

## LIFETIME CARE OPTIONS

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

#### ARIZONA

##### General Pet Retirement Homes & Programs

Rescue, Adoption and Care Program  
Arizona Humane Society  
Website: [www.azhumane.org](http://www.azhumane.org)  
Address: 1521 W. Dobbins Road, Phoenix, AZ 85041  
Phone: 602-997-7586, Fax: 602-870-1999  
Email: [enquiries@azhumane.org](mailto:enquiries@azhumane.org)  
Type of Animals: All household pets  
Limit: Not specified.  
Rates: Not specified.

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.

##### Bird Retirement

The Oasis Sanctuary  
Website: [www.the-oasis.org](http://www.the-oasis.org)  
Contact: Sybil Erden, President/CEO  
Address: P.O. Box 30502, Phoenix, AZ 85046-0502  
Phone: 520-212-4737, Fax: 520-212-0123  
Email: [sybil@the-oasis.org](mailto:sybil@the-oasis.org)  
Type of Animals Accepted: Exotic birds, predominantly CITES I and II endangered birds.  
Limit of Animal Number: The limit of 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 we approve 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).

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 that 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.

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. 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 first 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" or 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. A number of The Oasis birds are retired breeders or other birds originally imported for reproduction purposes, and due to age, infirmity or temperament they 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. The Oasis Sanctuary is also home to a small number of perfectly "normal" healthy and content 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 the birds are willed to The Oasis or when family members make the request. These owners 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.

### 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: [admin@tarafoundation.com](mailto:admin@tarafoundation.com).

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 caregivers.

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 lifespan, 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 caregivers; the care provided is determined by the individual bird's needs. Volunteers in their homes foster some birds, 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 Cat Shelter

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

Contact: Mary Jo Spring, Executive Director

Address: 5278 E 21<sup>st</sup> Street, Tucson, AZ 85711 (Shelter Address); P.O. Box 13508, Tucson, AZ 85732 (Mailing Address)

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: Not specified.

Rates: Not specified.

The Hermitage Cat Shelter is a nonprofit organization, supported entirely by private and corporate donations and it exists solely for the shelter, protection and care of homeless cats. 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.

The Hermitage is moving in a new direction and is poised for great things. The shelter has positioned itself for increased adoptions and that means saving more cats in shelters who would face certain deaths. Last year in Pima County 18,000 dogs and cats were euthanized, and every year an estimated additional 1,000 animals are expected to be added to these numbers. The Hermitage is proud to say we are now a part of the solution. Through grant money, The Hermitage has made a commitment to spay/neuter both dogs and cats. The shelter is also rescuing cats from Pima County Animal Care Center and is working with animal rescue groups.

The Hermitage is and will continue to be a sanctuary for those cats who are not adopted. Our cats are currently getting the best medical available.

## 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: Not specified.

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

The Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA (PHS/SPCA), a private nonprofit guided by the humane ethic, builds healthy relationships between people and animals. As an ethical choice, we accept all animals in need of care and often provide a second chance to the neediest animals: those who would otherwise be turned away at so-called "no kill" agencies that accept only highly adoptable animals. We also serve as our county's provider of animal rescue and control services and, as such, have no control over the number of incoming animals. Our record is outstanding. Since 2003, 100% of healthy, adoptable dogs and cats have been adopted. Our definition of "healthy" is based on the state's definition: dogs and cats without medical or behavioral issues and that are fully weaned and social. It excludes obviously unhealthy animals (those with injuries and illnesses or those behaviorally scarred from past treatment and mistreatment) as well as unweaned kittens and feral cats. Still, donations to our Hope Program allow us to make well, then place into new homes, approx. 170 animals every month. In February 2008, the Society celebrated accreditation by the American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA) following a comprehensive review of the shelter's veterinary program. Community education and outreach, partnerships, and a dedicated volunteer group greatly extend our mission and work.

The Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA's Hope Program helps the neediest animals and gives them a second chance at life. As an open-door shelter, PHS/SPCA accepts all animals regardless of their age, size, temperament and behavior. Some animals arrive perfectly healthy and need nothing more than a new loving home, but many others need extra medical care, behavior training, or TLC before they can be placed into a new forever home. For some of them, PHS/SPCA is their only chance. Hope saves an average of 170-175 animals every month. Thanks to generous support, this number keeps growing! If you are interested in learning more or are able to make a life-saving contribution, please contact Lisa Van Buskirk at 650/340-7022, ext. 327

#### Tender Loving Care for Pets Program

Center for Companion Animal Health, University of California School of Veterinary Medicine, Davis

Website: [www.vetmed.ucdavis.edu/ccah/tlc](http://www.vetmed.ucdavis.edu/ccah/tlc)

Contact: Niels C. Pederson, DVM

Director, Center for Animals in Society  
Address: One Shields Avenue, Davis, CA 95616  
Phone: 530-752-7024  
E-Mail: [tlcforpets@ucdavis.edu](mailto:tlcforpets@ucdavis.edu)  
Type of Animals: Household pets  
Limit: None

Rates: Enrollment requires a minimum estate gift and an initial enrollment fee. The amount depends on the number and type of pets you enroll. Additional estate gifts may be designated to the School of Veterinary Medicine or directed to specific school programs.

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 cover the basic lifetime medical care for their pets managed by the School of Veterinary Medicine. New caretaker homes will be pre-screened by personnel from the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine 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, and students, and through special individuals and families that have a strong partnership with the school.

Animal Helpline, Inc.  
Website: [www.animalhelplineinc.org](http://www.animalhelplineinc.org)  
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.

Limit: Not specified.  
Rates: Not specified.

Animal Helpline is an incorporated nonprofit organization run entirely on donations from people who love animals. Animal Helpline offers sanctuary to older or handicapped cats as a no-kill shelter and retirement home. It is located in 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. The hotline provides lists of lost and found animals, offers minor first aid advice, pet placement, and 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, which keeps the operating costs at a minimum.

Friend For Life at the North County Humane Society  
Website: [www.slonchs.org/services.htm#friend](http://www.slonchs.org/services.htm#friend)  
Contact: Jan Jones  
Address: 2300 Ramona Rd., Atascadero, CA 93422  
Phone: 805-466-5403  
Email: [info@slonchs.org](mailto:info@slonchs.org)

Types of Animals Accepted: Cats, dogs, other small mammals, birds, horses and reptiles.  
Limit of Animal Number: Not specified.  
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 Past President Charlotte Alexander. By participating in Friend for Life, 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: Suzanne Golt, Executive Director

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

Phone: 415-883-4621; Fax: 415-382-1349

Type of Animals: All companion animals.

Limit: No limit.

Rates: Not specified.

Guided by the humane ethic, the mission of The Marin Humane Society is 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 caretakers. To enroll your animal companion in this 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. The Marin Humane Society 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 that give you so much in return.

### Pets in Need – PIN Guardian Program

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

Address: 1180 Main Street, Redwood City, CA 94063

Phone: (650) 367-1405, 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 ever 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 that 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/support/donate/planning-for-your-pets.html](http://www.sfspca.org/support/donate/planning-for-your-pets.html)

Contact: Katy Volz

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

Phone: 415-554-3027

Email: [kvolz@sfspca.org](mailto:kvolz@sfspca.org)

Types of Animals Accepted: Dogs and Cats.

Limit of Animal Number: Not specified.

Rates: Not specified.

The San Francisco SPCA Sido Program offers an innovative way to plan now for your pets' future, so they will be cared for if you predecease them. 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. Enrolling your pet in the Sido Program provides peace of mind about the fate of your pet.

When their owner dies, dogs and cats enrolled in the Sido Program are taken into The SF/SPCA's Adoption Program where they receive loving care and attention while we work to place them in the best possible home.

