

## LIFETIME CARE OPTIONS

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

#### ILLINOIS

##### General Pet Retirement Homes

###### Assisi Animal Foundation and Shelter

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

Contact: Lee Linklater

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

Phone: 815-455-9411

Fax: 815-455-9417

Email: [Info@Assisi.org](mailto:Info@Assisi.org) or [Lee@assisi.org](mailto:Lee@assisi.org)

Type of Animals Accepted: Dogs and cats.

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. The A.A.F. is dedicated to educating the public on such issues that impact animal welfare, preservation and protection, developing humane attitudes and compassion, providing a pet therapy program to nursing centers and providing a continuing care program for dogs and cats. The A.A.F. is dedicated to improving and protecting sentient life.

##### Horse Retirement Homes

###### Hooved Animal Humane Society (HAHS)

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

Contact: Dr. Patti Klein Manke, Executive Director

Mailing Address: HAHS, 10804 McConnell Road, Woodstock, IL 60098

Address: 10804 McConnell Road, Woodstock, IL 60098

Phone: 815-337-5563

Fax: 815-337-5569

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

Type of Animals Accepted: Large animals, primarily horses.

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

Rates: Not specified.

The Hooved 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 hooved 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 we 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 were pasture-sound and have 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 Hooved Animal Humane Society's current contributor

base exceeds 70,000. 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 Hooved Animal Humane Society. In 1973, HAHS was the driving force behind passage of The Illinois Humane Care for Animals Act. Through the Illinois Department of Agriculture, this act gives the Hooved Animal Humane Society the legal authority to investigate claims of abuse and neglect and to 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**

### **Bird Retirement Homes**

#### **Indiana Large Bird Rescue**

Website: [www.indianalargebirdrescue.bravehost.com](http://www.indianalargebirdrescue.bravehost.com)

Contact: Rich Foreman and Jenn Foreman

Address: 202 N. Huntington St., Syracuse, Indiana 46567

Phone: 574-457-9296 (Rich Foreman) or 574-529-4770 (Jenn Foreman)

Fax: 574-307-1420

Email: [Foreman1172@mchsi.com](mailto:Foreman1172@mchsi.com)

Type of Animals Accepted: Birds

Limit of Animal Number: Not specified

Rates: Not specified

Indiana Large Bird Rescue is a no-kill rescue that provides a rescue and sanctuary service to accommodate troubled and abused birds, including pluckers, biters, screamers, or just a bird that needs a good home. If you may be thinking of surrendering your pet bird, feel free to contact us at anytime to make arrangements or to just inquire about our service. We may be able to assist you in resolving behavioral issues so you are able to keep your bird.

We have more than 25 years of large bird breeding, handling, rehabilitating, rescue and re-homing, plus sanctuary experience. We are now serving all 48 states in the USA. We strive to be the best at what we do and offer as much assistance to the public as possible. We are available to help with estate planning for your pet bird as well. We also participate in national disaster relief and placement.

### **Veterinary Pet Retirement Centers**

#### **Purdue School of Veterinary Medicine Peace of Mind Program**

Website: [www.vet.purdue.edu/giving/PeaceOfMind.html](http://www.vet.purdue.edu/giving/PeaceOfMind.html)

Contact: Cindy Lyons, Development Assistant

Address: School of Veterinary Medicine, Purdue University School of Veterinary Medicine, Lynn Hall, Rm. 1177A, 625 Harrison Street, West Lafayette, IN 47907-2026

Phone: 800-830-0104 and 765-494-6304

Fax: 765-496-1261

Email: [development@vet.purdue.edu](mailto:development@vet.purdue.edu)

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. When a Peace of Mind pet is orphaned by the owner's death, the School of Veterinary Medicine works with veterinarians in the community to identify a new home, and make sure the pet's medical needs are met. Any remaining money is invested in the School of Veterinary Medicine. 39 pets (26 dogs & 13 cats) have been enrolled and 13 individuals have pledged a total of \$1.3 million since Purdue created its program in 1996. One donor recently increased his pledge; this donation doubles the current total.

