

LIFETIME CARE OPTIONS

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NORTHEAST (CT, DE, ME, MD, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI)

CONNECTICUT

Cat Retirement Homes

The Last Post

Website: No Web site

Contact: George B. Simoncelli, Esq.

Address: 104 Church Street, Torrington, CT 06790

Physical Address: 95 Belden Street, Rte. 126, P.O. Box 259, Falls Village, CT 06031

Phone: 860-482-6501

Email: mslaw@snet.net

Type of Animals Accepted: Cats only.

Limit of Animal Number: No limit.

Rates: \$5,000 per cat.

The Last Post is a home for animals established by radio personality Pegeen Fitzgerald in 1982. It is owned and operated by the Vivisection Investigation League, Anti-Vivisection Society of New York, Inc., a charitable tax-exempt corporation. Created with cats in mind, the Last Post takes in strays and rescues felines from euthanasia; in addition, pet owners can will their feline companions to the shelter. But no matter how the cats get to the Last Post, they live their lives in style. The establishment sits on 37 acres of land designated a wildlife sanctuary. There are several buildings on the grounds, all homes for cats. Each building has been designed with cats in mind. Posts and beams do more than hold up the structure -- cats climb the posts and perch on the beams for a good view of their surroundings. Many large windows and skylights line the buildings so the cats can get their fill of sunshine from inside while decks surround each building allowing cats to venture outside without straying too far from home. When you enter a building that is home to a group of cats, don't be surprised if two dozen felines make a run for you and entwine themselves betwixt your legs. If you happen to sit on one of the numerous couches, it's likely you'll have two cats sitting on your shoulders and three more on your lap -- all purring. Most cats are available for adoption, and those that are not adopted live out their lives happily at the Last Post. And, fret not, all cats are spayed or neutered by the staff vet upon arrival at the Post. Currently, the Last Post is home to over 370 cats, four dogs (two of which are Dalmatian puppies up for adoption), two goats and a pig who goes by the name of Miss Piggy.

Bird Retirement Homes

LaziBirds

Website: www.lazibirds.com/

Contact: Diane Lazicki

Address: P.O. Box 380715, East Hartford, CT 06138

Phone: 860-568-5164

Email: GRAMMIECRACKER@aol.com

Type of Animals Accepted: Domestic and exotic birds.

Limit of Animal Number: Not specified.

Rates: Not specified.

Unwanted, abandoned and surrendered birds are accepted into LBH&R and in return, may be adopted to qualified applicants. Our policy and services are as follows:

1. We will accept birds surrendered to LBH&R.
2. People wanting to surrender birds maybe placed on a waiting list pending space availability or, foster care availability.
3. LBH&R does not breed birds placed with us and we do NOT place birds into breeding situations.
4. We do not adopt to children.
5. We do not adopt birds as companions to other birds.
6. As a general rule, we will not place a Cockatoo, Macaw or other noisy bird in an apartment or condo.
7. Birds must remain in 100% smoke free quarters.
8. Birds are to remain in the home and be treated as a family member.
9. Adopted birds may NOT be sold, given away, bred or used for any type of monetary purpose.
10. All potential adopters will receive a home visit from a LBH&R representative prior to being approved for any adoption.
11. APPROVED applications will be placed on a waiting list if a bird is not currently in our system that would be a good match for the approved adopter.
12. Adopters are required to pay an adoption fee and may need to reimburse LBH&R for vet fees for their bird.
13. LBH&R will make every attempt to see that a bird can remain in it's current home with counseling and behavior modification IF this is in best interest of the bird.

MARYLAND

Horse Retirement Homes

HorseNet, Inc. Horse Rescue

Website: www.horsenethorserescue.org/

Contacts: Elle or Sherry

Address: 2504 Arthur Avenue, Eldersburg, MD 21784

Phone: Elle: 410-795-8989, Sherry: 410-750-3355

Email: Elle's email: horsesnet@yahoo.com, Sherry's email: ciaque@yahoo.com

Type of Animals Accepted: Horses only.

Limit of Animal Number: No limit.

Rates: A donation of \$75 is asked per horse (depending on situation and financial ability).

HorseNet is currently leasing 30 acres of land in Eldersburg, Maryland and would eventually like to purchase property as funds allow to have a permanent location for the facility. We currently have 5 locations (Maryland, Virginia, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and Delaware) and house around 80 horses of all shapes, sizes and breeds. We do not designate one particular, breed, we try to help them all. HorseNet accepts animals from any state in any condition from private owners to state animal control facilities. To date, we have never turned away an animal in need. We feel that every animal deserves a second chance and that is HorseNet's mission. HorseNet Horse Rescue (HorseNet Inc.) falls under Internal Revenue Service code IRC 513. Rev. Rul. 73-587, 1973-2 C.B. 192, which states. "The income derived by an exempt organization, organized and operated for the prevention of cruelty to animals..." HorseNet will perform similar activities for care, protection, and placement of abused horses and therefore qualified for exemption from federal income taxation under [§ 501\(c\)\(3\)](#) of the Internal Revenue Code as an organization formed and operated exclusively for the prevention of cruelty to animals.

