

LIFETIME CARE OPTIONS

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MIDWEST (IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, ND, NE, OH, OK, SD, WI)

ILLINOIS

Cat & Dog Retirement Homes

Assisi Animal Foundation (AAF)

Continuing Pet Care Program

Website: www.assisi.org

Contact: Lee Linklater

Address: P.O. Box 143, Crystal Lake, IL 60039-0143

Phone: (815) 455-9411, Fax: (815) 455-9417

Email: Info@Assisi.org or Lee@assisi.org

Type of Animals Accepted: Dogs and cats

Limit of Animal Number: Not specified

Rates: Email Info@Assisi.org

The A.A.F. is dedicated to providing the shelter, care, and, when appropriate, re-homing of suitable animals to caring, permanent homes. We abide by a no-kill policy, which allows for euthanasia only under professional veterinary assessment, recommendation and administration in cases of terminal illness which cause suffering, in cases of injury too severe to repair, or in cases of such severe aggression that it is a threat to other shelter residents and caregivers. The A.A.F. is dedicated to educating the public on issues that impact animal welfare, preservation and protection, developing humane attitudes and compassion in young people, providing a pet therapy program to nursing centers, and providing a continuing care program for dogs and cats. The A.A.F. is dedicated to improving and protecting sentient life.

Horse Retirement Homes

Hooved Animal Humane Society (HAHS)

Website: www.hahs.org

Contact: Tracy McGonigle, Esq., Executive Director

Address: 10804 McConnell Road, Woodstock, IL 60098

Phone: (815) 337-5563

Email: info@hahs.org

Type of Animals Accepted: Horses only.

Limit of Animal Number: Case by case basis; most likely based on the amount that you plan to send with each horse and each horse's age.

Rates: Approximately \$3,600 per year to care for a horse in this part of Illinois. Generally, it costs less to care for horses when they're young and more to care for them when they're old. Also, we estimate each horse would live to be 30 years old. So a horse that is now 20 years old might live 10 more years at a total cost of \$36,000.

The Hooved Animal Humane Society (HAHS) is a non-profit organization founded in 1971 by six concerned and committed citizens. HAHS' mission is to promote the humane treatment of hooved animals through education, legislation, investigation and, if necessary, legal intervention (impoundment). In addition, physical rehabilitation is provided to animals that have endured severe neglect and abuse. HAHS rehomes these horses to compassionate families. The national headquarters is located in Woodstock, IL on a 26-acre facility with five barns, including a hospital facility, office and educational center. HAHS accepts horses of any age, breed, gender, size, color, or level of training, as long as they are pasture-sound and have no terminal illness. This organization receives no federal or state support and depends on contributions from fund-raising activities, membership donations, grants and endowment gifts. HAHS' current contributor base is approximately 65,000. HAHS

was the first humane society established in the U.S. to focus specifically on large animals, primarily horses. Unlike small animals (dogs and cats), hooved animals had little representation until the formation of the HAHS. In 1973, HAHS was the driving force behind passage of The Humane Care for Animals Act. Through the Illinois Department of Agriculture, this act gives the HAHS the legal authority to investigate claims of abuse and neglect and intervene when owners do not comply with notice to remedy the situation. The Illinois Humane Care for Animals Act is recognized as the legislative model when states consider passing similar humane laws.

INDIANA

Veterinary Pet Retirement Centers

Peace of Mind Program at Purdue School of Veterinary Medicine

Website: www.vet.purdue.edu/giving/tribute-gifts.php

Program Inquiry Form: [/www.vet.purdue.edu/giving/files/documents/POM_Inquiry_Form.pdf](http://www.vet.purdue.edu/giving/files/documents/POM_Inquiry_Form.pdf)

Contact: Becky Hershey, Director of Development

Address: Purdue University, College of Veterinary Medicine, Lynn Hall, Room 1177A, West Lafayette, IN 47907-1240

