



## THE MISSY TRAP – TO THE RESCUE AGAIN

Recently, a call came in from a concerned citizen about a dog wandering in an area rarely used this time of year. Fortunately, we had a valuable ally in a game warden who did some scouting for us. Despite the dog's evident fear and reluctance to approach, the warden was able to confirm its location.

The volunteer team made a plan and set to action, quickly setting up a small shelter with a little food to encourage the dog to stay in the area for the short term. When a dog is frightened, or in survival mode, it's not unusual for an animal who is otherwise friendly to consider humans a threat. That's where the Missy Trap comes in. It's a carefully crafted live trap that allows an otherwise "uncatchable" animal to get the help they need.

An experienced team of two people can set the Missy Trap up in about 30 minutes. Then some good, aromatic food is placed carefully to lure the dog into the trap. Our volunteers often do some special cooking for these situations, using liquid smoke or other items with a distinctive smell. The running joke, and it's undoubtedly true, is that the animals we're working to trap eat better than the volunteers! Once the trap is set, it's closely monitored by cameras connected to our volunteers' smartphones. Once the animal catches the smell of the food, they follow the food trail into the trap, and it is triggered to close. The trap's mechanism ensures that once an animal enters, it is securely contained without risk of getting harmed by moving parts or sharp edges.

Success with the Missy Trap is never guaranteed. Will the animal still be in the area? Will they take the bait? Our social media followers know that our efforts often have positive outcomes, and thankfully, this was no exception.

Because our team watches very carefully, once an animal enters the trap and is secure, the team is on their way to make a new friend! We want to get the animal out of the trap and to safety as quickly as possible. Our volunteers brave the elements, offering enticing treats patiently working to gain the animal's trust. Luckily, we have incredibly talented, compassionate, and patient volunteers with a knack to do just that.

Our most recent save was a handsome Pitbull we named Gunnar. We don't know how he ended up where he did. We do know that his gentle nature and loving disposition leave us incredulous that anyone could abandon him. Unfortunately, we also know the reality is that it's a very real possibility that he was, indeed, left to fend for himself by the very people who once promised to care for him forever.



Gunnar is one of the fortunate ones; he's now in the care of a loving foster family, awaiting his forever home. Witnessing animals like Gunnar, who've endured neglect and mistreatment, learn to love and trust anew is amazing. It is what they so desperately want and what we are so eager to give!

## SURVIVAL MODE in LOST DOGS

When a dog is in survival mode

### FUN FACT:

The fastest trapping to date took all of two minutes! The Missy Trap is an amazing tool and our trapping team uses it an average of one to three times per month.



<p><b>DO</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remain Calm</li> <li>Be Silent</li> <li>Lure with Food</li> <li>Sit Down</li> <li>Move Slowly</li> <li>Let Dog Approach You</li> </ul>	<p><b>DO NOT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Call or Yell at Dog</li> <li>Chase Dog</li> <li>Make Eye Contact</li> <li>Stare at Dog</li> <li>Lunge or Grab Dog</li> <li>Approach Dog</li> </ul>
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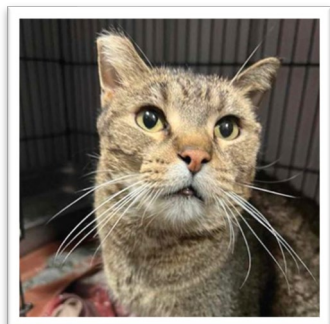
Many lost dogs will start using their natural instincts in order to survive. When this happens they become afraid of things they used to be comfortable with, even familiar humans. They become focused on surviving and will perceive everything as a threat, even their owner.

## TNR: A CATALYST OF COMPASSION

Despite the constant flow of animals in need, we were able to place a significant emphasis on our Trap-Neuter-Release (TNR) program, successfully fixing approximately 100 cats in March alone.

Cats that go through TNR are fixed, vaccinated, and treated for fleas, ear mites, and any wounds they may have. Additionally, we tip an ear after they are fixed, making it easy to identify cats that have been through the program.

TNR isn't just about fixing cats; it's about making a lasting impact on their lives and our communities. By neutering and vaccinating them, we prevent countless kittens from being born into harsh environments and experiencing unnecessary suffering. This approach is humane, effective, and essential in tackling the root causes of cat overpopulation.



We couldn't achieve these milestones without the support of our volunteers, veterinarians, and the community at large. It truly takes a village, and we are immensely grateful to everyone who contributes to our TNR efforts. Your time, resources, and commitment make a real difference in the lives of these cats.

187

Animals taken in for care in February

65

Furry Friends adopted in February

944

Pets matched with their forever families since January, 2023

1738

The number of animals rescued since January, 2023

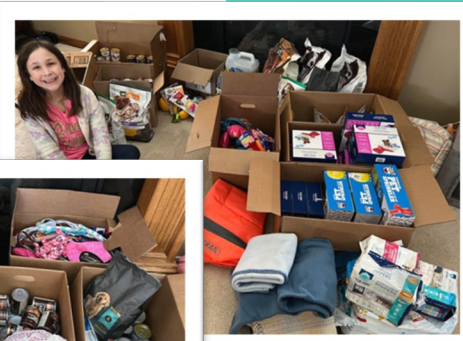
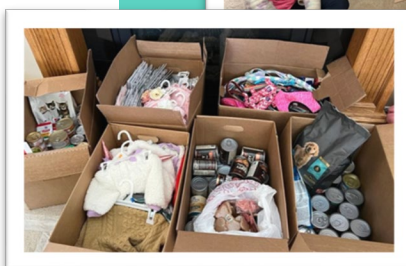
After each cat undergoes surgery, we provide them with care and monitoring for at least 72 hours. The cats we TNR go back to their familiar surroundings with someone providing shelter, food, and water. This comprehensive approach reflects our dedication to the

welfare of every cat we encounter.

