

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

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Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1013, Mena, AR 71953
Address: 194 Peta Lane, Mena, AR 71953
Phone: 479-394-1039
Email: forsakeofanimals@gmail.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. FSA is dedicated to the sheltering of stray and unwanted dogs, cats and horses. FSA was begun by Frank and Diana Stockton, whose primary goals are to provide a safe haven for unwanted creatures while trying to find good homes for them, and to sponsor a spay program through one of the local veterinarians. Currently, over 200 dogs, cats, several horses and a donkey reside at the peaceful mountain hideaway. Frank and Diana are the primary caretakers of these unwanted critters, a time-consuming but rewarding chore.

FLORIDA

General Pet Retirement Homes and Programs

Nate's Honor Animal Rescue

Website: www.nateshonoranimalrescue.org
Address: 4951 Lorraine Road, Bradenton, FL 34211 (The Ranch); 8437 Cooper Creek Blvd., Bradenton, FL 34201 (Nate's Place Retail & Adoption Center)
Phone: 941-538-6206
Email: info@HonorAnimalRescue.org
Type of Animals Accepted: Cats & Dogs Limit of Animal Number: Not specified
Rates: Adoption fee for Cats \$50, Kittens \$85, Dogs \$200. Enroll in "Lifetime Care" program and include \$5000 to NHAR for the continued care of your pet.

Nate's Honor Animal Rescue is a 501(c)(3) non-profit animal rescue organization. Staffed 99% by caring volunteers, we provide rescued dogs and cats with a safe NO-KILL sheltered environment while they wait to be adopted into their very own forever homes.

Ensuring Care For Your Pets After You're Gone

If you have pets, you want the comfort of knowing they will be cared for and loved if anything should happen to you. We strongly recommend that you please remember your pets when crafting your will. Find someone you can trust to leave them to, and talk to this person so they know your plans. If, however, you do not have anyone to leave your pets to, Nate's Honor Animal Rescue now offers a program called Lifetime Care to ensure your pet is taken care of. Through the Lifetime Care program, those who leave a bequest to NHAR can make plans for the lifetime care of their pets should their pets survive them. When an NHAR member enrolled in this program passes away, we will guarantee a home for their pet(s). These animals can stay at NHAR or at one of our foster homes until a new, permanent home can be found for them. The steps to follow to enroll in the program are simple.

Step 1: Enroll in the program. You can do this by calling NHAR at (941) 538-6206 or emailing the development team directly at development@honoranimalrescue.org

Step 2: Prepare or alter your will to include NHAR (tax id 26-0878064) Make sure you include sufficient resources to cover the long-term care of your companions, including funds to cover emergency medical care should that become necessary. Remember, NHAR is a no-kill rescue. Animals are therefore not put to sleep unless they are suffering and beyond care. While many animals are adopted quickly, some are with us for quite a while. Older pets or those with medical or behavior-based special needs can take quite a lot of time to place into new homes. A general rule of thumb is to include a minimum of \$5,000 for each of your pets. This will provide for their care and leave enough resources to provide for any emergencies that might arise. One way to accomplish this goal is to take out a life insurance policy and list NHAR as the beneficiary. This ensures the resources will be available for your pets if they are ever needed.

Step 3: Send NHAR a copy of your will. We will keep it on file with your enrollment information. This will help us ensure the resources left to us may be accessed easily should they be needed.

Step 4: NHAR will send you a card to keep in your wallet indicating that if anything should happen to you, your animals are to be taken directly to our shelter. Place this card in your wallet and inform your friends and family that you have made these preparations.

In the event that you leave pets behind, this will guarantee a prompt and easy admission at the shelter. Preparing for the Lifetime Care of your pets is an important part of being a pet guardian.

Bird Retirement

Feathered Friends Adoption & Rescue Program

Website: www.petfinder.com/shelters/adoptparrot.html

Address: 5202 Pinetree Dr., Fort Pierce, FL 34982

Phone: 321-633-4744

Email: FFAP@aol.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 birds when the owners 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 birds' 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: www.luckyparrot.org

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

Phone: 239-348-1991

Fax: 239-348-1991

Email: luckyparrot@comcast.net

Type of Animals Accepted: Parrots, amazons, conures, African greys, macaws.