Email: rkhershey@prf.org or development@vet.purdue.edu

Phone: 1 (800) 830-0104 or (765) 494-6304

Type of Animals Accepted: Dogs and cats

Limit of Animal Number: No limit

Rates: Minimum pledge of \$25,000 per pet

Purdue's Peace of Mind program asks that the pet owner pledge a minimum of \$25,000 per pet. After the owner dies, the Purdue School of Veterinary Medicine works with its network of veterinary alumni to find a suitable home for the pet, and the pledge covers the animal's lifetime routine medical needs. Any remaining money is invested in the School of Veterinary Medicine. Since Purdue's program was created in 1996, 39 pets (26 dogs and 13 cats) have been enrolled by 13 individuals who have pledged a total of \$1.3 million. One donor recently increased his pledge, doubling the current total.

IOWA

General Pet Retirement Homes and Programs

The Noah's Ark Animal Foundation

Website: www.noahsark.org

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 748, Fairfield, IA 52556

Shelter Location: 1986 West Gear Ave., Fairfield, IA 52556

Phone: (641) 472-6080, Fax: (866) 289-0897

Email: director@noahsark.org

Type of Animals Accepted: Dogs and Cats

Limit of Animal Number: Not specified

Rates: Funded by monetary donations of cash, stocks & insurance, in-kind donations of food & toys, and adoption fees. Adoption fees are \$85 - \$150 for cats and \$100 - \$250 for dogs.

Noah's Ark Animal Foundation is a cage less no-kill shelter whose mission is to rescue, protect, and find loving homes for homeless and neglected animals. This organization strives to offer the best in both traditional veterinary care and, whenever possible, holistic health-care for sick and injured animals in their care. They believe they have a responsibility to provide low-cost spay/neuter subsidy programs, humane education, and community outreach programs that not only enhance the lives of the animals but also the human lives the animals go on to enrich.

C & W Rustic Hollow Shelter Inc.

Website: www.rustichollowshelter.org

Address: P.O. Box 67, Nashua, IA 50658

Phone: (641) 435-2036

Email: cwshelter@wildblue.net

Type of Animals Accepted: Cats

Limit of Animal Number: Not Specified. Currently house 350 cats and the sanctuary sits on 90 acres.

Rates: Funded through donations, memberships for \$25/year and cat sponsorships starting at \$30/month.

C & W Rustic Hollow Shelter, Inc., is a non-profit 501c(3) cage-free sanctuary resting on 90 acres in a scenic, peaceful valley called Willow Echo Farm. CWRHS shelters special needs felines with physical, neurological, behavioral, or chronic medical issues like Feline Leukemia or Feline Immunodeficiency Virus. This organization also provides shelter for felines displaced at the death of their guardian(s) but does not shelter strays or pets. However, CWRHS offers a rehoming program and behavioral counseling to resolve these issues. CWRHS is supported solely by donations, grants, fund raisers, and Carmen Conklin and Wanda Orric - the owners and corporate members of the five-person Board of Directors of the corporation.

KANSAS

Veterinary Pet Retirement Centers

Perpetual Pet Care Program at Kansas State University College of Veterinary Medicine

Website: www.vet.k-state.edu/development/programs/perpetual-pet-care/

Contact: Debbie Kirchoff, Director of Development Veterinary Medicine

Address: Office of Development: K-State College of Veterinary Medicine, 103 Trotter Hall, Manhattan, KS 66506

Phone: (785) 532-7889 or (785) 532-4378, FAX: (785) 532-5999

Email: debbierk@k-state.edu or debbiek@found.ksu.edu or perpetualpetcare@vet.k-state.edu

Type of Animals Accepted: Cats, dogs, other small mammals, horses and reptiles. Most likely will not take birds or other animals that are hard to place.

Limit of Animal Number: No limit.

