't have enough appropriate ways to use their bodies and brains.

Lily the Kid is a perfect example. Lily always had enough energy for several dogs. Without the right exercise, training and outlet, that energy could quickly become overwhelming.

But Lily was never a bad dog. She was smart, driven and athletic. Once all that energy had somewhere productive to go, the very traits that once seemed difficult became some of her greatest strengths.

Sometimes the dog is simply telling us something.



THE TRUTH: Difficult behavior does not mean a bad dog.

Many common behaviors may be connected to age, energy, boredom, fear, stress, pain or lack of training.

NORMAL PUPPY BEHAVIORS CAN INCLUDE:

- Chewing and mouthing
- Play nipping
- Stealing household items
- Limited impulse control
- Needing frequent redirection

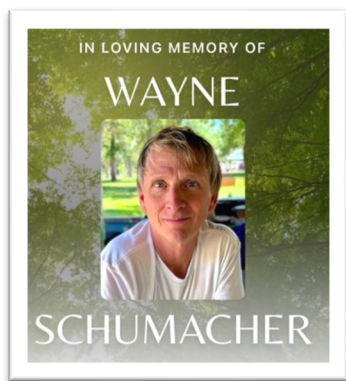
DOGS ALSO NEED HEALTHY OUTLETS:

- Physical exercise
- Sniffing and exploration
- Training and mental stimulation
- Appropriate toys and play
- Rest and predictable routines

Sudden, severe or concerning changes may require veterinary care or professional behavioral help.

Before calling a dog bad, ask: Is this normal for the dog's age? Is the dog getting enough physical and mental activity? Could fear, stress or pain be involved? Does the dog need clearer, more consistent training?

The behavior may need attention. The dog may need help. But difficult does not mean bad.



Remembering Our Friend Wayne

Furry Friends Rockin' Rescue recently lost a truly wonderful friend. Wayne was one of a kind—a man with a heart of gold who gave his time, his talents, and so much of himself to the animals and people of our rescue.

As a dedicated board member, foster, volunteer, and friend, Wayne was always willing to step in wherever he was needed. He helped lost and frightened animals feel safe, opened his home and heart to animals in need, and used his

incredible woodworking skills to create lasting improvements throughout our rescue buildings and the Dakota Cat Cafe. His handiwork surrounds us, but his greatest legacy will always be the kindness, generosity, and compassion he shared so freely.

Wayne was simply irreplaceable, and there will never be another quite like him. We are grateful for every project he completed, every animal he comforted, every life he touched, and every moment we were fortunate enough to share with him.

On September 13, we will proudly hold the car show Wayne so excitedly organized. The event will now be held in his honor—a celebration of a wonderful man, a treasured friend, and the lasting difference he made for the rescue he loved.



PREVENTION IS RESCUE, TOO

Most people think of rescue as helping animals after something has already gone wrong. But some of the most important work we can do is help prevent the crisis in the first place.

That’s why we’re offering low-cost vaccination and microchip clinics for pets in our community.

Vaccines help protect pets from serious and preventable illnesses. Microchips help lost animals find their way home. Both help keep animals with the families who love them and out of already-full rescues and impounds.

August Clinic Dates:

Wednesday, August 5 & 19

4:30–6:30 p.m. | The 701 Venue in Mandan

Before You Arrive

Walk-ins are welcome, and preregistration is not required. However, preregistering and prepaying will get you through the process much faster. It allows us to create your pet’s electronic medical record ahead of time—which means less paperwork and fewer minutes spent explaining to your dog that the clipboard is not a threat.

Dogs must be on a leash, and cats must be in a secure carrier.

Have a Reactive or Anxious Pet?

Please leave your pet safely in your vehicle while you check in. Return to your vehicle afterward, and our team will come outside to provide the vaccinations or microchip there. It’s safer, calmer and far less stressful for everyone—especially the pet who would prefer not to make new friends that day.