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 are not equipped to handle adoptions, although we may be able to suggest potential adoption sources.

We are located on 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: www.shynefoundation.org
Contact: Bob and Liz Johnson
Address: 19922 Egret Ln, Loxahatchee, FL 33470-2528
Phone: 561-790-6511
Email: 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; such research 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.

Dog Retirement Homes

City Lickers, Inc.

A Lifetime Caregiver Facility

Website: Citylickersinc.com

Contact: Karen and Peter Harrison

Address: 23285 Orange Avenue, Fort Pierce, FL 34945

Phone: 772-465-0842 and 772-216-5263

Email: citylickersinc@aol.com

Type of Animals Accepted: Dogs

Limit of Animal Number: Not Specified.

Rates: \$500 per month per dog for an individual suite. For the family suite, \$500 per month for the first dog and \$200 per month for each additional dog housed together.

The Lifetime Caregiver Facility is located on the East Coast of Florida on 18 acres surrounded by a working cattle ranch. It provides lifetime care for dogs that have been left a trust fund and care for dogs whose owners can no longer care for them. Your dog lives in a suite-style home with views and smells of a rural ranch. Your dog is not housed with other dogs; however, dogs from the same family can be housed together in the family suite. The facility is private, locked and not open to the public. The owners reside on the premises.

Horse Retirement Homes

Adopt-A-Horse, Ltd., Inc.

Contact: Judy Price, President

Address: 10021 Mustang Trail, Sebring, FL 33875 Phone: 352-414-8749

Email: aahltd@gmail.com

Type of Animals Accepted: Horses.

Limit of Animal Number: Not specified.

Rates: Not specified.

Since 1984, Adopt-A-Horse has worked to save racehorses and other animals from abuse, neglect and slaughter. We are a 501(c) 3 non-profit corporation.

GEORGIA

Bird Retirement Homes

Feathered Friends Forever Rescue/Refuge, Inc.

Website: www.featheredfriendsforever.org

Contact: Ron and Tammy Johnson

Address: 612 Byrd Drive, Harlem, GA 30814

Phone: 706-556-2424

Email: 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: Currently processing reservations to place birds for long term care; Large birds (Macaws and large Cockatoos) \$5,000.00 Medium birds (Small Macaws, Amazons, African Greys and small cockatoos) \$3,500.00 Small Birds (Conures and similar size birds) \$1,500.00;

Placing a Parrot

We will all encounter unexpected changes during our lifetime and sadly, some of these may impact our beloved birds in negative ways. It's difficult to find the right new home for your parrot unless you have friends or family that understand and love your bird.

Feathered Friends Forever Rescue can assist with your decision to place your feathered family member here at our parrot rescue and sanctuary. This may be a short visit during relocation or family reorganization, or a permanent placement if that's best for you and your bird. Parrots are very sensitive to family stress and may react with negativity or plucking. Divorce, moving or other life changes may occur where you cannot provide proper care and time for your parrot. Military deployment may require your bird to stay with us until you return home. Hundreds of birds from various backgrounds have found their way to Feathered Friends from across the United States. Some are permanent residents, some get adopted and some are vacationing here while their humans are otherwise occupied.

Financial Support:

Since we operate solely on donations, your financial support is necessary to both your family companion and the continued success of the Rescue. Several factors are evaluated to ensure proper funding is present for your parrot. Medical care, food requirements, special needs and maintenance are just a few of the necessities of parrot care. In order to continue to accept new birds, we must have the resources to support the existing flock first. Therefore, we will require donations for all aspects of placement.

Last will and Testament Permanent Placement at Feathered Friends

Feathered Friends Forever has been hard at work on a new \$250,000.00 construction project, with 2 of the first stage of flights completed and occupied. Now is the time for those of you who have contacted the Rescue about placing birds with us in permanent residence as a final request to state your intentions formally and secure a future spot for your bird. We are currently processing reservations for all incoming birds designated for care and placement at the Rescue in the event of your or your family's demise.

As the Rescue continues to grow, our policies must adapted accordingly. Taking reservations for birds that will be entrusted to our care will enable us to project and thereby ensure our feathered residents receive the quality and continuation of care you would want for them and they so deserve. We currently have nearly 1500 birds and we expect the numbers will continue to increase over the next few years. The new parrot habitats now under construction will accommodate the permanent resident birds already here at the Rescue but we also want to look ahead in preparation for meeting the needs of our incoming future residents.