MASSACHUSETTS

Bird Retirement Homes

Foster Parrots, Ltd.

Website: www.fosterparrots.com/

Contact: Marc Johnson or Karen Lee

Address: P.O. Box 650, Rockland, MA 02370

Phone: 781-878-3733

Email: Marc@fosterparrots.com or Karen@fosterparrots.com

Type of Animals Accepted: Companion Parrots

Limit of Animal Number: Not specific, but have limited space available.

Rates: For lifetime care - \$15,000

Foster Parrots was established in 1990 when we became aware of the large number of parrots that were living lives of neglect and abuse and was incorporated as a non-profit rescue and adoption service, specifically for parrots, in February of 1999. We received our 501(C)-3 classification from the I.R.S. on May 19, 1999 and are now tax-exempt. All donations are now tax deductible to the fullest extent allowable by law. Birds are now the second most popular pets in the United States. Along with that popularity has come the many problems that are normally encountered with more traditional domesticated species such as dogs and cats. The major difference, we believe, is that most of the parrots now kept as pets are not domesticated through years of selective breeding but instead, are only one or two generations removed from their wild ancestors. In fact many were caught in the wild and imported to the U.S. during the 1960's up until the early 1990's when it became illegal to do so. Many of these "wild caughts" retain their wild traits and have been sold and resold to a number of guardians. Herein lie the problems, which make our organization, and others like it, needed. These parrots, which are many times bought on impulse and without knowledge of their emotional needs will, in many cases, react to the lack of attention by their guardians in an unfavorable manner. As many are semi-tame and have not known a stable and consistent home, these birds can have behavioral problems and can be dangerous as pets. These birds are doomed to being passed from one guardian to another or back to the pet shop as each new guardian realizes that their new pet will never be the "Busch Gardens" bird they had hoped for. Many will bite, scream or even resort to self-mutilation in an effort to get attention from an uncaring guardian. Thus starts a cycle, which can be repeated many times during the bird's long life. Unlike a dog or cat, whose life is relatively short in comparison, a parrot should live from 20 to 100 years depending on the species. This of course assumes that the bird has survived the nutritional neglect offered by many casual bird guardians. In the effort to stop this endless cycle we formed Foster Parrots Ltd. to offer an alternative to people who needed to find a caring "home for life" for their bird and to offer a retirement home for the birds deemed unsuitable for placement. We are currently receiving or placing ten to thirty birds, on average, per month. Our goals include offering these unadoptable birds a permanent "retirement" home and finding good, caring homes for the adoptable birds that have been given up by their guardians due to unforeseen difficulties. We have encountered many cases where birds have been given up for adoption when their guardians have become ill or divorced. These people needed to place their birds quickly and felt uncomfortable with the options of reselling their bird back to a pet shop, in the want ads or giving the bird to friends or family where questionable care might be offered. We have also received birds that have been given up because of unacceptable vocalization or dangerous behavior. We hope to offer people the security of knowing that their bird will be cared for and that time will be taken when finding a new home with a sincere, dedicated and appropriate person. We do not purchase birds. We also offer a help line for new caretakers with questions. Please limit your calls to between 6 and 8 pm eastern time. Since 1990, we have taken in hundreds of birds, from parakeets to macaws. Many of these birds will probably be permanent residents due to medical or behavioral problems. Many others (about 20-25%) have been placed in homes that we continue to monitor. The remaining birds are awaiting placement, a process that involves an application and the signing of a contract of care by the adopting party. Until now, we have relied on word of mouth to receive birds and to find adoptive homes. We anticipate the effect of internet exposure will be more adoptions as well as more desperate people wanting to give up their birds to our care. As many of these birds will need care for up to 100 years, our task is formidable. Space is running out for the care of large birds like macaws and cockatoos. We will need to expand the available space soon. Our short-term hopes are to renovate the ground floor of our barn, the upper two floors of which now serve as an aviary. Our long-term goals are to purchase land on which three large aviaries can be built, one housing birds of Africa, another housing South American birds, and a third where the birds of Austral-Asia can be kept, all without cages in a natural setting that will also serve as an educational center for local schools. In our current location this is only possible on a limited basis. We do invite people to visit and we are very happy to share whatever knowledge we have gained with any prospective or current parrot guardians. Foster Parrots is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the lives of parrots, as pets and in their natural habitats. We are located just south of Boston Massachusetts. Foster Parrots is a proud member of the [Avian Welfare Coalition \(www.avianwelfare.org\)](http://www.avianwelfare.org)* and accredited by The Association of Sanctuaries (TAOS) <http://www.taosanctuaries.org>.

