

## LIFETIME CARE OPTIONS

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### SOUTHWEST (AZ, CA, CO, HI, NV, NM, TX, UT)

#### ARIZONA

Rescue Adoption, and Care Program

Arizona Humane Society

Website: [www.azhumane.org](http://www.azhumane.org)

Contact: 602-997-7586 (see below)

Address: 1521 W. Dobbins Road, Phoenix, AZ

Phone: 602-997-7586

Email: None Listed

Type of Animals: All household pets

Limit:

Rates: Do Not Have a retirement plan for animals, just shelter, rescue, care, etc.

The Arizona Humane Society is the state's largest nonprofit animal welfare and protection agency. Annually, their shelter takes in more than 30,000 unwanted, sick, abused and injured animals. A private, nonprofit, 501 (c)(3) organization, they are funded by donations and do not receive any government funding. Their mission is to build healthy relationships between people and animals.

The Human Resources Department can be reached at the Campus for Compassion by calling (602) 997-7586, Ext. 1019, or at the Sunnyslope Facility by calling (602) 997-7585, Ext. 2019.

#### Bird Retirement

The Oasis Sanctuary

Website: [www.the-oasis.org/](http://www.the-oasis.org/)

Contact: Sybil Erden, Executive Director: [oasis@theriver.com](mailto:oasis@theriver.com)

Address: P.O. Box 30502, Phoenix, AZ 85046-0502

Phone: 520-212-4737, Fax: 520-212-0123

Email: [oasis@the-oasis.org](mailto:oasis@the-oasis.org)

Type of Animals Accepted: Exotic birds, predominantly CITES I and II endangered birds.

Limit of Animal Number: The limit up animals is restricted by the space that is available at any given time.

Two to four may not be a problem. It becomes a problem when people have large numbers of birds.

Rates: Each bird must be tested to our specific standards before approval of taking the bird as this facility is very serious about insuring the continuing health of their existing flock. The tests (today) cost anywhere from \$250-400 per bird depending on the type of bird, tests needed and part of the country you live in (prices vary regionally we have discovered).

We \*request\* that the birds are sponsored annually. We do not accept birds because their caregivers have money. Nor do we turn away birds that should be here because their caregivers cannot afford to pay for their ongoing care. Sponsorship covers the annual base care of a bird and varies species by species. Example: a budgie costs about \$5 a month for us to care for while a large Macaw is about \$60 per month. We cannot look into someone's pocketbook or bank account. We only ask that people remain responsible and do the best they can...and if they can help birds who cannot be cared for by their former homes, that is most gratefully appreciated. We ask folks to keep in mind that those birds need care too. Our base monthly budget...not including

growth projects (like our aviaries or new buildings) is about \$12,000.... Every penny we generate goes into bird care and projects which enhance the lives of these birds. The Oasis Sanctuary is a Rescue and Retirement facility for exotic birds, predominantly CITES I and II endangered birds. We offer birds a stable and loving home for the duration of their natural lives. We do not sell or breed birds. Nor do we offer birds for adoption. The Oasis Sanctuary is proud to be the only exotic bird sanctuary to have dual accreditation from the American Sanctuary Association (ASA) and The Association of Sanctuaries (TAOS). Many of The Oasis birds come from other rehabilitation and/or adoption programs where qualified personnel have determined that it is not in the bird's best interests to be placed in private homes. Some of our birds have "special needs", are physically handicapped or challenged requiring unique living or feeding situations. Others have been bounced from home to home, often being physically and/or emotionally abused and have simply become too fearful of people to be companions to people any longer. A number of The Oasis birds are retired breeders, or other birds originally imported for production purposes, who, due to age, infirmity or temperament would often be facing euthanasia. Because many of our birds are not interested in or are incapable of human interaction, they are housed with the same or similar, compatible species in non-breeding pairs or small flocks in large flight cages. Of course, The Oasis Sanctuary also is home to a small number of perfectly "normal", healthy and contented birds, whose owners brought them here when life changes precluded them from continuing to care for their beloved companions. We accept birds whose owners have passed away or gone to nursing homes, when they are willed to The Oasis, or when the request is made by family members. These people recognize that the stability of perpetual care at our facility, with companionship of both people and other birds, is preferable to the possibility of being bounced from home to home over the long lifetime of the bird.

The Oasis Sanctuary realized a primary dream by acquiring and moving to a 71-acre parcel of land in the small community of Cascabel, located near the town of Benson in Southeastern Arizona. The temperate climate allows the healthy and able-bodied birds in our flock to be outdoors year round. The land contains a 21-acre non-productive pecan orchard. The deciduous trees provide a canopy of shade during the summer months and allow sunlight in winter. Birds with special needs and those who require more human interaction are kept indoors in our 1,300 square foot bird building. The Oasis Sanctuary was incorporated in the State of Arizona on May 22, 1997. We are a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. Our Federal EIN number is 86-0885646. We are also registered with the Secretary of State in Arizona as a recognized charity.

#### Tucson Avian Rescue & Adoption – TARA

Website: [www.tarafoundation.com](http://www.tarafoundation.com)/Address: P.O. Box 36984, Tucson, AZ 85704

Phone: 520-747-0554 or 520-293-7986

Email: [tarabirds@comcast.net](mailto:tarabirds@comcast.net)

Type of Animals Accepted: Parrots.

Limit of Animal Number: Not specified.

Rates: Not specified.

TARA (a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit corporation) provides public education on the care and behavior of exotic birds, and takes in abused, unwanted, handicapped, and elderly parrots from all parts of the Southwest. We place these birds in safe, loving environments with knowledgeable care givers.

Experienced bird lovers founded TARA in 1998 in response to the increasing number of unwanted birds and the needs of bird owners for good, up-to-date information on parrot care and behavior. One of TARA's main goals is to increase individuals' knowledge of what to expect from parrots and how to care for them properly. Parrots' high level of intelligence, their long lifespans, and their innate wild nature make their needs greater than most people can meet.

TARA does not "warehouse" rescued birds in a single facility. Instead, we provide them with more intimate surroundings and consistent care givers, with the care provided determined by the individual bird's needs. Some birds are fostered by volunteers in their homes, while others are housed in home aviaries with birds of their own species. TARA attempts to socialize rescued birds with other parrots as well as with humans, and we often pair up "bird buddies" of the same sex.

#### Cat Retirement Homes

The Hermitage No-Kill Cat Shelter

Website: [www.hermitagecats.org/](http://www.hermitagecats.org/)

Address: P.O. Box 13508, Tucson, AZ 85732

Phone: 520-571-7839

The Hermitage (Surviving Cat Program)

Website: [www.hermitagecats.org/](http://www.hermitagecats.org/)

Contact: Dave Apgar, VP, Board of Directors

Address: 5278 E 21<sup>st</sup> Street, Tucson, AZ 85711

Phone: 520-571-7839, Fax: 520-514-5735

Email: [HermitageCats@aol.com](mailto:HermitageCats@aol.com)

Type of Animals Accepted: Cats only.

Limit of Animal Number: No more than 10 animals at one time from one source.

Rates: \$2,500 per cat.

The Hermitage No-Kill Cat Shelter is a non-profit organization, supported entirely by private and corporate donations and exists solely for the shelter, protection and care of homeless cats. And it is Tucson's first no-kill, no-cage facility (except for quarantine). The Hermitage is a textbook example of how a fairly old private residence (built in 1948) can be converted to house over 300 cats and kittens in clean, yet homey conditions. Our facility comprises approximately 4,000 square feet under roof, with an additional 4,000 square feet of entirely fenced-in outdoor runs. Every one of our free-roaming felines has access to fresh air and sunlight without being in any danger from predators, vehicles, nasty people or other vagaries of civilization.

Specific rooms in the shelter are devoted to various categories of residents: eminently adoptable cats; shy cats; medically-challenged cats; "oldsters" (some well into their 20's); as well as cats who may be carriers of FeLV and FIV. Surviving Cat Program: Do you worry about what will happen to your beloved cat(s) upon your death? The Hermitage provides a Surviving Cat Program to cat owners who plan ahead regarding the welfare of their companion animals. There is a fee for this program, as it is very costly for the shelter to provide care for each cat. Based on an evaluation by the staff at The Hermitage and in the best interest of your cat's health and happiness, your cat will either be placed in a loving home, or will remain at the shelter. For more information about the Bequest or Surviving Cat Program, please contact The Hermitage at 520-571-7839. Donations to The Hermitage are deductible to the full extent allowed by the law under section 501 (c) (3) of the IRS code.

### Horse Retirement Facilities

Hoofed Animal Humane Society of Arizona, Inc.

Website: website n/a

Address PO Box 3025, Chino Valley, AZ 86323

Phone: 928-636-6026

Email: [hahsofazcv@yahoo.com](mailto:hahsofazcv@yahoo.com)

Type of Animals Accepted: All hoofed animals to include horses, ponies, goats, pigs, sheep, domestic deer, burros, mules, donkeys, llamas, buffalo, all types of poultry and domestic birds.

Limit of Animal Number: No limit. However, with that said, it would depend how many and what type of animals they are, and if they can house all of them or if they need to set up some foster homes to help.

Rates: The donor is asked to give a donation of some kind to help offset the cost of accepting more animals. If a donation cannot be made, the animal will still be accepted... because most animals in that situation means the owner cannot afford to keep them any longer.

Hoofed Animal Humane Society of Arizona's shelter and sanctuary are located on 40 acres in Ashfork, AZ. They are considering a move to a different location if all the contracts can be worked out. They have a 10 stall 12x24 foot stalls with pens set up for groups of horses to be together. They turn separate groups out to roam the 40 acres at different times. This facility is supported solely by public donations and the adoption fees of the animals that are placed. They try to have at least 2 yard sales a year and attend some other animal fairs within the state to get more publicity and to help raise funding. Hoofed Animal Humane Society of Arizona will accept anything that can be used or resold (cars, boats, RV, tack, furniture, misc.) to help bring in money to help feed and care for the animals.

Hoofed Animal Society of Arizona Inc.

Website: website n/a

Contact: Not specified

Address: 23010 N. 185 Ave Surprise, AZ 85387

Phone: 623-546-9284

Email: [hahsofazcy@yahoo.com](mailto:hahsofazcy@yahoo.com)

Types of Animals: Horses, Poultry, and Domestic Birds

Rate: From 25.00-900.00 depending on the animal

Limit: Not specified

HAHAOFAZ is a non profit shelter and sanctuary for all Hoofed Animal Poultry and Domestic Birds. They are dedicated to helping all Hoofed animals and offering them a second chance at a new life. They rehabilitate and retrain some of the horses that come to our shelter, so that they may find new homes through our adoption process. They offer sanctuary and retirement section for all Hoofed animals that cannot be adopted.