Rates: Small companion animal = \$25,000; Large companion animal = \$50,000; Special need animal = \$75,000

Perpetual Pet Care Program: http://www.vet.k-state.edu/development/docs/PPCP_Booklet_2014.pdf

The Perpetual Pet Care Program, established in 1995, offers pet lovers the unique opportunity to make special arrangements that guarantee the continuous care and well-being of their animal companions, should their pets outlive them. The KSU Foundation works closely with you to develop a personalized Memorandum of Understanding that allows you to define ideal and specific preferences for the short- and long-term care of your animal companion and the use of your charitable bequest or outright gift, once your pet no longer needs the funds you have provided. To help determine those specifications, a representative from the College of Veterinary Medicine will have an in-depth conversation with you and your veterinarian about your companion's health and lifestyle. Animal health and behavioral specialists from the college visit with you to finalize enrollment. When you can no longer provide personal daily care for your companion, the College of Veterinary Medicine becomes responsible for your pet. Under direct faculty supervision, trained veterinary students work with clinical specialists at the Veterinary Teaching Hospital to attend to all the emotional and physical needs of each pet until the appropriate and carefully screened adoptive home can be identified. Unless you have provided us with a list of homes you think are ideal, companion animal specialists at the college will collaborate with Perpetual Pet Care Program staff to identify your pet's new adoptive home using the precise wishes and specifications you have outlined. Funds from your endowed gift are designated to offer lifelong medical coverage for your pet. Perpetual Pet Care Program staff monitor your pet's new home, care and lifestyle.

Ideas on how to fund your pet's enrollment

Bequests: All bequests should be made to the Kansas State University Foundation. The donor can then designate the College of Veterinary Medicine and the Perpetual Pet Care Program to benefit from the bequest. Notification of future bequests enables the foundation to consider these expectancies in long-range planning for gift support and allows us to plan for the care of your pet.

- Gifts of Securities: Gifts of appreciated stocks or bonds entitle a contributor to two income tax benefits - an income tax charitable deduction for the securities' fair market value on the date of the gift and the avoidance of capital gains taxes.
- Gifts of Real Estate: The outright gift of a parcel of appreciated land or other real estate is a method that may offer considerable tax savings.
- Gifts of Life Insurance: When properly arranged, life insurance offers an attractive way to enroll your pet in the program.

- Gifts of Cash: For immediate tax benefits, a cash gift may be considered.
- Gifts of Retirement Plan Assets: Retirement plan assets offer another tax-effective way to enroll your pet. The account can pass directly to K-State as the primary beneficiary.
- Charitable Remainder Unitrust: The unitrust is used to make a life income gift that specifies a percentage of payout to a designated beneficiary. The beneficiary receives regular income payments, equal to the percentage of the trust assets as revalued annually.
- Charitable Gift Annuity: A gift annuity is a simple contract between the donor and the KSU Foundation. In return for the gift, the foundation will pay a fixed sum on a regular basis throughout the donor's lifetime. An additional benefit is that only a portion of that income is taxable.
- Please note: Tax deductibility will be determined in accordance with IRS, state and federal regulations.

MICHIGAN

Horse Retirement Homes

Help Us Give Sanctuary (HUG)

NOTE: Currently "on sabbatical" and no longer accepting horses due to lack of funds and staff.

Website: www.hugs2horses.com

Address: Hugs2horses Inc., P.O. Box 71, Fowlerville, MI 48836

Phone: (517) 223-3263

Email: care@hugs2horses.com

Type of Animals Accepted: Horses only

Limit of Animal Number: No limit.

Rates: If an owner makes a request for a horse to retire here on our facility we charge a monthly fee of \$100 and the owner is responsible for all additional cost. We do not shoe retired horses but we trim the horses on a regular basis. Farrier service and wormer are additional to retirement cost. We rotate the service every other month, one month worming the next trim.

