



# Homeward Furry Follow-Up

We always love hearing updates from adopters on how our Homeward Alum are doing in their new homes. Here's a little Furry Follow-Up from one of our adopters, Catie Braun.

I'm not sure if anyone remembers Dinah. I know the staff at Homeward does, she was at the shelter for 6 months before she came home with me. She had allergies, but other than that she is the friendliest and most lovable dog on the planet! She loves cats and dogs of all sizes! And she's the biggest baby on the planet, jumping into your lap whenever she gets a little bit scared. She also loves to play fetch...she is a ball hoarder...if it's circular she will find a way to fetch it. In the summer time we go on 14 mile walks to get all of her energy out! The winter is a little tough to get out and exercise but lucky for me her favorite thing to do in the winter is crawl under the covers and cuddle instead of going on long walks! She also had her picture featured on the MN Renaissance Festival website because she was dressed up as a cute dragon when we went. I adopted her in July of 2014 and since then we haven't spent a day apart. She's my co-pilot and best friend.

Now I'm sure you're like "oh what a great story". It doesn't end there! A month after I got Dinah I had to put my cat to sleep. I went back to the humane society (now the Homeward Animal Shelter) when I was ready for an addition to our little family and that's where I met Murdock! The most lovable and sweetest cat with half a tail and more toes than you can imagine! Since I adopted him he has brought so much joy and

FUR to our family. He cuddles with me every night...and he loves to tell me when I'm not paying attention to him when I do my home-work by laying on my computer keyboard...as I'm typing!

Now I know you think I'm done but no I've got one more story to tell. Recently I felt like Murdock was getting lonely when I've been gone because Dinah always comes with so I walked into the shelter and spent some time with some really amazing cats! But ultimately had to make a decision if I was going to get one...I mean I couldn't take them all home! Ultimately I decided on Magic - a huge black cat! We haven't had him for very long, but I can already tell he fits right in with the family. He was a little wary of Dinah and Murdock at first, but who wouldn't be in a house that's basically orange with Murdock's fur but he's slowly warming up to them day by day. His favorite thing to do is crawl up on the cat perch by the window and make this cackling noise at all the birds who perch in the tree.

Would you like to share the story of your pet that was adopted from our shelter? Please send us a bit about your adopted pet and some pictures to info@homewardonline.org and we will share it in an upcoming Follow-Up Friday on our Facebook page or possibly in a Homeward Furry Follow-Up in our next newsletter. We'd love to hear from you!

"Until one has loved an animal, a part of one's soul remains unawakened." ~ Anatole France

# Moya's Story

One afternoon in November we received a phone call from Two Rivers Veterinary Clinic. They stated that their customers were in a desperate situation and planned to euthanize their cat unless they could find a new home for her. The clinic explained that Moya was in perfect health, but had a habit of urinating around the family's house ever since they added a child to their family, and asked if we could do anything to help. Knowing that we were tight on space at the shelter and that cats were waiting at the pound, we weren't sure how to help, but were determined to save this cat! We consulted with our Shelter

Manager to see what could be done. A couple who previously fostered cats with litter box issues came to mind, and we gave them a call. They happily committed to fostering Moya! Upon taking her in, they were prepared to work with her on potty training, but were surprised to find that she didn't have any problem using her litter box! She was a perfect angel. They continued to care for her until January, when her new family fell in love and took her home. Through partnering with Two Rivers and utilizing our resources, we were able to save this sweet girl. Moya, we're so glad you found a forever home!



Homeward Animal Shelter  
1201 28th Ave. N.  
Fargo, ND 58102



https://www.facebook.com/HomewardAnimalShelter

## 2015 Microchip Clinics

Sat., April 25th (11am - 2pm)

Sat., May 30th (11am - 1pm)

Tues., June 23rd (5pm - 7pm)

Tues., Aug. 4th (5pm - 7pm)

Sat., Sept. 19th (11am - 1pm)

All Microchip Clinics are held at our shelter at 1201 28th Avenue North in Fargo. The cost is \$35 per pet, which covers the cost of the chip and the registration. We do not take appointments - the clinics are on a first-come, first-serve basis. We hope to see you and your pet(s) at one of our clinics!

