

## LIFETIME CARE OPTIONS

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### SOUTHEAST (AR, FL, GA, KY, LA, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV)

#### ARKANSAS

##### General Pet Retirement Homes and Programs

For The Sake of Animals

Website: <http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Plains/8328/>

Contact: Frank & Diane Stockton

Address: 194 Peta Lane, Mena, AR 71953

Phone: 501-394-1039

Email: [fstockto@cswnet.com](mailto:fstockto@cswnet.com)

Type of Animals Accepted: Dogs, Cats and Horses

Limit of Animal Number: No limit.

Rates: Small donation is required.

For The Sake of Animals is a non-profit 501-c-3 corporation whose existence depends upon the contributions and goodwill of the little rural town of Mena, Arkansas, dedicated to the sheltering of stray and unwanted dogs, cat ,and horses. Begun by Frank and Diana Stockton, their primary goals are to provide safe haven for the unwanted creatures while trying to find good homes for them, and to sponsor a spay program through one of the local veterinarians. Right now, over 50 dogs and more than 60 cats reside at the peaceful mountain hideaway along with several horses and a donkey. Frank and Diana are the primary care-takers of these unwanted critters, a time-consuming but rewarding chore.

#### FLORIDA

##### Dog Retirement Homes

Canine Haven

Website: [caninehaven.net](http://caninehaven.net)

Contact: Nancy Columbus

Address: 9255 101st Ave Vero Beach, FL 32967

Phone: 772-559-5247

Email: [nancy@caninehaven.net](mailto:nancy@caninehaven.net)

Types of Animals Accepted: ALL

Rate: Varies depending on current medical condition

Limit: 5

##### DESCRIPTION

Canine Haven is a place for your dog to remain when you have left them due to death. For an annual fee, they offer a private, loving, safe, environment in the form of a pet retirement home for those owners who want their beloved companion to continue receiving as normal a home life as can be provided. No kennels and no revolving personnel, establishing a bond, not a holding area, nor will they adopt a pet out. In short, a home for the rest of the years to come.

##### Horse Retirement Homes

Adopt-A-Horse, Ltd., Inc.

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

Contact: Judy Price Detore, President

Address: 7609 West Josephine Road, Lake Placid, FL 33852

Phone: 234-982-4483, Fax: 234-382-4483 –Number does not work.

Email: [zeke@strato.net](mailto:zeke@strato.net)

Type of Animals Accepted: Not specified.

Limit of Animal Number: Not specified.

Rates: Not specified.

Works to save race horses and other breeds from slaughter. Saving horses and other animals from abuse, neglect and slaughter since 1984. A 501(c)3 non profit corporation.

### Bird Retirement

Feathered Friends Adoption & Rescue Program

Website: <http://hometown.aol.com/MAHorton/FFAP.html>

Address: 222 S.W. Dillon Court, Port St. Lucie, FL 34953

Phone: 772-343-8935 Fax: 772-344-7237

Email: <mailto:jesbirds@msn.com>

Type of Animals Accepted: Not specified.

Limit of Animal Number: Not specified.

Rates: Not specified.

We are a self supporting, nonprofit 501(c)3, volunteer humane organization established in 1988. We are dedicated to assisting bird owners in finding new, loving homes for their bird when they can no longer care for them. Since its inception Feathered Friends has placed nearly 1,000 birds. Our current intake averages 200-300 birds per year.

Our goals are to educate persons interested in bird ownership in the proper care of pet birds. To provide an avenue for persons who can't keep their bird, but want to ensure a quality new home for their pet. To find homes for displaced birds in permanent adoptive homes or shelters/sanctuaries, depending on the bird's individual needs, with persons who understand and respect birds for their uniqueness. To rehabilitate and correct behavioral problems in birds resulting from neglect, abuse, or improper care.

Lucky Parrot Refuge & Sanctuary

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

Contact: Not specified.