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

Website: [www.arf.net/animal-programs/guardian-program](http://www.arf.net/animal-programs/guardian-program)

Contact: Brenda Barnette

Address: 2890 Mitchell Drive, Walnut Creek, CA 94598

Phone: 925-256-1ARF(1273) or 800-567-1ARF(1273)

Email: [guardianprogram@arf.net](mailto:guardianprogram@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: Make annual donations to ARF at any amount. Any gift, large or small, will be used to save animals' lives.

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 the supporter's 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 our web page for 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.

Enroll Pets in the ARF Guardian Program, it's easy!

Step 1: Specify in will or trust documents that the guardian's pet is to be entrusted to ARF at the time of death: "At the time of my death, I give my pet(s) to the Guardian Program for placement in a loving home."

Step 2: Designate a friend, relative or the estate executor to act as interim caretaker and to bring the companion animal to ARF's caring staff.

Step 3: Complete the Guardian Program Pet Biography, providing information about the pet's food preferences, likes and dislikes, habits and special needs.

Step 4: Send a copy of the completed Pet Biography form to ARF and keep a copy with the guardian's will. ARF recommends updating the form every six months.

Step 5: Make annual donations to ARF. Any gift, large or small, will be used to save animals' lives.

Humane Society Silicon Valley

Pet Guardianship Program

Website: [www.hssv.org/donate\\_guardianship.html](http://www.hssv.org/donate_guardianship.html)

Contact: Bridget Keenan

Address: 901 Ames Avenue, Milpitas, CA 95035

Phone: 408-262-2133 ext. 133

Email: [bkeenan@hssv.org](mailto:bkeenan@hssv.org)

Type of Animals Accepted: Dogs, cats, and rabbits

Limit of Animal Number: No limit

Rates: An annual donation of any amount to HSSV and include HSSV in your will.

By enrolling your pet(s) in our Pet Guardianship Program, you save your family members or friends from dealing with what can be a painful pet surrender process. With our Pet Biography form, YOU tell us in advance about your pet, his/her veterinarian, medical needs, personality and behavior, feeding habits, likes and dislikes, typical home life, etc. We have the information on record so your designated friend or family member bringing him to our shelter isn't left guessing about your pet's preferences and needs. We will do everything in our power to ensure your beloved pet finds the perfect new home if you can no longer care for them.

### Cat Retirement Homes

California Feline Foundation

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

Contact: Kelly Joos

Address: 3934 North Hayston, Fresno, CA 93726

Phone: 559-233-8690

Email: [kelly.joos@valleyanimal.org](mailto:kelly.joos@valleyanimal.org)

Type of Animals Accepted: Dogs and Cats.

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: Not specified.

The California Feline Foundation was established in 1992 to improve the welfare of companion animals throughout Central California. the Foundation's no-kill shelter helps more than 2,000 animals every year. In 1998, the Foundation took the next step and opened the doors of its very own low-cost spay/neuter/vaccination clinic - the first of its kind in the area. Since opening, the clinic has altered and vaccinated more than 35,000 companion animals. Although significant strides had been made through the Foundation's efforts, so much more remained to be done to effectively impact the pet overpopulation that is prevalent in Central California. Having seen the need over the years for a major change, the Foundation took the lead by creating a regional, state-of-the-art shelter and low-cost spay/neuter/vaccination clinic for dogs and cats. Larger and more centrally located, the Valley Animal Center opened its doors to the public on December 7, 2007.

The Valley Animal Center is nonprofit, no-kill shelter and low-cost spay/neuter/vaccination clinic for dogs, puppies, cats and kittens. the Foundation is dedicated to controlling the pet population through education, adoption, and spaying/neutering, not euthanasia. The Center is an 18,000-square-foot state-of-the-art facility that serves the entire six-county Central Valley region as a no-kill adoption center for dogs and cats.