## CALIFORNIA

### General Pet Retirement Homes & Programs

#### Continuing Care Program

Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA

Website: [www.PeninsulaHumaneSociety.org](http://www.PeninsulaHumaneSociety.org)

Contact: Lisa Van Buskirk, VP, Development and Planned Giving

Address: 12 Airport Blvd, San Mateo, CA 94401

Phone: 650-340-7022 x327; Fax: 650-348-7891

Email: [Lvanbuskirk@peninsulahumanesociety.org](mailto:Lvanbuskirk@peninsulahumanesociety.org)

Type of Animals: All household companion animals

Limit: none

Rates: The program is open to all PHS/SPCA members (a donation at least once a year constitutes a member). Bequests to PHS/SPCA help supplement the cost of the program.

The Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA (PHS/SPCA) is San Mateo County's largest and most celebrated animal welfare organization and was recently named the SF Bay Area's Best Animal Welfare Organization by Animal Fair magazine! Programs include adoption (dogs, cats, small animals and exotic pets -- with a guarantee that no healthy dog or cat will ever be euthanized for want of a home!), wildlife rehabilitation (for both San Mateo and San Francisco counties), education, advocacy, community outreach, animal rescue and cruelty investigation. Generous gifts of time, resources and funds help us treat, then find homes for more animals.

For those of us who live with animal companions, a crucial, final act of love is to make arrangements for our pets when we are no longer alive to care for them. Under our Continuing Care Program, the Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA will help you choose the best possible home for your pet, ensuring that the rest of his/her days are happy ones. PHS/SPCA will help you identify and prepare an appropriate person to serve as your animal's guardian. When a guardian is not available, we will provide shelter and loving affection while we find your pet a new forever home. Unlike other shelters with limited admission policies, we accept all companion animals into our program regardless of age, health or temperament. To learn more about the program or to enroll, please call Lisa Van Buskirk at 650-340-7022 x327.

Tender Loving Care for Pets  
Center for Animals in Society  
School of Veterinary Medicine  
University of Davis

Website: [www.tlcforpets.com](http://www.tlcforpets.com)

Contact: Richard Timmins, DVM  
Director, Center for Animals in Society

Address: One Shields Avenue

Davis, CA 95616

Phone: 530-757-5787

E-Mail: [rptimmins@ucdavis.edu](mailto:rptimmins@ucdavis.edu)

Type of Animals: Household pets who owners are deceased.

Limit: None

Rates: The enrollment fee for each companion is \$1,000. This fee includes the following:

- Cover the costs for Dr. Timmins to meet your pet.
- Assess its health and behavior.
- Develop an individualized new home screening and health plan.

Also if you contribute \$30,000 your pet will get lifetime care.

The TLC program at the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine is intended to supply lifetime veterinary services and pet care monitoring to pets that are predeceased by their loving owners. Through their estate plans, owners can set up funds to present the basic lifetime medical care for their pets managed by the School of veterinary medicine. The TLC program is managed by Dr. Rick Timmins, Director for the Center for Animals in Society at the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine. Dr. Timmins has over 20 years knowledge as an active veterinarian with a lifetime interest in the human-animal bond. New caretaker homes will be pre-screened by Dr. Timmins to conclude the fitting species, age, size and number of pets that can be lovingly cared for in each prospective home. Caretakers will be identified through School of Veterinary Medicine faculty, staff, students, and special individual and families that have a strong partnership with the school. For more information please call Richard Timmins by e-mail or phone.

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Website: [www.PeninsulaHumaneSociety.org](http://www.PeninsulaHumaneSociety.org)

Contact: Lisa Van Buskirk, VP, Development and Planned Giving

Address: 12 Airport Blvd, San Mateo, CA 94401

Phone: 650-340-7022 x327; Fax: 650-348-7891

Email: [Lvanbuskirk@peninsulahanuesociety.org](mailto:Lvanbuskirk@peninsulahanuesociety.org)

Type of Animals: All household companion animals

Limit: none

Rates: The program is open to all PHS/SPCA members (a donation at least once a year constitutes a member). Bequests to PHS/SPCA help supplement the cost of the program.

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Animal Helpline, Inc.

Website: [animalhelplineinc.homestead.com/](http://animalhelplineinc.homestead.com/)

Contact: Judith Lindley

Address: PO Box 944, Morongo Valley Ca 92256

Phone: 760-363-6511

Types of Animals: Mostly cats that meet the following criteria: must be over 4 years of age or physically handicapped. Has accepted dogs, farm animals and equines.

Rates: \$100 per cat. There is no fee for other animals.

Animal Helpline is an incorporated non-profit organization run entirely on donations of people who love animals. Animal Helpline offers sanctuary to older or handicapped cats, as a no-kill shelter and retirement home. It is located on Morongo Valley, CA, and phone services are available free to the local area. This free service began in 1979 as easy phone-in help for people with pet problems. On the hotline, you will hear lists of the lost and found, offers minor first aid advice, pet placement, and help referrals to other organizations or veterinarians. In addition to these services, more than 1,500 cats have found shelter at Animal Helpline since 1979. Thirty dogs have also lived on location at Animal Helpline over the years. A wide variety of farm animals have also lived on the premises. Any healthy animal that is transported to Animal Helpline will be warmly received, even from out of state. The grounds at the facility are open daily for visits, picnics and tours.

Expansion and completion of the shelter are ongoing, but are possible only through continuing tax-deductible donations by Helpline's friends. The shelter is run entirely by Judith Lindley and her family, keeping the operating costs at a minimum.

Friend For Life at the North County Humane Society

Website: [www.slonchs.org/friendforlife.htm](http://www.slonchs.org/friendforlife.htm)

Contact: Jan Jones: [jan@slonchs.org](mailto:jan@slonchs.org)

Address: 2300 Ramona Rd., Atascadero, CA 93422

Phone: 805-466-5403

Types of Animals Accepted: Cats, dogs, other small mammals, birds, horses and reptiles.

Limit of Animal Number: No limit.

Rates: Based on what is "willed" to Friend for Life upon death of the owner.

North County Humane Society (NCHS) has established Friend for Life, the first program in San Luis Obispo County designed to protect animal companions who survive their owners. The Friend for Life program is designed to find loving homes for all surviving animal companions enrolled in the program, including cats, dogs, other small mammals, birds, horses and reptiles. If a permanent adoptive home cannot be found, NCHS will itself become a loving home or will find a protective sanctuary for the surviving animal. "Friend for Life is meant to give pet owners peace of mind," according to NCHS Director of Development Alicia Morin. "This way you know that your cherished animal companions will be taken care of should you die or become incapacitated unexpectedly." To participate in the program a pet owner must be a member of the North County Humane Society. To enroll animal companions in the program, members make provisions through their will or other estate documents for NCHS to adopt surviving animals, and they are asked to make a planned gift, such as a bequest, to NCHS.

Guardians for Life

Marin Humane Society

Website: [www.marinhumanesociety.org/ProgramsServices/Guardians.html](http://www.marinhumanesociety.org/ProgramsServices/Guardians.html)

Contact: Pam Williams, Director of Development

Address: 171 Bel Marin Keys Blvd., Novato, CA 94949

Phone: 415-506-6257; Fax: 415-382-1349

Email: [PWILLIAMS@marinhumanesociety.org](mailto:PWILLIAMS@marinhumanesociety.org)

Type of Animals: All companion animals.

Limit: No limit.

Rates: There is no fee or donation required, but the owner must be a member in good standing of The Marin Humane Society in Novato, California. The membership fees are as follows:

Patron:	\$1000.00
Sponsor:	\$ 500.00
Supporter:	\$ 250.00
Associate:	\$ 100.00
Affiliate:	\$ 35.00
Senior/Youth:	\$ 25.00
MHS Volunteer:	\$ 25.00

Guided by the humane ethic, the mission of The Marin Humane Society to protect animals from neglect, abuse and exploitation, to advocate for their interests and welfare, and to inspire awareness and compassion for all living things. Founded in 1907, The Marin Humane Society is a progressive, award-winning animal shelter, offering refuge and rehabilitation to nearly 8,000 animals each year through a myriad of community services including: adoptions, foster care, behavior and training, humane education, lost and found pet services, low-cost clinics, and more.

#### Guardian Program

With enrollment in the Guardian program, members of The Marin Humane Society can know that their animal companions will be cared for even after they are no longer the caretaker. To enroll your animal companion in this life assurance program simply place in your last will and testament language similar to the following:

"At the time of my death I give (my dog, my two cats) owned by me to The Marin Humane Society to be placed in a loving home consistent with the individual pet resumes that I have sent to the Society."

Then, send a copy of the Guardian Notification form to the Society along with completed Pet Owner Questionnaire and Medical History. Please keep these profiles current with the Society, the executor of your estate and with your important papers. They will, in turn, send you an Emergency Notification Card to carry with you at all times. It is a gift of love to do such a simple thing for the animals who give you so much in return.

#### Pets in Need – PIN Guardian Program

Website: [www.petsinneed.org/Services.html](http://www.petsinneed.org/Services.html) - Guardian

Address: 873 Fifth Avenue, Redwood City, CA 94063

Phone: 650-817-9165, Fax: (650) 367-1314

Email: [info@PetsInNeed.org](mailto:info@PetsInNeed.org)

Types of Animals Accepted: Dogs and cats.

Limit of Animal Number: 2 pets per person.

Rates: This is a FREE service for Pets In Need adopters and members who specify in their Wills or Trust Documents that their pet companions are to be entrusted to Pets In Need at the time of their death. The person must have been a member for at least one year.

Pets In Need (PIN) was founded in 1965 by Jean Mahoney and Alice Hodges to help lost pets get home and to provide information about pet care to people. Most of all they wanted all dogs and cats to have loving homes. After years of operating out of private garages and offices or a tiny rented kennel, in 1993 Pets In Need entered a new era of service to our community's animals. PIN purchased a warehouse and built a professional kennel to house eighteen dogs and thirty-five cats. Pets In Need's mission is to bring a loving, healthy home within paw's reach of every adoptable dog and cat in our community. No animal suitable for re-homing is every put to death... no matter how long it takes. PIN is committed to finding homes for each animal in the shelter. Every dog or cat is spayed or neutered prior to adoption. Pets In Need (PIN) is a private no-kill adoption shelter. This means that Pets In Need's humane work is made possible by donations. PIN has no city or county contracts and receives no local, state or federal tax money. Last year, 89% of PIN funding was donations from individuals and organizations who care. One

percent was from charitable foundations. Ten percent was from fees for service such as Adoptions and Canine College. Pets In Need is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization and is not funded by a city or county animal control contract.

#### Sido Program at SF SPCA

Website: [www.sfspca.org/special\\_programs/sido.shtml](http://www.sfspca.org/special_programs/sido.shtml)

Contact: Katie Volv, The San Francisco SPCA or Lavonne Rose

Address: 2500 16th Street, San Francisco, CA 94103

Phone: 415-554-3027

Email: [lrose@arf.net](mailto:lrose@arf.net)

Types of Animals Accepted: Dogs and Cats.