Cat Retirement Homes

Bosler Humane Society

Website: www.boslerhs.org

Contact: Elaine Bosler, Founder or Heidi Slabine, Fundraising Coordinator

Address: PO Box 12, Baldwinville, MA 01436

Physical Address: 300 Royalston Road, Baldwinville, MA 01436

Phone: 978-939-7316

Email: BoslerHS@aol.com

Type of Animals Accepted: Dogs, Cats and Birds

Limit of Animal Number: Not specified.

Rates: Donations.

The Bosler Humane Society was founded in 1978 - A non-profit, tax-exempt organization. It was founded to protect and care for abused animals. They receive no federal or state support. They have the largest no-kill shelter in New England, which is located on 180 acres with 25 individual cat houses. Elaine Bosler, the Founder of Bosler Humane Society has been dedicated to animals for the last 30 years.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Horse Retirement Homes

Turtle Rock Rescue

Website: website n/a

Contact: Kenneth and Mary Terry

Address: PO Box 476, Fitzwilliam, NH 03447

Physical Address: 39 Laurel Heights Road, Fitzwilliam, NH 03447

Phone: 603-585-9995 Fax: 603-585-7759

Email: info@turtlerockrescue.org

Type of Animals Accepted: Specialize in Horses, Donkeys, Ponies, Burros, but also take in other companion animals.

Limit of Animal Number: No limit.

Rates: No set rate, but donations are appreciated.

Our mission at Turtle Rock Rescue, Inc. is to rescue abused and unwanted animals, rehabilitate and/or retrain them, and find them appropriate homes. We are a no-kill shelter. We specialize in equines, but will provide shelter to other companion animals as room permits.

Turtle Rock Rescue was established as a nonprofit 501c3 in February of 2002, but has been in business for several years before that.

Bird Retirement Homes

Fauna Rescue

Website: www.faunarescue.org/

Contact: Linda Wisner, Director

Address: P.O. Box 6142, Nashua, NH 03063

Phone: 603-889-5035

Email: webmistress@faunarescue.org

Type of Animals Accepted: Not specified.

Limit of Animal Number: Not specified.

Rates: Not specified.

Our goal is to provide animal rescue and assistance to the community through education and services. Although we primarily focus on the avian community - we work with other groups in order to provide a larger network of services.

Fauna Rescue began servicing the community in 1997. We received our federal non-profit status under section 501(C)3 on since July 13, 2000.

NEW JERSEY

Cat Retirement Homes

The American Society for the Welfare of Cats

Website: www.magicpage.com/~imagic/cats.html

Address: PO Box 594, Alloway, NJ 08001

Email: magic@waterw.com

Type of Animals Accepted: Cats only.

Limit of Animal Number: As of 12/03, not accepting any new cats.

Rates: Donations are not required, but greatly appreciated.

The American Society for Welfare of Cats, ASWC, is a NO-KILL animal shelter that rescues abandoned and feral cats. We are a humane society that has taken in and saved over 1400 cats. Our adoptions to good homes have exceeded 1200. Our cats have come from NJ, PA, NY, MD, and Delaware. It has always been our goal to help cats in any way that we can. We have helped other organizations in their work with stray cats. At present we are caring for our many permanent residents, cats that for one reason or another never got adopted, so we have adopted them ourselves. They are extremely happy and live a good life with lots of friends. They are talked to, petted, and handled everyday, and they know how they are loved. Each of our cats has been neutered or spayed and get regular veterinary care and annual vaccinations.

We have never put a healthy cat to sleep and we never will. We see live happy animals as proof that we are doing the best for cats. We receive zero financial assistance from anyone except our friends throughout the country that love cats and believe the same as we. Any donations received will go towards the cats 100%. We have no paid employees and no expense accounts. All money received is spent only on cats. Our expenses for food, litter, and medical expenses (especially for the older cats) are quite high. All donations are 100% tax deductible.

***At the present time, we are no longer accepting or taking in new cats. Our financial condition no longer allows new expenses. We have spent over \$250,000 of our own money on the cats and we must hold off on other borders.

Horse Retirement Homes

Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation

Website: www.trfinc.org

Contact: Bill Finley

Address: PMB 351, 450 Shrewsbury Plaza, Shrewsbury, NJ 07702-4332

Phone: 732-957-0182 Fax: 732-671-7538

Email: bill@trfinc.org

Type of Animals Accepted: Horses

Limit of Animal Number: Not Specified

Rates: Not specified

DESCRIPTION:

Founded over two decades ago, the Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation mission is clear and simply stated: To save Thoroughbred horses no longer able to compete on the racetrack from possible neglect, abuse and slaughter.

No other Thoroughbred rescue operation offers the TRF's many retirement options. For countless horseman in the racing industry, and for owners who can longer take care of their former racehorses, the TRF's retirement programs answer their desperate need and overwhelming desire to insure that their horses will live out their days in safe and serene surroundings.

