

## LIFETIME CARE OPTIONS

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

#### ILLINOIS

##### Cat Retirement Homes

Assisi Animal Foundation and Shelter

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

Contact: Lee Linklater

Address: PO Box 143, Crystal Lake, IL 60039-0143

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

Email: <mailto:Info@Assisi.org> or <mailto:Lee@assisi.org>

Type of Animals Accepted: Not specified.

Limit of Animal Number: Not specified.

Rates: Not specified.

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

##### Horse Retirement Homes

Hoofed Animal Humane Society (HAHS)

Website: <http://www.hahs.org/aboutus/index.htm>

Contact: Lydia Gray, Executive Director

Address: HAHS, P.O. Box 400, 10804 McConnell Road, Woodstock, IL 60098

Phone: (815) 337-5563 Fax: (815) 337-5569

Email: [info@hahs.org](mailto:info@hahs.org) or <mailto:lgray@hahs.org>

Type of Animals Accepted: Horses only.

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

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

The Hoofed Animal Humane Society (HAHS) is a not-for-profit organization founded in 1971 by six concerned and committed citizens. HAHS' mission is to promote the humane treatment of hoofed animals through education, legislation, investigation and, if necessary, legal intervention (impoundment). In addition, we provide physical rehabilitation to animals that have endured severe neglect and abuse and adopt them to compassionate homes. Our national headquarters is located in Woodstock, Illinois on a 26-acre facility with five barns, including a hospital facility, and an office and educational center. We accept horses of any age, breed, gender, size, color, or level of training that was pasture-sound and had no terminal illness. HAHS receives no Federal or State support. We are totally dependent upon contributions from fund-raising activities, membership donations, grants from foundations and endowment gifts. The Hoofed Animal Humane Society's current contributor base

is approximately 65,000. HAHS was the first humane society established in the U.S. to focus specifically on large animals, primarily horses. Unlike small animals (dogs and cats), hooved animals had little representation until the formation of the Hoofed Animal Humane Society. In 1973, HAHS was the driving force behind passage of The Humane Care for Animals Act. Through the Illinois Department of Agriculture, this act gives the Hoofed Animal Humane Society the legal authority to investigate claims of abuse and neglect and intervene when owners do not comply with notice to remedy the situation. The Illinois Humane Care for Animals Act is recognized as the legislative model when states consider passing similar humane laws.

## **INDIANA**

### Veterinary Pet Retirement Centers

Peace of Mind Program at Purdue School of Veterinary Medicine

Website: <http://www.vet.purdue.edu/devel/giving.html>

Contact: Cindy Lyons, Development Administration Assistant

Address: School of Veterinary Medicine

Purdue University, 1240 Lynn Hall, Rm. 1177A, West Lafayette, IN 47907-1240

Email: <mailto:lyonscl@purdue.edu>

Phone: 1-800-830-0104/ 765-494-0791

Type of Animals Accepted: Dogs and cats.

Limit of Animal Number: No limit.

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

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

## **IOWA**

### General Pet Retirement Homes And Programs

The Noah's Ark Animal Foundation

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

Address: PO Box 748, Fairfield, IA 52556

Phone: 641-472-6080

Email: [adoptions@noahsark.org](mailto:adoptions@noahsark.org)

Type of Animals Accepted: Dogs and Cats.

Limit of Animal Number: Not specified.

Rates: Not specified.

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

For over 14 years, Noah's Ark Animal Foundation has offered loving care to homeless and abandoned animals. Noah's Ark Animal Foundation is a no-kill organization for homeless animals. No dog or cat under our care is ever "put to sleep" for lack of space or someone to adopt it.

Name: C & W Rustic Hollow Shelter Inc.  
Website: <http://jtwebsolutions.com/cw/>  
Address: P.O. Box 67. Nashua, IA 50658  
Phone: Not Provided  
Email: [cwshelter@hotmail.com](mailto:cwshelter@hotmail.com)  
Type of Animals Accepted: Cats.  
Limit of Animal Number: Not Specified.  
Rates: Not Provided.

Description: C & W Rustic Hollow Shelter Inc. is a non-profit 501c(3) NO-KILL shelter, supported solely by donations, grants, many fund raisers, Carmen Linda and Wanda, the owners and corporate members of the five-person Board of Directors of the corporation.