Limit of Animal Number: Each individual may place up to 2 pets in the program.

Rates: The Sido Program is offered to SF/SPCA donors at no fee. We do request an annual donation to the SF/SPCA of at least \$25.

Many people don't have a trusted, willing friend or relative to appoint as guardian for their pet. They worry about what will happen to their pet when they pass away. With the Sido Program, people get peace of mind about the fate of their pets. When their owner dies, dogs and cats enrolled in Sido are taken into the San Francisco SPCA Adoption Program, providing they pass health and behavior checks. They get exceptional care and attention as the SF/SPCA works to place them in the best possible home, so they can live out their days in comfort and love.

#### Tony La Russa's Animal Rescue Foundation (ARF) Guardian Program

Website: [www.arf.net/index.asp](http://www.arf.net/index.asp)

Contact: Brenda Barnette, Chief Executive Officer -- 925-296-3108

Or LaVon Rose, Development Manager – 925-296-3143

Address: 2890 Mitchell Drive, Walnut Creek, CA 94598

Phone: 800-567-1273

Email: [bbarnette@arf.net](mailto:bbarnette@arf.net) or [lrose@arf.net](mailto:lrose@arf.net)

Types of Animals Accepted: Dogs and cats.

Limit of Animal Number: Each individual may place up to 2 pets in the program. But grant exceptions may be granted for certain situations.

Rates: FREE for adopters, volunteers or anyone who makes an annual donation of any amount. Of course we always invite people to make a lasting gift through a bequest or trust, but we want to be there for the animals who were companions to the people who were there to help ARF during their life-time.

The ARF Guardian Program is a free service for ARF's adopters and supporters who specify in their Will or Trust Document that their companion animals are to be entrusted to ARF at the time of their death. We are not a membership organization. We define membership as anyone who makes an annual contribution.

This program is our way of being there for our donors' furry friend when the donor is no longer able to be there. This service is for dogs and cats. There is a limit of two (2) pets per person, the animals must meet ARF's Health and Adoption standards, and the person must have been an annual donor. To ensure that your furry friend will be well cared for and safe if you should predecease your beloved friend, we recommend that the guardian prepare written instructions including their pet's likes and dislikes and the name of their furry friend's regular veterinarian. For your convenience, please see enclosed supply of pet information forms. The information should be updated every six months and kept at home in a safe place.

The caregiver should also make arrangements with a trusted friend or relative to transport the companion animal to ARF when the time comes. The pet will be evaluated by our veterinarian and will be given any special care needed. Then we will begin looking for another loving home for the beloved pet. At ARF, no animal suitable for re-homing is ever put to death...no matter how long it takes. We are a completely privately funded no-kill animal shelter. While our Guardian Program is free for donors we find that very often our supporters want to make a lasting legacy to help their pet or to help other pets. We are always grateful when one of our contributors wants to make a lasting gift for the animals.

## Cat Retirement Homes

California Feline Foundation

Website: [www.valleyanimal.org/](http://www.valleyanimal.org/)

Contact: Chris Patterson

Address: 550 N. Van Ness Avenue, Fresno, CA 93728

Phone: 559-233-8690

Email: [valleyanimal@sbcglobal.net](mailto:valleyanimal@sbcglobal.net)

Type of Animals Accepted: Cats only.

Limit of Animal Number: No limit. The only limiting factor is that adequate financial provisions have to be made for the care of each cat.

Rates: The financial provision can vary depending on several factors (age, health condition, special medical needs of the cat). However, a good general guideline is a \$5,000 lifetime fee for the care of each cat.

The CALIFORNIA FELINE FOUNDATION is dedicated to controlling the pet population through education and spaying and neutering, not euthanasia. We believe that animals, as living creatures, deserve to be protected, respected and given every consideration morally and ethically. Our mission is to assist with and provide for the health and welfare of the animals that have been abused, mistreated, abandoned and injured; to promote the bond between animals and people; and to instill an appreciation and respect for all living creatures with who we share this earth.

The California Feline Foundation was established in 1992 to improve the welfare of companion animals. The Foundation's mission is to alleviate pet overpopulation through spaying and neutering programs rather than the traditional method of euthanasia, and to provide care and shelter for homeless cats and kittens until they are adopted into good homes. Our primary goal is to impact the pet overpopulation problem in a long-term, lasting manner rather than seeking a temporary solution. The Foundation's Shelter and Adoption Center houses as many as 300 cats and kittens at any one time until they are placed in good homes. Upon entering the shelter, each cat or kitten is tested for feline leukemia and FIV, and given rabies, leukemia, and 4-1 vaccinations. Any additional medical treatment is administered as needed. All are spayed or neutered and implanted with microchip identification before they leave the shelter. The California Feline Foundation's low-cost spay/neuter clinic has performed over 12,000 surgeries since opening its doors. The clinic spays or neuters cats and kittens 8 weeks of age and older for only \$20. This service is available to low-income families, AFDC & SSI recipients, seniors, feral colony caregivers and animal rescue groups.

Friends of Cats, Inc.

Website: [www.friendsofcats.org/](http://www.friendsofcats.org/)

Contact: Marion Connaughton, Future Lifetime Care Coordinator

Address: 15587 Olde Hwy 80, El Cajon, CA 92021

Phone: 619-561-0361 ext.10, ask for Paula

Immediate Care: 619-561-0361 or Email: [friendsofcats2003@yahoo.com](mailto:friendsofcats2003@yahoo.com)

Future Lifetime Care: 619-561-0361 - press 5 - leave message or Email: [yogiz@cox.net](mailto:yogiz@cox.net)

Type of Animals Accepted: Cats only—all ages.

Limit of Animal Number: Average number per family is 2. However, there is no limit as some clients have a multiple number of cats.

Rates: Will send further information if requested for each case. However, see additional information below.

Limit: about 300

Description: Friends of Cats is a private non profit organization and NO KILL SHELTER. They are dedicated to providing shelter and medical care to abandoned cats and those whose owners are unable to care for them.

Rates & additional information:

Our Care Program has two components: 1.) Immediate Care Program: Cats under 8 years of age must be considered eligible for adoption unless special circumstances indicate otherwise. All cats accepted at the shelter must be healthy, able to be handled and must be able to tolerate other cats. Your pet is accepted in this program through the Shelter Manager. Fees for this program: Immediate Care - \$1500 - cats under 8 years of age. \$2500 - cats over 8 years of age. All Cats are accepted on a space available basis. Fees are paid upon admission to the shelter. Visa is accepted.

2.) Future Lifetime Care: The cats live in a separate homelike environment facility with access to an outdoor enclosure. Routine home care and medical care as needed are provided for the lifetime of the cat. Grooming and loving attention are provided by our staff and many volunteers who visit on a regular basis for this purpose. Also, for cats over 8 years of age you would have the option of considering adoption or not.

Fee for Future Lifetime Care: \$5000 per cat regardless of age. Provisions may be included in wills or payment arranged. No cash outlay is necessary to begin the program but proof of your will or trust provision stating that Friends of Cats, Inc. has been named as provider for your cat(s) future care is necessary. These fees reflect the minimum amount required for the care of your cat(s). Cats live out their normal lives in comfort, care and lots of love. No cats are euthanized except for those suffering or diagnosed as "terminally ill" and then only when euthanasia has been recommended by the shelter veterinarian. Any funds over and above this amount enable us to provide a home and care for less fortunate cats. Friends of Cats is a private non-profit organization located in El Cajon, California. We are dedicated to providing shelter and medical care to abandoned cats and those whose owners are unable to care for them. Once their health is assured, we try to find good homes for them. WE DO NOT PUT CATS TO SLEEP, except as a matter of compassion if they are fatally ill. Although the number of residents fluctuates, we usually have around 350 cats at the Shelter. We have recently expanded our facility for FELV/FIV cats, added a porch to our Shy Cat Trailer and updated our Cozy Cottage and our Kitten Cottage. We have made much progress, but we are still in great need of help in updating the Shelter and providing the best care for our feline friends. Friends of Cats began in 1927 when several San Diego men and women pooled their resources to form the Animal Rescue League and purchased all of the animals from the pound in order to place them in good homes. In 1929, a remarkable woman named Maude Erwin took over the care of 20 cats living at the League shelter. Many more cats soon came, and concerned friends raised funds to help maintain Mrs. Erwin's shelter in Pacific Beach. In 1954, a Board of Directors was organized and the Maude Erwin Foundation of Cats received its charter. The ensuing years brought more cats to the Foundation until, in 1957, Mrs. Erwin was caring for over 300 cats. In 1966, the Shelter moved to its present location at Flinn Springs (east El Cajon) and in 1968 the name of the organization was officially changed to Friends of Cats, Inc. Cozy Cottage/Lifetime Care: Lifetime care in a homelike atmosphere is available in Caper's Cozy Cottage. This care is specifically designed to serve the needs of cats whose owners can no longer care for them and do not desire an adoptive home but prefer to have the cats become permanent residents at the shelter.

Lifetime care provides:

1. Heated/air conditioned clean facilities
2. Seven-day-a-week medical supervision
3. Twenty-four hour a-day supervision
4. Regular grooming
5. Vaccinations and medications as required

Additional information can be obtained by writing or calling Friends of Cats.

LifeCare Program at the California Cat Center

Website: [www.californiacatcenter.com/lifecare.htm](http://www.californiacatcenter.com/lifecare.htm)

Contact: Nancy Smith

Address: 048 Sophia Ave., Van Nuys, CA 91406

Phone 818-780-7060, Fax 818-780-8740

Email: [ccalifornia@socal.rr.com](mailto:ccalifornia@socal.rr.com)

Types of Animals Accepted: Cats only.

Limit of Animal Number: No limit.

Rates: \$500 enrollment plus \$5,000 per year of the cat's life expectancy up to 15 years. At this point the rates becomes \$5000 flat fee.