HUG Sanctuary is located just outside of Fowlerville, Michigan on over 100 acres of land. We do not offer a sanctuary in the form of a retirement home over all. We are a state registered adoption center. We have over the years allowed certain horses to stay here instead of being adopted out. This was solely based on the request of the owners. However our ultimate goal is to find a home where the horses can live out their existence based on the ability they offer. Example, if a horse can be rode, we like to match the horse with the rider. We do not want to place a horse that can only be rode once in a while with someone that will take it out everyday and put an extended amount of time on it. On the other hand we don't want to place a horse that cannot be ridden with someone that wants to ride. We do extensive work to match a prospective adopter with the right horse. Once an application is submitted to us it is submitted into the state of Michigan for investigation. Once we get it back from the state police department we set about making sure the rest of the application checks out. We then have our adopters sign an agreement to not sell, give away or transfer the horse to another owner. If for any reason there is a problem the horse must be returned to our center. We then set out to find a second situation for the same horse. If for any reason a horse is brought back to us twice we no longer consider it adoptable and it retires here with us. We find many uses for the horses that stay here with us. From becoming schooling horses to teaching aids... there is always a place for them. If an owner makes a request for a horse to retire here on our facility we charge a monthly fee of 100.00 and the owner is responsible for all additional cost. We do not shoe retired horses but we trim the horses on a regular basis. Farrier service and wormer are additional to retirement cost. We rotate the service every other month, one month worming the next trim.

We do offer a burial service for the horses here on the property. We are not limited to the number of horses we take in but we try not to take in more than we can handle on a daily basis. Even the retired horses require a certain amount of attention. If a horse is use to getting groomed we like to keep them in a routine they are comfortable with. If a horse is use to being outside we like to keep them there. We have large run ins for horses that are comfortable with pastures. If a horse has been stalled their whole life we feel it would be wrong to refuse stalls for them in their retirement years. So we kind of fit the situation with what the horse requires.

In 2001 we placed 71 horses lost 3 to death, in 2002 we placed 79 horses retired 2 to live out there life here. So far in 2003 we have found homes for 46 horses, we have 7 here in need of homes and will retire just one. Our personal horses have lived long useful lives and not only serviced our family but many of our family friends. We know the value of good horses and want to treat each horse as our own while they are here. 95% of our horses are turned in from private homes where necessity forces the owners to make a decision. We are very proud that they have chosen us to work with. Many of the owners have come back to volunteer their time and services, along with getting to know some of the adopters. We offer training to our volunteers that have not handled horses. We offer training to handle young horses. We offer riding lessons to new riders or to older riders that wish to enhance their seats. Our facility is used for the Fowlerville Equestrian Team Practices.

www.fowlervilleonline.com/2003. We also work with the Livingston County Youth Courts for community services. This program allows the horses to get attention and allows the youths to get hands on interaction with horses while doing their community service.

MINNESOTA

Bird Retirement Homes

Midwest Avian Adoption & Rescue Services, Inc. (MAARS)

NOTE: MAARS is currently has a 60-90 day wait list for all intakes except for dire emergencies. Website:

<http://www.maars.org/services/surrender.php>

Surrender Form: <http://www.ashlandcreative.com/maars/surrender/index.php>

Contact: Galiena Cimperman, Cofounder & Executive Director

Address: MAARS, 1360 University Ave. W., #347, St. Paul, MN 55104

Phone: (651) 275-0568, Fax: (651) 275-0457

Email: surrender@maars.org or birds@maars.org

Type of Animals Accepted: African Grey, Amazon, Cockatoo, Lovebird, Cockatiel, Eclectus, Lory and Macaw

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

Rates: There is not a required fee for accepting animals into this facility; however, they do ask for a donation at the time of surrender and suggest \$25 for small birds and \$50 for large birds.

MAARS accepts Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover, checks, money orders, and PayPal through our online MAARStore.

MAARS recognizes that many people can be helped over the "rough spots" in their relationships with their avian companions by offering new information, insights, and resources for coping with the life changes that test these relationships. Unless the situation is extreme or unchangeable, a bird is usually better off continuing to live with its familiar family "flock." However, while it may be possible for MAARS to offer advice in accommodating life changes, surrendering a bird for placement is often the only long-term solution. Although ending a relationship with a beloved companion — even a troubled one — can be very difficult, it is sometimes the best decision for everyone involved.