We take pride in our TNR program and its impact on reducing cat overpopulation and suffering. Thank you to everyone who supports this vital work. Together, we are making a positive change for cats and communities alike.

Thank you!

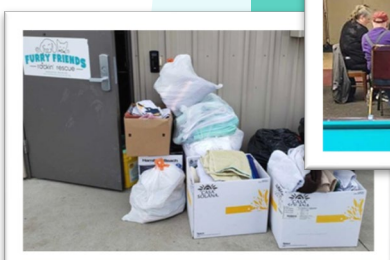
Thank you to **Bismarck PetSmart** for collecting donations for the rescue animals and thank you to everyone who donated! Community support is so appreciated!



Thank you, **Gideon's Brewing**, for all you do to support the rescue community and animals in need.



Thank you **Rita Murphy Elementary School** students for sharing donations with us after your blanket and towel drive. Our furry friends appreciate you!



Thank you, **DJ's Tavern**, for hosting Casino Night. What could be better than having a great time while helping animals in need!





## COMMUNITY GENEROSITY FUELS OUR MISSION

As we unpack Amazon deliveries, put donations of bleach or detergent in our laundry area, or wrap a newly rescued and bathed animal after their first bath, we are continually thankful for the support we receive from our generous community.

Your donations have been a lifeline for us, providing essential resources and supplies that enable us to continue our mission of rescuing and caring for animals in need. We don't always have the opportunity to thank each donor personally – sometimes due to the lack of

information about deliveries. If you have made a donation of any type, please know how grateful we are. Your generosity fuels our efforts and makes a tangible difference in the lives of the animals we serve.

Whether you've donated supplies, contributed financially, or sent items through Amazon, your support is invaluable to us. It's because of your kindness and compassion that we are able to provide medical care, shelter, and love to animals who serve a second chance at a happy life.

Together, we make a difference, and together, we create a world where compassion and care prevail. Thank you for being part of our journey.

### 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!



## RESCUE | VOLUNTEER | FOSTER | ADOPT | EDUCATE

### Adopted Dogs

- Maggie, Gus,
- Diamond, Chili
- Sysco, Presley
- Tulip, Rusty, Sweetie
- Otis, Noelle
- Rambo, Cocoa
- Levi, Norita, Ruckus
- Munch, Pepper
- Taco, Lainey

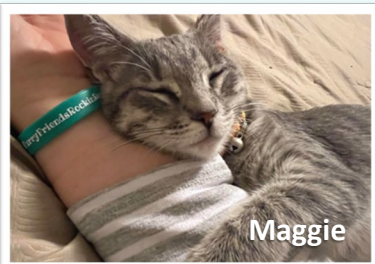


WELCOME  to the family

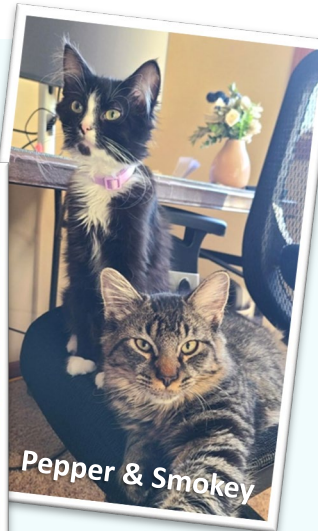
### Adopted Cats

- Ben, Jerry, Smokey
- Faith, Stan, Yuki, Kyo
- Hudson, Phoebe, Champ
- McL 1, McL 2, Jara, Imp 1
- Thomas, Pip, Giuseppe, Imp 3
- Baxter, Tillie, Denbigh, Leopold
- Jasper, Sadie, Stormy, Jetty, Clove
- Boba, McL TW, McL OW, McL WG
- McL C, McL B, McL A, Rocco
- Fani, Ted, Pe nguin, Imp 2, Imp 4
- Dresden, Lylee, Willamina

## HAPPY TAILS



**ADOPT** 





# 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

## BUILDING HOPE – ONE DONATION AT A TIME

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](#)

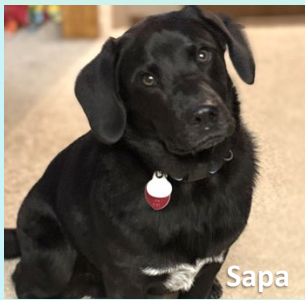
Pet Pal: \$25 | Family Pet Pal: \$50 | Tail Wagger: \$100 | Whisker Warrior: \$250 | High Paw: \$50 | Furry Friend: \$1,000



These adorable faces are waiting for their forever families.



Hodor



Sapa



Rumor



Buffy



Chauncey



Polly



Checkers



Demi



Minerva M



Stitch



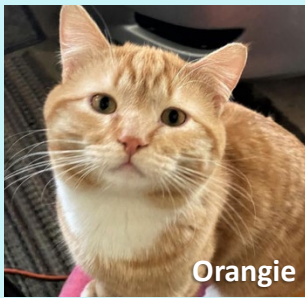
Wyatt



Gabby



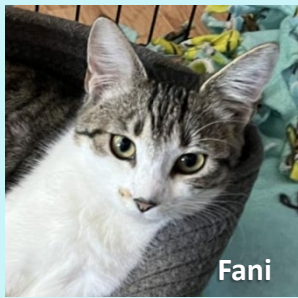
Nacho



Orangie



Rocky



Fani

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