Each cat lover who registers with the LifeCare Program may negotiate their own contract, based on the health and life expectancy of their cat. Contracts may be negotiated for specific cats or for any cat that may be owned at the time of death. The cost will vary, depending upon the conditions that initiate enrollment. You may enroll your cat if you become ill or disabled. Or,

your cat's enrollment may become effective on your death. To assure the ultimate in luxury for the duration of the cat's life as well as premium veterinary care, the basic fee is \$5,000 per year of the cat's life expectancy. California Cat Center, Inc. considers the average life expectancy of a cat to be 15 years. Luxury cats-only living for the remainder of your cat's healthful life. Lifetime veterinary care and treatment including weekly vet visits, annual physical examinations. Health maintenance diets, needed medicines for any ailments that may develop, such as daily insulin injections or fluids for kidney failure. Stimulating feline environment with playful catwalks, music, bird-watching and lots of love. Peace of mind for the cat lover who can no longer care for their precious pet. You can pay for the LifeCare Program in any manner you choose. You should discuss which funding method is appropriate for you with your personal and trusted financial advisor and/or attorney. It is important to get financial advice from qualified and disinterested parties so that you are assured the advice is competent and unbiased. California Cat Center, Inc. is prepared to consult with attorneys and accountants as well as individual cat lovers to assure that a funding plan is developed that is equitable, fully disclosed and developed to assure your wishes will be properly executed. Some options to consider and discuss with your advisors: Life insurance: You may make California Cat Center, Inc. the beneficiary of a life insurance policy to allow funding of pet care upon your death. This will assure no heirs are denied inheritance. Annuity: If your own circumstances, illness or disability prompts your pet's enrollment in the LifeCare Program, you may wish to investigate an annuity that would pay benefits in the future. Automatic periodic payments: You may arrange for automatic withdrawals from credit card, debit card or bank accounts to guarantee the care of your pet. Pet trust: You may establish a trust to care for your cat upon your death or disability. The person you entrust to carry out your wishes may be instructed to enroll your cat in the LifeCare Program.

#### Living Free

Website: [www.living-free.org/](http://www.living-free.org/)

Contact: Danette Grady

Address: 54250 Keen Camp Road, Mountain Center, CA 92561

Phone: 909-659-4684

Email: [LFSanctuary@aol.com](mailto:LFSanctuary@aol.com)

Types of Animal Accepted: Dogs and Cats

Limit of Animal Number: Not specified.

Rates: Not specified

LIVING FREE as a not-for-profit sanctuary for abused and distressed cats and dogs rescued from imminent euthanasia. Living Free Animal Sanctuary is nestled on 153 acres in beautiful mountain country at the edge of the San Bernardino National Forest. It is a land filled with history. Beginning with the Cahuilla Indians who spent their summers on the creek in an area known as Indian Hill. The land has many flat stones evidencing grinding activity of 1,000 to 2,000 years ago. There was a period each year when no killing of wildlife was allowed here and healing and great reverence for life was practiced. This area continues to be preserved by LIVING FREE.

\*\*\*DOES NOT TAKE ANIMALS FROM THE PUBLIC.

#### National Cat Protection Society

Website: [www.natcat.org/retirement.html](http://www.natcat.org/retirement.html)

Phone: 714-650-1232, Contact: Carol Christensen

Address: 6904 W. Coast Highway or 9031 Birch Street, Newport Beach, CA 92663 Spring Valley, CA 91977

Phone: 949-650-1232, 619-469-8771; Fax: 949-650-7367, 619-469-2454

Email for both locations: [natcat04@earthlink.net](mailto:natcat04@earthlink.net)

Type of Animals Accepted: Cats only.

Limit of Animal Number: No limit.

Rates: \$5,000 per cat.

The National Cat Protection Society was founded 35 years ago by the singular efforts of Mr. C. Richard Calore. During World War II, he found himself deep in a fox hole in France during the dead cold of winter. Sometime during the long cold night, in wandered this furry little creature who kept him both warm and company throughout the long night. Mr. Calore decided that he would dedicate his life to raise public awareness and to teach kindness and humane treatment to all animals. Mr. Calore vowed a safe haven for cats. National Cat was created in 1968, and provides both the Orange County and San Diego areas with a

shelter for cats. However, the love of cats and the care goes on throughout the United States with information and help for all. His widow, Mrs. Gerri Calore, carries on his crusade to this cause. She is the Public Relations Director at the Spring Valley Shelter. Both facilities offer the option of Lifetime Care in our Retirement Center. To be eligible for this program, cats must meet certain health and medical requirements. Cats accepted into this program are assured clean, comfortable living quarters in our new state of the art retirement haven. Both facilities provide protected access to the "outdoors" in a large enclosed patio area. In addition, each cat receives medical and dental care along with high quality food. Opportunities for play, companionship and individual attention is provided by staff and volunteers on a regular basis. An onsite fully equipped clinic is maintained to assure the good health of our feline friends.

#### Pet Pride

Website: [www.petpride.org/](http://www.petpride.org/)

Address: 3350 S. Robertson Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90034

Phone: 310-836-5427

Type of Animals Accepted: Cats only.

Limit of Animal Number: Not specified.

Rates: Not specified.

PET PRIDE is a California non-profit organization, which was incorporated January 6, 1965. It is a humane, educational institution, which is trying to systematically deal with the problems faced by the homeless, stray, abused, unwanted and neglected cat. It is the largest, oldest and most well known charitable organization in the United States that deals solely with the cat. Its aims are to confront the problems of the feline and through education, enable the cat to live a richer, fuller and happier life. In order that the public may see a proper cat environment at work and in order to help as many homeless cats as possible, we established a PET PRIDE Shelter in 1970 in Los Angeles which we call PET PRIDE's "Home for Cats." It is quite different from any other shelters existing for two very important reasons. Our resident cats live uncaged except for new admittees awaiting neutering or cats receiving medical treatment. We do NOT euthanize any of our cats for any reason except terminal, suffering illness. Our shelter consists of two regular houses, which are joined together by a large glassed patio. Other separate buildings include our admissions/office area, our clinic and our kitten "condo" that are to the rear. Each of our houses has large metal mesh doors, which separate the rooms and each room is designed to project a living room type surrounding. Each house also contains a large fully screened and "escape proof" patio with many wooden shelves for climbing, sunning and playing. The access to both houses is from the rear, which itself is fully fenced to prevent escape. We house and care for about 300 cats at any one time. We screen adopting parents to be certain they will provide devoted, indoor homes. We are limited in our number due to space requirements and, of course, funding. Cats who are new admittees are checked for FeLV and receive a medical examination. They receive their 4 in 1 shot and Leukemia shots and are weighed and their teeth checked. In the following days they are neutered or spayed if unaltered. They are then placed in our kitty house where they can become accustomed to living with other cats and where we closely monitor their eating and behavior patterns. The "cat" house is cageless, fully furnished for the cats' comforts and kept spotlessly clean. Food, fresh water and clean litter are always available. Low ash dry food is plentiful in supply and the cats are fed their "wet" meals twice daily that consist of nutritionally balanced beef by-products, specifically formulated for cats. There are toys to play with, sofas, chairs, cat climbing trees, pillows and beds to lay on, patios to visit and much human companionship, petting and loving. They are quite at home and ready and willing to greet our many shelter visitors. They are constantly watched for any signs of medical problems and any ill cat is immediately taken to our clinic. Routine problems are handled in house and supervised by our overseeing vet; complex cases are treated at our veterinarian's hospital. We provide all of our "residents" with regularly scheduled booster vaccines and even regular dental care! Our cats are flea free, ear mite free and very healthy indeed. You won't see any sniffles or runny eyes in our midst and all of our cats receive devoted care from all of our staff and many volunteers.

#### Pet Pride

Website: [www.petpride.org/](http://www.petpride.org/)

Contact: Not specified

Address: P.O.Box 1055 Pacific Palisades, CA 90272

Phone: 310-836-5427

Email: Different emails for different needs see website

Types of Animals: Cats, kittens

Rate: Not specified

Limit: Not specified

## DESCRIPTION

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### Volunteers of Inter-Valley Animals

Sylvester House

Website: [www.viva-animal-shelter.org](http://www.viva-animal-shelter.org)

Address: PO Box 896, Lompoc, CA 93438

Shelter Address: 133 North D Street, Lompoc, CA 93436

Phone: 805-735-6741

Email: [shirleycram@juno.com](mailto:shirleycram@juno.com)

Type of Animals Accepted: Cats only.

Limit of Animal Number: Not specified.

Rates: \$5,000 per cat.

Volunteers for Inter-Valley Animals was founded in 1981 by four individuals who were concerned about the plight of homeless, helpless, injured, and often starving animals in their community. The Sylvester House was established in 1990. Cat lovers agree that our feline friends are much more than pets...they are precious family members. Volunteers for Inter-Valley Animals (VIVA), a pioneer in rescue, care and shelter services for companion animals, saw a need for long-term care for cats whose owners could no longer be there for them. VIVA founded Sylvester House to meet your cats' needs for the remainder of their lives if illness or death prevents you from doing so.

Sylvester House provides loving care for your cats in a warm, nurturing environment. They'll receive total care for the rest of their days for a single lifetime fee of just \$5,000 per cat. A cat's average stay at Sylvester House is ten years. Ten years worth of food, litter, and vaccines, as well as their annual medical and dental checkups, totals approximately \$3,652 at today's prices. Including funds for shelter maintenance and utilities, and considering that as cats age their medical needs/bills increase, you can see that our rates are very reasonable.

Sylvester House makes the commitment to provide a lifelong home for your precious pets, but we need the resources to do it. Show your cats how much they mean to you today. Arrange for their ongoing care for the time when you can no longer provide it. They (and you) will be glad you did.

### Farm Animal Retirement Homes

Amy's Farm

Website: [www.amysfarm.bigstep.com](http://www.amysfarm.bigstep.com)

Contact: Debbie: 760-956-6032

Address: 7698 Eucalyptus Avenue, Chino, CA 91710

Phone: 909-393-2936

Email: Automated email

Type of Animals Accepted: Pigs, Horses, Chickens, Roosters, Rabbits –generally most farm animals

Limit of Animal Number: Case-to-case basis.

Rates: Donations only.

Amy's Farm adopts all sorts of animals in an effort to provide a loving home for animals to live out the remainder of their days. We will accept many kinds of farm animals and we treat them with care and commitment. We have a full functioning facility and much open space and pasture on our 10 acres of land. Next door to us is a wonderful veterinary facility. If you have an animal that requires extra love and attention, it will receive just that at Amy's Farm. School children visit the farm weekly and love to see all sorts of animals. If your pet needs petting, it will certainly receive its fair share. But if you have an animal that just needs a quiet place to retire, we will honor your wishes and provide such a place for your special animal.

## Horse Retirement Homes

California Equine Retirement Foundation, Inc

Website: [www.cerfhorses.org/](http://www.cerfhorses.org/)

Contact: Grace Belcuore, President and Founder

Address: 34033 Kooden Road, Winchester, CA 92593

Phone: 951-926-4190

Email: [cerf@pe.net](mailto:cerf@pe.net)

Type of Animals Accepted: Thoroughbred Horses that have come off the track or have raced in the past.

Limit of Animal Number: Case-to-case basis. Depends on space availability. But usually one per person.

Rates: Not specified.

CERF first incorporated in September of 1986 and later granted tax-exempt status in May of 1987. The foundation's goal was a relatively simple one — give former racehorses a happy place to retire, — or help them find a new job and new life. Making that basic thought work has been the challenge for Grace and the people who have joined her noble cause.

