

THANK YOU!

2026 Woofstock

WOOFSTOCK 2026: THE POWER OF SHOWING UP

What a weekend! Woofstock 2026 was filled with people, laughter, music, dogs, kids, incredible baked goods, generous hearts and the kind of energy that reminds us just how much good there is in this community.

In a world where everyone is busy and pulled in a hundred different directions, the fact that so many people chose to spend part of their day with us is incredibly humbling.

You came to watch DockDogs, shop, bid, eat, listen to music, meet adoptable animals, bring your kids, visit with friends and simply enjoy the day. And by doing all of that, you also supported rescue. That matters more than you may realize.

We are so grateful for everyone who donated, purchased, bid, baked, volunteered, sponsored, attended or simply helped spread the word — THANK YOU. Thank you for choosing to be part of Woofstock and for believing in the work of rescue!

**TOGETHER,
WE MAKE A
DIFFERENCE.**

Your support helps us rescue,
care for, and find loving homes
for animals in need.

This is how change happens.

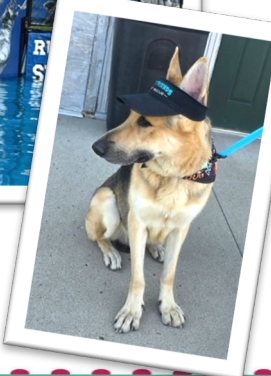
It happens when people decide to show up. When they give their time, share what they have, help someone else and become part of something bigger than themselves. To borrow from the familiar Gandhi sentiment, we all have the opportunity to **be part of the change we want to see in the world.** That may sound like a big idea for one event, but we believe it's true.

Every act of kindness matters. Every person who chooses to become involved in something good helps make the world a little better. Woofstock was a beautiful example of that.

Thank you for sharing the day with us. Thank you for supporting Furry Friends Rockin' Rescue. Thank you for celebrating the animals, the people who care for them and the belief that together, we really can make a difference.

We are already smiling at the photos and memories — and we hope you are too.

PEACE. LOVE. RESCUE.



LOVED WHILE HE WAITS

Zeus has everything going for him: an enormous personality, a love of toys, plenty of energy, and foster parents who have given him all the care, patience and love a dog could ask for. What he doesn't have yet is a family of his own. Zeus has been in rescue far too long, waiting for someone to see what his foster family



already knows — underneath all those zoomies is a sweet, loyal dog who loves people and throws himself wholeheartedly into everything he does. His fosters have given him a wonderful place to land. **Now we'd really like to see him finally get to go home.**

MORE THAN A GAME: HOW CHARITABLE GAMING SAVES LIVES

With charitable gaming appearing in the news lately—and possible regulatory changes being discussed—people may be wondering what gaming really means to local nonprofits.



For us, the answer is simple: charitable gaming is essential to our work. Gaming income helps us pay veterinary bills, purchase medications and supplies, provide food and shelter, maintain our facilities, and meet the countless daily needs of the hundreds of animals in our care. Without it, we simply could not save nearly as many animals as we do. We are incredibly grateful to the establishments that choose to support FFRR through charitable gaming. By welcoming our gaming operations into their businesses, they become meaningful partners in rescue. We encourage our supporters to visit these

establishments, enjoy a meal or a night out, and let them know their support of local animals matters to you.

But we also want people to understand an important part of the story: gaming is not “free money.” **The machines may run on chance, but rescue can't.**

Establishing and operating charitable gaming requires a significant investment. Not every dollar played becomes income for the rescue. There are prizes to be paid and expenses associated with equipment, staffing, maintenance, repairs, supplies, taxes, reporting, and regulatory compliance.

Behind the scenes, there is an enormous amount of work. Machines must be monitored, emptied, maintained, and repaired. Dealers and runners must be scheduled. Money must be carefully accounted for and deposited. Records and reports must be accurate, deadlines must be met, and changing rules and requirements must be followed.

The workload could easily represent several full-time jobs. Much of that work is completed by dedicated volunteers who give countless hours so that more of the proceeds can go where they are needed most: helping animals.

Charitable gaming is not a windfall. It is a carefully managed operation—and one of the most important tools we have to keep rescue moving forward.

When you support one of our gaming sites, play responsibly, or simply choose to spend time at a business that supports FFRR, you become part of that lifesaving work. You help provide medical care to an injured animal, food to a hungry one, safety to one who has nowhere else to go, and time for each of them to find the family they deserve.

It isn't easy money. It's lifesaving money—and we work very hard to make every bit of it count.