Address: P.O. Box 110334, Naples, FL 34108-0106

Phone: 239-348-1991 Fax: 239-348-7702

Email: <mailto:luckyparrot@earthlink.net>

Type of Animals Accepted: Not specified.

Limit of Animal Number: Not specified.

Rates: Not specified.

Lucky Parrot offers permanent sanctuary to older parrots. We do not breed, buy, sell, or broker parrots. All the Lucky Parrots are here permanently. We not equipped to handle adoptions, although, we may be able to suggest potential adoption sources.

We have just happily completed relocation to a 4 acre site in Southwest Florida. This plan was 10 years in the making. The location is sub-tropical. The Parrots now live and thrive out of doors in this warm climate. Our aviaries are big, but no matter how big they should be bigger. And now we are turning our attention to building and maintaining outdoor full flight aviaries so that the parrots can do what they were born to do, fly. Hopefully with your help we can realize our goal to build large free flight aviaries. The various species do not all get along with each other, and for this reason no single structure will suffice for all the Lucky Parrots.

The Shyne Foundation

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

Contact: Bob and Liz Johnson

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

Type of Animals Accepted: Not specified.

Limit of Animal Number: Not specified.

Rates: Not specified.

The Shyne Foundation is a (501)(c)(3) non-profit corporation dedicated to the permanent housing of formerly abused, neglected, and unwanted parrots. Birds were designed for flight and here the birds live in a quarter-acre, sixteen-foot high free-flight simulated rainforest habitat in South Florida. They are thus enabled to live their lives as closely as possible in the way nature intended, enjoying the fresh air and sunshine, the trees, the rain, the feel of the earth beneath their feet and interactions with each other.

Bob and Liz Johnson, the founders of The Shyne Foundation, so named it in memory of Shyne Browne, who was a dedicated researcher and breeder of Hyacinth Macaws. In her honor, the Foundation is also continuing the research portion of her work with this highly endangered species. Here, the Foundation is attempting to learn more about Hyacinths' natural interactive behaviors (and misbehaviors) in this natural habitat setting, which has seldom, if ever, been done within the confines of captivity.

As the caretakers of parrots, we must consider preserving the spirit of the bird as well as merely the physical form. A bird's environmental requirements differ greatly from ours and proper environmental stimulation is important to both their physiological and psychological well-being. Here, we are attempting to provide as natural a setting for them as possible. Many of the psychotic behaviors exhibited by some pet birds, such as feather plucking, excessive screaming, and biting are often the result of being forced into an unnatural environment. Many of these undesirable behaviors are alleviated when birds are allowed to express themselves as birds. When given a sense of self-determination and self-worth, they heal.

## GEORGIA

### Bird Retirement Homes

Feathered Friends Forever Rescue/Refuge, Inc.

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

Contact: Ron and Tammy Johnson

Address: 2547 Misty Road, Appling, GA 30802

Phone: 706-541-9316

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

Type of Animals Accepted: Tropical birds only.

Limit of Animal Number: No limit—has taken as many as 40 birds from one person.

Rates: Donations, but ask that long term care be provided for food, housing and medical.

Feathered Friends Forever was established in 1998 when we became aware of the large number of parrots and related species that were victims of neglect and abuse. Feathered Friends Forever was established as a rescue service, specifically for parrots and related species.

The goals of Feathered Friends Forever are:

1. To rescue abused or unwanted parrots from both retail and private situations. For example, birds that have been given from owner to owner because of behavioral problems.
2. To act as a placement service for friendly or tame birds whose owners have had to give up their bird(s) for any reason.
3. To serve as an educational resource on the care and responsibilities of owning tropical parrots as pets and advice service for:
  - Prospective bird owners.
  - Current bird owners via E-Mail
  - Schools, and retail pet stores
4. To serve as a permanent sanctuary for birds not suitable for adoption.
5. Our long-term goals include building "as close to natural" habitat homes for our birds. Our original long-term goal was to build 5-6 full flight aviaries. The first of 6 have now been completed and the macaws love them! Our dream has always been to see these magnificent birds out of their cages and back in full flight and to be able to maintain an "as close to natural" habitat as possible. The second flight for the Cockatoos is now almost complete, and construction of the Amazon flight has begun. This has been a long time coming and we are eternally grateful to our benefactor for a generous donation of land. The new caretaker dwelling was completed in June of 2002. We hope to start clearing more of the