Mylestone Equine Rescue

Website: www.mylestone.org/

Contact: Susankelly Thompson

Address: 227 Still Valley Road, Phillipsburg, NJ 08865

Phone: 908-995-9300

Email: mer@eclipse.net or mer@netcarrier.com

Type of Animals Accepted: Horses only.

Limit of Animal Number: No limit, however the facility is full as of 12/03.

Rates: There is no set rate, however typically the owner is aware of the cost of maintaining horses and their wills include either a trust or an outright gift of funds large enough to provide for the maintenance for the expected lifetime of the horse.

Milestone Equine Rescue is a private, nonprofit New Jersey Organization dedicated to providing sanctuary for horses subject to cruelty, neglect, and disabilities. We provide shelter, care, rehabilitation, adoption, and retirement homes for horses such as these. Milestone is a valuable alternative for these horses because there are limited facilities to care for large animals. Milestone promotes public education about the plight of abused and neglected horses and encourages regulatory action on their humane treatment and transportation, works with humane officials to reduce abuse and neglect, provides on going care through a Milestone affiliated, paid, licensed veterinarian and monitors general welfare through regular visits by trained Milestone staff, establishes standards for care including regular veterinary care including shots, worming, dentistry, and farrier services as well as special care needs. When, due to illness or injury, comfort can no longer be assured, Milestone provides humane euthanasia for a painless end. Horses that are rehabilitated are available for adoption to "qualified" homes.

Bird Retirement Homes

South Jersey Bird Club

Website: Under Construction

Address: 122 Rickey Avenue, Collingswood, NJ 08107

Phone: 609-854-7157

Type of Animals Accepted: Not specified.

Limit of Animal Number: Not specified.

Rates: Not specified.

NEW YORK

Cat Retirement Homes

Kent Animal Shelter

Website: www.kentanimalshelter.com/programs.htm

Contact: Pam Green

Address: 2259 River Road, Calverton, NY 11933

Phone: 631-727-5731

Email: pamgreen@kentanimalshelter.com

Type of Animals Accepted: Cats.

Limit of Animal Number: No limit.

Rates: A donation in the amount of \$5000.00 per pet is required for lifetime care regardless of the age of the pet.

The Kent Animal Shelter is a private, not for profit humane society founded in 1968 to provide a haven for homeless, abused and abandoned animals until new homes can be found. The shelter never destroys an animal unless incurably ill. Over 600 animals are placed in responsible homes each year and more than 300 animals are spayed or neutered at the Kent low cost Spay/Neuter clinic. Kent Animal Shelter also has a Pet Therapy Program and a Retirement Home Program for cats that survive their owners. Located on the scenic property near the Peconic River, with a dedicated staff, spacious exercise facilities and expert medical supervision, Kent is much more than a shelter.

Kent provides an alternative for cats who survive their owners. A simple clause in a person's will can provide long term care for a pet that otherwise may not have an alternative place to live. The kitties live in a homelike atmosphere and are never caged. Veterinary care is always available if necessary. An outdoor screened cattery allows the residents to enjoy the warmer summer months outside.

The Sunshine Home at This Old Cat

Website: www.thesunshinehome.com/

Contact: Paul Dewey

Address: P.O. Box 320, Honeoye, New York 14471-0320

Phone: 585-229-4790 Fax: 585-229-5877

Type of Animals Accepted: Cats only.

Limit of Animal Number: No limit, but not over 25. Will look at each situation on a case-to-case basis.

Rates: We have found the average annual expenses for a cat increases significantly as they enter their twilight years. The chart above illustrates this very clearly. Our admission fee structure takes this into account for each cat. The fees will be based on the cat's age and medical condition as well as your ability to pay. We will offer plans to suit most conditions and budgets.

With so many variables you now can understand that it is difficult for us to simply "quote a quick price". Rest assured we will never compromise on the quality of care we provide for your cat. Normally admission fees may range from under \$3,000 to over \$10,000 depending on the cat's age, your location, etc. We want to be as fair as we can to you, your cat and your situation. The Pre-Qualifying Application helps us do just that. There is NO obligation on your part until you actually sign an Admissions Agreement. Please do contact us for more information.