All MAARS birds are thoroughly evaluated and treated or rehabilitated whenever appropriate and for as long as is deemed necessary and in an individual bird's best interest. Any bird determined to have a medical condition receives appropriate treatment at MAARS' expense. Nationally renowned and highly respected veterinary specialists and researchers consult regularly with MAARS veterinarians. MAARS maintains detailed files on every bird, including past histories and a record of all tests and treatment(s), concerns, and health or behavioral issues.

MAARS requires that all birds entering The Landing or a MAARS foster home obtain a CBC and Chlamydia PCR Test. All birds also undergo additional tests based upon species and history as follows:

- Lovebird: PBFD (PCR), biopsy for feather-pickers/mutilators
- Cockatiel: Giardia (Elisa)
- Cockatoo, Grey, Eclectus: PBFD (PCR), biopsy for feather-pickers/mutilators
- Lory: PBFD (PCR), biopsy for feather-pickers/mutilators
- Conure, Amazon, Macaw: Pacheco's (PCR)

Disadvantaged history and/or presenting signs: Comprehensive chemistry, culture(s), x-ray, endoscopy, biopsies, heavy metal toxicity, aspergillus testing (Elisa), and other diagnostic tools/methods. There has been no incidence of illness or death due to contagious disease in any bird associated with MAARS at any time; this is attributable to excellent standards of care as well as good fortune. Every bird entering The Landing or a MAARS foster home is quarantined until all test results indicate that the bird is free of infectious disease. A quarantine area with separate access and ventilation has always existed at The Landing. In the summer of 2001, a second quarantine room was constructed to better facilitate the segregation of new birds. The Landing is also routinely tested for environmental pathogens. When appropriate, rescued birds — including those with medical and/or behavioral conditions — are permanently placed in new adoptive homes. MAARS ensures that these homes are fully aware of the condition(s) and are thoroughly prepared to handle the bird's special needs. Under special physical or psychological circumstances, some rescued birds are placed in a sanctuary situation instead of a home with people to live out their lives.

Midwest Avian Adoption & Rescue Services, Inc., is recognized by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization (Federal ID# 41-1944074) and is registered with the Office of the Secretary of State and the Office of the Attorney General of Minnesota as a charitable organization. All donations are tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.

The Raptor Center
Website: www.raptor.cvm.umn.edu
Contact: Jan Williams
Address: 1920 Fitch Ave., St. Paul, MN, 55108
Phone: (612) 624-4745
Email: raptor@umn.edu
Types of Animals Accepted: Eagles, Hawks, Owls, and Falcons
Limit of Animal Number: Not Specified
Rates: Not Specified

The Raptor Center specializes in the medical care, rehabilitation, and conservation of eagles, hawks, owls, and falcons. The Majority of the funding comes from donations. The internationally known program provides training in raptor medicine and surgery for veterinarians from around the world and reaches more than 150,000 people each year through public education programs and events and identifies emerging issues related to raptor health and populations.

MISSOURI

Cat Retirement Homes

Pet Tender's Country Boarding Cattery

Website: www.mocatboarding.com
Contact: Kay Kester-Oliver, Owner/Operator
Address: 818 Hwy WW, St. Clair, MO 63077
Phone: (636) 629-3413
Email: pettenders@gmail.com
Type of Animals Accepted: Cats only
Limit of Animal Number: Depends upon capacity at the time the animal is to be given up.
Rates: Lifetime care is available at 25% of normal rates for "endowed" cats. This is a service for people interested in providing for their cats in their estate planning. If interested, ask Pet Tender for further information. The monthly fee necessary to give up boarding space would be established at 25% of the normal base boarding fee. Special Feed, medication, grooming, and veterinary expenses would be additional. For the purpose of establishing a fund, figure a life-span of 20 years and set aside \$100/month for the projected life span of each cat at the time of the execution of the agreement. Minimum \$6000/cat. (or 5 yrs. support)