Follow our Facebook page or check out our website (furryfriendsrockinrescue.org) for upcoming clinic dates and registration information.

These clinics reflect something we believe strongly: prevention is rescue, too. Helping pets stay healthy, identifiable and safely with their families makes a difference—one animal at a time.



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Six numbers.
Behind them are thousands of meals, medications, miles and moments of care—along with more laundry, late nights and muddy paw prints than we could ever count. Most importantly, they represent lives changed because someone cared enough to help.

JULY
SNAPSHOT

653
Animals Cared For in July

82
Adoptions (July)

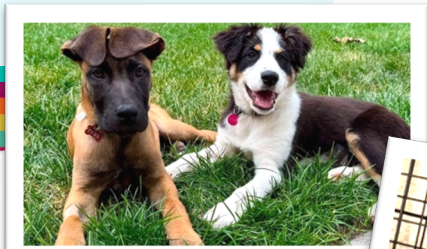
208
Spay/Neuter Surgeries (July)

BIGGER
PICTURE

370
Animals in Our Care (Current snapshot)

710
Animals Spayed/Neutered (2026 total)

1,428
Animals Served through rescue in 2026



FOSTERING SAVES LIVES

Every time someone opens their home to a foster animal, they create space for another life to be saved. It’s not just temporary care - it’s the bridge between suffering and safety, fear and trust, abandonment and love. Fostering is how rescue happens. It’s how hope begins.

UPCOMING EVENTS

B-I-N-G-O

Every Wednesday | 6 pm
DJ's Pizza & Lounge | Lincoln

SHOTS HAPPEN CLINIC

August 5 & 19 | 4:30-6:30 pm
The 701 Venue | Mandan

WOOFSTOCK

Aug 22 | 12-8 pm
Buckstop Junction | Bismarck

DOCK DOGS at WOOFSTOCK

Aug 22 & Aug 23
Buckstop Junction | Bismarck

CARS, CANINES & CATS

September 13, 1-4 pm
DJ's Pizza & Lounge | Lincoln



B-I-N-G-O

Every Thursday | 6 pm
Gideon's Brewing Company
Great Prizes | Cash Play only

BLACKJACK

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

PETSMART MEET & GREET

Every Saturday | 11am – 2pm
PetSmart | Bismarck

DOG TRAINING CLASSES

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



Every animal saved is supported by a long list of people working behind the scenes. Some foster, some transport, some clean, some walk and cuddle, and others help with paperwork, data, marketing, events or adoptions. Every role matters, because every act of help gives us more time and capacity to care for animals in need.

These adorable faces are waiting for their forever families.



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BABY



LULU



KODIAK



WALLY



BAZOOKA



ZOE



ANTHONY



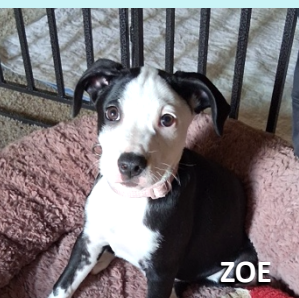
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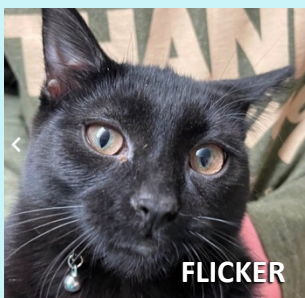
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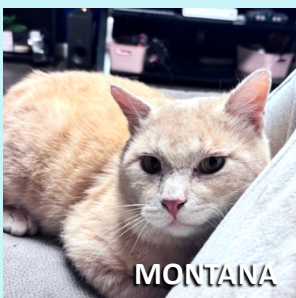
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FLICKER



DIEGO



MONTANA



Woofstock may happen once a year, but the heart behind it carries on every day—in every animal given a second chance, every foster who opens their home and every person who chooses to help. Thank you for standing with us and helping turn compassion into action, hope into healing and love into lives saved all year long.