land this winter and with a little luck, and a lot of generous donations, we will complete the additional 5 flights in 2003. This fall we started expanding our rescue/refuge to include affiliated locations all over the United States and Hawaii.

## Horse Retirement Homes

Georgia Equine Rescue League, Ltd. (GERL)

Website: <http://www.gerlltd.org/index.htm>

Address: No physical address or permanent facility

Contact: Kriston Glushko, Vice President

Phone: 678-757-1138/ 770-464-0138

Phone: 706-265-5045

Email: [gerlkrqs@joimail.com](mailto:gerlkrqs@joimail.com)

Type of Animals Accepted: Horses, Ponies and Mules, but only after scrutiny of each case. Limit of Animal

Number: Not specified. Only deal with hardship/abuse/emergency cases.

Rates: No fees.

### **NOTE: Only takes animals from Georgia.**

The Georgia Equine Rescue League, Ltd. is a non-profit organization that works together with the Georgia Department of Agriculture's (G.D.A.) Equine Division, to help Georgia's starved, abused, and neglected horses. G.E.R.L. organized in 1993 because Georgia's treasury was not able to fund the "Humane Care for Equine Act." This act gave the G.D.A. the authority to impound neglected horses. We are an all volunteer network dedicated to ending the abuse and neglect of Georgia Horses. We do not have a facility. The horses in our program are maintained in foster homes until they find adoptive homes. Our goal is to find a home for each animal that has been accepted in our program. Most are hardship cases due the economy. We carefully visit each situation before accepting an animal into our program.

Georgia Equine Rescue League

Website: [gerlltd.org](http://gerlltd.org)

Contact: Not specified

Address: P.O.Box 787 Locust Grove, Georgia 30248

Phone: 770-464-0138

Email: [Does not list](#)

Types of Horses: all

Rate: Not specified

Limit: Not specified

### DESCRIPTION

GERL came into existence for the purpose of helping to end neglect and abuse of equines and to assist with their recuperation from neglect and abuse whenever possible and to engage in the transaction of any lawful activity. The GERL has its own foster and adoption program as well as helping other groups and individuals in the work of ending abuse and neglect of equines.

## **Kentucky**

Holly's Place

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

Contact: Victoria

Address: P.O. Box 455, Lawrenceburg, KY 40342

Phone: 502-859-5342

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

Type of Animals Accepted: Cats and Dogs

Limit of Animal Number: Not specified

Rates: Not specified

DESCRIPTION:

Holly's Place Animal Rescue is dedicated to helping solve the problem of homeless dogs and cats and improving the quality of life for all companion animals. Holly's Place works closely with humane societies, animal shelters, and rescue groups to help insure a brighter future for our animal friends.

We generally focus on pulling dogs & cats from shelters when their time is up, and we concentrate on training & socialization in foster care prior to rehoming.

Home at Last Animal Sanctuary

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

Contact: Melissa Webster

Address: P.O. Box 144, Salvia, KY 40372

Phone: 502-839-1974

Email: [mell@gx.net](mailto:mell@gx.net)

Type of Animals Accepted: Dogs, Cats, Cows, Pigs, Goats, Rabbits, and Horses.

Limit of Animal Number: Not Specified

Rates: Not Specified

DESCRIPTION:

HALAS, is accredited by the American Sanctuary Association, provides lifetime care for many animals including dogs, cats, pigs, cows, goats and horses and includes a separate wildlife refuge. We are a no-kill sanctuary, emphasizing the concept of compassion and offering exceptional quality of life for many formerly abandoned or abused animals. Programs include rescue, adoption, educational outreach, low-income spay/neuter assistance, and feral trap/spay/neuter/release.