Two years after it's opening, CERF found a home in Winchester in Southern California's Inland Empire. Bit by bit the facility has been refined, expanded and adapted to the work at hand -- the making of that happy home for ex-racehorses. Since its inception, CERF has "rehabilitated" more than 200 thoroughbreds and today runs at maximum capacity with some 70 to 75 resident horses.

CERF's original mission was expanded in 1997 to include assistance to performance horses and an educational program for potential industry employees. It was joined in this latter goal by the State of California, many leaders in the racing industry and several institutions of higher education.

### IGHA/HorseAid

Website: [www.igha.org](http://www.igha.org)

Contact: Staci Wilson, Co-Founder

Address: PO Box 6778 Eastview Station, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90734-6778

Phone: 310-719-9094

Email: [staci@staciwilson.com](mailto:staci@staciwilson.com)

Type of Animals Accepted: Horses only.

Limit of Animal Number: No limit.

Rates: Donations are voluntary.

HorseAid was initially founded in 1984 by the International Generic Horse Association's Enzo Giobbé (CEO, now retired), and Staci Layne Wilson (secretary/registrar, now honorary) as a worldwide equine relief program funded entirely through IGHA equine registration fees, unsolicited outside gifts, and personal grants and endowments from the IGHA Board of Directors and HorseAid founders. The main purpose of HorseAid is the rescue and care of horses and ponies that have been abused or neglected "...so that all horses and ponies may lead a full and productive life, free from pain and abuse."

### Retire Your Horse

Website: [www.retireyourhorse.com/](http://www.retireyourhorse.com/)

Contact: Pam Jimenez

Address: 29598 E. Shelton Road, P.O. Box 497, Linden, CA 95236

Phone: 209-887-2604, Fax: 209-887-9106

Type of Animals Accepted: Horses only.

Limit of Animal Number: No limit. However, as of 12/03, they are at their capacity limit.

Rates: The fee to donate your horse is \$1,000. We have limited our program to 20 horses. Once we reach capacity, we will maintain a wait list. You can reserve a place for your horse with a \$100.00 refundable deposit

Retire Your Horse is located 20 miles east of Stockton in Northern California. We have 45 acres and have limited our program to 25 retirees.

This is a short review of how the program works.....you donate your horse, along with \$1,000 and we assume responsibility for the horse for the rest of his/her life. We are in the process of incorporating a youth horsemastership program and hope to have children from the community involved in learning about the horses from the ground up to the point of riding. If you have a horse that is still sound and can be ridden, we also have an adoption program. You donate your horse, along with \$250. We will insure that the horse is "bomb" proof and then adopt the horse out to a suitable home. The adopting family must verify that the horse will live in a safe environment. The facilities will be inspected and if suitable, the horse will be placed with the new family. The adopting family will pay \$250 donation to the program to acquire a horse. When the horse's useful purpose is over, the adopted family will retire the horse to Retire-Your-Horse. The horses are supplemented twice daily on Elk Grove Mill Senior feed, dewormed regularly, given shots annually, and feet trimmed as needed. The horses are separated into pastures/paddocks according to their need(s). We have very safe fencing -- manufactured by HorseGuard. You can visit these companies on at: [www.elkgroovemilling.com](http://www.elkgroovemilling.com) or [www.horseguardfence.com](http://www.horseguardfence.com). We support the horses by fund raisers and donations from others such as yourselves.

Admission Requirements: Upon Admission to Retire Your Horse, your horse must meet these requirements:

1. Horse should be at least 20 years old, or no longer functional for riding.
2. You must provide an up-to-date veterinary certificate, stating that horse is in relatively good condition (not in extreme pain) and also free of communicable diseases.
3. Horse must be current on all immunizations.
4. Teeth Checked and Floated, if necessary.
5. Wormed at least 30 days prior to admittance.
6. Shoes removed and feet trimmed.
7. Signed contract from the owner, relinquishing all rights to the horse.

## Bird Retirement

Coachella Valley Exotic Bird Rescue

Contact: Lisa Perreault

Address: Desert Hot Springs, CA

Email: [ILuvToos@wmconnect.com](mailto:ILuvToos@wmconnect.com)

Type of Animals Accepted: Not Specified.

Limit of Animal Number: Not Specified.

Rates: Not Specified.

Founded 1997. Providing a permanent housing facility for unadoptable birds, and adopting to qualified members.

Coventry Companion Bird Survival Center

Website: [www.avianrescue.org/coventry/](http://www.avianrescue.org/coventry/)

Contact: Larry and Kelly Mullins

Address: P.O. Box 493095, Redding, CA 96049

Phone: 530-275-8188

Email: [coventry@snowcrest.net](mailto:coventry@snowcrest.net)

Type of Animals Accepted: Not specified.

Limit of Animal Number: Not specified.

Rates: Not specified.

Coventry Companion Bird Survival Center was created to provide permanent homes for unwanted or uncared for birds. It is our primary mission to rehabilitate and care for them in our home with love, compassion and respect.

Coventry is maintained and funded by the personal efforts of Kelly and Larry Mullins. Kelly has housed and cared for companion birds for over twenty years. Larry has bred and trained Arabian and Morgan horses, and enjoys training award-winning

obedience dogs. Combined, we have over 20 years of experience in rehabilitating wild birds, with an emphasis on natural history, research, and training.

We are committed to providing a safe haven including proper veterinary care, nutrition, socialization, physical & mental stimulation, and clean, spacious living areas. Space is not only provided in our home, but in our hearts.

#### Mickaboo Cockatiel Rescue

Website: [www.mickaboo.com/](http://www.mickaboo.com/)

Address: P.O. Box 1631, Pacifica, CA 94044

Email: [mail@mickaboo.org](mailto:mail@mickaboo.org)

Type of Animals Accepted: Parrot-type birds.

Limit of Animal Number: Not specified.

Rates: Not specified.

We are a small bird rescue organization located in the San Francisco Bay Area. We are dedicated to rescuing parrot-type birds that have been either neglected, abused, sick, or injured. We rehabilitate them when necessary, and place them in safe, caring foster homes until a permanent home can be found. Our goals are: 1) To ensure that birds in our care will have a safe, loving environment for life; and 2) to educate bird owners on the most current care information, so that their birds' medical, emotional, and dietary needs will be met.

#### Parrot Education & Adoption Center (PEAC)

Website: [www.peac.org/](http://www.peac.org/)

Address: P.O. Box 600423, San Diego, CA 92160

Email: [parroted@cox.net](mailto:parroted@cox.net)

Type of Animals Accepted: Parrots.

Limit of Animal Number: Not specified.

Rates: Not specified.

Parrot Education & Adoption Center is a non-profit, volunteer organization dedicated to teaching current and potential bird owners proper physical and psychological care for their pet birds. Unwanted or found parrots are accepted at Parrot Education & Adoption Center and in turn are adopted to qualified applicants. Based in San Diego and covering all of Southern California, with chapters in Anchorage, Alaska; Cleveland, Ohio; and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, PEAC began operations in 1996. Unwanted or found parrots are accepted at PEAC.

#### Parrots First

Website: [www.parrotsfirst.org/](http://www.parrotsfirst.org/)

Contact: Rose Levine, Executive Director

Address: P.O. Box 66223, Los Angeles, CA 90066

Phone: 866-248-7670, ext. 5937

Type of Animals Accepted: Parrots.

Limit of Animal Number: Not specified.

Rates: Not specified.

Parrots First is first and foremost an avian adoption service. We exist solely to help unwanted or found parrots and through educational classes and seminars we hope to dispel many of the myths and misconceptions that are prevalent today. We are also a parrot "rescue" in that we will do everything legally possible to remove a parrot from a harmful situation but in all honesty this is something that only happens very occasionally. Mostly we are here to help people who can no longer keep their bird for one reason or another.

Parrots First was founded by Rose & Frank Levine, who along with Sue Pastel, Kymberly Snow, Clifford Petersen, Bonnie Jay and a dedicated group of volunteers and foster homes make up Parrots First.

Rose and Frank started out in 1996 working on the adoption committee for their local bird club. Like so many bird clubs these

days, theirs had been around for a long time and membership was beginning to decline. Most of the members were already in multi-bird flocks and just couldn't make room for one more bird. It is understandable, everyone reaches a point where they just wouldn't be doing the right thing for the new bird and the birds they already have. When the adoption program was phased out of the club they still received occasional telephone calls from people looking to place parrots that they could no longer care for and they were happy to continue helping in whatever way they could. Over the years the amount of calls they received continued to grow until they found ourselves in a position in which they no longer had the resources to care for all of the birds that came into their care. This is why Rose & Frank decided to form a volunteer based group dedicated to helping secondhand parrots.

## COLORADO

### General Pet Retirement Homes & Programs

Companion Care for Life Program  
Humane Society of Boulder Valley  
Website: [www.boulderhumane.org](http://www.boulderhumane.org)  
Contact: Lisa Pedersen, Development Director (ext. 629)  
Address: 2323 55<sup>th</sup> Street, Boulder, CO 80301  
Phone: 303-442-4030, Fax: 303-440-8242  
Email: [Lisa.Pedersen@boulderhumane.org](mailto:Lisa.Pedersen@boulderhumane.org)  
Type of Animals Accepted: Not specified.  
Limit of Animal Number: Not specified.  
Rates: Not specified.

With the assistance of our supporters we have met the needs of hundreds of thousands of animals throughout our history, giving them the shelter and care they need and providing the community with comprehensive programs and services. With your direct financial support we can continue our goal of 100 percent placement of adoptable animals. You can have an impact on the lives of animals we are assisting today as well as those who will turn to the Humane Society for assistance in the coming century. By making a gift to the Humane Society through your will, you can create a legacy of care for the animals and people of our community. Through the bequests of donors over the decades, we have built a strong institution able to meet the ever-changing needs of the animals we serve.

The Humane Society offers two ways for its members to provide ongoing companion care: the Guardian Care Program and establishing a Pet Trust.

#### Guardian Care Program

Through the Guardian Care Program, the Humane Society of Boulder Valley can help you choose a person to serve as your animal's ongoing caretaker and set up proper documents for your will. The Humane Society may also serve as a contingent caretaker for your animal, should your designated guardian be unable or unwilling to care for your companion at the time of your death. If the caretaker is not available, the Humane Society can assume responsibility for your animal. We will provide care and housing for your pet while searching for a long-term home. To join the Guardian Care program, you are encouraged to specify in your will that your animals will be entrusted to the Humane Society of Boulder Valley, or another guardian. Although sample language is available by requesting our Companion Care for Life packet, please consult with your attorney for further guidance.

#### Pet Trust

Another way to help your companion animal is to establish a Pet Trust. Under such an arrangement, a trustee can administer funds appropriated in your will for your animal's care. The Pet Trust can be used in addition to the Guardian Care Program to offset expenses incurred for your animal's care by your caretaker or the Humane Society of Boulder Valley. A bequest to the Humane Society can be a part of your estate plan, providing tax benefits and providing for your long-term financial needs while supporting the homeless animals.

