

LIFETIME CARE OPTIONS

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

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CONNECTICUT

Cat Retirement Homes

The Last Post

Website: www.thelastpostonline.org

Contact: George B. Simoncelli, Esq.

Address: 104 Church Street, Torrington, CT 06790

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

Phone: 860-482-6501 or 860-824-0831

Email: Online e-mail form at: www.thelastpostonline.org/Contact_Us.html

Type of Animals Accepted: Cats only.

Limit of Animal Number: No limit.

Rates: \$5,000 per cat.

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

MARYLAND

Horse Retirement Homes

HorseNet, Inc. Horse Rescue

Website: www.horsenethorserescue.org

Contacts: Elle or Sherry

Address: P.O. Box 358, 14001 Mattie Haines Road, Mt. Airy, MD 21771

Phone: 410-984-0824

Email: info@horsenethorserescue.org

Type of Animals Accepted: Horses only.

Limit of Animal Number: No limit.

Rates: Adoption fees for companion animals range from \$0 to \$200; adoption fees for rideable horses range from \$300 to \$1200. Various sponsorships opportunities are available for horses who permanently live at the facility.

HorseNet Horse Rescue is a certified 501 (c)(3) nonprofit horse rescue and rehabilitation facility with two locations in Maryland. We DO NOT sell horses, but facilitate the rescue, rehabilitation and rehoming of those animals in our care. We do have some permanent residents, but strive to adopt out as many animals as possible to loving, informed homes. We are 100% volunteer run and operate solely on donations. We specialize in the care of seniors and blind horses, but will accept animals, when space allows, surrendered by private owners or through state animal control facilities in any condition from any location.

MASSACHUSETTS

General Pet Retirement Homes

Bosler Humane Society

Website: www.boslerhs.org

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

Address: PO Box 12, Baldwinville, MA 01436

Physical Address: 300 Royalston Road, Baldwinville, MA 01436

Phone: 978-939-7316 or 978-939-5818

Email: BoslerHS@aol.com

Type of Animals Accepted: Dogs, Cats and Birds

Limit of Animal Number: Not specified.

Rates: Donations.

The Bosler Humane Society was founded in 1978; it is a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization. The Bosler Humane Society was founded to protect and care for abused animals. It receives no federal or state support. The largest no-kill shelter in New England, it is located on 180 acres with 25 individual cathouses. Elaine Bosler, the Founder of Bosler Humane Society, has been dedicated to animals for the last 30 years.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Bird Retirement Homes

Fauna Rescue

Website: www.faunarescue.org

Contact: Linda Wisner, Director

Address: P.O. Box 282, Newport, NH 03773

Phone: 603-889-5035

Email: webmistress@faunarescue.org

Type of Animals Accepted: Not specified.

Limit of Animal Number: Not specified.

Rates: Not specified.

Our goal is to provide animal rescue and assistance to the community through education and services. Although we primarily focus on the avian community, we work with other groups in order to provide a larger network of services. Fauna Rescue began servicing the community in 1997. We received our federal non-profit status under section 501(C)3 on July 13, 2000.

NEW JERSEY

Horse Retirement Homes

ReRun, Inc.

Website: www.rerun.org

Address: P.O. Box 113, Helmetta, NJ 08828

Phone: 732-521-1370 or 609-301-8772

Contacts: Laurie Lane, rerunnj@comcast.net or Christine Orman, ormancm@verizon.net

Type of Animals Accepted: Thoroughbred Race horses.

Limit of Animal Number: N/A

Rates: Not a care facility, but a pass-through adoption organization.

ReRun Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit thoroughbred adoption program founded in 1996 whose mission is to provide a safe haven for thoroughbred racehorses at the end of their careers. They are given time for rehabilitation and retraining before being placed into adoptive homes and helped to find a second career. The organization tries to be a "pass-through" organization, not a permanent care facility; adoption is emphasized. Horses accepted into the program are evaluated, rested and rehabilitated as needed. The thoroughbreds are then placed with qualified adopters to begin their chance at a second career. The organization, which is in its 13th year, has chapters in New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, and Kentucky and a satellite farm in Pennsylvania. ReRun has recently leased a 40-acre farm in New Jersey called ReRun at Reindancer.