ReRun Recycling Racehorses

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

Contact: Shon Wylie

Address: P.O. Box 25, Millersburg, Kentucky 40348

Phone: 859-484-2003

Email: [rerunhorse@kih.net](mailto:rerunhorse@kih.net)

Type of Animals Accepted: Ex Racehorses

Limit of Animals Accepted: Not specified

Rates: Average of \$1,000.00

DESCRIPTION:

Gives ex-racehorses a second chance at a productive life in new homes by first evaluating temperaments, talents and physical capabilities and then matching the animals to new owners. To assist in the re-training and recuperation process, we utilize the help of volunteers and paid personnel skilled in horsemanship as well as that of "at risk" youth and others who would like an initiation into and hands-on experience with the Thoroughbred world. The goal here is two-fold: to take care of the physical needs of the horses as well as to build confidence and self-esteem in both the animals and the youth. In essence, both would become "marketable."

Only horses with a good chance of placement are accepted into the program; animals with injuries so severe as to make a future under tack improbable or those who don't possess the temperament necessary to adapt to a new lifestyle are passed over.

## MISSISSIPPI

### Cat Retirement Homes

Cedarhill Animal Sanctuary, Inc.

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

Contact: C. Kay McElroy, Founder and Executive Director

Phone: 662-356-0084 / Fax: 662-356-4072 / Cell: 662-549-4531

Or Tonya Dillard, Director – 662-356-6636  
Address: 144 Sanctuary Loop, Caledonia, Mississippi 39840  
Email: [CKMcElroy@AOL.COM](mailto:CKMcElroy@AOL.COM)

Type of Animals Accepted: Domesticated dogs and cats.

Limit of Animal Number: I have taken as many as 35 at one time. Several at a time would be no problem, but if there were too many to fit in with group, we would need the funds to build their own facilities.

Rates: No set rate, but do except donations as the proper lifetime care of a companion animal can cost a lot in the declining years.

Cedarhill Animal Sanctuary, Inc. is located in Caledonia, Mississippi just five miles from the Alabama state line, in the NE part of the state. We were founded in 1990 to serve as caretaker for abandoned, abused, homeless, and neglected exotic and domestic felines. We do not breed, sell or exhibit any of the animals at Cedarhill, because the welfare and safety of the cats is our primary focus. Cedarhill is now home to over 200 animals including: 155 domestic cats, 2 bobcats, 4 lions, 7 tigers, 8 cougars, 4 potbellied pigs, 21 dogs, and 2 coyotes, 1 neurologically damaged squirrel, 9 roosters, 4 hens. Cedarhill is a "true sanctuary," as we do not go in with the big cats for any reason. Each lion, tiger, cougar and bobcat has a lockup area where it goes to eat. While they are eating...all drinking waters and tiger pools are cleaned and filled with fresh water and all waste is removed. We do everything we can possible do to protect the safety of our staff and the animals entrusted in our care. When I started building enclosures in 1987, I modeled them after other sanctuaries and zoos. With the comfort and safety of each animal in mind, I built the best enclosures we could afford. And by all means, these habitats are still castles compared to the horrendous housing conditions...chains, basements and concrete boxes these cats have previously known. My vision for the sanctuary, however, changed in 1995 when we were able to build three large habitats for a group of lions and tigers. Watching these cats experience for the first time in their lives, a space truly big enough to run and romp, well...it was breathtaking. It put tears in my eyes and a steely determination in my heart. Seven years have passed since that day, but not a minute goes by that I don't eat, sleep and drink the vision of building a better sanctuary for these animals - - and for those yet to come. At the same time, this is a dream grounded in reality. In order to rebuild, the sanctuary needs contributions exceeding its annual operating costs. At an annual budget exceeding \$300,000, that is no small feat for a relatively unknown sanctuary in rural Mississippi. Yet, for a sanctuary that has literally survived 100mph winds and the equivalent of an economic tornado...nothing is impossible! We have cleared the land, drawn the plans and must now raise the funds necessary to build twenty-one new habitats. Their wooden houses will be replaced with storm housing wedged into the hillside. Each big cat will have a 1/2 to 1 acre habitat where it can live a safe, exciting and comfortable life. Cedarhill relies solely on tax deductible contributions and support from our loyal sponsors, and is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization. Cedarhill is accredited by The American Sanctuary Association (ASA) and Animal Centers of Excellence (ACE)