## Mark your calendars for these 2015 Upcoming Events:

Spay-ghetti & No Balls Lunch - April 28th

Paws Walk - July 28th

Wags, Whiskers & Wine - October 22nd



SAVE THE DATES!

## 2015 NEWSLETTER 1



RESCUE. SHELTER. PROTECT. REHOME.



SPAY-GHETTI & NO BALLS LUNCH  
11AM - 2PM  
TUESDAY, APRIL 28TH  
Holiday Inn Fargo • Free Will Donation  
All proceeds benefit the Spay/Neuter Fund of Homeward Animal Shelter

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## Nix The Litters, Fix Your Critters!

Did you know millions of pets will become homeless this year? And sadly, roughly half of those pets across the nation will be euthanized because there aren't enough homes for them. There are simply more pets than there are homes.

Homeward Animal Shelter in Fargo is a no-kill shelter, however, we need your help to ensure that more pets are not born into a world where there are not enough homes for them. Please help control the pet population; have your pets spayed or neutered to prevent the birth of puppies and kittens that will be at risk of becoming homeless.

Please join us on Tuesday, April 28th at the Holiday Inn Fargo for a Spay-ghetti & No Balls Lunch Event from 11am-2pm. This is a free will event with all proceeds benefitting the Spay/Neuter Fund of Homeward Animal Shelter. Hope to see you there!

### Facts:

--An average cat has 4 kittens per litter and 2-3 litters per year. During her productive life, one female cat could have more than 100 kittens. A single pair of cats and their kittens can produce as many as 420,000 kittens in just 7 years.

--In six years, one female dog and her offspring can theoretically produce 67,000 dogs.

--Each day, about 70,000 puppies and kittens are born in the United States. By comparison, only 10,000 humans are born every day. This means that, unless the average person plans on having 7 pets each (an average household of 2.59 people would need to have 18 pets) there's no way there will be enough homes for all the cats and dogs in the country.

--Last year, here in our community, we took in 338 female cats and dogs. If each female animal we took in had an average of only 4 offspring (dogs average more around 6-8 pups per litter), that would equal over 1,300 additional pets, and that's just if they each only had one litter!



# Our Long-term Animals Patiently Await Forever Homes

The average time an animal spends in the shelter before they are adopted into their forever homes is around 4 weeks. Sadly, there are always a few who end up staying much longer than the average. While all of our animals are patiently awaiting their forever homes, these are just a few who have had to have a bit more patience than the rest. Moonshine rescued March 2014, Sophia rescued April 2014, Snuggles rescued March 2014 and Rocket rescued September 2014. If you are interested in meeting any of these wonderful long-term animals, please contact the shelter at 701-239-0077. You can find a complete listing of all the animals available for adoption on our website at [www.homewardonline.org](http://www.homewardonline.org) or on our facebook page at [www.facebook.com/HomewardAnimalShelter](https://www.facebook.com/HomewardAnimalShelter).



Moonshine



Snuggles



Rocket

Our Mission:

Rescue. Shelter. Protect. Rehome.

Our Vision:

A world in which every animal has a home.

Shelter Hours:

Monday - Friday

11am - 7pm

Saturday

10am - 6pm

Sunday

12pm - 4pm

Contact Us:

1201 28th Avenue North

Fargo, ND 58102

Ph: 701-239-0077

Fax: 701-239-2580

info@homewardonline.org



Giving Hearts Day 2015 was a huge success! With your help, we raised over \$81,000 for the shelter animals during this one day only online giving event! Thank you to everyone who helped make it possible. We are truly grateful for your support. Please take a moment to check out our 2015 Giving Hearts Day video starring, Bunny, our very special little kitty at: <https://youtu.be/ppPVYmodkuw>.

*Thank You* to all our donors & supporters who keep our doors open and who continue to help us fulfill our mission. We couldn't do it without YOU!

Homeward Animal Shelter is a privately funded, non-profit limited access sheter providing a second chance at happiness to lost, abandoned and owner-surrendered animals.

As a local non-profit, we rely on donations, adoption fees and fundraising events to provide services to the residents of Cass and Clay counties and their furry companions. Adoption fees cover just 23% of our annual expenses. Each year, Homeward has to raise 77% of its budget from fundraisers, corporate support and individual gifts.



