

We help abused, neglected and abandoned dogs

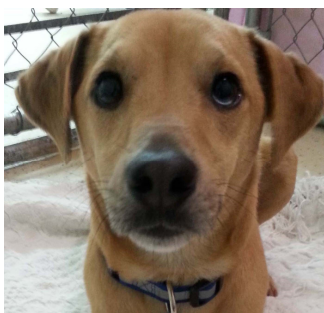
We save the dogs no one else wants.

Davey, a pit bull/German shepherd puppy (below), had a severe case of mange. **Luke**, a yellow lab mix, was on the euthanasia list



Davey (above) was almost bald from mange when Dogs Forever rescued him. After three months of treatment and loving care, he is a healthy and happy boy.

at Boone Humane Society because he tested positive for heart worm. **Vegas**, a terrier/shih tzu, and her daughter **Lucy**, were so infested with fleas and hookworms that they also suffered from severe skin infection, anemia and heart murmur. **Stewie** (below), a small terrier/lab, was abandoned by his family



when they moved, choosing to take their furniture but not their faithful companion. All of these dogs are alive today because of Dogs Forever.

We are their only hope

Dogs Forever focuses on saving the lives of dogs in shelters where they are at risk of being euthanized. We also accept dogs from counties without an animal shelter. In those counties, stray dogs are often euthanized unless a rescue or shelter offers to take them. We place a priority on helping senior dogs, who are often euthanized at other shelters because people prefer puppies and young dogs.



Dogs Forever found a home for Molly, a senior lab, when her owner died.

Many dogs in our care have health issues because they were neglected in their past home or because they have been on the run, suffering from starvation and exposure to disease and injuries. In some cases, a dog is abandoned at a kill shelter or in a rural area because the owner is unable or unwilling to pay for veterinary care. We provide the vet care these dogs need in order to become healthy.

We provide care with no timeline

While our goal is to eventually find a forever home for every dog in our care, we are never on a timeline. When we are helping a dog overcome behavior or health issues, we focus on the dog, not the clock. Janie and Joey, two extremely shy basset hounds, are a perfect example of how we emphasize the wellbeing of the dog.

“J and J” were found starving and emaciated during a snow storm, abandoned at a farm. We have provided a supportive and loving environment while they have grown more confident in themselves and more comfortable with people. We only place dogs up for adoption when we feel they are ready, and not a minute before.

We offer safety and love

Dogs Forever is an all-volunteer not-for-profit organization founded in March 2011. Dogs Forever provides help to dogs in need at Safe Place, our no-kill dog shelter at 809 Rockford Road SW in Cedar Rapids, and in our state-licensed foster homes.

We created Dogs Forever Safe Place to be cheerful and welcoming for both people and dogs. Please stop by and visit us in the near future. We are open every Saturday from 11-3. You can meet our dogs, browse our gift store and learn about volunteer opportunities. Remember, we depend on you because the dogs depend on us. Visit us soon!

*Basset hounds
Janie and
Joey*



Please support our work

We do not receive local, state or federal funding. We rely on private donations to continue our life-saving work. **A gift in any amount will make a difference in the life of a homeless dog.**

You can donate through our web site, dog-rescue-iowa.org on our "Donate" page. Or send a check to: Dogs Forever, 809 Rockford Road SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404. Dogs Forever is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization. In addition to an outright donation, you can sponsor a dog kennel at Safe Place for a \$100 donation. Contact us for more information. Your donation is tax-deductible. On behalf of Eastern Iowa's homeless dogs, *Thank you!*



Charlie, a 1-year-old collie, was 15 lbs. underweight when he came into our care.

Come visit us!

We will open at our new location, 809 Rockford Road SW, on Saturday, April 20. Visit us opening day or any Saturday 11:00-3:00. Be sure and stop by our **Grand Opening Saturday, May 11, 11:00-3:00.** Meet our adoptable dogs, learn about volunteer opportunities and place your name in a drawing for cool prizes!



Open Saturday 11-3 and by appointment
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Vegas suffered from neglect (left). Today she is living happily ever after (above).

We were there when Vegas needed us.



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A better life for our best friends