## **NORTH CAROLINA**

### Horse Retirement Homes

North Carolina Equine Rescue League (NCERL): Changing their name to: United States Equine Rescue League, Inc. (USERL)

**NOTE: Triad and Southeast Coast Regions will continue doing business as NCERL, while Triangle and Northeast Coast Regions will switch to USERL of North Carolina.**

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

#### 1. Administrative Office

##### **USERL**

Address: PO Box 914, Culpeper, VA 22701

Phone: 336-720-9257

Contact: Karen Souder, Executive Director

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

#### 2. Triad NC Region

##### **NCERL**

Address: PO Box 352, Kernersville, NC 27285

Phone: 336-720-9257

Email: [horsecr8zy@aol.com](mailto:horsecr8zy@aol.com)

### 3. Triangle NC Region

#### **USERL of NC**

Address: 9660 Falls of the Neuse Rd, Suite 138, Raleigh, NC 27615

Phone: 336-720-9257

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

### 4. East Coast NC Region

#### **NCERL**

Address: PMB 194, 3224 N. College Rd., Wilmington, NC 28405

Phone: (910) 233-7155

Email: [eastcoast@ncerl.com](mailto:eastcoast@ncerl.com)

### 5. NE Coast NC Region and Tidewater VA Region

#### **USERL of NC**

Address: PO Box 2701, Elizabeth City, NC 27909

Phone: 336-720-9257

Email: [userl\\_nenc@yahoo.com](mailto:userl_nenc@yahoo.com)

Address: There is not a physical address as this facility operates using a network of volunteers and foster homes.

Type of Animals Accepted: Horses, Ponies, Mules and Donkeys

Limit of Animal Number: 10 or less. Larger number of animals will need to be discussed with the facility.

Rates: Donation of \$50/year per animal.

North Carolina Equine Rescue League acquires horses from a variety of sources. In the beginning, the League accepted donations of equines. Now, having established a respectable reputation within the equine community, NCERL shelters equines that have been seized by law enforcement authorities and those surrendered by neglectful and/or abusive owners. As soon as these horses, ponies, mules and donkeys come into the program, they are quarantined for three weeks to screen for infectious diseases. During this time, they are examined by a veterinarian, de-wormed, vaccinated and given a Coggins test. Their feet are trimmed and their teeth floated, if necessary. Malnourished horses are started on a rehabilitation program that has been developed by NCERL in conjunction with the advice of several veterinarians. Sick and injured horses are treated immediately. Once rehabilitation is complete, horses are sent to foster homes to await adoption. Foster homes are carefully screened so that each horse receives the level of care it needs. Once they are in foster care, NCERL makes rescued equines available for adoption. In most cases NCERL charges an adoption fee that is refundable within the first 30 days upon return of the animal. The equine remains the property of NCERL and the adopters must sign a contract detailing the care that is required for the individual horse they are adopting. The agreement also has a clause allowing NCERL to make unannounced visits to inspect the condition of the horse and its environment. If either is found to be in an unsatisfactory condition, attempts will be made to help the adopters remedy the situation. If these attempts are unsuccessful, NCERL retains the right to repossess the horse. It is the North Carolina Equine Rescue League's policy to place each equine in the home that best suits the individual equine. In addition, equines adopted from NCERL cannot be resold, given away, raced, or used for breeding. The equines cannot be relocated from the original, approved facility without the permission of the NCERL. Adoption is intended to be for the life of the equine. NCERL was founded in September 1997 and received non-profit status in September 1998. We have received into our program over 105 horses as of January 1, 2003. NCERL's cash income for 2002 was \$39,000 with expenses of \$38,000. Donated horse care from foster homes totaled \$44,000 and volunteers donated over 5,000 hours. NCERL leases an eight-stall quarantine barn in Pfafftown, NC. NCERL has over 60 approved foster homes across North Carolina with the number increasing weekly. NCERL has assisted with the seizure or surrender of 91 abused horses since December 2001, and took in 52 of those horses – all without taxpayer assistance.