### Bird Retirement Homes

Feathered Family  
Website: [www.featheredfamily.com/](http://www.featheredfamily.com/)  
Contact: Athena Jeske

Address: P.O.Box 1133 Erie, CO 80516

Phone: 303-828-0383

Email: [admin@featheredfamily.com](mailto:admin@featheredfamily.com)

Types of Animals: Any exotic Bird

Rate: Not specified

Limit: about 25 in house but they do have foster homes so they can have more

#### DESCRIPTION

Feathered Family Inc, is a non profit organization dedicated to the health and welfare of exotic birds, specializing in working with behaviorally challenged or feather abusing parrots. They provide rescue, adoption, sanctuary and placement assistance for all exotic birds along with information for the parrot owner or those interested in adding a parrot to their life.

#### The Gabriel Foundation

Website: [www.thegabrielfoundation.org/?grp=Sanctuary](http://www.thegabrielfoundation.org/?grp=Sanctuary)

Contact: Julie Weiss Murad, CEO, Founder & President or Lee Mizer, Executive Director

Address: 1025 Acoma Street, Denver, CO 80204

Email: [Gabriel@thegabrielfoundation.org](mailto:Gabriel@thegabrielfoundation.org)

Type of Animals Accepted: Work exclusively with psittacine (parrot and parrot-like birds).

Limit of Animal Number: No limit. However, it will depend on the amount of space they have at the time the bird is to be taken in.

Rates: Based on our years of experience in maintaining the birds in our aviary, the following are our minimum monetary guidelines for what we consider to be an acceptable standard of care. Considering the age and species of your bird(s) and your financial planning needs, we suggest that you utilize the following Individual bird underwriting costs as a model for determining your bequest to The Gabriel Foundation.

- Finch or canary \$90.00 per year
- Budgerigar or lovebird \$120.00 per year
- Cockatiel \$150.00 per year
- Lory, conure or Quaker \$180.00 per year
- Ringneck or Senegal \$220.00 per year
- Larger Poicephalus, Psittacula, Pionus, small Amazons  
or small Cockatoos \$300.00 per year
- Large Amazon, Eclectus, Mini-Macaw or African Grey \$450.00 per year
- Macaw or Cockatoo \$600.00 per year

These fees may be waived for hardship cases.

This annual budget will support daily hands-on care by our trained staff, volunteers and Certified Veterinary Technician; a nutritious, well-balanced diet; indoor and outdoor psychologically enriched environments; medical care by experienced avian veterinarians. The above information is only intended to serve as a guide. We will be pleased to discuss your individual bird's needs with you concerning your wishes for its long-term care, whether in sanctuary, foster care or adoption placement. The Gabriel Foundation has been in operation since 1996 and is a 501(c)(3) avicultural and veterinary affiliated parrot welfare organization licensed by the state of Colorado, promoting educational outreach, conservation, rescue, rehabilitation, adoption, and sanctuary pertaining to the needs of parrots everywhere. The Gabriel Foundation maintains a sanctuary for parrots until they can be adopted, or in the event they are unable to be adopted. The number of residents at The Gabriel Foundation aviaries fluctuates between 150 to 200 birds. Our main aviary is an 8,500 square foot building complete with separate bird species' rooms, play areas, and outdoor flights. The challenge for veterinarians, breeders, retailers, hobbyists, welfare, rescue and sanctuary groups for companion animals is the realization that there are not enough facilities providing appropriate standards of care for the animals dependent upon their care. The Gabriel Foundation® is currently a part of a working committee of the Association of Avian Veterinarians whose task is to develop a standard of care for parrot welfare organizations, which include rescue and sanctuary groups. The Foundation is also an integral part of the WPWA (World Parrot Welfare Alliance), an international parrot welfare organization whose goal is to develop and promote greater awareness of the needs of parrots in captivity, whether in homes, rescue, sanctuary, or breeding facilities and in the retail pet trade through a set of guidelines and standards. The current Gabriel Foundation aviary is able to provide consistent, high quality care for up to 250 psittacine birds at

one time. Birds enter the Foundation for a variety of reasons such as family or financial hardship, human guardian's illness or death, conflict with spouse or children, lack of human interest and/or time, moving/relocation, a bird's incomparability with human's expectations, a bird's physical handicap, a bird's chronic illness, rescue from animal cruelty, abandonment, lost bird, or request from a pet store, animal welfare organization, veterinarian and breeders to provide on-going care. The Foundation's Medical Director evaluates the acute, chronic and long-term medical needs of all incoming and outgoing birds. Our team of attending and affiliated veterinarians, certified veterinary technicians, staff members and volunteers provides for the total health care, as well as psychological and environmental needs. Our staff to bird ratio is crucial to the rehabilitation process of our psittacine residents, where the needs of the individual bird come first. With the in-depth quality of care that the Foundation provides, many caring and committed adoptive families and guardians provide homes for those birds who will continue to thrive in a companion pet situation through the Foundation's highly structured adoption and screening process. For those birds that remain with us for the remainder of their lives, permanent sanctuary is a safe and enriched habitat dedicated to each resident's well-being.

The Gabriel Foundation

Website: [www.thegabrielfoundation.org/](http://www.thegabrielfoundation.org/)

Contact: Not specified

Address: P.O.Box 11477 Aspen, CO 81612

Phone: 970-963-2620

Email: different emails for different needs see website general inquires email is

[gabriel@thegabrielfoundation.org](mailto:gabriel@thegabrielfoundation.org)

Types of Birds: Parrots

Rate: Not specified

Limit: Not specified

#### DESCRIPTION

The Gabriel Foundation is a aviculture and veterinary affiliated parrot welfare organization licensed in the state of Colorado, promoting educational outreach, conservation, rescue, rehabilitation, adoption, and sanctuary pertaining to the needs of parrots everywhere.

#### Cat Retirement Homes

Cat Care Society

Website: [www.catcaresociety.org/](http://www.catcaresociety.org/)

Contact: Kathy Hill, Executive Director or Sherri Leggett, Shelter Manager

Address: 5787 West 6th Avenue, Lakewood, CO 80214

Phone: 303-239-9680 Fax: 303-239-1281

Email: [catcaresociety@earthlink.net](mailto:catcaresociety@earthlink.net)

Type of Animals Accepted: Cats only.

Limit of Animal Number: If the cat owner signs an agreement with us, it doesn't matter how many cats they have.

Rates: Their "Lifetime Care" program provides for your cat(s) should you no longer be able to care for them. The fee is \$2,400 per cat with a \$100 deposit per cat at the time you sign the contract. The cats will enter the shelter and be put up for adoption. We do not like to have cats live in the shelter because it can be traumatic and is stressful for them.

Cat Care Society operates a cage-free shelter for homeless and abused cats that provides adoption, counseling, humane education, and community outreach services to enrich the lives of people and cats. Cat Care Society, a nonprofit organization, was founded in 1981 to improve the quality of life for homeless, injured and abused cats in the Denver metropolitan area. The shelter provides a temporary refuge for up to 50 cats until an appropriate and permanent home can be found for each. Veterinary care, premium diet, and human interaction are lovingly provided. Unfortunately, we are able to accept only a limited number of cats because of a "full house". Established by Linda East, DVM and Lynn Rowe, the Society's purposes are: To sponsor educational programs that promote responsible pet ownership, humane treatment of all animals, and to reduce pet

overpopulation. To shelter cats in a healthy, cage free environment and to provide compatible and responsible adoptions. To provide community outreach programs that improves the quality of life for cats and people. To be a friend to all cats. If there is no one to care for your cat should you become unable to do so, Cat Care Society can provide you with peace of mind knowing that your feline friend will be loved and cared for. Cat Care Society will provide loving care for your cat seeing that he is adopted into a good home; and after adoption, make follow up calls to ensure that your cat and his adopter are compatible. If the adopter is unable to care for your cat for any reason, he will be returned to Cat Care Society. Potential adopters are interviewed to determine if they've had cats before; their experiences with caring for felines; and the ages and temperaments of other pets or children who reside in the household. Cat Care Society does not adopt cats into families with children unless each child is met and observed interacting with cats (rough treatment is cause for adoption refusal). Cats will also only be placed where they will be indoors or allowed outdoors only in a protected area. Each adopter signs a contract with Cat Care Society. To provide for your cat, two options are available: a Lifetime Care Contract or a provision in your Will in addition to a Lifetime Care Contract. Our Lifetime Care Contract will ensure a place for your cat(s) at our shelter during your lifetime or upon your death. To provide for your cat(s) through your Will, please consult with your attorney. In the state of Colorado, it is recommended that you use both of the following in your estate planning: (1) a Specific Devise to be included in your Will with a bequest which will contribute to the continuation of Cat Care Society; and, (2) a Memorandum of Disposition of Tangible Persona Property to be attached to your will which will ensure that your cat(s) will be cared for by Cat Care Society upon your demise. A Lifetime Care Contract should also be completed. Cat Care Society is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation. Please consult your tax advisor regarding deductibility of your donations.

## Horse Retirement Homes

Colorado Horse Rescue

Website: [www.chr.org/index.html](http://www.chr.org/index.html)

Address: 10386 North 65th Street, Longmont, CO 80503

Phone: 720-494-1414 Fax: 720-494-1415

E-mail: [info@chr.org](mailto:info@chr.org)

Type of Animals Accepted: Horses only.

Limit of Animal Number: No limit.

Rates: \$150 for each horse.

The purpose of Colorado Horse Rescue is to promote the prevention of equine abuse because we believe in humane treatment and survival as an alternative to slaughter or public auction for abandoned, neglected and unwanted horses. We shall provide shelter, food, daily care, medical treatment, and rehabilitation and adoption services for horses in need of such refuge. We shall obtain legal ownership of donated horses accepted into our guardianship, with the goal to place these horses into caring and suitable adoptive homes. We shall search for and examine potential adoptive owners for horses in our custody. We shall serve as a shelter and provide care for legally impounded horses. We shall report and assist legal authorities in resolving equine abuse cases. We shall participate in the rescue and urgent care for horses involved in natural disasters or emergencies. We shall develop and initiate education classes on equine care and handling with the hopes to cultivate prevention of equine abuse due to negligence and ignorance within the community. CHR is dedicated to providing urgent care for horses in peril and medical treatment for emaciated horses suffering from starvation. As rescue and rehabilitation are part of the mission, CHR's efforts are also directed to the pursuance of successful adoptions - placing horses in new and caring homes. Additionally, CHR is a shelter for impounded horses - as legal action taken by the State Veterinarian, local and other authorities because of maltreatment by the horse's owner. CHR accepts donated horses from owners who wish to relinquish ownership for various reasons, such as the owner can no longer provide adequate care or the owner is moving and can not relocate the horse. Many of these donated horses are healthy and are merely in need of a new adoptive family. Colorado Horse Rescue (CHR) enlists the skills, efforts and expertise from a team of 400 volunteers. Volunteers actively involved with the regular care of the horses devote their time to feeding, exercising, medical treatment, grooming, and cleaning stalls. As some volunteers are responsible for the daily tasks of caring for the horses, other volunteers work in various departments within the organization - such as fundraising, special programs, education services, adoption placement, follow-ups, business operations, computer services and facility maintenance. CHR is responsible for providing quality care and handling an average of 45 horses a month, sometimes as many as 60 horses, that are in its guardianship. Veterinarian and farrier services are performed on a weekly basis as per an individual horse's needs. Upon a healthy prognosis and/or recovery, a horse is then evaluated in order to examine its training and experience. Riding

evaluations, performed only by a select few of expert volunteer equestrians, are conducted to determine the most suitable environment and conditions of the adoptive home for the horse to be placed.