At this point Feathered Friends is full. For those of you planning to place your birds at the rescue it is time to make your reservations. We need to have an accurate number for future residents that are scheduled to be here at the rescue. We have set a standard reservation fee based on the size and type of the bird. Large birds (Macaws and large Cockatoos) \$5,000.00 Medium birds (Small Macaws, Amazons, African Greys and small cockatoos) \$3,500.00 Small Birds (Conures and similar size birds) \$1,500.00

These fees will guarantee your birds a permanent home here at Feathered Friends. Payments can be made up to 60 months interest free. This was not an easy decision for the rescue to make, but as the number of incoming birds has grown rapidly over the last 24 months we feel it is the only fair way of guaranteeing places to people that have claimed that their birds were to be placed here at the rescue in permanent residence upon their demise.

For those wishing to have their Birds spaces reserved we will need the following information with your payments.

- Owners name, address, telephone number
- type of bird or birds, their name and age if known and a picture if possible.
- Also any special needs of each bird to be placed at the rescue.

This will allow the rescue to add to the new habitat construction plans to accommodate all future incoming birds. Each reservation will have a folder made for each and every incoming bird containing all of the above information.

. Again, if you fail to maintain payments for a period of 90 days we have no choice but to post your bird as adoptable. We regret having to make these decisions, but with the rising cost of bird food, toys and other operational expenses of the rescue we just cannot continue to support the birds that you promised to provide for when they were placed here at the rescue.

Permanent Residence:

When placing your bird in a permanent residency program, you need to support it with a monthly or annual payment plan. This can be established with your bank, credit card or PayPal. Estate planning and Estate entrusted parrots require proper paperwork to ensure proper placement. Our Estate planners can provide assistance in this area if needed. If a bird is placed as a permanent resident by an estate and the estate financial means fail to maintain the bird, it then becomes the responsibility of Feathered Friends Forever to maintain the said birds in a forever care. With hundreds of owners defaulting on support payments for birds that are in permanent residence at the Rescue, we find it necessary to make changes to our Permanent Placement Program. As of January 1, 2011 the rescue will have fixed rates for placing birds here at the rescue.

Macaws and Large Cockatoos

\$1,500.00 check in and processing at arrival, Minimum of \$100.00 per month on bank draft or credit card.

Small and Medium Cockatoos and small macaws

\$1,200.00 check in and processing fee at arrival, Minimum \$75.00 per month on bank draft or credit card

Amazons and African Greys

\$600.00 check in and processing fee at arrival, Minimum \$50.00 per month on bank draft or credit card.

Conure and Similar Sizes

\$250.00 check in and processing fee at arrival, Minimum \$25.00 per month on bank draft or credit card.

Small Birds (Parakeets, Finches, etc)

\$25.00 check in and processing fee at arrival. Minimum \$10.00 per month on bank draft or credit card.

Horse Retirement Homes

Georgia Equine Rescue League, Ltd. (GERL)

Website: www.gerlltd.org

Mailing Address: 156 Clarke Ave, Social Circle, GA 30025

Contact: Each Area has it's own coordinator; call the GERL Hot Line to contact the appropriate coordinator

Phone: 770-464-0138 (equine abuse report)

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

Limit of Animal Number: Not specified. Only deals 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.

KENTUCKY

General Pet Retirement Homes and Programs

Holly's Place

Website: www.hollys.org

Contact: Victoria

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

Phone: 502-859-5342

Email: info@hollys.org and vmking@roadrunner.com

Type of Animals Accepted: Cats and Dogs

Limit of Animal Number: Not specified

Rates: The adoption fee for dogs is \$100, and for cats is \$70.

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 placing the animals in a new home.

Home at Last Animal Sanctuary

Website: www.homeatlastanimals.org

Contact: Melissa Webster

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 144, Salvisa, KY 40372

Phone: 502-839-1974

Email: mail@homeatlastanimals.org

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

Limit of Animal Number: Not Specified

Rates: Not Specified

HALAS is accredited by the American Sanctuary Association, and it 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.