Adopted Dogs

Grizz, Dotty, Bazooka, Maeve, Apollo, Tillie, Finn, Rico, KC, Ruby, Mr. Bones, Suzee, Archie, Oreo, Pip, Pippy, Bear, Baxter, Annie, Zinger, Benji, Spots, Petey

Guinea Pig: Oreo



Adopted Cats

Catalysis, Vegas, Roxie, Raven, Pennie, Charlie, Gypsy, Zen, Keanu, Giovanni, Sox, Catabolic, Seltzer, Catalina, Catamaran, Ladybug, Flora, Harley, Teddi, Dakota, Pixie, Alfredo, Yuuki, Flambe, Chickpea, Patches, Cornbread, Gwen, Harper, Paul, Landfill Cat, Mama Cat, Bubby, Turbo, Tink, Saydee, Patches, Pixie

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.

AUGUST SNAPSHOT

840

Animals Cared For in August

61

Adoptions (August)

154

Spay/Neuter Surgeries (August)

BIGGER PICTURE

326

Animals in Our Care (Current snapshot)

871

Spayed/Neutered (2026 total)

1,693

Animals Served through rescue in 2026

Beans + Cornbread

HAPPY TAILS



Beans and Cornbread—formerly Legolas—have more in common than their excellent orange-cat credentials. Both are tripods, both were adopted from Furry Friends, and now they’re brothers. Their family recently sent us an update to say they’re getting along wonderfully. It’s a pretty perfect reminder that animals don’t spend much time worrying about what makes them different. They adapt, they play, they love—and, when given the chance, they get on with living.

These two found a family willing to see everything they had to offer. **Now that’s a happy ending.**



MYTH BUSTING: You Won’t Bond the Same Way with an Adult Pet

We’ve been busting a few rescue myths in recent newsletters — some about how rescue works, some about the animals who come through our doors, and some that have simply been repeated so often they start to sound true.

THE MYTH

“I won’t bond with an adult pet the way I would with a puppy or kitten.”

Puppies and kittens are hard to resist. They’re tiny, adorable and full of firsts.

But you do not have to raise an animal from babyhood for that animal to decide you hung the moon.

Adult dogs and cats form incredibly strong bonds with their people. They learn your routines, know where the treats are kept and, before long, may have very firm opinions about which part of the couch belongs to them.

Sometimes that bond happens quickly. Sometimes it takes a little time.

Then one day, the dog who kept a little distance is following you from room to room. The cat who watched you cautiously is suddenly curled up beside you.

And you realize: **Oh. I’m their person.**

Adult pets also come with an added bonus: much of their personality has already arrived. You have a better idea whether you’re bringing home an adventure buddy, a professional couch potato or a cat who prefers to supervise your life from a respectful distance.

You may not have been there for the beginning of their story, but that doesn’t mean you can’t become one of the very best parts of it.

FACTS

MYTHS

THE REALITY: WATCHING THEM REALIZE THEY’RE HOME

One of the most meaningful parts of adopting an animal is watching the change happen.

At first, they may be careful. They watch. They learn the routine. They figure out where the food comes from, where they are allowed to sleep, who opens the door and whether this new arrangement can really be trusted.

Then, little by little, something shifts. The dog who stayed close to the doorway starts stretching out in the middle of the living room. The cat who watched you from across the room begins appearing beside you at bedtime. A toy gets carried over and dropped at your feet.

Someone else decides that personal space was overrated anyway. And, eventually, you realize they aren’t wondering anymore.

They know where they belong. That is one of the gifts of adopting an adult pet. **You may not have been there for their beginning, but you get to be there when they realize they are safe, they are loved, and they are home.**

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

CARS, CANINES & CATS

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

DARTS FOR DOGS | CORNHOLE FOR CATS

November 21
Venue 701 & Chuckers | Mandan



B-I-N-G-O

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

BLACKJACK

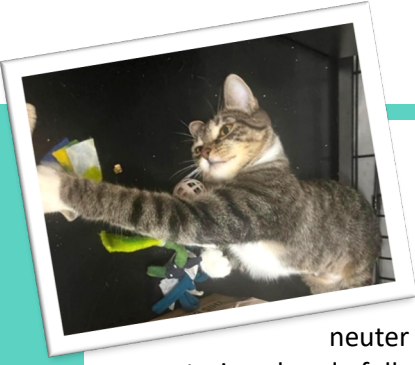
Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays | 6 pm
DJ's Pizza & Lounge | 70 Santee Rd | Lincoln

PETSMART MEET & GREET

Every Saturday | 11am – 2pm
PetSmart | Bismarck

DOG TRAINING CLASSES

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



Azzi became a mom when she was still very young herself. Now she's been spayed, and that chapter of her life is behind her. For Azzi, spay surgery means she can simply be a young cat again — playing, growing and enjoying life. For rescue, it means something bigger too. Every spay or neuter helps prevent future litters, reduces the number of animals entering already-full rescues, and gives more pets a better chance from the start. **Prevention is rescue, too.**

These adorable faces are waiting for their forever families.



*Thank you for being part of this work - for showing up, giving generously, sharing our stories and helping us keep going for the animals who need us. Every bit of it matters and we're grateful to have you with us. **Peace, Love & Rescue***