Name: Feathered Family

Website: [www.featheredfamily.com/](http://www.featheredfamily.com/)

Address: Eire, Colorado

Phone: Not Provided

Email: feathered.family@attglobal.net

Type of Animals Accepted: Birds

Limit of Animal Number: Not Specified

Rates: Not Provided

Description: Feathered Family is a place where people can adopt parrots and obtain advice on the matter. All applicants must go through a screening process.

## HAWAII

### Cat Retirement Homes

East Maui Animal Refuge

Website: [www.booboozoo.org/index.htm](http://www.booboozoo.org/index.htm)

Contact: Sylvan and Suzie Schwab

Address: 25 Maluaina Place, Haiku, HI 96708

Phone: 808-572-8308

Email: [ema\\_refuge@bigfoot.com](mailto:ema_refuge@bigfoot.com)

Type of Animals Accepted: Primarily injured wildlife on the island. All other animals are on a case-to-case basis.

Limit of Animal Number: No limit with the exception of dogs. This facility has limited space available to take in dogs.

Rates: Donations.

The East Maui Animal Refuge (EMAR) is a rehabilitation sanctuary for injured and orphaned animals who would otherwise die. EMAR is licensed by both the State and Federal Department of Fish and Wildlife to rehabilitate animals including threatened and endangered species.

EMAR began in 1977 as a unique therapy program for Suzie Schwab, who had been diagnosed with terminal cancer. Her husband Sylvan noticed that caring for an injured bird gave Suzie the strength to fight her illness, and he began bringing home more animals in need of her tender loving care. Miraculously, the love Suzie showered upon the animals has contributed to her complete recovery from cancer! Her therapy program has developed into a unique rehabilitation center, with 300-400 animals being cared for at any given time. Today Sylvan and Suzie are aided by a staff of dedicated volunteers who clean kennels, feed and otherwise care for the animals, and help with facilities maintenance. Their veterinary care is provided by Dr. Moyer at Upcountry Veterinary Service in Makawao, who donates his time. The ability to meet the mounting expenses of veterinary supplies and medications, food, and shelter is solely dependent on private donations. Caring people make these life-saving efforts possible.

## NEVADA

### Horse Retirement Homes

Second Chance Horse Refuge

Website: [www.secondchancehorserefuge.org](http://www.secondchancehorserefuge.org)

Address: 11321 Morgan Drive, Nevada, TX 75173  
Phone: 972-843-2100  
Type of Animals Accepted: Horses only  
Limit of Animal Number: Not specified.  
Rates: Not specified.

Second Chance Horse Refuge is a private, non-profit organization dedicated to rehabilitating, training and locating stable, loving homes for abused and neglected horses. Their mission is to provide refuge, medical care, nutrition and training, to educate horse owners on the proper care, protection and maintenance and to protect horses from cruelty, neglect and ignorance.

## NEW MEXICO

### Horse Retirement Homes

The Horse Shelter  
Website: [www.thehorseshelter.org/](http://www.thehorseshelter.org/)  
Contact: Jan Bandler  
Address: 100 AB Old Cash Ranch Road, Cerrillos, NM 87010  
Phone: 505-984-3235  
Email: [jan@thehorseshelter.org](mailto:jan@thehorseshelter.org)  
Type of Animals Accepted: Horses only.  
Limit of Animal Number: Not specified.  
Rates: Not specified.

The Horse Shelter is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to the rescue of abused and neglected horses within the State of New Mexico. Their home is near the town of Cerrillos, south of Santa Fe, where they have a round-the-clock caretaker and facilities for about twenty horses.

The Horse Shelter's mission is to see that New Mexico's horses are as safe and well cared for as possible. Their approach is a multi-faceted one; while their main mission is to help owners care for their own horses, some horses live at the Shelter itself, where they have run-in stalls and large paddocks and turn-outs, clean, healthy surroundings, appropriate food, good water at all times, veterinary care, farrier care, exercise when appropriate, and the attention of a live-in caretaker (and many volunteers).

The Horse Shelter also conducts a humane education program, reaching out to schools, clubs, and groups of all kinds. The presenters are trained, and convey the message that kind and responsible treatment of others - horses and all two and four legged creatures - is rewarding in many ways.

For some horses the Shelter will be a life-long sanctuary; others will be adopted out to carefully screened new homes, after rehabilitation as needed. The staff of The Horse Shelter investigates all reports of abuse and neglect, and makes every effort to improve a situation instead of removing a horse from his guardian, only taking a horse into the Shelter if such efforts fail.

## TEXAS

### Cat Retirement Homes

Wild Cat Ranch Pet Retirement Center, Inc.  
Website: [www.wildcatranch.net/wildcat.htm](http://www.wildcatranch.net/wildcat.htm)  
Contact: Jim or Paula Blankenhorn  
Email: [Blanken@wildcat-ranch.net](mailto:Blanken@wildcat-ranch.net)  
Phone: 888-540-2442  
Address: 137 Upper Sisterdale Road, Comfort, TX 78013  
Type of Animals Accepted: Cats, Dogs, Horses, Mules, Sheep, Goats and any other 4-legged animal, with the exception of exotics.

Limit of Animal Number: 6-10 animals from one person. However, special arrangements may be available for individuals with more animals than that.

Rates: \$170-\$250/month, depending on level of care required. See below for more info. Note: All fees are negotiable. Refer to Web site for additional information on rates.

Wild Cat Ranch Pet Retirement Center was established 11 years ago. NORMAL care costs \$170 per month or \$1500 annual fee if paid in advance if we support the animal in the event you may be expected to get well and return home, whereupon we can return the animal to you. Most owners can determine the cost of this type of care and make a bequest of the animal and the funds in a will and/or trust by multiplying the annual amount times the remaining lifespan of their pet (which is 16 years for a cat and a dog). EXTRA care, which involves giving medicine or some type of treatment once or more a day to treat a particular condition or dysfunction is \$195 per month or \$1750 annual fee if paid in advance, if we support the animal in the event you may be expected to get well and return home, etc. Most owners can determine the cost of this type of care and make a bequest of the animal and the funds in a will and/or trust by multiplying the annual amount times the remaining lifespan of their pet (which is 16 years for a cat and a dog). EXTRA SPECIAL CARE, which involves all of the above, plus more attentiveness and loving because of a disability of the animal, such as blindness, deafness, paralysis, or missing limbs or an eye or just because you, as the owner, wish to have extra brushing and grooming and attention given to that animal regardless of its health is \$250 per month or \$2500 annual fee if paid in advance, if we support the animal in the event you may be expected to get well and return home, etc. Most owners can determine the cost of this type of care and make a bequest of the animal and the funds in a will and/or trust by multiplying the annual amount times the remaining lifespan of their pet (which is 16 years for a cat and a dog). Owners with additional pets to retire need only pay a portion of the board for the first pet for the remaining pets, which is negotiated with us. For bequest planning, it would be approximately 1/2 of the cost for the second pet, 1/3rd of the cost for the third pet, and 1/4th of the cost for each pet thereafter in the same bequest. Located in the Beautiful Hill Country of Texas, 56 miles northwest of San Antonio and 65 miles southwest of Austin, we have set up our 53-acre working dairy goat ranch as a retirement home for cats (although upon occasion we have made arrangements for other types of pets). We presently care for 302 cats (166 permanent care and 136 long-term boarding), 14 dogs (8 permanent care and 6 long-term boarding), 4 potbelly pigs (permanent care), and 2 rabbits (permanent care). We are a not-for-profit cattery/kennel designed to provide a permanent home for the beloved pets of the dying and/or deceased. We are not licensed to be a charitable animal sanctuary finding homes for stray or unwanted animals. We are not licensed for exotics (lions, tigers). The cost of this covers food, litter, cleaning and grooming help, medical insurance, annual shots, dental cleaning every two years, and pest control. Nevertheless, we are willing to negotiate with you on monthly billing for those on limited incomes, especially when you have elderly that require home nursing and other care. Our charter, however, is to take permanent care of the pets of the deceased who has willed them to us and covered costs through a bequest or who has set up a trust for their care, as covered in Section 5. We have converted a large outbuilding into a cattery (more descriptions). Although once a horse barn, it has been converted into fine living quarters for cats that are easy to keep clean, are climate controlled, and have plenty of sunshine (picture windows), cat trees for climbing and scratching, pictures on the wall, and so on. The cats are allowed outside in a screened-in play area. We have a professional pest controller spray around the area every two or three months for fleas, scorpions, ants, etc. The cattery is on a separate power box and it's own pump that pumps un-chlorinated water, sediment filter only (which is healthier for your pets than chlorinated water that kills beneficial bacteria in their intestines). Your bequests cover the all of the above costs and we maintain reserves to handle any medical emergencies. We have separate areas to take care of cats with AIDS, cats with feline leukemia, and those with other handicaps. All the animals have easy access to self-feeders for dry food and water, and canned food is given once a day at dinner time. The cats are combed once a week. They all get a yearly checkup along with their annual required vaccinations, and dental cleaning every two years. They are all played with and petted every day. The cattery is vacuumed and spills and messes cleaned and disinfected every day. This is NORMAL care. To protect the animals that we already have in our cattery and the new arrivals, we require veterinary records to show that all of the animals have received the following vaccinations: Rabies, Distemper, and Feline Leukemia. We also require that they be tested for Feline AIDS and Feline Leukemia and the results indicated in the veterinary records. Animals can be shipped to us with Feline Leukemia, AIDS, or any other problem, it just must be noted on the Health Certificates along with the dates of immunizations. If an animal is sickly, it may not survive any method of transportation to Texas and may not be shipped until it has recovered or in better health for a rigorous trip. A rabid animal, of course, can never be shipped by any means across state lines. The site also lists shipping/transport companies and regulations for transporting your animal to the Wildcat Ranch.