Felice Busto, vice president of the New Jersey chapter of ReRun, said, "Horses are sent to Canada and Mexico to be killed and have their meat exported to Europe and Japan, where it is a delicacy." ReRun has worked to save more than 500 horses, according to Ms. Busto, and continues work to raise funds to achieve that goal.

Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation

Website: www.trfinc.org

Contact: Bill Finley

Address: PO Box 3387, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

Phone: 518-226-0028 Fax: 518-226-0699

Email: bill@trfinc.org or adoption@trfinc.org

Type of Animals Accepted: Horses

Limit of Animal Number: Not Specified

Rates: Not specified

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

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

Milestone Equine Rescue

Website: www.milestone.org

Contact: Susan Kelly Thompson

Address: 227 Still Valley Road, Phillipsburg, NJ 08865

Phone: 908-995-9300

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

Type of Animals Accepted: Horses only.

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

Milestone Equine Rescue is a private, nonprofit New Jersey organization dedicated to providing sanctuary for horses subject to cruelty, neglect, and disabilities. We provide shelter, care, rehabilitation, adoption, and retirement homes for horses such as these. Milestone is a valuable alternative for these horses because there are limited facilities to care for large animals. Milestone promotes public education about the plight of abused and neglected horses, encourages regulatory action on their humane treatment and transportation, works with humane officials to reduce abuse and neglect, provides ongoing care through a Milestone-affiliated, paid and licensed veterinarian and monitors general welfare through regular visits by trained Milestone staff. They establish standards for veterinary care including shots, worming,

dentistry, and special care needs. When, due to illness or injury, comfort can no longer be provided, Mylestone ensures humane and painless euthanasia. Horses that are rehabilitated are available for adoption to "qualified" homes.

Bird Retirement Homes

South Jersey Bird Club

Website: www.SouthJerseyBirdClub.com

Address: 122 Rickey Avenue, Collingswood, NJ 08107

Phone: 856-881-9373 (Pat Baltozer, Adoption Program Chair) or 856-435-7692 (Deb Schretzman, President)

Type of Animals Accepted: Not specified.

Limit of Animal Number: Not specified.

Rates: Not specified.

NEW YORK

General Pet Retirement Homes & Programs

Angel's Gate Hospice for Animals

Website: www.angelsgate.org

Contact: Susan Marino

Address: 510 Archie Elliott Road, Delhi, NY 13753

Phone: 607-746-9211

Email: susan@angelsgate.org

Additional Contact: Victor LaBruna

Address: 18 Josephine Lane, Fort Salonga, NY 11768

Phone: 631-269-7641, 631-292-2121, 631-663-3069

Email: victor@angelsgate.org

Physical Address (2 locations):

Angel's Gate Forte Salonga

18 Josephine Lane, Fort Salonga, NY 11768

Phone: 631-269-7641

Angel's Gate Delhi

510 Archie Elliott Rd., Delhi, NY 13753

Phone: 607-746-9211

Type of Animals Accepted: Physically challenged, abused, and abandoned companion and farm animals and wildlife. These include dogs, cats, parrots, ponies, ducks, swan, pigeons, geese, chickens and rabbits.
Limit of Animal Number: Currently, Angel's Gate is caring for nearly 200 companion animals and 100 farm animals and wildlife in two locations.

Rates: Not applicable. Angel's Gate has a "No Adoptions" policy, meaning once we adopt an animal we guarantee it a home for life.