The Sunshine Home at This Old Cat will provide a wholesome, home-like environment exclusively for cats that is friendly, healthy, safe and attractive. Our skilled care for the disabled and elderly felines will be tailored according to their individual needs in an atmosphere, which reinforces the quality of life. We are committed to absolute integrity, total accountability and diligence with respect to their human guardian's wishes and values. We will continually maintain the highest ethical conduct in our pursuit of excellence. We affirm the individual worth of older and incapacitated felines and their right to comfortably live out the balance of their lives with respect, dignity, love and care. We're Paul and Debbie Dewey. The Sunshine Home at This Old Cat has been a vision of ours for many years. We both had grown up with cats in our families. It wasn't long after we moved into our first home in 1979 that we had our first cat, Charlie Brown. Believe it or not, we purchased him at a local pet store for five dollars. Without a doubt, that was the best \$5.00 ever spent. Chuck was the start of it all, living a long and happy life with us until just past his 19th birthday. With no human children, we focused on caring for our four-legged "kids". It wasn't long before Charlie had sisters and brothers. One after another we rescued and adopted. We have now settled in with twelve and have room in our hearts and home for one or two more should they come along. All of our cats are always spayed or neutered, all have their claws intact (except Katie, who had already been de-clawed long before we adopted her), all remain indoors and all are kept current on their vaccinations. Early on, when Chuck and the others were young, we started asking questions and planning for the care of our cats should something happen to us. We were surprised to find there were not many options. It was then, almost 20 years ago, the dream was born. Now, that dream is about to become a reality -- a reality for your cats and others like them! Our lives are our cats. Virtually everything we do either involves them or revolves around them. Read some of the testimonial letters we've received and you'll know of our passion for the animals. We have recently been visited by the Director of Field Services of this area's largest humane society and he stated he was impressed with how well-kept and clean our home was, right down to the twelve litter boxes for our 12 cats. We obviously do take pride in doing things right. When it comes to doing things right in the daily care for your cat, you can rest assured we will know what to do. We now have over 23 years of cat experience. We have first-hand feline knowledge of: arthritis, behavioral modifications (with or without drugs), bronchitis, cancer in cats, cardiomyopathy, chronic sinusitis, chronic renal failure, conjunctivitis, dental care, diabetes, fibro sarcoma, geriatric cat care, hypertension, hyperthyroidism, high fiber and other special diets, pet loss, mega colon, new cat introductions and socialization, shaving and grooming cats, subcutaneous fluid therapy, subcutaneous emphysema, upper respiratory diseases. We depend on our veterinarians at the Animal Care Facility of Livonia for their expertise, too. Our new state-of-the-art animal hospital is only about six minutes away should an emergency arise. Over the past three years that we've been recording data we have averaged three vet visits a month. We make sure our cats receive the best available care -- and your cat will receive the same care in The Sunshine Home!

Dog Retirement Homes

The Silver Streak Kennel

Website: www.dogretirement.com/index.htm

Address: New York in central New York State.

Contact: Don & Terry Vought

Email: silverstreak@frontiernet.net

Phone: 607-263-2007

Type of Animals Accepted: Dogs, but will take any other kind of animal if necessary.

Limit of Animal Number: No limit.

Rates: For retirement and long-term boarding, the fee is \$150-200 per month per animal. Flat rates are determined on a case-to-case basis.

Don and Terry Vought, a husband & wife team, are the sole proprietors of Silver Streak Kennels, a long term boarding and retirement country home for dogs. Their years of experience with animals is coupled with an innate love for dogs. Terry says, "This is not a conventional kennel - this is our home and these dogs are treated like our own". With knowledge and understanding of the needs of each animal, the Voughts insure that the dogs are independent and free while enjoying a secure, enjoyable quality of life.

Terry, a kennel owner for over thirty years, has also been involved with animal rescue, adoption and care for many breeds of dogs. "These are fortunate dogs with caring owners or sponsors," Terry says, "These pet owners feel that their dogs are worth providing for regardless as to their age. Because, in essence, they consider their pets as part of the family." Prior to starting Silver Streak Kennels, Don created and managed a portable petting zoo of over 350 animals for many years. This experience has made him very knowledgeable in USDA and New York State Agriculture and Markets Laws and their requirements. "But boarding these dogs has given me a new and different appreciation for the family pet and its owner. People who board their dogs here at Silver Streak Kennels are really a special breed of person. They want for their dogs no less than what they would want for themselves. And that's what we aim to do."

Don and Terry make their home on the Silver Streak Kennel Farm and thus have a hands-on relationship with each and every one of the dogs that they board. "We feel that this unique and special way of caring for dogs is an idea whose time has come," says Terry. "We love what we do and get great satisfaction in knowing that the folks who board their dogs with us are grateful for the service we provide.

Silver Streak Kennels is life on a farm in the country for your dog. This is not a conventional kennel. These dogs are treated as our own.

Dogs spend quality time - months or years - surrounded by trees, grass and rolling hills - in comfort and love. In essence, your dog becomes a loving member of our family. Silver Streak Kennels is an open, natural environment in the heart of the beautiful Leatherstocking Region of New York State. It offers long-term boarding or full-time retirement for your pet on a farm in the country.

Continuing Care Retirement Home

Bide-A-Wee

Website: www.bideawee.org/retirement.asp

Address: 410 East 38th Street, New York, NY 10016

Phone: Shelter: (212) 532-4455, Executive Offices: (212) 532-6395, Volunteer Outreach and Bereavement Counseling Info: (212) 532-4986, Clinic: (212) 532-5884

Email: info@bideawee.org

Type of Animals: Dogs and Cats

Limit: Dogs and/or cats must be eight years old or older, spayed or neutered, and free of any disease that poses a threat to other animals or to humans.