Under normal circumstances, VAC will house approximately 300 cats and 150 dogs. In a crisis situation, such as a regional disaster, the facility will be able to offer temporary shelter to approximately 500 cats and 200 dogs.

Friends of Cats, Inc.

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

Contact: Barbara Auckland - Director of Shelter Operations

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

Phone: 619-561-0361 ext.0

Email: [bauckland@friendsofcats.org](mailto:bauckland@friendsofcats.org)

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.

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 the shelter veterinarian has recommended euthanasia. Any funds over and above the fee enable us to provide a home and care for less fortunate cats.

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. Friends of Cats is a private nonprofit 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.

LifeCare Program at the California Cat Center

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

Contact: Nancy Smith

Address: 7048 Sophia Ave. Van Nuys, CA 91406

Phone: 818-780-7060, 866-780-CATS(2287), Fax 818-780-8740

Email: [californiacatcenter@yahoo.com](mailto:californiacatcenter@yahoo.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.

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 upon 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. The LifeCare Program includes lifetime veterinary care and treatment, including weekly vet visits and annual physical examinations; health maintenance diets; 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; and peace of mind for cat lovers 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 are listed in this paragraph. 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: Steven Carlson

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

Phone: 951- 659-4687, Fax: 951- 659-3383

Email: [info@living-free.org](mailto:info@living-free.org)

Types of Animal Accepted: Dogs and Cats

Limit of Animal Number: Not specified.

Rates: Not specified.

LIVING FREE is 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 there was no killing of wild life and individuals practiced healing and great reverence for life. This area continues to be preserved by LIVING FREE.

National Cat Protection Society

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

Contact: Carol Christensen

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

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

Email: [natcatnewport@gmail.com](mailto:natcatnewport@gmail.com), [natcatsv@gmail.com](mailto:natcatsv@gmail.com)

Type of Animals Accepted: Cats only.

Limit of Animal Number: No limit.

Rates: One-time fee for each cat (call either one of the shelters for more information).

The National Cat Protection Society was founded in 1968 by the singular efforts of Mr. C. Richard Calore. During World War II, he found himself deep in a foxhole 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 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 for 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. Staff and volunteers provide play, companionship and individual attention on a regular basis. An on-site, 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 nonprofit organization, which was incorporated January 6, 1965. It is a humane, educational institution, which is trying to systematically deal with the problems faced by homeless, stray, abused, unwanted and neglected cats. 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 existing shelters for two very important reasons. Our resident cats live cage-free 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. At any one time, we house and care for about 300 cats. 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 admits 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 and fully furnished for the cats' comfort, and it is 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.

### 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: [info@vivaonline.org](mailto:info@vivaonline.org)

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.

### The Cat House on the Kings

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

Contact: Lynea

Address: 7120 S. Kings River Rd. Parlier, CA 93648

Phone: (559) 638-8696

Email: [info@cathouseonthekings.com](mailto:info@cathouseonthekings.com)

Type of Animals Accepted: Cats and some dogs. This is on a case-by-case basis. We prefer to try to assist in solving the individual situation or suggest ways you can find a new home for your cat on your own.

Limit of Animal Number: The sanctuary is home to an average of 700 adult cats. The number of kittens fluctuates according to the season.

Rates: Individuals surrender their cats to us, and for a monthly fee (up to a maximum of \$2000), we provide lifetime support and care.

The Cat House on the Kings is California's largest no-cage, no-kill, lifetime cat sanctuary and adoption center. It is located on 12 acres along the Kings River in Parlier, California, which is in the central San Joaquin Valley, southeast of Fresno. Since its founding 17 years ago, The Cat House on the Kings has saved over 18,000 cats and 5,000 dogs (not counting the 40,000 animals we have spayed and neutered!) and currently cares for more than 700 cats and kittens in a unique, cage-free environment!