Angel's Gate is a residential home for special needs animals. Animals, many of whom are terminally and/or critically ill or physically challenged, come here to live out their days in peace, dignity, and love. Our focus is on wellness and quality of life. We provide for the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of each animal. We take a holistic approach to animal care, providing all necessary supportive services, including hospice care. Oprah Winfrey show clip: http://www.oprah.com/media/20080601_tows_242027001OCOMANGELSGATE_O_VIDEO_1

Bide-A-Wee

Website: www.bideawee.org

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

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

Email: info@bideawee.org or bideawee@bideawee.org

Type of Animals: Dogs and Cats

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

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

Bide-A-Wee -- the companion animal welfare society whose no-kill adoption centers have found loving homes for more than one million dogs, cats, puppies, and kittens in the century since they were founded.

Bide-A-Wee was established as a nonprofit association in 1903, with the primary purpose of providing temporary shelter and finding loving, responsible homes for unwanted pets.

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

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

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

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

Pet Estates, Inc.

Website: www.petestates.com

Contact: Don or Mary Lynn Gagnon

Address: 250 North Pole Rd, Melrose, NY 12121

Email: Mpetestate@aol.com

Phone: 518-663-5732

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

Limit of Animal Number: No limit.

Rates: Call for information.

Limit: 25

Pet Estates is a small, private facility offering lifetime care for your pets. We have been in the business of boarding animals for eighteen years and have been operating Pet Estates for seven years. We're located on a beautiful seven-acre rural plot, in the rolling hills of Melrose, New York. We provide private and semi-private condos and special care and attention for a small number of dogs and cats to be sure that every pet gets plenty of attention. My husband, Don, and I live on the premises, and personally manage the Pet Estates. We're available for your pets, twenty-four hours a day, and our trained, caring staff helps us give your pets the best possible care. We offer your pet a quality lifestyle when you can no longer care for him or her. Continuing care is always a concern for those who love their pets. Pet Estates Inc. is now offering trusts for pets that can be prepared with legal documents to assure that our clients' wishes for their pets' care will be carried out. Our focus is to provide a loving, clean, healthy, safe, and social environment for your beloved pet. We offer the following estate plans to fit your wishes, such as remaining on our estate for a lifetime, private or group living arrangements, or placement to a private home. Our estate pets will be allowed to socialize and play outside on the premises throughout the day. Playtime includes swimming, boating, hiking, and many other outside & inside activities. Senior citizens are welcome to visit, which is therapeutic to both pets and seniors. Living arrangements are all custom-designed to enhance the lifestyle of your pets. Condo units overlooking the pond include enclosed porch, living quarters, and play area, providing your family's pets with the comforts of home. Condos include a TV and VCR for daily viewing of pets and family videos. Pets can

relax to music from the stereo along with their heated beds. Grooming is maintained on a regular basis. Pet massage is also offered upon request by a certified pet massage therapist. Pet massage aids in stress relief, muscle and joint stiffness (arthritis), and circulation. Also, veterinarian services are available twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. Pet Estates, Inc. is inspected annually. We must meet or exceed the local town kennel laws and the guidelines enforced under the agriculture and market law of New York state. Area veterinarians use our facility and also refer their clients to us; references are available upon request.

North Shore Animal League – Surviving Pet Care Program

Website: www.nsalamerica.org

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

Address: 26 Davis Ave, Port Washington, NY 11050

Phone: 516-883-7575

Email: info@nsalamerica.org

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

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

Rates: See information below and on web page.

North Shore Animal League America is the largest no-kill animal rescue and adoption organization in the world. For over 60 years, the League has worked to make the world a safer, friendlier, healthier place for animals in need. Since 1944, the League has placed nearly 1 million lost or abandoned pets in loving homes. They've performed countless routine and extraordinary medical procedures. And they've taught tens of thousands of caring people to be good friends, companions and caretakers to the pets they've adopted through the League.