The Pet Tender's Lifetime Care, established in 1994, is offered to people who worry about what will happen to their cats after they die or for people who can no longer care for their cats themselves but cannot find another suitable home for them and don't support euthanasia of convenience. This program has been requested by clients who have had experience boarding cats at the Pet Tender's Boarding Kennel and would feel comfortable with them living out the remainder of their lives in the Kennel. It requires that the Cat Owner set aside funds to cover the cost of lifetime care, with any funds remaining after the cat dies going to the beneficiary designated by the Cat Owner. The Cat Owner would sign an agreement with Kay Kester-Oliver, Kennel Owner and Operator, detailing as much as desired about the care of the cat(s), the various contingencies, the use of the funds, and the disposition of cats and remaining funds when the pet dies or Kay is no longer able to care for the pet(s). The Cat Owner would designate Kay Kester-Oliver dba Pet Tender's Boarding Kennel as the beneficiary of the cat(s) and the funds in accordance with the Lifetime Care Agreement. Copies of the Agreement would be left with the Cat owner's attorney and next of kin to allow cat(s) to be turned over immediately to Kennel Owner for care. Copy of the funding instrument and beneficiary designation for pets and funds would be left with the Kennel Owner at the time of the execution of the agreement. The cat(s) would receive the same care provided to boarding cats for a standard monthly fee. Special feed and special care could be provided as it is to boarders, but the cost would be above the standard fee as specified for boarders at any given time. It would be agreed that each cat would be cared for as long as its life seemed comfortable and satisfying. Kay would act as the owner (possibly in consultation with someone else specified by the Cat Owner) in making health care and possible eventual adoptive/euthanasia decisions. Cats would be provided for in standard boarding facilities (runs or condos).

Farm Animal Retirement Homes

Humane Society of Missouri - Longmeadow Rescue Ranch

Website: www.hsmo.org or www.longmeadowrescueranch.org

Address: 480 Josephs Road, Union, MO 63084

Phone: (636) 583-8759

Email: info@hsmo.org or info@LongmeadowRescueRanch.org

Type of Animals Accepted: Horses, Cows, Goats and other farm animals

Limit of Animal Number: Not specified

Rates: Not specified

The Humane Society of Missouri's Longmeadow Rescue Ranch opened in 1988. The rehabilitation center is situated on 165 acres of donated land nestled in a valley surrounded by trees. Here, abused and neglected horses, cows, goats and other farm animals are rehabilitated and placed up for adoption.

NEBRASKA

Bird Retirement Homes

Safe Haven – Avian Placement & Education, Inc.

Website: <http://safehaveninc.yolasite.com>

Address: R.R.2, Box 73A, Fremont, NE 68025-7938 or 2446 CR 8, Fremont, NE 68025-7938

Phone: (402) 679-4223

Email: bughouse@tvsonline.net or whitechicken_2000@yahoo.com

Type of Animals Accepted: Birds

Limit of Animal Number: Not specified

Rates: Not specified

Safe Haven Refuge, est. 1999, is a non-profit, volunteer organization dedicated to the education of prospective bird owners, and offering up-to-date and proper basic care to current bird owners. This organization serves in cooperation with other organizations, locally and across the U.S., in providing a safe avenue for all birds dealing with re-homing, handicaps or aggression issues. Safe Haven also aids in the rehabilitation of non-indigenous wild birds, such as pigeons, sparrows, starlings and doves. Through sanctuary, adoption and education, Safe Haven aids the public in making an informed choice, whether or not, to bring a parrot into their lives. Safe Haven provides immediate refuge for parrots and other small birds that arrive from referrals thru vets, bird clubs, humane societies and the public. Our outreach birds regularly travel and make visits to help educate on the wonder of birds. Safe Haven, Inc. is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, listed on Guide Star. Your tax deductible gift will help aid in the support of birds being cared for at Safe Haven.

OHIO

Dog Retirement Homes

Circle Tail, Inc.