Memorials & Honorariums: April - December, 2014

In Memory of Special People & Pets

Alan Lynnes from Lee & Patricia Pfingsten

Alex Lutes from Fidelis Sivertson

All Friends & Family who have passed

from Daniel & Christine Westphal

All the pets from James, Mary & Jerzy Bala

Amy Roth Johnson from Carol & David Seim

Angus and G from Kristin Anderson

Anita Antrim from Laurel Ecklund

Anne Soberg from SK Weidner

Ashley Ratzlaff from John Machacek

Audrey Williams from Amanda Goodman

Baby Peadnes from Carol and Les Jenkins

Bailey & Koby from Discovery Benefits

Bailey & Koby from Scot & Kara Johnson

Bailey from Kristine Steffen

Bailey Wonderlich from Ann Erickson & Kyle Kositzky

Bandit Brunsdale & all of our other beloved pets

from Mary Brunsdale

Banjo from James & Ann Clapper

Barb Kessler & June Dewerff from Patricia Pfingsten

Barbara Leitch from John & Elise Leitch

Baron from Diane Lee

Baseball Bella from John & Jill Blazek

Bella & Lily from Jeff & Cynthia Koth

Bella from Barbara Pauna

Belle from Joanne Iwen

Ben Asher from Al Asherand

Ben Asher from Diane Hitterdal & Craig Baker

Ben Asher from Don & Connie Asher

Ben Asher from from Rural Cass County Special Education

Ben Asher from James & Karen Stewart

Ben Asher from Jeffrey Hannig

Ben Asher from Kevin & Bonnie Seim

Ben Asher from Laura Fosick

Ben Asher from Ramona Danielson & Corey Wahlund

Benjamin Asher from Michelle Kearly

Blake Humphrey from Genevieve Eidem

Bob Biske from Delores Biske

Bogie Austen from Bart Schorsch

Bonnie Schulz from Mary Nelson

Bonnie Schulz from Sally & Terry Wood

Boots from Mavis Sklebar

Brooke Bassingthwaite from Craig & Diane Larson

Bryn Hagen from Lanny & Tammy Klefstad

Buddy from Kristine Ertelt

Cami Jetvig from Bradley & Joan Lunde

Cami Jetvig from from Pixie Jetvig

Che from Don & Pam Meliseth

Chestnut from David & Patricia Scherzer

Chris Iverson from Dee Buzick

Cindy & Morgan from Diane & Garry Johnson

Clasy, Catey & Casey Gigler from Douglas & Lisa Gigler

Clyde from Jolette Mindemean

Cordelia Slusser from Craig & Diane Larson

David Michael Helfter from Mark & Hella Helfter

Diane Davies Luger from Robert & Michelle Holmes

Dogs: Soccer, Budger, Lucy & Scout

from Don & Deborah Hersrud

Doris Junkin from James & Terry Blake

Dorothy Montgomery from Kerry Lauer

Dorothy Winkles from Dieter & Beth Berninger

Dr. Gaylen Eash from Charles & Vicki Hartz

Duke, Chelsey & Peanut from James Bailey Pearson

Ed Bernard & dogs, Brandy & Bear from Robert & Jane Haine

Elisha Carlson from Blake & Cheryl English

Elisha Carlson from Corey & Trisha Sorenson

Elisha Carlson from Edward & Linda Ewertz

Elisha Carlson from Janae Hocking

Elisha Carlson from Mark & Lorrie Carlson

Elisha Carlson from Steven & Barbara Maag

Elisha Carlson from Steven Sorenson

Elisha Carlson from Sue & John Arneson

Elisha Carlson from Tracy Bunkowske

Eliza from Amber Ferris

Eliza from Sara Bush

Elizabeth McNutt from Paul McNutt

Ella Puppe from Stan & Ardie Skogen

Evon Lipp from Gary & Valerie Zoller

Fish from Thomas Canning

Friday from Halla Wimpfheimer

Frisky from Janina & Edward Hanley

Grandparents Bob & Helen from Dave & Mary Hjalquist

Harvey Laidlaw from Bertha Laidlaw

Henry (dog of Matt and Maria Amundson)