## **KANSAS**

### Veterinary Pet Retirement Centers

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

Website: <http://www.vet.k-state.edu/depts/development/index.htm>

Contact: Myrna Gleue, Pet Trust and Perpetual Pet Care Program Coordinator  
or Tim Chapman

Address: K-State College of Veterinary Medicine, Office of Alumni and  
Development, 1700 Denison Avenue – 103 Trotter Hall, Manhattan, KS 66506  
Phone 785-532-4013/ 785-532-4833 FAX 785-532-4002

Email: [mgleue@vet.k-state.edu](mailto:mgleue@vet.k-state.edu)

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

Limit of Animal Number: No limit.

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

The Perpetual Pet Care Program, established in 1995, offers pet lovers the unique opportunity to make special arrangements that guarantee the continuous care and well-being of their animal companions, should their pets outlive them. The KSU Foundation works closely with you to develop a personalized Memorandum of Understanding that allows you to define ideal and specific preferences for the short-and long-term care of your animal companion and the use of your charitable bequest or outright gift, once your pet no longer needs the funds you have provided. To help determine those specifications, a representative from the College of Veterinary Medicine will have an in-depth conversation with you and your veterinarian about your companion's health and lifestyle. Animal health and behavioral specialists from the college visit with you to finalize enrollment. When you can no longer provide personal daily care for your companion, the College of Veterinary Medicine becomes responsible for your pet. Under direct faculty supervision, trained veterinary students work with clinical specialists at the Veterinary Teaching Hospital to attend to all the emotional and physical needs of each pet until the appropriate and carefully screened adoptive home can be identified. Unless you have provided us with a list of homes you think are ideal, companion animal specialists at the college will collaborate with Perpetual Pet Care Program staff to identify your pet's new adoptive home using the precise wishes and specifications you have outlined. Funds from your endowed gift are designated to offer lifelong medical coverage for your pet. Perpetual Pet Care Program staff monitor your pet's new home, care and lifestyle. Ideas on how to fund your pet's enrollment: Bequests: All bequests should be made to the Kansas State University Foundation. The donor can then designate the College of Veterinary Medicine and the Perpetual Pet Care Program to benefit from the bequest. Notification of future bequests enables the foundation to consider these expectancies in long-range planning for gift support and allows us to plan for the care of your pet. Gifts of Securities: Gifts of appreciated stocks or bonds entitle a contributor to two income tax benefits: an income tax charitable deduction for the securities' fair market value on the date of the gift and the avoidance of capital gains taxes.

Gifts of Real Estate: The outright gift of a parcel of appreciated land or other real estate is a method that may offer considerable tax savings.

Gifts of Life Insurance: When properly arranged, life insurance offers an attractive way to enroll your pet in the program. Gifts of Cash: For immediate tax benefits, a cash gift may be considered. Gifts of Retirement Plan Assets: Retirement plan assets offer another tax-effective way to enroll your pet. The account can pass directly to K-State as the primary beneficiary. Charitable Remainder Unitrust: The unitrust is used to make a life income gift that specifies a percentage of payout to a designated beneficiary. The beneficiary receives regular income payments, equal to the percentage of the trust assets as revalued annually.

Charitable Gift Annuity: A gift annuity is a simple contract between the donor and the KSU Foundation. In return for the gift, the foundation will pay a fixed sum on a regular basis throughout the donor's lifetime. An additional benefit is that only a portion of that income is taxable. Please note: Tax deductibility will be determined in accordance with IRS, state and federal regulations.

## MICHIGAN

### Cat Retirement Homes

The Love of Cats (TLC) – The Zimmer Foundation

Website: <http://www.tlconline.org/pgm/0009.html>

Contact: Kitty Zimmer

Address: The Zimmer Foundation, PO Box 130944, Ann Arbor, MI 48113

Phone: 734-663-8000

Email: [kzimmer@TLConline.org](mailto:kzimmer@TLConline.org)

Type of Animals Accepted: Cats only.

Limit of Animal Number: No limit.

Rates: See below.