## **SOUTH CAROLINA**

### Horse Retirement Homes

South Carolina Awareness and Rescue for Equine (S.C.A.R.E.)

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

Contact: Jan Carter, Executive Director

Address: 538 Riding Ridge Road, Ridgeway, SC 29130

Phone: 1-888-866-8744

Email: [jcarter@schorserescue.org](mailto:jcarter@schorserescue.org)

Type of Animals Accepted: Horses only.

Limit of Animal Number: No limit.

Rates: None.

South Carolina Awareness and Rescue for Equines, Inc. S.C.A.R.E. is a state wide non-profit organization and our mission is to assist equines in need. To my knowledge we have never had any horses willed to us, and frankly I don't know if that is something our board has ever addressed or discussed. I would be more than happy to present this to them, if that is something that you are interested in doing. There have been circumstances where we have allowed individuals to donate their horse to our organization, primarily in cases of financial hardship that put the horses at risk for neglect or continued neglect, but where criminal charges are not appropriate. We work closely with law enforcement and animal control agencies within the state to provide a means of transport, housing and care, and in many cases assistance with investigation and prosecution of neglect/cruelty cases. Once a horse has been introduced into our program, and free of litigation, it is placed in a SCARE approved foster home and monitored by our representatives for the duration of it's life.

## **VIRGINIA**

Name: United States Equine Rescue League Inc.

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

Address: PO Box 914, Culpeper, VA 22701

Phone: NC: 336-720-9257 VA: 703-580-9199

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

Type of Animals Accepted: Equines.

Limit of Animal Number: Not Specified

Rates:

Description: USERL shelters equines that have been seized by law enforcement authorities and those surrendered by neglectful and/or abusive owners. As soon as these horses, ponies, mules and donkeys come into the program, they are quarantined for three weeks to screen for infectious diseases. During this time, they are examined by a veterinarian, de-wormed, vaccinated and given a Coggins test. Their feet are trimmed and their teeth floated, if necessary. Malnourished horses are started on a rehabilitation program that has been developed by USERL in conjunction with the advice of several veterinarians. Sick and injured horses are treated immediately. Once they are in foster care, USERL makes rescued equines available for adoption. In most cases USERL charges an adoption fee that is refundable within the first 30 days upon return of the animal. The equine remains the property of USERL and the adopters must sign a contract detailing the care that is required for the individual horse they are adopting. The agreement also has a clause allowing USERL to make unannounced visits to inspect the condition of the horse and its environment. If either are found to be in an unsatisfactory condition, attempts will be made to help the adopters remedy the situation. If these attempts are unsuccessful, USERL retains the right to repossess the horse.

## Bird Retirement Homes

Rescue Me, an Avian Sanctuary

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

Address: P.O. Box 534, Ark, VA 23003

Phone: 804-693-5997 Fax: 804-695-9475

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

Type of Animals Accepted: Tropical birds.

Limit of Animal Number: Filled up...not accepting any more birds.  
Rates: Not accepting any more birds.