Website: www.circletail.org

Contact: Jen Kiblinger

Address: 8834 Carey Lane, Pleasant Plain, OH 45162

Phone: (513) 877-3325, Fax: (513) 945-3349

Email: info@circletail.org or daisyjk@yahoo.com

Type of Animals Accepted: Dogs only

Limit of Animal Number: No limit

Rates: Release fee of \$60

Circle Tail is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization located 30 miles northeast of downtown Cincinnati, OH. This organization was established in 1997 to provide high quality assistance dogs to people with mobility, hearing, neurological or psychiatric disabilities, provide facility dogs to retirement centers, and to provide a better quality of life for unwanted domestic and farm animals at our shelter or through adoption.

If the dog is a family-released dog, it must be up-to-date on all vaccines, heartworm preventative or recent heartworm test, neg fecal and neutered/spayed. Circle Tail is supported entirely by public contributions. Circle Tail receives no government funding. Financial support of Circle Tail is tax-deductible as allowed by law. The Circle Tail animal shelter has two programs for individuals to support a shelter resident.

Adoption: Individuals can adopt the shelter residents and take them home. The animal may be adopted directly from the shelter, or dogs may be adopted from local pet stores around the Cincinnati area on certain weekends. A Pet Pre-adoption Interview, Information and Agreement forms must be completed.

Sponsors: Individuals can sponsor one of the long-term sanctuary residents with a monthly or one time donation. Monthly sponsors will receive a color photograph of their animal, adoption certificate, and a bi-annual report on their animal. Monthly support varies with the animal adopted and is based on the animal's needs. To sponsor a Circle Tail Animal Shelter resident, please print the sponsor form and send with your tax deductible contribution to the address on the bottom of the form.

OKLAHOMA

Cat Retirement

Free to Live Animal Sanctuary

Website: www.freetoliveok.org

Contact: Bill Larson

Address: P.O. Box 5884, Edmond, OK 73083-5884

Phone: (405) 282-8617

Email: ftloffice@netzero.net

Type of Animals Accepted: Dogs and Cats

Limit of Animal Number: No limit.

Rates: Not specified.

Free To Live is a non-profit sanctuary for stray, abandoned and mistreated dogs and cats. It is the largest no-kill sanctuary in Oklahoma. From Free To Live more than 500 animals are adopted out to loving homes each year. At the sanctuary, animals that are not adopted live out their lives with healthy food, shelter and medical care. Euthanasia is not practiced. Free To Live began as a dream of Bill and Pat Larson. In 1982, the Edmond couple purchased 20 acres of land north of Edmond and began construction. The Larsons and a handful of dedicated volunteers did much of the work. On August 7, 1984, Free To Live opened its doors and the Larsons' dream became a reality. Bill Larson continues involvement with the sanctuary and serves on the board as lifetime member / founder.

Free To Live has a professional salaried staff that includes a kennel keeper, cattery keeper, director, secretary, full and part-time maintenance staff, as well as two veterinarians on retainer. Volunteers are involved in every aspect of the organization. FTL is staffed 24 hours a day, every day of the year; the kennel and cattery keepers live on-site in order to provide complete care. Free To Live takes in as many dogs and cats as possible; space and funds are currently available to care for approximately 150 dogs and 150 cats. Animals brought to FTL are initially placed in isolation for a minimum of 10 days. During this time they are spayed or neutered, vaccinated and given general physical examinations. There are separate isolation buildings for dogs and cats; each unit has an enclosed indoor/outdoor run.

Once dogs leave the isolation area, they are housed, according to their size and personality, in one of the kennel's 33 indoor/outdoor units. Each area has beds and access to spacious outdoor fenced runs measuring 15-by-54 feet for the smaller dogs and 34-by-54 feet for the larger dogs. Older dogs that are no longer active enough for life in the kennel live in the office annex area that also has an enclosed, outdoor run. From the office these dogs can be closely monitored, pampered and enjoy more companionship. Our cats, after the isolation period, are transferred to the large, cheery cattery with large inside and outside play areas. The cattery is shared by the main cat population and its inside room has plenty of small cubicles for cats to nap or hide in. Toys to play with and climb on fill the main play areas.