**Rates:** Our program is set up to primarily service older cats but we recognize that in some instances we may need to take younger cats with longer life spans as well. Because of this, we use a sliding scale fee based on the age of the cat at time of admission. We assume that on average, the cats in our care will live to be 18 years of age, and that providing quality care for them will run about \$1,000 per year per cat. Because the later years of a cat's life are the most expensive ones -- increased veterinary expenses, special diets and medications -- our minimum fee per cat is \$5,000. Age and health are determined by veterinary records and if no clear records exist, we will make a determination based on our vet's assessment of the cat.

Although the fees may seem high compared to the costs that you incur in direct care for your cat, the difference is largely based on providing and staffing a quality shelter to house the cats in and the associated operating costs in doing so. When your cat passes away, our standard fees include the cost of cremation as well as a name plaque in our memorial chapel. If you wish anything beyond this, let us know and we will work with you as much as we can and quote the additional charges, if any. Our retirement program is targeted at providing quality life care for elderly companion cats whose guardians can no longer care for them due to death or serious illness. Here's a summary of how it operates: Facility. We have a beautiful 24-acre [farm](#), located just southwest of Ann Arbor, Michigan. The 100 year-old renovated farmhouse contains a bi-level colony room with hardwood floors and lots of windows. Its southern exposure maximizes natural light and has an attached 18x20 deck giving the cats contained access to the outdoors for sunning and daydreaming. We can presently house 18-20 cats with plenty of carpeted trees and cubbies for their comfort. Room for future expansion abounds. Admission. At time of transfer, we receive the cats at our facility. If you live outside of our local area and are flying the cats to us, we can arrange to pick them up at the airport. Cat Introduction. Each cat individually determines when they're ready for colony life. Until that point they reside in an airy cat condo located in the colony room. We'll open their door frequently and let them out to explore. If they try to hide, we'll put them back in their condo. If they explore, we'll let them investigate. Once they start sampling various sleeping areas, we'll leave their condo door open so they can choose between its security and the freedom of open living. For some cats this process takes a few days, for others a few months. Food. Premium wet food is served each morning and dry food is always available for munching. Special diets are managed when needed. Health Care. At time of application, vet records are provided indicating the health of each applicant. At time of admission updated vet records are reviewed to ensure vaccinations and testing are current. New residents are kept in a cat condo for their first few weeks to verify their health, ensure they are eating regularly and using their litter box routinely. While they're with us, we consult with a veterinarian whenever we perceive a change in weight, eating pattern or behavior and we update vaccinations as needed. Even if no signs of illness are present, we take the cats to the vet each year for a checkup. Euthanasia Policy. We do not put down any cats in our care because of age or reasonably treatable illness or behavioral difficulties -- unless the behavioral difficulties put the well-being of our staff or other cats at risk. In those circumstances, when we find ourselves with a cat that appears to have no other viable option than death, we assemble a committee to closely review the circumstances and abide by the group decision.

**Program Eligibility.** To participate in our cat retirement program, the following conditions must be present: Only cats whose guardians are no longer able to care for them -- due to death or serious illness -- are eligible. The cats should be a minimum of 7 years old. In some instances we will accept younger cats, but only if there are compelling reasons that they not be adopted out to traditional homes instead.

All cats must be spayed or neutered and free of any disease that would pose a risk to other cats or people. Full veterinary records must be submitted with the application verifying health status, age, vaccination record and negative testing for FIV and Felv viruses. We reserve the right to decline admission to any cat for any reason at any time prior to acceptance of the cats at our facility. Once we have accepted the cats into our program, we will commit to their quality care for the rest of their natural lives subject to the euthanasia policy outlined above.

## Horse Retirement Homes

Help Us Give (HUG) Sanctuary

Website: <http://www.hugs2horses.com/index.htm>

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

Phone: 517-223-3263

Email: [care@hugs2horses.com](mailto:care@hugs2horses.com)

Type of Animals Accepted: Horses only

Limit of Animal Number: No limit.