Every year, The Cat House adopts out approximately 500 cats (and some dogs) and assists several thousand people who call our sanctuary for assistance. We also advise thousands of people from around the world who contact us through our website (we have sponsors as far away as Canada) and at our local, public events. We make referrals for low-cost spay/neuter services, offer assistance and education in behavioral problems with cats, and assist people in finding homes for their cats.

All of our cats are available for adoption. We do our utmost to find the best possible homes for our cats: none are euthanized. The cats live out their lives until they are either adopted or die of old age — however long that may be.

Video: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=vwM6f0liHpo](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vwM6f0liHpo)

### Farm Animal Retirement Homes

#### Amy's Farm

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

Contact: Debbie: 760-956-6032

Address: 7698 Eucalyptus Avenue, Ontario, CA 91762

Phone: 909-393-2936, Fax: 909-393-2936

Email: Automated email

Type of Animals Accepted: Pigs, Horses, Chickens, Roosters, and 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, Founder, CEO

Address: 34033 Kooden Road, Winchester, CA 92596

Phone: 951-926-4190, Fax: 951-926-4181

Email: [cerf1@earthlink.net](mailto:cerf1@earthlink.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; Usually one pet per person.

Rates: Not specified.

CERF first incorporated in September of 1986 and was 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.

International Generic Horse Association (IGHA)/HorseAid

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

Contact: Staci Wilson, Co-Founder

Address: PO Box 6778 – Eastview, San Pedro, CA 90734-6778

Phone: 310-719-9094

Email: [volunteer@equinerescue.net](mailto:volunteer@equinerescue.net)

Type of Animals Accepted: Horses only.

Limit of Animal Number: No limit.

Rates: Donations are voluntary.

HorseAid was 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 and 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

Contact: Pam Jimenez

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

Phone: 209-887-2604, 888-302-2981 Fax: 209-887-9106

Email: [pjjimenez@prodigy.net](mailto:pjjimenez@prodigy.net)

Type of Animals Accepted: Horses only.

Limit of Animal Number: Not specified.

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 a \$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 RetireYourHorse. The horses are supplemented twice daily on Elk Grove Mill Senior feed, dewormed regularly, given shots annually, and have their 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 at: [www.elkgrovemilling.com](http://www.elkgrovemilling.com) or [www.horseguardfence.com](http://www.horseguardfence.com). We support the horses by fundraisers 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: [LuvToos@wmconnect.com](mailto:LuvToos@wmconnect.com)

Type of Animals Accepted: Birds.

Limit of Animal Number: Not Specified.

Rates: Not Specified.

Founded 1997. We provide a permanent housing facility for birds, and we adopt birds to qualified members.

Coventry Companion Bird Survival Center

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

Contact: Larry and Kelly Mullins

Address: PO Box 1116, Bella Vista, CA 96008

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 Companion Birds Rescue

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

Address: P.O. Box 697, San Jose, CA 95106-0697

Fax: 866-201-4199

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 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@peac.org](mailto:parroted@peac.org)  
Type of Animals Accepted: Parrots.  
Limit of Animal Number: Not specified.  
Rates: Not specified.

Parrot Education & Adoption Center is a nonprofit, 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 by 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  
Email: [rose@parrotsfirst.org](mailto:rose@parrotsfirst.org)  
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 about these birds. Parrots First is also a parrot rescue. We will do everything legally possible to remove a parrot from a harmful situation, but in all honesty this is something that rarely occurs. 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, Kimberly 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. This 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 themselves 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, CEO (ext. 629)  
Address: 2323 55<sup>th</sup> Street, Boulder, CO 80301  
Phone: 303-442-4030, Fax: 303-565-5151  
Email: [Lisa.Pedersen@boulderhumane.org](mailto:Lisa.Pedersen@boulderhumane.org)  
Type of Animals Accepted: Dogs, Cats, Rabbits, Ferrets, Small Mammals, Birds, Reptiles, Barnyard Referrals.  
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 can 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  
Limit: Not specified.

Rate: Not specified.