Rates: The lifetime fee per resident at the Golden Years Retirement Home is \$10,000.

Bide-A-Wee -- the companion animal welfare society whose no-kill adoption centers have found loving homes for more than one million dogs, cats, puppies and kittens in the century since they were founded. Bide-A-Wee was established as a nonprofit association in 1903, with the primary purpose of providing temporary shelter and finding loving, responsible homes for unwanted pets.

Today, Bide-A-Wee also works to preserve and extend the special relationship between people and these most devoted of friends, through education, community outreach, free spaying and neutering for dogs and cats every summer, an externship program for veterinary students, pet therapy, pet memorial parks, and the Golden Years Retirement Home for older, unadoptable pets.

Bide-A-Wee has found responsible homes for over 1,000,000 cats, dogs, kittens and puppies during our first 100 years. Bide-A-Wee also provides veterinary care for 20,000 pets each year; training assistance for adopters; humane education programs for thousands of children; pet therapy visits to nursing homes, hospitals and hospices; the Golden Years Retirement Home for older dogs and cats; two Pet Memorial Parks; and bereavement counseling.

The Need -- These are excerpts from some of the letters and telephone calls received about another pressing need: "If I become ill, what will happen to my pet if it is too old to be adopted?" "I am worried about the future. What if there is no one to take care of my beloved friend, who has given me so many years of devotion?" "If my pet is homeless and ends up at the pound, it might very well be destroyed, which is unthinkable. What can I do?"

The Response -- The Golden Years Retirement Home is a lifetime residence for cats and dogs, built on the grounds of the Bide-A-Wee shelter complex on Old Country Road in Westhampton, New York. Golden Years gives pet lovers the reassurance that faithful friends who are left behind will not be forgotten or abandoned, but will spend their quiet years in a comfortable, secure place staffed by caring people. The spacious Westhampton home offers cage-free living spaces, indoor play rooms with specially designed synthetic turf, outdoor exercise areas, sunny greenhouse windows, onsite veterinary care, and high-quality, balanced meals. For more information about Golden Years, please call Bide-A-Wee: (212) 532-6395.

Pet Estates, Inc.

Website: www.petestates.com/index.html

Contact: Don or Mary Lynn Gagnon

Address: 250 N Pole Rd, Melrose, NY 12121

Email: Mpetestate@aol.com

Phone: 518-663-5732

Type of Animals Accepted: Dogs, cats, some rabbits.

Limit of Animal Number: No limit.

Rates: Call for information.

Limit: 25

Pet Estates is the only small, private facility offering lifetime care for your pets. We have been in the business of boarding animals for 14 years and have been operating Pet Estates for 3 years. We're located on a 7 acre beautiful rural plot, in the rolling hills of Melrose, New York, where we provide private and semi-private condos and special care and attention for a small number of dogs and cats, to be sure that every pet gets plenty of attention. My husband, Don, and I live on the premises, and personally manage the Pet Estates. We're available for your pets, 24-hours-a-day, and our trained, caring staff helps us give your pets the best possible care. We offer your pet a quality lifestyle, when you can no longer care for him or her. This is always a concern for those who love their pets. Pet Estates Inc. is now offering trusts for pets that can be prepared by legal documents to assure that our clients' wishes for their pets' care will be carried out. Our focus is to provide a loving, clean, healthy, safe and social environment for your beloved pet. We offer the following estate plans to fit your wishes, such as remaining on our estates for a lifetime, private or group living arrangements or placement to a private home. Our estates pets will be allowed to socialize and play outside on the premises throughout the day. Playtime includes swimming, boating, hiking and many other outside & inside activities. Senior citizens are welcome for visitation, which is therapeutic to both pets and seniors. Living arrangements are all custom designed to enhance the lifestyle of your pets. Condo units overlooking pond includes enclosed porch, living quarters, and play area, providing your family's pets with the comforts of home. Condos include a TV and VCR, for daily viewing of pets and family videos. Pets can relax to music from the stereo along with their heated beds. Grooming is maintained on a regular basis. Pet massage is also offered upon request by a certified pet massage therapist. Pet massage aids in stress relief, muscle and joint stiffness (arthritis) and circulation. Also, veterinarian services are available 24 hours, 7 days a week. Pet Estates, Inc. is

inspected annually. We must meet or exceed the local town kennel laws and the guidelines enforced under the agriculture and market law of New York State. Area veterinarians use our facility and also refer their clients to us; references are available upon request.

North Shore Animal League – Surviving Pet Care Program

Website: www.nsalamerica.org/

Contact: Chuck Murray or Tina Yuan (Assistant to Chuck)

Address: 26 Davis Ave, Port Washington, NY 11050

Phone: 516-883-7900 and ask for Tina

Email: nsal1@aol.com

Type of Animals Accepted: Dogs, Cats, Puppies and Kittens

Limit of Animal Number: Case to case basis.