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

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

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

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

## **MINNESOTA**

### Bird Retirement Homes

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

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

Contact: Eileen McCarthy, Cofounder & Executive Director

Address: 10512 France Avenue South, Bloomington, MN 55431

Phone: 651-275-0568 Fax: 651-275-0457

Email: [birds@maars.org](mailto:birds@maars.org)

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

Limit of Animal Number: The limit up animals is restricted by the space that is available at any given time. There is currently a waiting list for all non-emergency cases and are currently scheduling intakes for the end of January 2004 and beyond.

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

MAARS accepts Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover, checks, money orders, and [PayPal](#) through our online MAARStore.

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

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

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

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

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

For severely neglected or abused birds there may be no happy ending, but we do all that we can to provide love, comfort, care, and a safe place to live. If they choose to fight, we fight with them. If they choose to trust again, we give them our trust. If they choose to be unforgiving, we offer our forgiveness. And if they must leave this world, we allow them their dignity and give them our respect. While we are getting by at the moment in our facilities at [The Landing](#), we are looking toward the future and shooting for the stars! We will soon be officially starting a Capital Campaign to raise funds to purchase or build our own facility. Our building plans include ample housing and quarantine facilities for our birds, complete with indoor/outdoor enclosures. Sanitation and ease of maintenance will be key in the design. We also plan to include a food storage and prep kitchen, cage and accessory cleaning area, laundry, office space for administration and adoption interviews, a large meeting room(s) for a variety of classes and seminars, and a separate storefront and warehouse for the new MAARStore. Midwest Avian Adoption & Rescue Services, Inc., is recognized by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization (Federal ID# 41-1944074) and is registered with the Office of the Secretary of State and the Office of the Attorney General of Minnesota as a charitable organization. All donations are tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law. \*\*\*MAARS currently has a 60–90 day waiting list for all intakes except in true emergencies. If you are considering the surrender of a bird, please [contact MAARS](#) as soon as possible.

The Raptor Center

Website: [www.raptor.cvm.umn.edu](http://www.raptor.cvm.umn.edu)

Contact: Jan Williams

Address: 1920 Fitch Ave, St. Paul, MN, 55108

Phone: 612-624-4745 main number  
612-624-2756 education program scheduling  
612-624-3928 volunteer coordinator

Email: [raptor@umn.edu](mailto:raptor@umn.edu)

Types of Animals Accepted: Eagles, Hawks, Owls, and Falcons

Limit of Animal Number: Not Specified

Rates: Not Specified

## DESCRIPTION

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

## General Pet Retirement Homes & Programs

Home for Life - Angel Care Program

Website: [www.homeforlife.org](http://www.homeforlife.org) or [http://www.netacc.net/~davedz/1999\\_newsletter/angelcare.htm](http://www.netacc.net/~davedz/1999_newsletter/angelcare.htm)

Contact: Lisa Micallef

Address: P.O. Box 847, Stillwater MN 55082

Phone: 800-252-5918

Email: <mailto:info@homeforlife.org> or <mailto:lisagowild@hotmail.com>

Type of Animals Accepted: Dogs and Cats

Limit of Animal Number: No limit.

Rates: One-time, tax deductible donation based on the following table:

| DETERMINE YOUR QUALIFYING DONATION   |                            |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <u>Your Age*</u>                     | <u>Qualifying Donation</u> |
| Under 40                             | \$400                      |
| 40-49                                | \$500                      |
| 50-54                                | \$600                      |
| 55-59                                | \$800                      |
| 60-64                                | \$1100                     |
| 65-69                                | \$1300                     |
| 70-74                                | \$1500                     |
| 75-79                                | \$1700                     |
| *Couples use age of youngest person. |                            |

Home for Life®'s AngelCare™ program provides permanent care for pets who lose their humans. Enroll your pet in Angel Care™, and you need never again worry about the fate of your cat or dog should you die or have to enter a nursing home. Home for Life® will reserve a place for your pet, and guarantee that your pet will continue to be cared for, loved and appreciated for as long as it may live. Since Home for Life® does not adopt our animals out, once an animal comes in, it truly has a home for life.