Feathered Family Inc. is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the health and welfare of exotic birds, specializing in working with behaviorally challenged or feather-abusing parrots. Feather ed Family provides 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, Founder & President

Address: 1025 Acoma Street, Denver, CO 80204

Phone: (303) 629-5900, Fax: (303) 629-5901

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.

Long term Foster Care Program Fee Schedule for incoming birds under the continued care of TGF for 3 months or more:

1 Finch or Canary, \$ 12/month or \$ 144/ year

1 Small Bird – Budgie, Lovebird, Cockatiel, \$18/month or \$216/year

1 Conure or Quaker, \$25/month or \$300/year

1 Lory, Sm. Amazon, Pionus or Asiatic Parrot, \$36/ month or \$432/year

1 Amazon, Eclectus, Grey Parrot, or Sm. Cockatoo, \$50/month or \$600/year

1 Macaw, Lg. Amazon, Lg. Cockatoo, \$60/month or \$720/year

1 Hyacinth Macaw or Moluccan Cockatoo, \$90/month or \$1080/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; and 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) aviculture 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, and 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, breeding facilities or 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 incompatibility 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 or breeder 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 of the birds, as well as their 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. 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.

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

Rates: The "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 improve the quality of life for cats and people; and 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 and see 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 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 Personal 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: \$350 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 of 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 when legal action has been taken by the state veterinarian or 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 cannot 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 of 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.

DreamCatchers Equine Rescue Inc.

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

Contact: Julie DeMuesy

Address: 19065 Wigwam Rd Pueblo, CO 81008

Phone: 719-382-4166/9820 Fax: 719-266-2199

Email: [julie@dcerinc.com](mailto:julie@dcerinc.com)

Type of Animals Accepted: Horses

Limit of Animal Number: Not specified

Rates: Not specified.

The mission of Dreamcatchers is to provide rescue, sanctuary, medical care, proper nutrition, socialization, training, placement (when appropriate), and love and respect to horses of all breeds, genders, ages, and physical and emotional abilities. The facility is located outside of Pueblo, Colorado on 850 acres of land donated by Sam and Kathy Guadagnoli of Colorado Springs, who own the Double J Ranch where DreamCatchers operates its rescue efforts. One hundred and one rescued horses graze on 850 acres at Dreamcatchers Equine Sanctuary, and more are on the way. "It's a very scary situation right now," explains manager Julie DeMuesy. "Everybody's stressed to the max. It exploded for us at the end of 2007." Some horses are coming from people who have had their mortgages foreclosed, and can't afford to feed their steeds. "We're trying desperately to reduce our herd [by sending horses] to good homes. It's become a revolving door — they're coming in as fast as they are going out to new homes."

## HAWAII

### Cat Retirement Homes

East Maui Animal Refuge

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

Contact: Sylvan and Suzie Schwab

Address: 25 Malu Aina Place, Haiku, HI 96708

Phone: 808-572-8308

Email: [thebooboozoo@gmail.com](mailto:thebooboozoo@gmail.com)

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

Limit: 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 that 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. A staff of dedicated volunteers who clean kennels, feed and otherwise care for the animals, and help with facilities maintenance aid Sylvan and Suzie. Dr. Moyer at Upcountry Veterinary Service in Makawao, who donates his time, provides their veterinary care. 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.

## NEW MEXICO

### General Pet Retirement Homes & Programs

Kindred Spirits Animal Sanctuary

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

Contact: Ulla Pedersen

Address: 3749-A Highway 14, Santa Fe, NM 87508

Phone: 505-471-5366

Email: [webmaster@KindredSpiritsNM.org](mailto:webmaster@KindredSpiritsNM.org)

Type of Animals Accepted: Dogs, Horses and Poultry

Limit of Animal Number: Not specified.

Rates: Not specified.