## **IOWA**

### **Cat Retirement Homes**

#### C & W Rustic Hollow Shelter

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

Contact: Carmen Conklin and Wanda Orric

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

Phone: 641-435-4151 or 641-435-2036

Email: [cwshelter@wildblue.net](mailto:cwshelter@wildblue.net)

Type of animals accepted: Cats.

Limit of animal number: Not specified.

Rates: Not specified.

C & W Rustic Hollow Shelter is a life-care, cage-free, special needs animal sanctuary for felines with disabilities, chronic medical conditions or those felines displaced by the death of their guardian. We have a beautiful, peaceful no-kill animal shelter on 190 acres that is staffed 24 hours a day. Our sanctuary residents come from over 27 states and all across Iowa. Our 'Safety Net' program was created to provide you with a 'safety net' for your pet's future and security in knowing your companion animal(s) will be cared for in a loving home-like environment in the event of your death or inability to provide care for them. E-mail us for more information on this 'safety net' program. Note also that C & W has its OWN 'safety net' in place. In the event something should happen to the founders suddenly, the board of directors will have the means and direction to continue the work that we have built since 1985. Our five-building complex includes one building built specifically for a supporter's felines when the time is right for them to move to C & W.

### **General Pet Retirement Homes And Programs**

#### The Noah's Ark Animal Foundation

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

Contact: David Sykes, Founder and Chairman of the Board

Mailing Address: PO Box 748, Fairfield, IA 52556

Address: 1986 Gear Ave, Fairfield, IA 52556

Phone: 641-472-6080

Email: [director@noahsark.org](mailto:director@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 no-kill shelter whose mission is to rescue, protect, and find loving homes for stray and neglected dogs and cats. 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 22 years Noah's Ark Animal Foundation has offered loving care to homeless and abandoned cats and dogs. No dog or cat under our care is ever "put to sleep" for lack of space or someone to adopt it.

## **KANSAS**

### **Veterinary Pet Retirement Centers**

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

Website: <http://www.vet.ksu.edu/depts/development/perpet/index.htm>

Contact: Chris Gruber (Director of Development), Marty Kramer (Assistant Director of Development), or Patrice Scott (Development Officer)

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

Phone: 785-532-4378 or 785-532-4465 (Chris Gruber) or 785-532-6266 (Mary Kramer) or 785-532-4046 (Patrice Scott)

Fax: 785-532-5999

Email: [perpetualpetcare@vet.k-state.edu](mailto:perpetualpetcare@vet.k-state.edu) or [cgruber@vet.k-state.edu](mailto:cgruber@vet.k-state.edu) (Chris Gruber) or [mkramer@vet.k-state.edu](mailto:mkramer@vet.k-state.edu) (Marty Kramer) or [pscott@vet.k-state.edu](mailto:pscott@vet.k-state.edu) (Patricia Scott)

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

Established in 1996, the Perpetual Pet Care Program is a comprehensive program designed to provide animals with loving homes once an owner is no longer able to provide daily care. 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 include Bequests, Gifts of Securities, Gifts of Real Estate, Gifts of Life Insurance, Gifts of Cash, Gifts of Retirement Plan Assets, Charitable Remainder Unitrust, and Charitable Gift Annuity.

## **MICHIGAN**

### **Horse Retirement Homes**

#### **Help Us Give Sanctuary (HUGS)**

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

Contact: Thomas Goodall (President) and Joanna Goodall (Director)

Address: Hugs2horses Rescue Center, 9797 Lamoreaux Rd, Fowlerville MI 48836

Phone: 517-223-3263

Email: [Support@hugs2horses.com](mailto:Support@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 and the next trimming.