### **Our Residents**

The sanctuary currently cares for about 45 dogs and 130 cats and has the capacity to expand as needed. Our residents come to us from a variety of sources, including other shelters, rescue groups and veterinarians. Residents are not confined to cages, but rather are given freedom to interact with one another. Cats and dogs are housed in indoor quarters, but also have outdoor runs, which they can use at will. They receive regular veterinary care from top-flight practitioners, regular grooming and the best nutrition available for their specific condition. Shy or depressed animals receive rehabilitative training and are patiently socialized. All of our animals are given individual attention and affection. Most importantly, Home for Life® provides security; residents realize that they are indeed "home for life" in a comfortable, loving environment.

### AngelCare™ Program

AngelCare™ is designed to provide a safety net for your beloved pets and, at the same time, help us care for all our residents. To enroll your pet in the program, you need only to make a one-time tax-deductible donation in the pet's name to Home for Life®. The amount of the donation varies with your age and may be determined from the table below. Major credit cards are accepted. It may also be to your advantage to make the donation in the form of appreciated property, such as marketable securities. The current value of such property is tax-deductible to you, and you avoid incurring a capital gains tax. A paid-up life insurance policy may also be an option. Whatever form of donation you choose, once it is complete, your pet is permanently enrolled. No other donations or charges are necessary. If you should die or be required by age or failing health to move to a long-term care facility while your pet remains alive, Home for Life® will accept your pet and care for it as long as it may live. If you remain healthy and able to care for your pet yourself throughout its life, then we will use your donation to support our other less-fortunate animals, and you continue to benefit from the tax deduction. Everyone wins. Most of our resident animals are "unfunded" in that they come to us from individuals or other sources that do not have funds to contribute to their care. We are a non-profit federal 501(C)(3) corporation, depending for our support upon tax-deductible donations from the public. When you enroll your pet in AngelCare™, you not only secure his or her future, you support the care of our unfunded animals, as well.

### What Will We Need from You?

For our standard AngelCare™ program, we ask you to certify that you (or at least one of you where couples are concerned) have not been diagnosed with a terminal, degenerative or mentally disabling condition, and that you are less than eighty (80) years of age. If you do not meet the conditions for our standard program, do not despair. We will be happy to discuss special terms with you.

## Veterinary Pet Retirement Centers

### PerPETtual Care Program at the University of Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine

Website: [www.cvm.umn.edu/development/PerPETtualCare/](http://www.cvm.umn.edu/development/PerPETtualCare/)

Contact: Dawne Brown White

Email: [whit0517@umn.edu](mailto:whit0517@umn.edu)

Address: College of Veterinary Medicine, 1365 Gortner Avenue, 410 VTH, St. Paul, MN 55108

Phone: 612-624-1247 or 612-624-6744 Fax: 612-624-3007

Type of Animals Accepted: Dogs and cats.

Limit of Animal Number: No limit.

Rates: A minimum bequest of \$25,000 is required plus an enrollment fee of \$500. If you have more than one pet, there is a multiple pet discount. With the multiple pet discount, a minimum bequest of \$15,000 per animal is required in addition to an enrollment fee is \$250 per animal.

Perpetual Care Program, a service of the College of Veterinary Medicine, provides for your pet after you pass on. Pet owners pay a one-time enrollment fee and make a minimum \$25,000 charitable bequest in their estate to the college, which then arranges a loving foster home and covers the cost of the pet's medical care and food through its lifetime. The program is open to dog and cat owners nationwide. The money is invested in an endowment-type fund, with income paying for the care of the pet. When the pet dies, the original donation is pulled out and used for vet school needs.

## **MISSOURI**

### Cat Retirement Homes

#### Perpetual Care Program for Cats at Pet Tender's Boarding Kennel

Website: <http://mypage.yhti.net/~pettenders/perpetualCare.html>

Contact: Kay Kester-Oliver, Owner/Operator

Address: Pet Tender's Boarding Kennel, 818 Hwy WW, St. Clair, MO 63077

Phone: 636-629-3413

Email: [pettenders@yhti.net](mailto:pettenders@yhti.net)

Type of Animals Accepted: Cats only.

Limit of Animal Number: Depends upon capacity at the time the animal is to be given up.