from Al & Linda Beaton

Irene Krebsbach from Steve & Karen Krebsbach

J.D. from Connie Horn

J.D. from Robert & Cheryl Ward

Jada from ICU Management Group

Jake from Beverly Bladow

James Nelson from Jeff Miller & Constance Carrino

James Nelson from Keith & Bonnie Nelson

Janice Aafedt from Sanjel Staff Fund

Jean Gruffs from Lisa Korvig

Jean Schnell from Jim & Vicki Ingstad

Jim Boreske from Anne Boresky

Jim Nelson from Thomas & Marcie Hamel

Joan Krause & James Shorey from Bobby & Virgil Anderson

John Ihry from Carol & David Seim

Joyce (Mom) from Kathy Sherman

Juan Krause from Rebecca Thom

Kay Reich from Ronald & Brittany Reich

Kevin Savageau from David Knutson

Kevin Savageau from Doreen Svenson, Perry Svenson

& Janell Svenson Reniers

Kevin Savegeau from Carmen Seifert

Kitty Ann from Del & Barbara Melroe

Kobe from Stacy Nicholson, Jessie, Matty, Sam, Samantha & LC

Koko Rentfrow from Bart Schorsch

Lady from Craig & Karla Johnson

LaVonne Richards from Pamela Pederson

Lexi from Cheryl Goodale

Lillie Skare from Cheryl Skare

Lisa Golkowski from Brian & Lynn Brubaken

Lois Foster from Kerry Lauer

Lorraine Cox from Lee & Patricia Pfingsten

Luah (dog) from David & Jennifer Lider

Lucky from Jason, Amanda, Natalie & Gavin Peterson

Lyle Marchus from Loren & Susan Marchus

Marcia Kay Henderickson-Cowans from Nolan Cowans

Mardy McMorrow from Anna Schuler

Mardy McMorrow from Blanche Flynn

Mardy McMorrow from Chelsie Park

Mardy McMorrow from Jay & Dinah Goldenberg

Marjory Satham from Adrian & Lola Hovda

Mark Feist from Bobby & Virgil Anderson

Marlin & Beulah Frois from Marchita Smeby

Marshal from Jodi Hauck

Mary Ann Grattodden from Reta Graoes

Mary Elizabeth Hiebechuk from Bobby & Virgil Anderson

Mary Ruth Lauer from Kerry Lauer

Merlin from Ashley Burgett

Mickey Blazek from Pete & Lori Erickson

Miss Prudence from Susan Springler

Molly Epps Boresky from Anne Boresky

Molly, Missy, Meiko, Meggie & Brandi

from Elmer & Joette Korth

Moose Gabriel from Burton & Patricia Belknap

My horse, Mr. Snip II from Robert Volker

Neely from Amy Bachmeier

PANDA from Wendy Baumann

Peg Hokanson from Deb & David Soland

Peter Wilson from Craig & Diane Larson

Pets: Romando, Lefty, Rosie, Scooter, Buddy & Daisy

from Jerome & Mary Miller

Phoenix & Luna from Del & Barbara Melroe

Piper from M State Student Services

Queen Amadala from Paulette & Bruce Bowersox

Ribbon from Melanie Dinham

Rick Clemenson & his beloved dog, Misty

from Brandon & Amy Chaffins

Logan, Sydney & Kennedy Olson

Riley from Elizabeth Pederson

Robert Rebsom from Mildred Rebsom

Rocky from M State Student Services

Rudy from James Ohnstad

Rudy from Jim & Cathy Ohnstad

Sadie, Abby, Scarlett from Douglas & Lynne

Schmoll

Sadie, Meika, Cassie, Rusty, Bootsie & Scoobie

from Elmer & Joette Korth

Sam Tollefson from Miriam Tollefson

Sambuca from E. Joyce Jones

Sammi from Marilyn & Jay Matthews

Sammi from Sadie Matthews

Samson from Diane Christensen

Sasha Jane from Juncal Wiley

Shadow from Barbara & James Braaten

Shadow from Loren & Susan Marchus

Smokey Olsen from Fern Olsen

Snowkiss Erika Dettan from Janet Sidelinger

Son Tom from Noelle & Merrill Reinhiller

Sophia Dinham from Andy & Sarah Stach

Sox, Budgee, Lucy & Scout Hersrud

from Don & Deb Hersrud

Steve Devine & Harold Stuttle

from Craig & Diane Larson

Sue Chaput from Virginia Duval

Tiger Dinham from Grandma Pat Dinham

Url, Blue & Teddy from Curtis & Linda Parsons

Wesley Hoaby from Harold & Lila Unruh

Whitney & Joie from Nicki Jo & Dean Hulse

Winston from Holly Heintzman

Madeline & Noah Gregor

from Gary & Teri Pape

Aunt Pat and her love of cats from Jennifer Johnson

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Jean Albertson from Scott Albertson