Rates: \$5,000 per animal with an incremental charge for additional animals.

North Shore Animal League America is the largest pet adoption agency in the world. For nearly 60 years, the League has worked to make the world a safer, friendlier, healthier place for animals in need. Since 1944, the League has placed nearly 1 million lost or abandoned pets in loving homes. They've performed countless routine and extraordinary medical procedures. And they've taught tens of thousands of caring people to be good friends, companions and caretakers to the pets they've adopted through the League.

We are a no-kill pet rescue and adoption agency. We rescue, nurture and adopt over 20,000 animals per year. The commitment we make to our SPC members is that we will make arrangements for the animal to come the League and we will care for it for as long as it takes to get the animal adopted. We do special promotions for these animals (online and offline) and we sometimes put them into our Foster Care system depending on their age and other special needs.

Visitors might find it hard to imagine that one of the world's premier animal welfare organizations grew from a hodgepodge of tiny buildings - largely through the support of concerned individuals and corporations. All of our programs are funded entirely by voluntary donations. As the League's capabilities and resources grew, our commitment to helping orphaned pets extended, first nationally, then globally.

Surviving Pet Program

The Surviving Pet Care Program is made available to members of North Shore Animal League America's SafeHaven Society. It guarantees loving, attentive care for your pet when you're no longer here.

Indeed, for the past decade, the League has reassuringly stood ready and taken in countless pets left homeless by their owners' death. The League then made sure that these once adored pets were again placed in the security of a caring home and family. Hundreds of people nationwide no longer have to worry that their "best pal" won't become an innocent victim of a relative or friend's inability or unwillingness to provide it a good home.

To become a member of the SafeHaven Society, simply make a gift to the League that will take effect after your lifetime (a quest in your will) or make a "life income" gift (one which gives you income during your life, and gives the League a gift after your lifetime).

National Shelter Rescue Program

North Shore Animal League America's proficiency for finding good homes begins with a combination of rescue procedures. Our most far-reaching program, Out of State Rescue, was responsible for saving nearly 10,000 dogs, cats, puppies, and kittens last year and over 83,000 since its inception in 1991.

This unique plan is implemented through well-equipped, climate-controlled vans bringing us pets from overcrowded facilities in other states, namely, North and South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia. While all animals are vaccinated and thoroughly health-checked at their shelters of origin - at our expense - they are rechecked upon their arrival at the League. Because our long-term goal is to end the cycle of unplanned births and unwanted animals, we also help fund spay neuter programs at these out-of-state shelters.

Closer to home, our rescue vans routinely visit shelters in the New York metropolitan area, adopt the puppies, kittens, dogs, and cats slated for death, and bring them to the safety of our Adoption Center. There they are examined by the shelter medical staff, given the required vaccinations, bathed and groomed, and finally put up for adoption.

Horse Retirement Homes

The Second Chance Horse Rescue Inc.
Website: website n/a
Contact: Elaine Geniti-Reynolds, Founder
Address: 6 Edgewood Drive, Central Valley, NY 10917
Phone: 845-928-6288 or 914-760-1452
Email: second_chance_horse_resq@yahoo.com
Type of Animals Accepted: Equines
Limit of Animal Number: Not specified.
Rates: Not specified.

Founded in 2001, Second Chance Horse Rescue and Outreach Center has dedicated itself to providing a safe haven for horses that are unable to be cared for by their owners due to various situations. Horses donated or rescued in our program are given a home free from the risks of auction houses or even slaughter until they are adopted by loving families or individuals. We have committed ourselves to saving gods noblest creature "the horse", and touching young hearts through our outreach program. They will never refuse an equine in need.

Bird Retirement Homes

Chipper Chirpers Adoption Link
Website: www.webspawner.com/users/chipperchirpers/
Email: birrdladdy@aol.com
Type of Animals Accepted: Exotic Birds.
Limit of Animal Number: Not specified.
Rates: Donations.

Chipper Chirpers Adoption Link, Inc. is a not for profit organization dedicated to the care, rehabilitaion and placement of unwanted and abused exotic birds. Great care is taken to provide a healthy environment, the best nourishment and vet care. Dr. Scott G. Nachbar, DVM is our knowledgeable avian practitioner.

We depend solely on donations of any kind to provide the best care possible for our feathered friends. Staff is all volunteer.

Parrot Rescue, Inc.
Website: www.parrotrescue.org/
Address: P.O. Box 1434, Commack, NY 11725
Phone: Days: 631-543-2017 or Evenings: 631-234-5407
Email: RecycleWings@aol.com
Type of Animals Accepted: Exotic Birds.
Limit of Animal Number: Not specified.
Rates: Not specified.

Parrot Rescue, Inc. is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization located in Suffolk County, Long Island, New York. We are a dedicated group and must limit our scope of service to within 50 miles (Long Island ONLY!).