Rates: The monthly fee necessary to give up boarding space would be established at 25% of the normal base boarding fee. Special Feed, medication, grooming, and veterinary expenses would be additional. For the purpose of establishing a fund, figure a life-span of 20 years and set aside \$100/month for the projected life span of each cat at the time of the execution of the agreement. Minimum \$6000/cat. (or 5 yrs. support)

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

### Farm Animal Retirement Homes

Humane Society of Missouri - Longmeadow Rescue Ranch

Website: [www.hsmo.org](http://www.hsmo.org) or <http://www.longmeadowrescueranch.org/>

Address: 480 Josephs Road, Union, MO 63084

Phone: 636-583-8759

Email: [info@hsmo.org](mailto:info@hsmo.org) or <mailto:info@LongmeadowRescueRanch.org>

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

Limit of Animal Number: Not specified.

Rates: Not specified.

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

## **NEBRASKA**

### Bird Retirement Homes

Safe Haven

Website: <http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Hills/7579/>

Address: R.R.2, Box 73A, Fremont, NB 68025-7938

Email: <mailto:bughouse@tvsonline.net>

Type of Animals Accepted: Not specified.

Limit of Animal Number: Not specified.

Rates: Not specified.

Safe Haven is a non-profit, volunteer organization dedicated to the education of prospective bird owners, and offering up-to-date and proper basic care to current bird owners. We serve in cooperation with other organizations, locally and across the U.S., in providing a safe avenue for

persons who can no longer keep their bird, but want to insure a quality new home for their pet.  
( 501(C)3 organization )

Safe Haven is an established secure compound, located on a rural acreage along the Platte River bottoms. This organization does and will network and cooperate with local zoos, Humane Societies, SPCA, Veterinarians, Animal Control and other humane types of organizations to act as a referral service for lost, escaped or unwanted birds..For those birds that are deemed to be adoptable, every effort will be made to place them into the best possible homes.

Safe Haven's purpose is to provide safe housing, nutritional diet, emotional support and rehabilitation for unwanted and/or homeless psitticine birds of all kinds. (except those with fatal contagious diseases ) To provide a safe haven for neglected pet birds either through ignorance, lack of education, or in some cases, cruelty. To provide a nurturing shelter to any endangered psitticines whose habitat is dwindling, or has, in fact, disappeared. To educate the consumer public about proper care of exotic birds. To work at a national level with other avian individuals and organizations, and be able to assist in the rescue, placement and rehabilitation of exotic birds in need, or at risk.

## **OHIO**

### Dog Retirement Homes

Circle Tail, Inc.

Website: <http://www.circletail.org/sanct.htm#adopt%20or%20sponsor>

Contact: Jen Kiblinger

Address: 8834 Carey Lane, Pleasant Plain, OH 45162

Phone: 513-877-3325

Email: [circletail@fuse.net](mailto:circletail@fuse.net) or <mailto:daisyjk@yahoo.com>

Type of Animals Accepted: Dogs only.

Limit of Animal Number: No limit.

Rates: Release fee of \$60.

Circle Tail is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization located 30 miles northeast of downtown Cincinnati, Ohio. This organization was established in 1997 to provide high quality assistance dogs to people with mobility, hearing, neurological or psychiatric disabilities, provide facility dogs to retirement centers and to provide a better quality of life for unwanted domestic and farm animals at our shelter or through adoption. If the dog is a family released dog, it must be up on all vaccines, heartworm preventative or recent heartworm test, neg fecal and neutered/spayed.

Circle Tail is supported entirely by public contributions. Circle Tail receives no government funding. Financial support of Circle Tail is tax deductible as allowed by law. The Circle Tail animal shelter has two programs for individuals to support a shelter resident.

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

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

### Bird Retirement Homes

Bird Placement Program – Parrot Refuge

Website: <http://www.avi-sci.com/bpp/main.htm>

Contact: Dottie Schira

Address: P.O. Box 347392, Parma, OH 44134-7392

Phone: 330-722-1627 or 216-749-3643

Email: [kiakime@apk.net](mailto:kiakime@apk.net) or [ffchirp@juno.com](mailto:ffchirp@juno.com)

Type of Animals Accepted: Accepts all species of pet birds, from Finches to Macaws--pet birds as well as birds that are no longer tame.

Limit of Animal Number: Not specified.

Rates: Not specified.