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

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

Surviving Pet Program: The Surviving Pet Care Program is made available to members of North Shore Animal League America's Safe Haven Society. It guarantees loving, attentive care for your pet when you're no longer here. Indeed, for the past decade, the League has reassuringly stood ready and taken in countless pets left homeless by their owners' death. The League then made sure that these once-adored pets were again placed in the security of a caring home and family. Hundreds of people nationwide no longer have to worry that their "best pal" will become an innocent victim of a relative or friend's inability or unwillingness to provide it a good home. If you fund your pets' care at the time of enrollment, you will pay a reduced rate of \$10,000 for the first pet and \$5,000 for each additional pet. This option will allow us to take in your pets if you become incapacitated or are otherwise unable to care for them. If paid on a deferred basis through a bequest in your will or trust, by making the Animal League a beneficiary of your life insurance policy or retirement plan or other type of planned gift, the minimum fee is \$15,000 for the first pet and \$7,500 for each additional pet.

National Shelter Rescue Program: North Shore Animal League America's proficiency for finding good homes begins with a combination of rescue procedures. Our most far-reaching program, Out of State Rescue, was responsible for saving nearly 10,000 dogs, cats, puppies, and kittens last year and over 123,000 since its inception in 1991. This unique plan is implemented through well-equipped, climate-controlled vans bringing us pets from overcrowded facilities in other states, namely, North and South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia. While all animals are vaccinated and thoroughly health-checked at their shelters of origin - at our expense - they are rechecked upon their arrival at the League. Because our long-term goal is to end the cycle of unplanned births and unwanted animals, we also help fund spay/neuter programs at these out-of-state shelters.

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

Cat Retirement Homes

Kent Animal Shelter

Website: www.kentanimalshelter.com/programs.htm

Contact: Pam Green

Address: 2259 River Road, Calverton, NY 11933

Phone: 631-727-5731

Email: pamgreen@kentanimalshelter.com

Type of Animals Accepted: Kent has various programs for both dogs and cats; the lifetime care program is only for cats.

Limit of Animal Number: No limit.

Rates: A donation in the amount of \$7,500.00 per pet is required for lifetime care regardless of the age of the pet.

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

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

The Sunshine Home at This Old Cat

Website: www.thesunshinehome.com

Contact: Paul Dewey

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

Phone: 585-919-6557 or 866-388-4707 Fax: 866-343-2737

Email: TheSunshineHome@ThisOldCat.com

Type of Animals Accepted: Cats only.

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

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

With so many variables you now can understand that it is difficult for us to simply "quote a quick price". Rest assured we would never compromise on the quality of care we provide for your cat. Normally admission fees may range from under \$4,000 to over \$12,000 depending on the cat's age, your location, etc. We want to be as fair as we can to you, your cat and your situation. The Pre-Qualifying Application helps us do just that. There is NO obligation on your part until you actually sign an Admissions Agreement. Please do contact us for more information. The Sunshine Home at This Old Cat will provide a wholesome, home-like environment exclusively for cats that is friendly, healthy, safe, and attractive. Our skilled care for the disabled and elderly felines will be tailored according to their individual needs in an atmosphere which reinforces quality of life. We are committed to absolute integrity, total accountability, and diligence with respect to their human guardians' wishes and values. We will continually maintain the highest ethical conduct in our pursuit of excellence. We affirm the individual worth of older and incapacitated felines and their right to comfortably live out the balance of their lives with respect, dignity, love, and care. We're Paul and Debbie Dewey. The Sunshine Home at This Old Cat has been a vision of ours for many years. We both had grown up with cats in our families. It wasn't long after we moved into our first home in 1979 that we had our first cat, Charlie Brown. Believe it or not, we purchased him at a local pet store for five dollars. Without a doubt, that was the best \$5.00 ever spent. Chuck was the start of it all, living a long and happy life with us until just past his 19th birthday. With no human children, we focused on caring for our four-legged "kids". It wasn't long before Charlie had sisters and brothers. One after another we rescued and adopted. We have now settled in with twelve and have room in our hearts and home for one or two more should they come along. All of our cats are always spayed or neutered, all have their claws intact (except Katie, who had already been de-clawed long before we adopted her), all remain indoors and all are kept current on their vaccinations. Early on, when Chuck and the others were young, we started asking questions and planning for the care of our cats should something happen to us. We were surprised to find there were not many options. It was then, almost 20 years ago, the dream was born.