Eight smaller cat runs are provided for the kittens, special attention cats and mothers with their kittens. Each of these cat areas has a 4-by-10-foot enclosed outside play area - all of these enclosures are combined indoor/outdoor areas. A separate building was added in 1998 with 18 additional runs for our cats that have medical conditions that require separation from the main population. Two Edmond veterinarians provide excellent medical care. The dogs and cats are given 100% nutritionally balanced food; special diets are supplied for animals that require them. Free To Live's kennel and cattery have large cooling fans and heaters for the animals' comfort. All of the animal areas and bedding are cleaned daily.

Veterinary Pet Retirement Centers

The Cohn Family Shelter for Small Animals

Oklahoma State University, Development Office

Website: <http://cvhs.okstate.edu/cohn-pet-care-facility>

Contact: Heather Clay

Address: 308 McElroy Hall, Stillwater, OK 74078-2011; checks should be mailed to OSU Foundation, 400 S. Monroe, Stillwater, OK 74075

Phone: (405) 385-5607, Fax: (405) 744-5233

Email: hclay@OSUgiving.com

Type of Animals Accepted: Currently accepts mostly small animals, but is able to accept horses, ponies, llamas, etc.

Limit of Animal Number: No Limit

Rates: Funds to operate the program come from the earnings from invested gifts. Minimum gift amounts are \$15,000 for each cat, \$25,000 for each dog and \$50,000 for each large animal (pony, llama or horse). Most people choose to provide necessary funding through a bequest in their wills. A 5% non-refundable reservation fee assures your animal a place in the center. Once received, your financial contribution will be invested by the OSU Foundation. The interest earned on the endowment maintains your animal throughout its life and supports programs of the center. Later, the interest will fund scholarships, research programs or equipment purchases as designated in your endowment agreement.

This plan will allow you the opportunity to not only provide lifelong, loving care for your pets, but to also make a lasting contribution to the Oklahoma State University College of Veterinary Medicine. The fund remains a continuing testimonial of your concern for both the welfare of animals and the advancement of veterinary medicine.

The Oklahoma State University College of Veterinary Medicine has constructed a facility and developed a program to assure lifelong care for beloved family pets. Pet owners can feel secure in the knowledge that their pets will receive the love, care and attention they had always enjoyed at home. A generous donation from the estate of Ms. Leah Cohn Arendt along with matching funds from the University has enabled the OSU College of Veterinary Medicine to construct a life-care center for companion animals. In 1998, the Cohn family dream was brought to life through the establishment of the Cohn Family Shelter for Small Animals.

The center is located on eight acres of land north of the Boren Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital. The 6,600-square-foot facility is designed as a home with some very special features: a playroom where visitors and veterinary students can enjoy the animals, areas for examination, treatment and grooming, outdoor runs and separate kennels and an apartment for a live-in veterinary student to provide 24-hour observation and care. Our staff and students will devote their time at this facility to assure that your pet receives the same tender, loving care you provided at home.

An on-site veterinarian will keep close watch on all animals. Animals will receive thorough physical examinations on a regular basis, and illnesses will be treated as soon as symptoms appear. Twice a month, the animals will be bathed and groomed. And, of course, all the animals will receive periodic disease preventive medication and annual vaccinations. Spending each day with the animals and having such close contact with them will provide the students and faculty a wonderful opportunity for learning more about animal behavior and observing the kinds of problems animals develop as they age. Like people, older animals suffer from cataracts, heart conditions, aching bones, and other signs of aging. What we learn from these animals in this home-like environment will expand the scientific knowledge about the aging process in animals. It is simple to enroll your pet in the program. You will need to call or write to advise us of your interest. We will provide enrollment materials and discuss your plans for providing the necessary funding.

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Phone: (715) 466-4110

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Type of Animals Accepted: Dogs, Cats, Birds, Horses, Cattle, Pigs (most types of animals)

Limit of Animal Number: No limit.

Rates: Donations.