Bird Placement Program Parrot Refuge TM founded in 1987 is a not-for-profit International pet bird rescue organization. Bird Placement Program is dedicated to the conservation of parrots species and committed to the education of proper bird care and prevention of cruelty to exotic bird species. Our organization is run purely for the love and well being of our birds! Our organization functions as a pet bird sanctuary. We will place your bird in our Program to live with and be cared by us. We are aviculturists and pet bird owners who are experienced in bird care, nutrition, behavioral problems, specialized species' needs, etc.

Bird Placement Program's experience with the type of birds turned over to us has shown that, for the most part, rehabilitation of wild parrots usually does not work, or may be only temporary. A parrot is still a wild animal and sometimes will behave as such. For this reason, we feel that it is not fair to stress out an untamed bird by trying to force it into a pet situation. We try to place the birds that are turned over to us in the home of one of our staff where there is another bird (companion) of the same species to keep it happy. Living a lonely existence is not necessarily the best life for any creature.

Please keep in mind that birds are flock animals and really should be around their own kind if possible. We do not mean that a bird must have a mate and be set up for breeding. Pet birds may never desire a mate but may desire other birds in the household to talk to and interact with. Many times people are quick to reach a conclusion that their bird wants to breed just because it is showing some aggression or hormonal behavior. What you have to figure out is, does your bird long for a mate or is it just hormonal during breeding season than quickly settles back down back to normal. We will help you try and figure this out.

Bird Placement Program firmly believes in conservation. Many species of parrots are dying off in the wild and many more are facing extinction. We hope that our children's children will be able to see the beauty of parrots as we have and not just see them in text books or museums as extinct species. Extinction is forever! We must stop deforestation now and do something to ensure the future of animals species.

Tame birds are placed in the home of one of our [Associates](#) who can provide them with one-on-one attention and love. We do not believe in housing tame pet birds in outside buildings with little human contact or set up for breeding. We feel that tame pet birds should be placed in homes where they can receive daily hands-on attention and interact with the family members of the household. It would be doing a pet bird a grave injustice to house it in a flight cage with other birds when it so desires human companionship.

Because we place our rescued birds with our experienced Associates, we can place birds quicker, more efficiently and with better success. We have also had tremendous, success in stopping problem birds from picking, screaming and biting. We already know the personalities and lifestyles of our Associates so it is just a matter of matching the bird's personality with the right person in our organization. Our Associates do not own these birds. BPP keeps ownership but our Associates care for and loves them in their homes for the rest of these birds' lives. BPP has tremendous success with correcting behavioral problems. We would not be able to achieve this kind of success if we adopt these birds out.

Parrot Education & Adoption Center (PEAC)

Website: <http://www.cleveland.parroteducation.org/>

Contact: Leah Matejka, Managing Director

Address: P.O. Box 39484, Solon, OH 44139

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

Type of Animals Accepted: Parrots.

Limit of Animal Number: Not specified.

Rates: Not specified.

The Cleveland Chapter of the Parrot Education & Adoption Center (PEAC) is a non-profit, 501(c)(3), volunteer organization incorporated in the State of Ohio. PEAC is dedicated to educating current and potential bird owners on the proper care of pet birds. Unwanted or found parrots are accepted at PEAC, and are cared for until adopted to qualified applicants.

## OKLAHOMA

### Cat Retirement

Free to Live Animal Sanctuary

Website: <http://www.freetoliveok.com/>

Contact: Bill and Pat Larson

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

Phone: 405-282-8617

Email: <mailto:info@freetoliveok.com>

Type of Animals Accepted: Dogs and Cats

Limit of Animal Number: No limit.

Rates: Not specified.

Free To Live is a non-profit sanctuary for stray, abandoned and mistreated dogs and cats. It is the largest no-kill sanctuary in Oklahoma. From Free To Live more than 500 animals are adopted out to loving homes each year. At the sanctuary, animals that are not adopted live out their lives with healthy food, shelter and medical care. Euthanasia is not practiced.

Free To Live began as a dream of Bill and Pat Larson. In 1982, the Edmond couple purchased 20 acres of land north of Edmond and began construction. The Larsons and a handful of dedicated volunteers did much of the work. On August 7, 1984, Free To Live opened its doors and the Larsons' dream became a reality. Bill and Pat Larson continue their involvement with the sanctuary and serve on the board as lifetime members / founders.