HUGS was formed as an alternative to abuse in older and neglected horses. Based in Fowlerville Michigan, we have found peace in sharing our farm with the wonderful horses that have managed to find their way to our pasture gates. We formed as a non-profit corporation in 2000. It is our goal to take in and help as many horses as we can. We are located just outside of Fowlerville on over 100 acres where we offer a sanctuary: a heaven for older, neglected and abused horses. Not all of our horses are abused and abandoned. We house several that have been turned in to us by owners that for one reason or another are no longer able to take care of them. They pay (this is not a free service if their horse is healthy, but it is a cost-efficient one) for their loved one. They care enough about their horses to see that they are cared for until

placement can be made. This can take up to six months, but most take only a couple of months to place. The healthy ones are the easy ones to find a good home for. Take a look around by enjoying the photos on our web page, and then give us a call if we can be of service to you.

## MINNESOTA

### General Pet Retirement Homes & Programs

#### Home for Life - Angel Care Program

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

Contact: Lisa (Micallef) LaVerdiere

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

Phone: 800-252-5918

Fax: 888-480-9820

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

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	
Your Age*	Qualifying Donation
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® is an expression of a new kind of animal shelter—the long-term animal sanctuary. We provide animals with loving care, a nurturing environment that is safe and stable, a place to belong... a home for life. We provide lifetime care for cats and dogs with special needs who cannot find a home, but who can still lead a quality life. Home for Life® has created a prototype sanctuary facility in Star Prairie, Wisconsin, that will serve as a model for the establishment of future Home for Life® Sanctuaries around the country. We believe that animals should live in a setting that is appropriately scaled to allow for individual attention and specialized care. This is why Home For Life® is able to give its residents a quality life and not just a warehoused existence.

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: residents hail from all over the country. They are referred to Home For Life® by other rescue groups, shelters, and private parties. At our Star Prairie facility we currently house 60 dogs and 150 cats, 30 of whom are positive for feline leukemia. The facilities can accommodate up to 250 animals at one time. 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 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 above. 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.

## **Bird Retirement Homes**

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

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

Contact: Eileen McCarthy, Executive Director / Interim President & CEO

Mailing Address: MAARS, P.O. Box 821, Stillwater, MN 55082

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: Not Specified.

Rates: There is no 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: Julia Ponder, D.V.M. (Executive Director)

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

Phone: 612-624-4745

Fax: 612-624-8740

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

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

Limit of Animal Number: Not Specified

Rates: Not Specified

Established in 1974, The Raptor Center specializes in the medical care, rehabilitation, and conservation of eagles, hawks, owls, and falcons. In addition to treating approximately 800 birds a year, the internationally known program reaches more than 200,000 people each year through public education programs and events, provides training in avian medicine and surgery for veterinarians from around the world, and identifies emerging issues related to raptor health and populations. The majority of its funding comes from private donations.

### Veterinary Pet Retirement Centers

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

Contact: Sharon Staton, Development Officer

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

Phone: 612-624-1247

Fax: 612-624-8753

Email: [stato001@umn.edu](mailto:stato001@umn.edu)

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.

In the event of a pet owner's death, the PerPETtual Care program will place animals enrolled in the program into a caring foster home. This program was developed by the University of Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine at the request of clients concerned about the future of their pets should the clients predecease their pets. By enrolling their companion animals in the program, pet owners gain peace of mind knowing that their pet's medical care, food and future home are provided through the program. 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 to support veterinary schools.

## MISSOURI

### Cat Retirement Homes

#### Pet Tender's Boarding Cattery

Website: [http://pettenders.info/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=3&Itemid=3](http://pettenders.info/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=3&Itemid=3)

Contact: Kay Kester-Oliver, Owner/Operator

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

Phone: 636-629-3413

Fax: 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: Foster Care is available at 50% of normal rates to assist individuals and groups trying to rescue and re-home pets. If cats remain in Foster Care for a year, they'll revert to Lifetime Care Rates. Litters of young animals still nursing and being cared for by the mother may be treated as a single animal for fee purposes. Lifetime Care will be provided at 25% of the regular boarding rate, plus any costs for special care (feed, grooming, veterinary, etc.).

