



Forget-Me-Not Animal Rescue

Mission Statement

Our mission is to save the lives of once forgotten shelter cats and dogs; find loving homes for those that are homeless; rehabilitate the challenged; provide sanctuary for the needy; educate the community about responsibility; and provide low-cost spay/neuter services to the public in an attempt to be good stewards of God's creatures.

The Dream

Mom still recalls the look on my face when she told her little girl about cat and dog over-population, the overwhelmed animal controls and humane societies, and the daily atrocities that took place. The look I gave was of immense sadness accompanied by intense dissatisfaction and shockingly strong determination for one so young. Those feelings turned to action when fifteen years ago my family and I rescued our very first animal, a darling, abused Benji-look-alike. The first half dozen animals we rescued are now my own beloved pets. Our 17th rescue was my Thoroughbred mare that was once starved and distrustful but now is healthy and sweet.

When I turned sixteen I officially dedicated myself to animal rescue and took on the responsibility and finances of any animal that came our way. Two years later Warren County Humane Society closed down leaving over 100 animals at death's door. Many rescues stepped in and graciously assisted but the day before the deadline there were still five dogs left. I couldn't let them die so Mom and I drove two hours to pick them up! I continued to rescue cats and dogs from high kill shelters and soon became certain that it was my greatest passion, my calling. To date I have been blessed to rescue over 80 kittens, puppies, cats, and dogs and in 2008 I became a non-profit 501(c)3 organization!

The Vision

Expansive fenced yards with ample sunlight and shade give kind hospitality to little dogs, big dogs, every age and personality, mutt and purebred alike in a natural pack atmosphere. They snuggle up in the cozy indoors or rest under cool shade trees. Pleasant structures with cheerful, amply-windowed rooms host felines of all ages and colors playing gaily and lounging peacefully. Cats proudly prance onto secure screened porches to bathe in the warm sunlight or scale the kitty jungle gym. Healthy food is served, the most complex care given, and every behavior understood. No animal is too helplessly young or goldenly aged to find refuge and would never be written off for the chance of finding its forever home. Welcome to Forget-Me-Not Animal Sanctuary.

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The Reality and Our Mission for Change

Save the lives of forgotten shelter cats and dogs

In animal rescue, we get daily “urgent emails” pleading with us to save the life of cats or dogs scheduled to be euthanized, often that very day. Frequently, there is nowhere for them to go. Good fosters are hard to find; they can fall through when you need them most; they usually can’t provide the much needed quarantine for new arrivals. By constructing buildings on acreage we would overcome these challenges and would be able to assist significantly more animals. With your help we can respond to these urgent calls and spare innocent lives which otherwise would be extinguished prematurely.

Find loving homes for those that are homeless

We believe in putting emphasis on adoption. We’ll be able to save more animals if we find loving homes for as many of them as possible. Potential adopters must be screened for safety and matched for personality. We will also teach a basic knowledge of pet behavior to the new family to help achieve a happy, lifelong match and will provide continual support to our adopters to assist them in maintaining harmonious homes. By having a facility that includes holding and quarantine areas we can extend our adoption radius with certified transports across the country and tap into rescue organizations nationwide. They would step up for so many animals if we provided that vital link. We hope to promote our precious adoptables in creative ways such as partnering with local sports icons and other celebrities to increase the popularity of adoption.

Rehabilitate the challenged

Some of the animals that come through our doors may not be ready for adoption right away if they are in need of physical or behavioral rehabilitation. We’ll take the time it takes to see that our adoptable animals become healthy and balanced. The dogs will have the benefits of a healthy pack atmosphere and the cats will enjoy plenty of climbing equipment and hideouts. We will use dog psychology techniques to insure our dogs are behaviorally ready for their forever homes and employ top notch medical treatments to heal illness.

Provide sanctuary for the needy

All too often when a pet owner dies a family member takes the loyal pet, often a senior, to the pound to die. What a tragedy! Most local rescues are not set up for a lifetime citizen so we would fill that void and provide sanctuary for once-loved pets such as these who have been abandoned at the shelter. We plan to be equipped for seniors, orphan babies, FIV & Leukemia positive cats, cats and dogs with behavioral issues, and other special needs animals.

Educate the community about responsibility

We will educate the public that it’s our duty to guarantee our companion animals do not suffer from hunger, cold or over-population. Because we domesticated them they are now fully dependent on us in every aspect of their lives. We must bring responsibility to the next generation. We plan to start outreach programs at schools using adoptable animals for hands-on learning. Everything from spay/neuter and adoption to pet care and how to properly interact with animals will be covered. We will also be a site for field trips and activities for other organizations especially related to children (Big Brothers/Big Sisters, etc.) If we educate our communities about responsibility then it will most certainly be a better place, not just for the animals, but for all of us.

Provide low-cost spay/neuter services to the public

In order to move forward to a day when there are NO MORE HOMELESS PETS, we must provide the public with a quality, affordable, spay/neuter program to address the root of the problem. Currently we are organizing a voucher program to greatly lower prices for consumers in rural counties. Our eventual goal is to open a low-cost clinic or mobile unit of our own. We are very interested in the Humane Alliance model due to the success of the first clinic in Asheville, NC, which reduced area shelter intake by 70% simply by keeping more litters from being born!

Attempt to be good stewards of God's creatures

In Proverbs 12:10, it says, "A righteous man has regard for the life of his beast, but the compassion of the wicked is cruel." We must instill this concept in our next generation. With it, we can help eradicate not only pet over-population but also the hideous cruelty we see today. We will promote good stewardship in all areas including exposing the miseries of dog chaining, puppy mills, dog fighting, etc.

Proposal for a Middle Tennessee Animal Sanctuary

Forget-Me-Not Animal Rescue, our non-profit 501(c)3 organization, is currently raising funds to purchase land near Nashville, construct buildings, and raise operating capital to take this vision from a dream to a reality. The cost of creating a sanctuary in Middle Tennessee is estimated to be \$1,000,000 in the following categories:

- Land (as many acres as possible to allow for expansion as we grow) - \$400,000
- Fencing & Enclosures (Dogs & Cats) - \$50,000
- First Building(s) and fixtures - \$350,000
- Operating Capital (First Year Operations) - \$200,000

We hope to engage volunteers for the building and enclosure projects, reducing the cost of labor and stretching donations. Ongoing funding will be obtained through donations, fund raising events, sponsorships, a pet cemetery, tuition from some of our educational programs, and adoption fees. We will provide a positive reflection on Middle Tennessee all across the country as people come to Forget-Me-Not Animal Sanctuary as a destination, leaving with a sense of peace and new understanding and appreciation of animal welfare.

Middle Tennessee desperately needs a physical animal sanctuary. Here the cat and dog over-population problem exceeds 50,000 unwanted animals each year. Animal controls and humane societies across the south receive thousands of happy, healthy dogs and cats each month. It is estimated that of those animals received by these facilities:

- Over 70% are euthanized because there are no adoptive homes
- Only 22% are adopted
- Only 8% are reclaimed

Currently there exists no comprehensive facility like this in the southeast where over-population is at its worst, so we are interested in forming a network with individuals and corporations who might have an interest in helping turn this dream into a reality.

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