In 2004 that dream became a reality--a reality for your cats and others like them--when The Sunshine Home officially opened its doors! Our lives are our cats. Virtually everything we do either involves them or revolves around them. Read some of the testimonial letters we've received and you'll know of our passion for the animals. The Director of Field Services of this area's largest humane society has recently visited us and he stated that he was impressed with how well-kept and clean our home was, right down to the twelve litter boxes for our 12 cats. We obviously do take pride in doing things right. When it comes to doing things right in the daily care for your cat, you can rest assured we will know what to do. We now have over 23 years of experience caring for cats. We have first-hand knowledge of the following feline issues: arthritis, behavioral modifications (with or without drugs), bronchitis, cancer, cardiomyopathy, chronic sinusitis, chronic renal failure, conjunctivitis, dental care, diabetes, fibro sarcoma, geriatric care, hypertension, hyperthyroidism, high fiber and other special diets, pet loss, mega colon, new cat

introductions and socialization, shaving and grooming, subcutaneous fluid therapy, subcutaneous emphysema, and upper respiratory diseases. We also depend on our veterinarians at the Animal Care Facility of Livonia for their expertise. Should an emergency arise, our new state-of-the-art animal hospital is only about six minutes away. Over the past three years that we've been recording data we have averaged three veterinary visits a month. We make sure our cats receive the best available care--and your cat will receive the same care in The Sunshine Home!

Dog Retirement Homes

The Silver Streak Kennel

Website: www.dogretirement.com/index.htm

Address: New York in central New York State.

Contact: Don & Terry Vought

Email: silverstreak@frontiernet.net

Phone: 607-263-2007

Type of Animals Accepted: Dogs, but will take any other types of animals if necessary.

Limit of Animal Number: No limit.

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

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

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

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

Silver Streak Kennels is life on a farm in the country for your dog. This is not a conventional kennel. These dogs are treated as our own. Dogs spend quality time--months or years--surrounded by trees, grass, and rolling hills--in comfort and love. In essence, your dog becomes a loving member of *our* family. Silver Streak Kennels is an open, natural environment in the heart of the beautiful Leatherstocking Region of New York State. It offers long-term boarding or full-time retirement for your pet on a farm in the country.

Horse Retirement Homes

The Second Chance Horse Rescue Inc.

Contact: Elaine Geniti-Reynolds, Founder

Address: 6 Edgewood Drive, Central Valley, NY 10917

Phone: 845-928-6288 or 914-760-1452

Email: second_chance_horse_resq@yahoo.com

Type of Animals Accepted: Equines

Limit of Animal Number: Not specified.

Rates: Not specified.

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

Bird Retirement Homes

Chipper Chirpers Adoption Link

Address: PO Box 95, East Concord, NY 14055

Phone: 716-592-9254

Email: birrdladdy@aol.com

Type of Animals Accepted: Exotic Birds.

Limit of Animal Number: Not specified.

Rates: Donations.

Chipper Chirpers Adoption Link, Inc. is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to the care, rehabilitation, and placement of unwanted and abused exotic birds. Great care is taken to provide a healthy environment, the best nourishment, and vet care. Dr. Scott G. Nachbar, DVM, is our knowledgeable avian practitioner. We depend solely on donations of any kind to provide the best care possible for our feathered friends. Staff is all volunteer.

PENNSYLVANIA

Horse Retirement Homes

Double D Equine Rescue

Contact: Debbie Polasek

Address: 9312 Old Route 22, Bethel, PA 19507

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

Type of Animals Accepted: Horses and Ponies

Limit of Animal Number: Not specified.

Rates: Not specified.

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

Bird Retirement Homes

Parrot Education & Adoption Center (PEAC)

Website: www.pitpeac.org

Address: P.O. Box 16412, Pittsburgh, PA 15242

Phone: 724-378-7588

Email: info@pitpeac.org

Type of Animals Accepted: Parrots.