Joy Fennell's Baby from Doug Gigler

Joyce Schmaltz from ICU Management Group

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Khloe, Max, Terri & Cheryl

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Leo from Todd & Farrah Marsh

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Alley Pape and grooming clients

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Manby & Micky Bala

from James, Mary & Jerzy Bala

Matt Pathode & Michele Gilenski's marriage

from Russell Peterson

Matthew DeHaan from David Warner

Max from Joyce Schlagel

Melissa Lucht from Randall & Karen Lucht

Milly from Guy & Susan Nicholls

Mindy & Daisy from Jean Albertson

Mindy VonOsdel & Mocha Nomeland

from Jean Albertson

Nicole Dill from Justina Vigil

Nuggles, Charley & Bug from Laurel Ecklund

Our Five Grandkids from Deb Thorstad

Paul & Marilyn Nielsen & Ringo

from Romona & Eugene Landseidel

Peg Hokonson from Deb & Daniel Soland

Philip Hojek from Ritchie & Barbara Selden

Rich Chapman, Joy Lintelman, Cathy & Steve Kopp

from Cindy & Lyle Tripp

Rip and Abbey from Linda Tietjen

Robin Hebert from Darlene Spalding

Robin Hebert from Randy Peterson

Roger Elliott from Nancy Elliott

Rudy from Jim & Cathy Ohnstad

Sammy and Gus from Laura and Daren Pladson

Snowkiss & Matthew DeHaan from Patty Vasquez

Solveig & Haaken Seymour from Chasity Seymour

Sudney & Kennedy Olson from Gracie Schroeder

Sydney & Kennedy Olson's Birthday

from Brooke Torkelson

Sydney & Moose from Lauren Hedman

Sydney from Tim and Kim Rensch

Sydney, Kennedy, Logan & Jenny

from Karen Reiersen

Taryn & Tandon Trofigruber from Chasity Seymour

Ted & Laurel Ecklund from Kelly Sharpe

Teresa Von Bonh from Kaleigh Von Bonh

Tom Bruns from Kathleen Duppler

Vivian's 9th Birthday from Colton

# Homeward Volunteer Spotlight

Volunteers are vital to our organization; we are extremely grateful to those who take time out of their busy schedules to walk dogs, socialize cats and help us in numerous ways to carry out the overall mission of our organization. The Volunteer Spotlight allows us to recognize a volunteer who has gone above and beyond to support Homeward Animal Shelter.

This Volunteer Spotlight goes to Kay Jacobson. Kay has been a weekly cat volunteer at the shelter for around 4 years. She socializes the cats in the Isolation Ward making sure they each get that extra special attention they deserve.

When asked what her favorite thing about volunteering at the shelter is, Kay replied, "It's so much fun to see them (the cats) improve their health and come out of their 'shells' if they are scared or shy... It's always a joy when one leaves, going to a 'forever' home."

Kay truly enjoys her time volunteering at the shelter. She says, "I admire all the hard work of the staff, and their success in finding placements. They seem to have a lot of fun, too".

We at Homeward Animal Shelter admire Kay's dedication and commitment to the animals of H.A.S. We are sincerely grateful for her continued support and devotion. Thank you, Kay, for all you do!



Above: Homeward Volunteer, Kay Jacobson, strikes a pose with Sly the cat.

*"When we give cheerfully and accept gratefully, everyone is blessed." ~Maya Angelou*



# New to the Homeward Team

We're excited to announce the newest member of the Homeward Animal Shelter team, Ken Story. Ken has taken on the new position of the Major Gifts and Development Officer here at the shelter. He has extensive experience in the non-profit sector; his knowledge, expertise and upbeat personality will serve as a vital asset to the Homeward team. He has most recently worked for Bakken Financial and The Empowerment Project. Welcome, Ken, we are happy to have you aboard! Please see Ken's recent feature article in the Business section of The Forum at: <http://www.inforum.com/business/3698688-making-mark-ken-story-sees-nonprofit-work-civic-responsibility>.