MISSISSIPPI

Cat Retirement Homes

Cedarhill Animal Sanctuary, Inc.

Website: <http://www.cedarhillanimalsanctuary.org> Contact: C. Kay McElroy, Founder and Executive Director

Address: 84 Sanctuary Loop, Caledonia, MS 39740

Phone: 662-356-6636 and 662-364-8238

Fax: 662-356-0084

Email: cedarhill49@yahoo.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 the group, we would need the funds to build their own facilities.

Rates: No set rate, but do accept donations as the proper lifetime care of a companion animal can cost a lot in their 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, and 4 hens. Cedarhill is a "true sanctuary," as we do not enter the exotic cats' living space until they exit for feeding. Each lion, tiger, cougar and bobcat has a lockup area where it goes to eat. While they are eating, all drinking water dishes and tiger pools are cleaned and filled with fresh water and all waste is removed. We do everything we can possibly 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.

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 100 mph 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. The American Sanctuary Association (ASA) and Animal Centers of Excellence (ACE) accredit Cedarhill.

NORTH CAROLINA

Bird Retirement Homes

Phoenix Landing Foundation

Website: www.phoenixlanding.org

Contact: Ann Brooks, President

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1233, Asheville, NC 28802 (primary) and P.O. Box 7661, Arlington, VA 22207

Phone: 866-749-5634 (PHX-LNDG)

Email: 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, people are rapidly consuming the parrots' native rain forests and deserts. 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. In the near future, we will be launching a capital campaign to build The Landing, a 21st century eco-friendly facility, to help parrots in several ways. It will be home to an Education and Conference Center, sponsoring cutting-edge programs regarding parrot care for people nationwide. The Adoption Center will allow birds to meet prospective families and be housed properly until they are adopted. The Education and Conference Center will also be available to host other special events, such as symposiums regarding conservation or the environment. The Landing will also be the permanent home to some birds living in free-flight aviaries. Lastly, a small number of rentable suites will be available overlooking the flights.

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

United States Equine Rescue League, Inc. (USERL)

Website: www.userl.org

Contact: Jennifer Hack, Executive Director

Phone: 800-650-8549

Address: 1851 W. Erhinghaus St. Suite 146, Elizabeth City, NC 27909

Email: info@userl.org

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: Not specified.

The United States Equine Rescue League (USERL) is a non-profit organization dedicated to the compassionate care of equines. Our mission is to save, protect, and rehabilitate equines in need. We rescue abused, neglected, or abandoned equines; provide them with care and rehabilitation; and finally find them a compatible, loving home. We believe that education is the long-term solution to improving the lives of equines. Our active Regions include North Carolina, Virginia, Indiana and Kentucky, and we are now starting in Illinois. We average over 100 equines rescues per year.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Horse Retirement Homes

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

Website: www.scequinerescue.org

Contact: Jan Carter, President

Address: 312 Shetland Lane, Lexington, SC 29078

Phone: 803-729-3692

Email: cwkittle@bellsouth.net (Check its website for County Representatives and Information)

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 statewide 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 were 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 is free of litigation, it is placed in a SCARE approved foster home and monitored by our representatives for the duration of its life.

VIRGINIA

Horse Retirement Homes

Dream Catcher Farm Horse Sanctuary

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

Phone: 540-489-1262

Email: 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. This non-profit charity was established for the purpose of relieving the suffering of horses and ponies from abuse, neglect and slaughter. We wish to provide them with a caring home for the rest of their days. Dream Catcher Farm House Sanctuary is a non-profit 501(c) 3 organization.

WEST VIRGINIA

Bird Retirement Homes

Raven's Haven Exotic Bird Rescue

Website: www.ravenshaven.org

Contact: Sherri Killen

Address: 812 41st Street, Vienna, WV 26105

Phone: 304-295-6022

Email: raven@ravenshaven.org

Type of Animals Accepted: Birds.

Limit of Animal Number: Not specified.

Rates: Not specified.

Raven's Haven Exotic Bird Rescue, Inc. was established in March of 2000 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 pets in the United States. Along with that popularity have 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 catches" 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, necessary. 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 that 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 a permanent "retirement" home for parrots that cannot be placed in new homes 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. Our office hours are 9 am to 5 pm Monday thru Friday.

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.