

## FACTS ABOUT HOME FOR LIFE®

- Home for Life® was founded in 1997 and has been situated at our present location since 1999.
- The 40 acres where Home for Life® is located, in Star Prairie, Wisconsin on the Apple River, was once undeveloped farmland. Everything from electricity, heat, water, well and a road had to be constructed or brought in. In just 5 years, Home for Life® has constructed 3 buildings, 13 doggie townhouses, fenced the property and created spacious runs and exercise areas for both dogs and cats.
- In January 2005, The Minnesota Charity Review Council added Home for Life® to its list of Approved Charities ([www.smartgivers.org](http://www.smartgivers.org)).
- Home for Life® currently cares for 245 special needs animals at its facility: 97 dogs, 125 cats including 25 feline leukemia positive cats, one 20 year old pony, one sulcata tortoise, 12 rabbits and 9 parrots. Our capacity is between 250-275 animals.
- Home for Life® does not euthanize to create room for incoming animals. Space at the sanctuary opens up as our older animals pass away. The annual attrition rate is approximately 20% of the population.
- 60% of Home for Life's® current animals in residence come from Minnesota and Wisconsin.  
40% of Home for Life's® current animals in residence come from states around the country, including Florida, California, New York and Texas.
- 50% of Home for Life's® animals have at least one sponsor.
- Only 25% of Home for Life's® animals are fully sponsored to cover their monthly cost of care.
- It takes 8 sponsors at \$25/mo to fully cover the cost of care for the average animal at Home for Life®. On average, it requires \$202 per month to care for the average animal at Home for Life® Sanctuary. The cost covers salaries for employees, food, vet care and grooming, heat and lights and facility maintenance.
- EACH DAY, Home for Life® receives nearly 100 calls and emails from around the country asking for our help on behalf of special needs animals that have been turned down by shelters and rescue groups for placement. Requests for help on behalf of special needs animals come from private parties, rescue groups and shelters, and veterinarians.

## HOME FOR LIFE® PROGRAMS

- **Loving Care – A Place to Belong – A Home for Life:** Home for Life® operates a sanctuary where special needs animals will be loved and cared for as long as they may live.
- **Home for Life's® Pet Peace Corps<sup>SM</sup>:** our community outreach efforts enable our special needs animals to give back through participation in programs benefiting the client organizations we serve:
  - **Peace Creatures®:** a collaborative program with the Tubman Family Alliance of the Twin Cities and the Women of Nations Shelter in St. Paul, teaching peaceful conflict resolution to families impacted by domestic violence.
  - **The Renaissance Project:** Now in its 6th year, this program pairs our younger dogs with at risk teens from a high school in River Falls, WI. The teens train the dogs and bring them on visits for therapy work with the elderly. Nearly 80 kids and 30 dogs have benefited from the therapeutic interaction with the kids and the dogs.
  - **Sit\*Stay\*Heal:** a collaborative program with the Children's Cancer Research Fund that brings solace and joy to children who are undergoing treatment for cancer in the University of Minnesota's pediatric oncology ward.  
**Sit\*Stay\*Heal, The Renaissance Project and Peace Creatures® reach over 1000 kids each year!**
  - **The Senior Outreach Project,** HFL volunteers, staff and animal residents reach several hundred seniors in assisted living facilities and nursing homes each year.
  - **Education:** our volunteers and animal residents give presentations free of charge to area clubs, schools and youth groups.
- **Angel Care<sup>TM</sup>:** provides an affordable safety net for animals in the event of a caretaker's death or disability.
- **Emergency Medical Care Fund:** available to care for abandoned and stray animals admitted to the sanctuary with a serious or life-threatening injury or illness.