Pet Tender's Boarding Cattery provides spacious indoor/outdoor boarding for cats more akin to European style country boarding catteries, providing:

regular short-term boarding for families taking weekend and vacation trips;  
long-term boarding for those in the process of a move/illness/travelling job, etc;  
foster care for people/groups trying to rescue and re-home kitties; and  
lifetime care for people wanting to provide for cats through their estate planning.

### Farm Animal Retirement Homes

#### Humane Society of Missouri - Longmeadow Rescue Ranch

Website: [www.hsmo.org](http://www.hsmo.org) (Humane Society of Missouri) and [www.longmeadowrescueranch.org](http://www.longmeadowrescueranch.org) (the Longmeadow Rescue Ranch, one of its locations)

Address: 480 Josephs Road, Union, MO 63084

Phone: 636-583-8759 or 314-646-5685

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

Type of Animals Accepted: Horses, cows, goats, pigs, ducks and other farm animals.

Limit of Animal Number: Not specified.

Rates: Not specified.

Longmeadow Rescue Ranch, once known as Packwood Longmeadow Farm, was purchased in 1988. Nestled among 165 acres of woodland near Union, Missouri, the Humane Society of Missouri's Longmeadow Rescue Ranch is a haven for hundreds of abused and neglected horses, cows, goats, pigs, ducks and other farm animals. The ranch is one of the most comprehensive horse and farm animal care and rehabilitation centers in the country. In addition to animal care, ranch staff provide hands-on humane education experiences for both children and adults.

## NEBRASKA

### Bird Retirement Homes

#### Safe Haven

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

Email: [bughouse@tvsonline.net](mailto:bughouse@tvsonline.net)

Type of Animals Accepted: Birds.  
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 education 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. Safe Haven is a 501 (C)3 organization. It is an established, secure compound, located on rural acreage along the Platte River bottom. This organization networks and cooperates with local zoos, humane societies, SPCAs, veterinarians, animal control units, 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:

to provide safe housing, a 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 pet birds that have been neglected, 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**

### **Bird Retirement Homes**

A-Parrot to A-Flamingo

Website: [www.aparrottoaflamingoinc.zoomshare.com](http://www.aparrottoaflamingoinc.zoomshare.com)

Contact: Fran Filak (Director)

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 41414, Brecksville, OH 41413-0414

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

Email: [aparrottoaflamingo@danworld.com](mailto:aparrottoaflamingo@danworld.com)

Type of Animals Accepted: Large and small parrots (african greys, timnehs, cockatoos, amazons, eclectus, etc.), conures, ringneck parrots, specialized parakeets species, cockatiels, budgies, finches, canaries, diamond doves (only dove species).

Limit of Animal Number: Not specified.

Rates: Not specified.

A-Parrot to A-Flamingo, Inc., Parrot Rescue now takes the place of The Bird Placement Program. BPP is closed as of June 2007. Our rescue team has been (and is continuing to find) new homes for unwanted birds for almost 25 years. The only changes are a new name and new Management. A-Parrot to A-Flamingo Rescue will take in parrots and pet cage birds in need of a new home. Our rescue professionals work diligently to find just the right new home for any bird released to our temporary care. We function as the "safe haven" prior to locating that great home for any bird turned over to us. A-Parrot to A-Flamingo's birds are temporarily fostered in private homes in the northern Ohio area with current parrot owners (a home "flock") prior to their placement. A-Parrot to A-Flamingo also accepts most older and problem birds so we are looking for experienced parrot owners to adopt our parrots to, someone who honestly understands parrot "issues or quirks". Tame birds come in occasionally, too.

A-Parrot to A-Flamingo Rescue, as a non-profit organization, is dedicated to alleviating parrot neglect and suffering, offering advice to bird owners to assist them in creating a good environment for their pet bird. We provide a safe haven with top quality care for the birds/parrots released into our care prior to our locating good homes for them. Potential adopters are carefully screened.

A-Parrot's goal is to be a model animal/bird welfare organization reflecting the values of our community by educating the public against abuse, cruelty and neglect of the avian species, and promoting safe and humane care pet birds.