Free To Live has a professional salaried staff that includes a kennel keeper, cattery keeper, director, secretary, full and part-time maintenance staff, as well as two veterinarians on retainer. Volunteers are involved in every aspect of the organization. FTL is staffed 24 hours a day, every day of the year; the kennel and cattery keepers live on-site in order to provide complete care.

Free To Live takes in as many dogs and cats as possible; space and funds are currently available to care for approximately 150 dogs and 150 cats. Animals brought to FTL are initially placed in isolation for a minimum of 10 days. During this time they are spayed or neutered, vaccinated and given general physical examinations. There are separate isolation buildings for dogs and cats; each unit has an enclosed indoor/outdoor run.

Once dogs leave the isolation area, they are housed, according to their size and personality, in one of the kennel's 33 indoor/outdoor units. Each area has beds and access to spacious outdoor fenced runs measuring 15-by-54 feet for the smaller dogs and 34-by-54 feet for the larger dogs. Older dogs that are no longer active enough for life in the kennel live in the office annex area that also has an enclosed, outdoor run. From the office these dogs can be closely monitored, pampered and enjoy more companionship.

Our cats, after the isolation period, are transferred to the large, cheery cattery with large inside and outside play areas. The cattery is shared by the main cat population and its inside room has plenty of small cubicles for cats to nap or hide in. Toys to play with and climb on fill the main play areas.

Eight smaller cat runs are provided for the kittens, special attention cats and mothers with their kittens. Each of these cat areas has a 4-by-10-foot enclosed outside play area - all of these enclosures are combined indoor/outdoor areas. A separate building was added in 1998 with 18 additional runs for our cats that have medical conditions that require separation from the main population.

Two Edmond veterinarians provide excellent medical care. The dogs and cats are given 100% nutritionally balanced food; special diets are supplied for animals that require them. Free To Live's kennel and cattery have large cooling fans and heaters for the animals' comfort. All of the animal areas and bedding are cleaned daily.

### Veterinary Pet Retirement Centers

The Cohn Family Shelter for Small Animals

Oklahoma State University, Development Office

Website: <http://www.cvm.okstate.edu/development/CohnFamilyShelter.htm>

Contact: Melinda McAfee, Director of Development

Address: 308 McElroy Hall, Stillwater, OK 74078-2011

Phone: 405-744-6728, Fax: 405-744-5233

Email: <mailto:mmcafee@osuf.org>

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

Limit of Animal Number: No Limit.

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

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

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

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

An on-site veterinarian will keep close watch on all animals. Animals will receive thorough physical examinations on a regular basis, and illnesses will be treated as soon as symptoms appear. Twice a month, the animals will be bathed and groomed. And, of course, all the animals will receive periodic disease preventive medication and annual vaccinations. Spending each day with the animals and having such close contact with them will provide the students and faculty a wonderful opportunity for learning more about animal behavior and observing the kinds of problems animals develop as they age. Like people, older animals suffer from cataracts, heart conditions, aching bones, and other signs of aging. What we learn from these animals in this home-like environment will expand the scientific knowledge about the aging process in animals.

It is simple to enroll your pet in the program. You will need to call or write to advise us of your interest. We will provide enrollment materials and discuss your plans for providing the necessary funding.

## **WISCONSIN**

### General Pet Retirement Homes & Programs

Animal Rescue and Farm Sanctuary (A.R.F.S.)

Website: <http://www.arfs.org/>

Contact: Susan Slater

Address: P.O. Box 95 Trego, WI 54888

Phone: 715-466-4110

Email: <mailto:animalresq@yahoo.com>

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

Limit of Animal Number: No limit.

Rates: Donations.

Midwest Farm Animal Rescue

Website: <http://www.petfinder.org/shelters/WI15.html>

Address: P.O. Box 94, Prarie Farm, WI 54762

Phone: 715-455-1506

Email: <mailto:Questions@mfar.org>

Type of Animals Accepted: Not specified.

Limit of Animal Number: Not specified.

Rates: Not specified.