Kindred Spirits Animal Sanctuary (KSAS) is dedicated to providing lifelong care and hospice for older, unwanted dogs, horses and poultry in a peaceful and serene sanctuary setting. KSAS focuses on the beauty of animals as teachers of unconditional love, regardless of age or infirmities. Sanctuary education programs offer an opportunity for better understanding and acceptance of our own human aging process, as well as the processes of aging in our animal companions. KSAS feels privileged to offer this love and care to the most vulnerable members of our community.

### 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: 505-471-6179, 888-471-4677, Fax: 505-471-0026

Email: [info@thehorseshelter.org](mailto:info@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 they 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; carefully screened new caregivers will adopt others, after rehabilitation, if necessary. 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

### General Pet Retirement Homes & Programs

SPCA of Texas

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

Contact: Esmeralda Garcia

Address: 362 S. Industrial Blvd., Dallas, TX 75207

Phone: 214-742-SPCA(7722), 214-461-1829 Fax: 214-461-1801

Email: [egarcia@sPCA.org](mailto:egarcia@sPCA.org), [jrichardson@sPCA.org](mailto:jrichardson@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. 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 other's lives.

Dealey 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, a charming home in the Collin County countryside, is a home for pets that 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!

The following fees are required of persons wanting to surrender an animal or animals:

\$50.00 per dog/puppy over 12 weeks of age

\$50.00 per litter (3 or more) of puppies 12 weeks of age or younger

\$40.00 per cat/kitten over 12 weeks of age

\$40.00 per litter (3 or more) of kittens 12 weeks of age or younger

\$10.00 per small animal (small mammals, fowl)

\$40.00 per small livestock (pigs, goats, sheep)

\$50.00 per large livestock (horses, cows, donkeys)

\$30.00 for owner requested euthanasia

Pet Haven: Providing short-term foster care for pets of families living in domestic violence shelters. SPCA of Texas Pet Haven volunteers provide temporary housing and care for a maximum of 30 days while the pets' owners are rebuilding their lives.

### Horse Retirement Homes

Habitat for Horses, Inc.

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

Contact: Jerry Finch

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

Phone: 866-434-5737, Fax: 409-515-0657

Email: [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 owners are 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. Volunteers built everything on the ranch, including paddocks, shelters, fencing and water lines. 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. The watchful eyes of the Hitchcock Police Department maintain security. 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, Assistant to the Director

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

Address: College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, TAMU 4461, College Station, Texas 77843-4461

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

Type of Animals Accepted: Dogs, cats, birds, horses, pony and llama.

Limit of Animal Number: There is no limit on the number of pets from an owner.

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. Fee details can be found at [www.cvm.tamu.edu/petcare/endowment.htm](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 them 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

Website: [http://www.greenpeople.org/listing/Beaks\\_\\_Wings\\_Parrot\\_\\_18122.cfm](http://www.greenpeople.org/listing/Beaks__Wings_Parrot__18122.cfm)

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

Address: PO Box 1672, Weatherford, TX 76086

Type of Animals Accepted: Parrots.  
Limit of Animal Number: Not specified.  
Rates: Not specified.

Second Chance Horse Refuge  
Email: [Info@secondchancehorserescue.org](mailto:Info@secondchancehorserescue.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, nonprofit 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 of horses; and to protect horses from cruelty, neglect and ignorance.

## 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 "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: 435-644-8784  
Address: 5028 E. Rock Ledge Lane, Kanab, UT 84741-4117  
Type of Animals Accepted: Cats, Dogs (very limited)  
Limit of Animal Numbers: Approximately 4 cats per year on average; 4-6 companion cats if we add an additional cabin for your cats; currently we have space for only two (2) extremely cat-friendly dogs.

Rates: Lifetime care - \$5000 per cat; \$5000 per dog; we currently have the space to add two additional cat cabins at an additional cost of approximately \$8500/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 nonprofit, 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 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 nebulizer, which will house a cat or small dog, providing constant temperature/humidity 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 provide the cat or dog with compassionate euthanasia. 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.