Limit of Animal Number: Not specified.

Rates: Not specified.

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

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

RHODE ISLAND

Bird Retirement Homes

Foster Parrots, Ltd. and New England Exotic Wildlife Sanctuary

Website: www.fosterparrots.com

Contact: Marc Johnson or Karen Lee

Address: New England Exotic Wildlife Sanctuary, Hopkinton, RI 02832

Phone: 781-878-3733 or 508-577-0111 or (508) 577-0180

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

Type of Animals Accepted: Companion parrots and other exotic wildlife

Limit of Animal Number: Not specified.

Rates: For lifetime care, rates range from \$8000 for a small parrot to \$30,000 for a large parrot. Special discounted fees can be arranged for older birds based on anticipated life expectancy.

Foster Parrots, Ltd. is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the rescue and sanctuary of unwanted, languishing, and abused captive parrots and other displaced exotics. Through educational initiatives we seek to bring wider public awareness to captive parrot issues and to help raise standards of care for domestically kept parrots. A staunch advocate for parrots as wild animals, Foster Parrots has established a conservation project in the South American country of Guyana that has helped protect parrots and other wildlife since 2004.

Foster Parrots, Ltd. is accredited by the Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries. We are a proud member of The Avian Welfare Coalition and are honored to be a WSPA Society member.

Having recently relocated from Massachusetts to our new 15-acre property in Hopkinton, Rhode Island, we currently provide permanent sanctuary care to 475 unadoptable and retiring parrots, and are fortunate to have the opportunity to extend rescue services to an expanding number of other captive exotics as well. Our current non-psittacine residents include a family of African crested porcupines, a pair of Patagonian caviies, a number of sulcata tortoises and aquatic turtles, and several species of waterfowl, chickens and peacocks. Our doors will be open to other exotic animals in the future, as space and quality environments allow.

By concentrating our focus on parrots, we are extending a vital service to a commercially marketed "pet" that begins its journey at a disadvantage simply by virtue of its wild nature. By opening our doors to other exotic wild animals that also suffer as "pets" or in captive situations, we are placing parrots in their proper context alongside other wild animals, reminding people that this is, in fact, what parrots are.

LaziBirds

Website: www.lazibirds.com

Contact: Diane Lazicki

Address: P.O. Box 9205, 1935 Warwick Avenue, Warwick, RI 02889

Phone: 401-732-5806

Email: GRAMMIECRACKER@aol.com

Type of Animals Accepted: Domestic and exotic birds.

Limit of Animal Number: Not specified.

Rates: Not specified.

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

- We will accept birds surrendered to LBH&R.
- People wanting to surrender birds may be placed on a waiting list pending space availability or foster care availability.
- LBH&R does not breed birds placed with us and we do NOT place birds into breeding situations.
- We do not allow children to adopt birds.
- We do not allow birds to be adopted as companions to other birds.
- As a general rule, we will not place a Cockatoo, Macaw or other noisy bird in an apartment or condo.
- Birds must remain in 100% smoke-free quarters.
- Birds are to remain in the home and be treated as a family member.
- Adopted birds may NOT be sold, given away, bred or used for any type of monetary purpose.

- All potential adopters will receive a home visit from a LBH&R representative prior to being approved for any adoption.
- APPROVED applicants will be placed on a waiting list if a bird is not currently in our system that would be a good match for the approved adopter.
- Adopters are required to pay an adoption fee and may need to reimburse LBH&R for vet fees for their bird.
- IF it is in the best interest of the bird, LBH&R will make every attempt to see that a bird can remain in its current home with counseling and behavior modification

General Pet Retirement Homes & Programs

The Hope for Animals Sanctuary

Contact: Kathy

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

Phone: 401-996-4129

Type of Animals Accepted: Not specified.

Limit of Animal Number: Not specified.

Rates: Not specified.

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