### General Pet Retirement Homes & Programs

SPCA of Texas

Pet Survivor Program: Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

Website: [www.spca.org/site/PageServer?pagename=Homepage\\_Template\\_2004](http://www.spca.org/site/PageServer?pagename=Homepage_Template_2004)

Contact: Lisa G. Shay, Senior VP Development;  
Contact for Dealey Life Care: Charla Easterbook 214-651-9611X 108  
Address: 362 S. Industrial Blvd., Dallas, TX 75207  
Phone: 214-651-9611, ext. 127; Fax: 214.651.9244  
Email: [ls Shay@spca.org](mailto:ls Shay@spca.org)

Type of Animals Accepted: Dogs, cats, birds, amphibians, horses, cows, pigs, llamas, etc. Do not accept wildlife or exotic large cats such as a Tiger.

Limit of Animal Number: 4 per person.

Rates: Yes, please see below with regard to the different programs.

The SPCA of Texas has been in business since 1938. Rates: A gift of \$25,000 for each small animal (dog, cat, bird, amphibian) and \$50,000 for each large animal (horse, cow, pig, llama, etc.) ensures lifetime care at the cottage in a home setting. The SPCA of Texas is a charitable organization dedicated to improving the welfare of all animals. The SPCA of Texas is the leading animal welfare agency in North Texas with three shelters and two spay/neuter clinics located in Dallas, Collin County and The Colony. They serve as an active resource center providing an array of programs and services that bring people and animals together to enrich each others' lives.

Pet Survivor Program: A gift in the amount of \$10,000 per pet will ensure adoption with a loving family, monitored by the SPCA for life plus free lifetime healthcare by the SPCA veterinary staff.

Life Care Cottage: A gift of \$25,000 for each small animal (dog, cat, bird, amphibian) and \$50,000 for each large animal (horse, cow, pig, llama, etc.) ensures lifetime care at the Cottage in a home setting. The Life Care Cottage, charming home in the Collin County countryside, is a home for pets who have lost their human companions to death or disability. Comfortable and caring, spacious and light, the 2,300 square foot cottage gives a true home setting for animals of varying ages and breeds with a live-in caretaker who will reside at the cottage. Your companions will eat a familiar diet, play with their own toys, perhaps even sleep on a special bed brought from home. There are common areas of a living room, doggie den, kitty playrooms, spacious yard, and no caging!

Dealey Life Care: This charming home in the Collin County countryside is a home for pets who have lost their human companions to death or disability. Comfortable and caring, spacious and light, the 2,300 square foot cottage gives a true home setting for animals of varying ages and breeds with a live-in caretaker who will reside at the cottage. When you decide that your pet should become a part of the Life Care Cottage should anything happen to you, you will receive pet personality profile sheets to educate us on what special needs your pet might have as well as valuable information on their dispositions.

## Horse Retirement Homes

Habitat for Horses, Inc.

Website: [www.habitatforhorses.org/](http://www.habitatforhorses.org/)

Contact: Rebecca Williams

Address: P.O. Box 213, Hitchcock, TX 77563

Phone: 409-935-0277 Fax: 409-935-0424

Email: [rwilliams103@houston.rr.com](mailto:rwilliams103@houston.rr.com) or [admin@habitatforhorses.org](mailto:admin@habitatforhorses.org)

Type of Animals Accepted: Equines, horses, donkeys and mules.

Limit of Animal Number: No limit as long as the animal is provided for financially.

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.

\*\*This facility estimates that it takes on the average \$200/month to care for horse.

At Habitat for Horses, our mission comes first: To rescue abused horses and to provide sanctuary for the healing and growth of both horses and young people through equine-assisted activities. Habitat for Horses is located on a 27 acre ranch in Galveston County, Texas. Midway between the booming economy of NASA at Clear Lake and the tourist town of Galveston, the local area is predominately rural, with a large population of horses. Our ranch facility was donated to us by a former Galveston police officer. In addition to the ranch, we have a 3-stall ICU barn at a separate location, currently housing those horses unable to exist within the ranch herd. Everything on the ranch - paddocks, shelters, fencing and water lines - were all built by volunteers. The materials were paid for by donations from our members. The exact location of the ranch is not publicized because of threats made against the horses and the staff by abusive owners who have had their horses removed from them. Visitors and volunteers must be cleared by the staff prior to visiting and are allowed on the ranch only by appointment. Security is maintained by the watchful eyes of the Hitchcock Police Department. We are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization registered with the IRS and incorporated in the State of Texas.

### Veterinary Pet Retirement Centers

Texas A&M University

Stevenson Companion Animal Life-Care Center at Texas A&M University

Website: [www.cvm.tamu.edu/petcare/index.htm](http://www.cvm.tamu.edu/petcare/index.htm)

Contact: Dr. Henry L. Presnal, Director or Mrs. Ellie Greenbaum, Administrative Assistant

Email: [spresnal@cvm.tamu.edu](mailto:spresnal@cvm.tamu.edu)

Address: 906 University Drive West (Stotzer Parkway), College Station, Texas 77843

Phone: 979-845-1188 Fax: 979-845-1425

Type of Animals Accepted: Currently dogs, cats birds, horses, donkey and llama.

Limit of Animal Number: There is no limit on the number of pets from an owner. We currently have and owner with 13 and one with 9 pets enrolled in our program.

Rates: An enrollment fee\* of \$1000 per small animal and \$2000 per large animal is due at the time of enrollment. The minimum endowment requirements vary depending upon the age of the owner at the time of the enrollment. For specific information about enrollment, please contact an administrator at the center.

\*Enrollment fees are not considered a charitable gift for tax purposes.

Fees details can be found at <http://www.cvm.tamu.edu/petcare/endowment.htm> . The Stevenson Companion Animal Life-Care Center provides the physical, emotional, and medical needs of companion animals whose owners are no longer able to provide that care. Clients of the center include pet owners who want to assure their pet's future prior to entering a retirement home, being hospitalized for an extended period, or predeceasing a pet. The center was established by the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine in 1993 at the suggestion of Dr. E. W. "Ned" Ellett, former head of the Small Animal Clinic at Texas A&M University. Dr. Ellett's dream became a reality with generous donations from the Luse Foundation and Mrs. Madlin Stevenson. Mrs. Stevenson said she chose to support the center because, "Animals are especially important to the elderly; this center is dedicated to them and their pets." Mrs. Stevenson, a life-long animal lover, passed away in September of 2000. Her 4 cats, 7 dogs, pony, and llama came to reside at the center at that time. Another one of her cats is enrolled in our Extended Home Care Program. Our residents feel at home in the Center. It is designed in a relaxed fashion. The animals have freedom to roam and explore at will, while also having space for themselves during quiet times. Medical care includes regular physical examinations and laboratory tests as needed. Each pet is observed in order to develop a personal "wellness" program. When our pets need medical attention, their care is provided by the Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital. Their knowledge of the latest advances in veterinary medicine, combined with the use of our specialized facilities, ensures the best possible care for our residents. Residents receive daily exercise with scheduled walks and activities conducted by student residents as well as regular bathing and grooming. Nutritional concerns are also monitored and special diets are developed for residents with special needs.

### Bird Retirement

Beaks & Wings Parrot Rescue

Email: [hakit@cyberlane.net](mailto:hakit@cyberlane.net)

Type of Animals Accepted: Parrots.

Limit of Animal Number: Not specified.

Rates: Not specified.

## UTAH

### General Pet Retirement Homes

Best Friends Animal Society

Website: [www.bestfriends.org/](http://www.bestfriends.org/)

Address: 5001 Angel Canyon Road, Kanab, UT 84741

Phone: 435-644-2001

Email: [info@bestfriends.org](mailto:info@bestfriends.org)

Type of Animals Accepted: Dogs, Cats, Horses, Rabbits, Birds and others animals.

Limit of Animal Number: Not specified.

Rates: Not specified.

The sanctuary, at the heart of Southern Utah's Golden Circle of national parks, is home, on any given day, to about 1,500 dogs, cats, horses, rabbits, and other animals.

In our home state, Best Friends manages a model No More Homeless Pets campaign with shelters and humane groups statewide to ensure that every healthy dog or cat that's ever born can be guaranteed a loving home.

And Best Friends reaches across the nation, helping humane groups, individual people, and entire communities to set up spay/neuter, shelter, foster, and adoption programs in their own neighborhoods, cities, and states.

The mission of Best Friends is driven by the simple philosophy that kindness to animals helps build a better world for all of us. And the work of Best Friends is supported entirely through the donations of our members and supporters. Through the generous hearts and hands of people like you, we can ensure that animals who come into the care of Best Friends will never again be alone, hungry, sick, afraid, or in pain.

### Cat Retirement Homes

Furry Friends Haven

Website: [www.furryfriendshaven.com/](http://www.furryfriendshaven.com/)

Contact: Jayne Reed

Email: [furryfriendshaven@yahoo.com](mailto:furryfriendshaven@yahoo.com)

Phone: 435-644-8140

Address: 5028 E. Rock Ledge Lane, Kanab, UT 84741-4117

Type of Animals Accepted: Cats, Dogs (very limited)

Limit of Animal Numbers: Approximately 2 cats per year on average into Furry Friends Haven on a first come, first serve basis; 3-4 companion cats if we add an additional cabin for your cats (please see Little Haven on our web site; currently we have space for only one (1) extremely cat friendly dog

Rates: Lifetime care - \$5000 per cat; \$5000 per dog; we currently have the space to add two additional cat cabins (see Little Haven on our web site) at an additional cost of approximately \$6500/each. Temporary Monthly Care – We will consider temporary care on a case by case basis. The average monthly cost would be around \$400.00.

Furry Friends Haven is a non-profit no-kill hospice incorporated in 2002. Located on over 2½ acres in rural Southern Utah the majority of our residents are special needs cats with a minority few special needs dogs. Furry Friends Haven consists of 2100 square feet of inside space and 1300 square feet of attached cat enclosures. All of our residents are treated as family members in a home environment. We have a large number of elderly cats, as well as those with thyroid problems, diabetes, seizures, incontinence, physical disabilities, and personality problems. Because so many of our Furry Friends are 'special needs' we are experienced in giving shots, pills, and fluids whenever necessary as well as catering to special dietary and temperamental requirements. We also have on hand a small ICU unit which will house a cat or small dog that allows for a constant temperature/humidity and nebulization as needed. The nearest veterinary clinic is only a 6 minute drive away.

If you prefer that your cat(s) not become a general population family member, then we do offer the option of adding a cabin exclusively for your cat(s). This option is available on a very limited basis and we are willing to discuss down payment and reservation options with you. As stated, Furry Friends Haven is a no-kill hospice. However, when the quality of life for one of our family members deteriorates to the point where there is more pain than pleasure, we ask a veterinarian to compassionately euthanize the cat or dog. Please take the time to visit our web site to see if you think Furry Friends Haven would be a good home for your furry friend.