

WHEN FULL STILL MEANS FINDING A WAY.

We were already on a cat intake hold when the Bismarck Police Department called about a local hoarding situation.

The pound was full. We were full. Our foster homes were stretched thin. But nearly 50 cats and kittens, along with a couple of dogs, needed help—and they needed it right away.

So, we did what rescue people do. We started making phone calls, moving things around, asking for help, and trying to create space where there simply wasn't any.

Volunteers spent many hours trapping cats and bringing them to safety, working in conditions that were heartbreaking and difficult to even stand in. While our veterinary team prepared to assess the animals and begin their care, another urgent question remained: Where would we put them all?. Heidi Ripplinger and her amazing crew answered that call, stepping in to provide a safe place.

It took a lot of people, a lot of hours, and a whole lot of teamwork to pull it together. This is part of rescue people don't always see.



We wish we could say yes every time.

Yes, we can take the animal today.

Yes, we have room for another litter of kittens.

Yes, we have a foster waiting.

Yes, we have enough money to cover whatever medical care may be needed.

But often, that just isn't the reality of rescue.

Our space is limited. Our foster homes are limited. Our funding is limited. The number of animals needing help is not.

It can feel a little like Tetris—except every piece is a living, breathing animal whose life matters.

When we say we are full, it doesn't mean

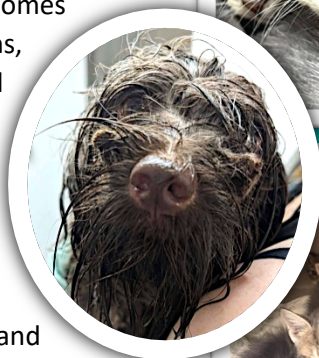
we don't care. It means we are already caring for as many animals as our current resources safely allow. This time, thanks to some truly wonderful people, we were able to find a way to help.

Now we need our village.

We need fosters—desperately. We also need kitten milk replacer, litter, wet and dry cat and kitten food, small bowls, paper food boats, and bleach. Financial donations will help cover the supplies and medical care these cats will need as they begin to heal.

Opening your home to even one cat or kitten makes room for another animal who may have nowhere else to go.

We know we can't save them all. But we will **never** stop trying to make room for one more.



VOLUNTEER



DONATE SUPPLIES



**FOSTER
or ADOPT**

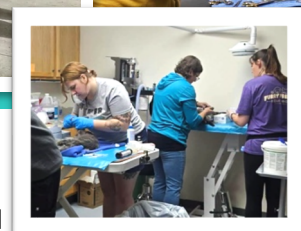
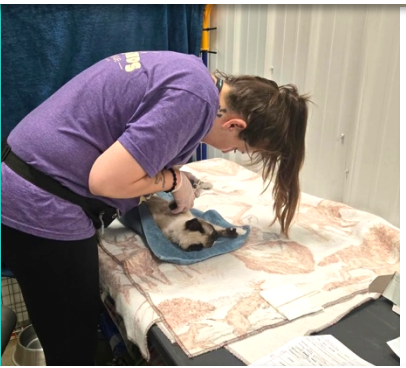


**SHOP OUR
AMAZON WISHLIST**



**MAKE A FINANCIAL
CONTRIBUTION**





93 ANIMALS AND ONE INCREDIBLE VILLAGE

Last weekend, our low-cost spay and neuter clinic accomplished something pretty incredible: **93 animals were spayed or neutered.**

Yes, you read that right. 93. That’s a lot of animals, a lot of paperwork and probably enough pet hair to make you question your life choices.

Behind that number was our amazing veterinarian and vet tech, who shared their time, talent and expertise, along with a dedicated group of volunteers who kept everything moving. From preparing supplies and checking in families to cleaning, organizing, comforting animals and handling the countless details in between, people stepped in wherever they were needed.

The animals may have come through the clinic one at a time—some more willingly than others—but caring for 93 of them took an entire village.

The pet owners who brought their animals were an important part of that village, too. They made the decision to access this care, showed up and trusted our team with pets who are very much a part of their families.

entering already-overwhelmed shelters and rescues, and helps pets live healthier lives.

Low-cost spay and neuter is a vital part of rescue and something we feel privileged to be able to offer to our community. It may not always come with the dramatic before-and-after story we often associate with rescue, but prevention is lifesaving work. Every surgery helps prevent unwanted litters, reduces the number of animals

The impact doesn’t end with the 93 animals cared for last weekend. It continues through all the future litters that will never be born into a world already struggling to find enough homes. This clinic was also a wonderful reminder that there is no single way to make a difference. We all have different skills, abilities, schedules and financial resources. Some people can provide veterinary care. Some can volunteer an entire weekend. Others can donate supplies, contribute financially, share information or encourage someone to have a pet spayed or neutered.

No one person has to do everything. We simply need many people willing to do something.

Last weekend, all of those individual efforts came together to provide care for 93 animals. We are incredibly grateful to everyone who helped make it possible—and very proud of what this village accomplished together.

IT TAKES A VILLAGE, AND WE’RE THANKFUL FOR OURS!

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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.

SEPTEMBER SNAPSHOT

433
Animals taken in for care in September

49
Adoptions (September)

268
Spay/Neuter Surgeries (September)

BIGGER PICTURE

759
Animals Cared for in September

1,139
Spayed/Neutered (2026 total)

2,118
Animals Served through rescue in 2026

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT: VARIETY MARKET

We are so grateful to Variety Market for choosing Furry Friends Rockin' Rescue as its charitable partner for the next two years!

In just the first four days, shoppers donated nearly \$600 by rounding up their purchases. Those small amounts add up quickly—and make a very real difference for rescue animals.