A-Parrot to A-Flamingo Rescue sincerely feels that if all pet owners researched the pet they were interested in, then this would most certainly alleviate the great number of birds (and other pets) that may have to be turned over to rescue organizations or shelters at a later date. Hopefully some day, through public awareness, our jobs as "animal rescuers" will be lightened or phased out entirely.

### **Parrot Education & Adoption Center (PEAC)**

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

Contact: Leah Matejka, Managing Director

Address: P O Box 38325, Olmsted Falls, OH 44138  
Phone: 440-669-0082  
Email: 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 by qualified applicants.

## Dog Retirement Homes

### Circle Tail, Inc.

Website: [www.circletail.org](http://www.circletail.org)  
Contact: Jennifer Kiblinger (President)  
Address: 8834 Carey Lane, Pleasant Plain, OH 45162  
Phone: 513-877-3325  
Fax: 513-945-3349  
Email: [info@circletail.org](mailto:info@circletail.org)  
Type of Animals Accepted: Dogs only.  
Limit of Animal Number: No limit.  
Rates: Not specified.

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; to 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, be current with heartworm preventative or have a recent heartworm test, have a negative fecal test, and be 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 animals may be adopted directly from the shelter or dogs may be adopted from local pet stores around the Cincinnati area on certain weekends. 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.

### The Sanctuary for Senior Dogs

Website: <http://www.sanctuaryforseniordogs.org>  
Contact: The office by phone or Email  
Phone: 216-485-9233  
Address: P.O. Box 609054, Cleveland, OH 44109  
Email: [info@sanctuaryforseniordogs.org](mailto:info@sanctuaryforseniordogs.org)  
Types of Animals Accepted: Dogs (not from the public)  
Limit of Animal Number: Not specified.  
Rates: Not specified.

Due the ever increasing demand for our services, The Sanctuary for Senior Dogs now accepts dogs primarily from shelters and pounds in Ohio. Dogs from shelters and pounds in other states are accepted on a space-available basis only. Unfortunately, **we can no longer accept dogs directly from the public.**

If you are thinking about surrendering your old dog, please exhaust every possibility for keeping your best friend in the home he knows and finds comfortable. According to the Humane Society of the United States, 6-8 million animals enter the sheltering system each year; only half of

them leave alive. That means that 3-4 million animals are killed each year in shelters across this country. Clearly, there are not enough homes for all the dogs in need. Please do not add another dog to the vast numbers of the homeless unless you have absolutely no other choice. Before you decide, please click *Can We Help You Keep Your Dog?*

If you really cannot keep your older dog, try a listing on PetFinder.com or an ad in your local newspaper. If you use these placement tools, however, **please screen your potential adopter carefully**. The life and safety of your dog may depend on it. Unscrupulous people may pose as caring individuals only later to sell your dog to research or to a fighting ring. Please use caution in dealing with people you do not know.

We suggest the following steps to help find the right home for your companion animal:

- ◆ Ask for and check both personal and veterinary references.
- ◆ Visit the potential new home personally. Watch family interactions and treatment of other animals in the home. Require all family members to be present at the home visit. Don't leave a dog in the new home after the first visit. Go home and think it over.
- ◆ Collect an adoption fee of at least \$75 to help guarantee that your dog is not sold into research or as fighting dog bait or otherwise used to make money. If you are not comfortable taking money yourself, you can ask for a fee and offer to send it to an animal charity in the adopter's name. Send the donation yourself; do not accept a verbal promise to donate. The adopter will receive a year-end tax deduction, and you will have added peace of mind. Please do not give your dog away to a stranger.
- ◆ Check the driver's license of the potential adopter to make sure you have the correct name and contact information. The address on the license and the address of the home you visit MUST match.
- ◆ Ask for the right to follow up on a prearranged schedule: every three months, twice a year, or whatever is comfortable.
- ◆ If you have doubts about the person interested in your dog, contact your local animal control agency and make sure the potential adopter does not have a history of animal abuse. If you have serious doubts, just look for another home. Never rush to find a home for your dog.