Each year thousands of birds die due to abuse, neglect, or accidental escape. Our mission is to help exotic birds in crisis/emergency situations such as owner illness, death, emergency relocation, abuse or neglect. We help birds that need immediate placement and/or removal when contacted by their owner.

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Horse Retirement Homes

Double D Equine Rescue

Website: website n/a

Contact: Debbie Polasek

Address: 9312 Old Route 22, Bethel, PA 19507

Phone: 717-933-4648, 717-933-5114

Type of Animals Accepted: Horses and Ponies

Limit of Animal Number: Not specified.

Rates: Not specified.

The mission of Double D Equine Rescue is to help horses in need, from abused and slaughter-bound horses to horses just needing a home. Horses are also used as therapists for children in need. This organization is not required to file an annual return with the IRS because its income is less than \$25,000. It is a 501(c)(03) public charity. Information in this report was supplied by the nonprofit organization more than 24 months ago.

Bird Retirement Homes

Parrot Education & Adoption Center (PEAC)

Website: pittsburgh.parroteducation.org/

Address: P.O. Box 9722, Pittsburgh, PA 15229

Phone: 724-378-7588

Email: info@pitpeac.org

Type of Animals Accepted: Parrots.

Limit of Animal Number: Not specified.

Rates: Not specified.

Parrot Education & Adoption Center (PEAC) is a non-profit, volunteer organization dedicated to educating current and potential bird owners on the proper care of pet birds. Founded in San Diego California in 1996, PEAC now has chapters in Anchorage, Alaska and Cleveland, Ohio, as well as our Pittsburgh chapter. Unwanted or found parrots are accepted at PEAC. They are cared for until adopted to qualified applicants.

Parrot Education & Adoption Center (PEAC – pronounced “peace”) is a non-profit, volunteer organization dedicated to educating current and potential owners on the care of companion parrots. Unwanted or found parrots are accepted at PEAC and in turn are placed with qualified, educated applicants.

Pittsburgh Parrot Rescue

Website: pages.prodigy.net/zazubird/ppr.htm

Address: P.O. Box 97191, Pittsburgh, PA 15229

Phone: 412-761-2268

Email: zazubird@prodigy.net

Type of Animals Accepted: Parrots.

Limit of Animal Number: Not specified.

Rates: Not specified.

Founder and Executive Director of Pittsburgh Parrot Rescue (PPR), Roberta Weisensee, spent 7 years as a volunteer at the National Aviary in Pittsburgh. Those 7 years were spent working in the education department studying and working with many different birds but her passion was for the parrots.

She saw a need for a safe haven for parrots that could no longer be kept by their owners. Additionally there was a great need for education on caring for pet birds in the Pittsburgh area. In 1998 she formed the Pittsburgh Chapter of Parrot Education & Adoption Center and was the Managing Director/President until June 2001 when she went on to form the Pittsburgh Parrot Rescue.

Pittsburgh Parrot Rescue's dream is to have an education center open to the public on a daily basis where people can come in at their convenience and learn about parrots and also meet the many birds that are looking for new homes. Additionally, PPR is looking to open a full service rescue/sanctuary for unwanted parrots.

New Beginnings Avian Rescue

Website: website n/a

Address: 937 N. 13th Street, Allentown, PA 18102

Contact: Roni Badesso

Email: roni@recycledbeaks.org

Type of Animals Accepted: Large Hookbills.

Limit of Animal Number: Space availability varies.

Rates: Donations only. Adoption fees range from \$10-\$100 plus vet expenses if applicable.

New Beginnings, in affiliation with the Long Island Parrot Society, is a small avian rescue I operate out of my home for the past 11 years. Its purpose is to provide a loving home for any unwanted, neglected or abused parrots. I also have a waiting list of potential adopters, who will be screened according to the policies and procedures of the Long Island Parrot Society.

Education is also an important part of what I do. I can answer questions about diet, cage size and behavior problems. I cannot answer any medical questions you may have. They are best answered by a qualified avian vet.

RHODE ISLAND

General Pet Retirement Homes & Programs

The Hope for Animals Sanctuary

Website: website n/a

Contact: Kathy

Address: P.O. Box 816, Slatersville, RI 02876

Type of Animals Accepted: Not specified.

Limit of Animal Number: Not specified.

Rates: Not specified.

The Hope for Animals Sanctuary of RI Inc. is a non-profit, all volunteer organization dedicated to saving animals. It was incorporated in December of 1994 and received its non-profit status in February of 1995. Since then, the organization has helped thousands of animals by finding homes, by providing spaying and neutering assistance, and by offering emergency medical funds. Our purpose is to prevent unnecessary deaths & suffering of companion animals by educating the public on owner responsibility and animal health, including spaying, neutering, and vaccinations, and through the development of a no-kill sanctuary, as well as by promoting kindness to all animals.