Visit Variety Market at 401 E. Broadway Avenue to shop, donate gently used items, or simply round up at the register. Donations can be dropped off using the 15-minute parking spaces on the Broadway side, and pickups may also be scheduled.

Thank you, Variety Market, for turning secondhand treasures and a little spare change into hope for animals!



MYTH BUSTING: MY INDOOR CAT DOESN'T NEED TO BE FIXED OR VACCINATED

As part of our continuing Myth Buster series, we are taking on a common belief: if a cat lives entirely indoors, there is no reason to have them spayed, neutered, or vaccinated.

We understand the thinking. Your cat is perfectly happy inside, where meals appear on schedule, the furniture is apparently theirs, and the outdoors is something they watch through a window. But indoor does not mean risk-free. And cats are small, fast, and famously uninterested in our plans.

THE MYTH

"My cat never goes outside, so there is no chance of an accidental litter or exposure to disease."

It only takes one open door, loose window screen, or determined cat to change that. Cats can also reproduce when they are surprisingly young. Unaltered cats may spray, yowl, pace, or work very hard to escape in search of a mate.

Indoor cats can also be exposed to disease if they escape, encounter another animal, need to be boarded, or have an unexpected visitor - like a bat - enter the home.

FACTS

MYTHS

THE REALITY - Spaying, neutering, and vaccinating are important parts of preventive care, even for indoor cats.

Spaying and neutering prevent unexpected litters, can reduce roaming and spraying, and protect against certain serious health conditions. Core vaccines protect against dangerous illnesses, including rabies, feline panleukopenia, herpesvirus, and calicivirus.

Not every cat needs every vaccine every year. A veterinarian can recommend the right plan based on age, health, lifestyle, and vaccination history. But living indoors is not a reason to skip preventive care altogether.

These steps protect individual pets while helping reduce the number of sick and unwanted animals entering rescues and shelters.

Even if your cat's greatest outdoor adventure is sitting in a sunny window and judging the neighbors, preventive care still matters.

Indoor is safer. It is not a force field. Prevention protects your cat - and prevention is rescue, too.



WHEN WILL IT STOP?

We sometimes call the animals who come through our doors "the lucky ones." And in one sense, they are. Tonight they will be safe. They will eat. They will receive medical care and plenty of love while they wait for a family.

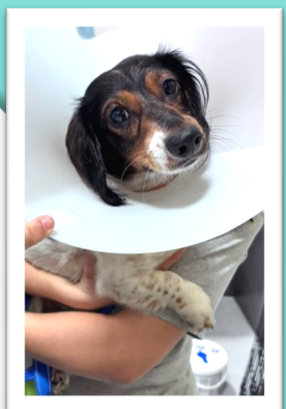
**But the truth is,
there is nothing lucky about needing rescue.**

As we prepare this edition, another pup has come through our doors—with a broken leg among his injuries. Surgery to repair it is estimated at \$3,000 to \$4,000. But the hardest part is not the cost. It's knowing that someone allowed a small, trusting life to suffer this way. He is safe now and will receive the care he needs. But he should never have needed us.

And he is only one. There are **so many more waiting**—abandoned, neglected, abused, or simply left behind. The calls keep coming. We are grateful each time we can say yes, but the need is relentless. And honestly, it is killing us...

When will it stop? **When will people understand that animals are living, breathing, feeling beings**—not disposable, not inconveniences, and not something to hurt and leave behind?

We will keep showing up for every animal we can, while holding onto the hope that one day fewer will need us. Because no animal should have to be "lucky" enough to be rescued. They deserve to be loved, protected, and safe from the very beginning.



UPCOMING EVENTS

PUPPIES ON THE PATIO

October 4 | 11am - 2pm
Starbucks | 1229 W Century Ave

NDSU BISON ON THE ROAD

October 10 | Chucker's Sports Bar, Mandan
4pm - FFRR firing up the grills
6pm - game time with prizes

BREAKFAST & BLOODY MARYS

October 11 | 10 am
Main Street Drive Thru Liquor & Coffee
1005 E Main St | Mandan, ND

SUBARU LOVES PETS

Meet & Greet October 17 | 10am - 2pm
Eide Subaru | Mandan, ND

SHOTS HAPPEN CLINIC

October 28 | 4:30-6:30 pm
The 701 Venue | Mandan, ND

DARTS FOR DOGS | CORNHOLE FOR CATS

November 21 | Send-It 24/7 Cornhole | Mandan, ND
Silent Auction and Taco-in-a-Bag
Darts @ Noon | Switcholio @ 3pm

B-I-N-G-O

Every Friday | 6 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

MEDORA MEET & GREET

October 15 | With TRMF
Watch for more details

These adorable faces are waiting for their forever families.



WARD



WALLACE



ONYX



CHEDDAR BOB



GROMIT



ROLLS



WILLIE



SPIRIT



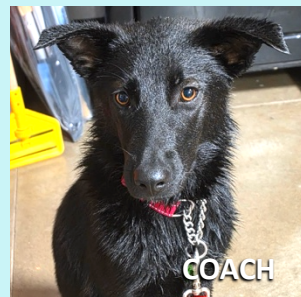
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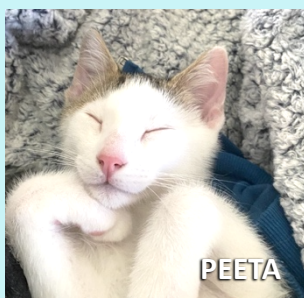
GUS



COACH



DIEGO



PEETA



ROCKY



PAULETTE



From the volunteers who stepped into heartbreaking conditions, to our clinic team, fosters, donors, and community partners—our village keeps showing up and keeps growing. No one person can save them all, but together, we can save so many more. Thank you for being part of it.

**Thank
You!**