RESCUE ME is a sanctuary for unwanted tropical birds. Our original goal at founding was to have a permanent facility by the year 2000. We were fortunate to realize that goal in January of this year. The Sanctuary takes unwanted birds and gives them a permanent home. RESCUE ME also appears at local schools in conjunction with their rain forest and environmental programs. The birds help bring the concept of endangered species into focus for the children; and since they are so social and outgoing, both birds and children enjoy the experience immensely. RESCUE ME plans to offer internship programs for students of Botany, Environmental Sciences, Veterinary and Avian Studies, as well as Agricultural students. We have been fortunate to acquire acreage in Southeastern Virginia and are in the process of building aviaries for our birds. During construction, our birds spend their days outside; but obviously they are caged for their own protection. We have observed that being out of doors on a daily basis has caused the birds' colors to deepen; and birds in our care who have been plucking for so many years that our veterinarians have given no hope of feather growth are beginning to sprout pinfeathers! We at RESCUE ME are very grateful for the many blessings we have received over the past four years and for the support, which has allowed us to make a home for these magnificent creatures. We hope to continue in our efforts to provide a safe place for the birds who have nowhere to go; as well as to educate people about the awesome trust involved in caring for these magnificent, fragile, intelligent creatures. RESCUE ME is a tax-exempt non profit corporation as defined in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

\*\*\*Due to an overwhelming number of unwanted birds, we are currently unable to accept any birds into our facilities. Please feel free to e-mail us and we will be happy to add you to our waiting list or we will be happy to assist you in finding another facility.

### Phoenix Landing

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

Address: P.O. Box 7661, Arlington, VA 22207

Phone: 703-533-3838

Email: <mailto:phoenixlanding@earthlink.net>

Type of Animals: Parrots

Limit of Animal Number: Not specified.

Rates: Not specified.

The Phoenix Landing Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit all-volunteer organization. It was established to promote and protect the welfare of parrots, especially those with an extensive lifespan. Increasingly, these intelligent and beautiful birds are becoming household companions. Meanwhile, their native rain forests and deserts are being rapidly consumed for use by people. As guardians of our pets, and growing consumers of the land, it is our responsibility to provide care and help for parrots -- both in domesticity and in the wild.

Our objectives are to provide educational activities regarding the care and needs of parrots, provide a permanent home for large parrots who outlive their guardians, facilitate adoption for parrots who need a new family, provide refuge for abused, neglected or abandoned parrots, sponsor research of wild habitats and natural parrot behaviors, sponsor better avian education for vets and vet students and advocate standards of care for breeders, pet stores, sanctuaries, and rescues.

**LIFETIME REFUGE.** We are building large free-flight facilities near Asheville, North Carolina. This beautiful and lush land will provide a permanent home for large parrots. They will be housed with a flock of the same species. Some parrots adapt very well to living in a natural bird-like environment ~ it is instinctual, and these habitats will closely approximate nature. We are aspiring to open this facility in the fall 2005. We will insure that sufficient funds are available for each and every parrot that comes to the Phoenix Landing Refuge. It is intended to be a sustained, protected and guaranteed home for life for every parrot that lives there.

**ADOPTION & RESCUE.** Other parrots may be so imprinted by humans, that they are most happy with a family. Phoenix Landing operates an adoption and rescue program. We make every effort to find each parrot a new home with a human family, when this is the best option for them. Adoption fees may apply and attendance at our seminars is required.

### Horse Retirement Homes

#### Dream Catcher Farm Horse Sanctuary

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

Contact: Kitty and Bucky Sutphin

Address: 495 Adam Perry Road, Rocky Mount, VA 24151

Email: [home4them@horsesanctuary.com](mailto:home4them@horsesanctuary.com)

Type of Animals Accepted: Horses only.

Limit of Animal Number: Depends on situation.

Rates: There is not a required fee, however donations are appreciated. 100% of the donations go to the care of the animals.

Dream Catcher Farm Horse Sanctuary is a Non-Profit Organization located on 36 acres in Rocky Mount, Virginia. The sanctuary was created to form an alternative to slaughter and abuse for old and neglected horses. Dream Catcher Farm House Sanctuary is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization. (Additional info to come by mail.)