## OKLAHOMA

### General Pet Retirement Homes

#### Free to Live Animal Sanctuary

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

Contact: Annette Becker, Director, Business and Development

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

Phone: 405-282-8617

Email: [ftloffice@netzero.net](mailto:ftloffice@netzero.net)

Type of Animals Accepted: Dogs and Cats

Limit of Animal Number: No limit.

Rates: Not specified.

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

Free To Live began as a dream of Bill and Pat Larson. In 1982, the Edmond couple purchased 20 acres of land north of Edmond and began construction. The Larsons and a handful of dedicated volunteers did much of the work. On August 7, 1984, Free To Live opened its doors and the Larsons' dream became a reality. Bill 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 and 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. Another room and outdoor play area contains some of the new arrivals and younger cats. This same room has roomy stainless steel areas for the kittens and their mothers.

There are four separate areas with outdoor runs where the cats with FIV, Leukemia, and Rhino Virus and our senior kitties live. We also have an isolation building with 10 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: [www.cvhs.okstate.edu/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=496&Itemid=605](http://www.cvhs.okstate.edu/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=496&Itemid=605)

Contact: Sharon Worrell (Office of Development)

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

Phone: 405-744-5630

Fax: 405-744-5233

Email: [sworrell@okstate.edu](mailto:sworrell@okstate.edu)

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 \$10,000 for each pet bird, \$15,000 for each cat, \$25,000 for each dog. A 5 percent non-refundable reservation fee assures your animal a place at the center. For large or exotic animal owners, special arrangements can be made at other facilities within the OSU Center for Veterinary Health Sciences.

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: [www.arafs.com](http://www.arafs.com)

Contact: Susan Slater

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

Phone: 715-416-0288 or 715-416-0468

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

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

Limit of Animal Number: No limit.

Rates: Donations.

Animal Rescue and Farm Sanctuary is located in NW Wisconsin near Spooner. The purpose of our charitable 501C-3 organization is to help animals of all kinds in need. We are supported 100% by donations from the public. Most of the animals we encounter are truly homeless, unwanted by their owners or found abandoned. We are not a humane society that takes in an abundance of animals. If you have an animal to surrender you may certainly contact us and see if there is an available stall or suitable enclosure to house the animal you have in question. We do not take in dangerous, crippled or diseased animals. Our objective is to rehabilitate and adopt. Some animals are kept in sanctuary due to advanced age and nutritional needs. All animals are carefully evaluated before being put up for adoption and we happily offer blunt honesty to help you decide if any animal here is good for your situation.

### Midwest Farm Animal Rescue

Website: [www.mfar1.org](http://www.mfar1.org)

Contact: Candy Kimmes

Address: W2081 County Road T, Mondovi, WI 54755

Phone: 715-672-3874

Email: [ckimmes@hotmail.com](mailto:ckimmes@hotmail.com)

Type of Animals Accepted: Not specified.

Limit of Animal Number: Not specified.

Rates: Not specified.

Midwest Farm Animal Rescue was founded in 1998. We are a non-profit 501c3 organization. 100% of your donations are tax-deductible and the great thing is that 100% goes directly to the animals! We do not have any paid staff, corporate jets, Swiss bank accounts or luxury condos in foreign lands. The animals are rescued and cared for daily, by volunteers. The expenses we incur are specialty feeds, veterinarian expenses, hay, straw, wood shavings, and farm supplies like water heaters, water tanks, garden hoses, electric cords...nothing too fancy. What we have seen over the last few months is an influx of calls from people who can no longer afford to feed their animals. Many people in our area, WI and MN, have horses and goats as pets. With the price of hay and gasoline going up, and the increasing numbers of people losing their jobs and getting foreclosed on, the animals have nowhere to go. We also have animals available for sponsorship: potbellied pigs, farm pigs, horses (Arabian, Quarter horse, and Belgian), sheep, goats, llamas, cats and dogs.