United States Equine Rescue League, Inc.

Website: [userlorg](http://userlorg)

Contact: Camilla

Address: P.O.Box 914 Culpeper, VA 22701

Phone: 703-580-9199

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

Types of Horses: All But only from shelters not public

Rate: NA

Limit: NA

#### DESCRIPTION

USERL is a tax exempt charity. USERL acquires horses from a variety of sources. They provide veterinary care, rehabilitation, adoption and speak at horse association meetings, 4H groups and other gatherings to involve and educate the public about horse abuse and care for them.

## WEST VIRGINIA

### Bird Retirement Homes

Raven's Haven Exotic Bird Rescue

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

Address: P.O. Box 5172, Vienna, WV 26105

Phone: 304-295-6022 Fax: 304-295-6022

Email: [mailto:ravenshaven@wirefire.com](mailto:mailto:ravenshaven@wirefire.com)

Type of Animals Accepted: Not specified.

Limit of Animal Number: Not specified.

Rates: Not specified.

Raven's Haven Exotic Bird Rescue, Inc. was established in March of 2001 when we became aware of the large number of parrots and parrot related species that were living lives of neglect and abuse. Parrots are now the second most popular pet in the United States. Along with that popularity has come the many problems that are normally encountered with more traditional domesticated species such as dogs and cats. The major difference, we believe, is that most of the parrots now kept as pets are not domesticated through years of selective breeding but instead, are only one or two generations removed from their wild ancestors. In fact many were caught in the wild and imported to the U.S. during the 1960's up until the early 1990's when it became illegal to do so. Many of these "wild caught's" retain their wild traits and have been sold and resold to a number of guardians. Herein lie the problems which make our organization, and others like it, needed. These parrots, which are usually bought on impulse and without knowledge of their emotional needs will, in many cases, react to the lack of attention by their guardians in an unfavorable manner. As many are semi-tame and have not known a stable and consistent home, these birds can have behavioral problems and can be dangerous as pets. These parrots are doomed to being passed from one guardian to another or back to the pet shop as each new guardian realizes that their new pet will never be the "Busch Gardens" bird they had hoped for. Many will bite, scream or even resort to self mutilation in an effort to get attention from an uncaring guardian. Thus starts a cycle which can be repeated many times during the bird's long life. Unlike a dog or cat, whose life is relatively short in comparison, a parrot should live from 20 to 100 years depending on the species. This of course assumes that the bird has survived the nutritional neglect offered by many casual bird guardians. In the effort to stop this endless cycle we formed Raven's Haven. to offer an alternative to people who needed to find a caring "home for life" for their bird and to offer a retirement home for the birds deemed unsuitable for placement.

Our goals include offering these unadoptable parrots a permanent "retirement" home and finding good, caring homes for the adoptable birds

that have been given up by their guardians due to unforeseen difficulties. We have encountered many cases where parrots have been given up for adoption when their guardians have become ill or divorced. These people needed to place their birds quickly and felt uncomfortable with the options of reselling their bird back to a pet shop, in the want ads or giving the bird to friends or family where questionable care might be offered. We have also received birds that have been given up because of unacceptable vocalization or dangerous behavior. We hope to offer people the security of knowing that their bird will be cared for and that time will be taken when finding a new home with a sincere, dedicated and appropriate person. We do not purchase birds. We also offer a help line for new caretakers with questions. Please limit your calls to between 9am and 7pm eastern time.

Until now, we have relied on word of mouth to receive birds and to find adoptive homes. We anticipate the effect of internet exposure will be more adoptions as well as more desperate people wanting to give up their birds to our care. As many of these birds will need care for up to 100 years, our task is formidable.

We are a 501c3 status. Raven's Haven is a member of the Avian Welfare Coalition and is accredited by The Association of Sanctuaries (TAOS).