

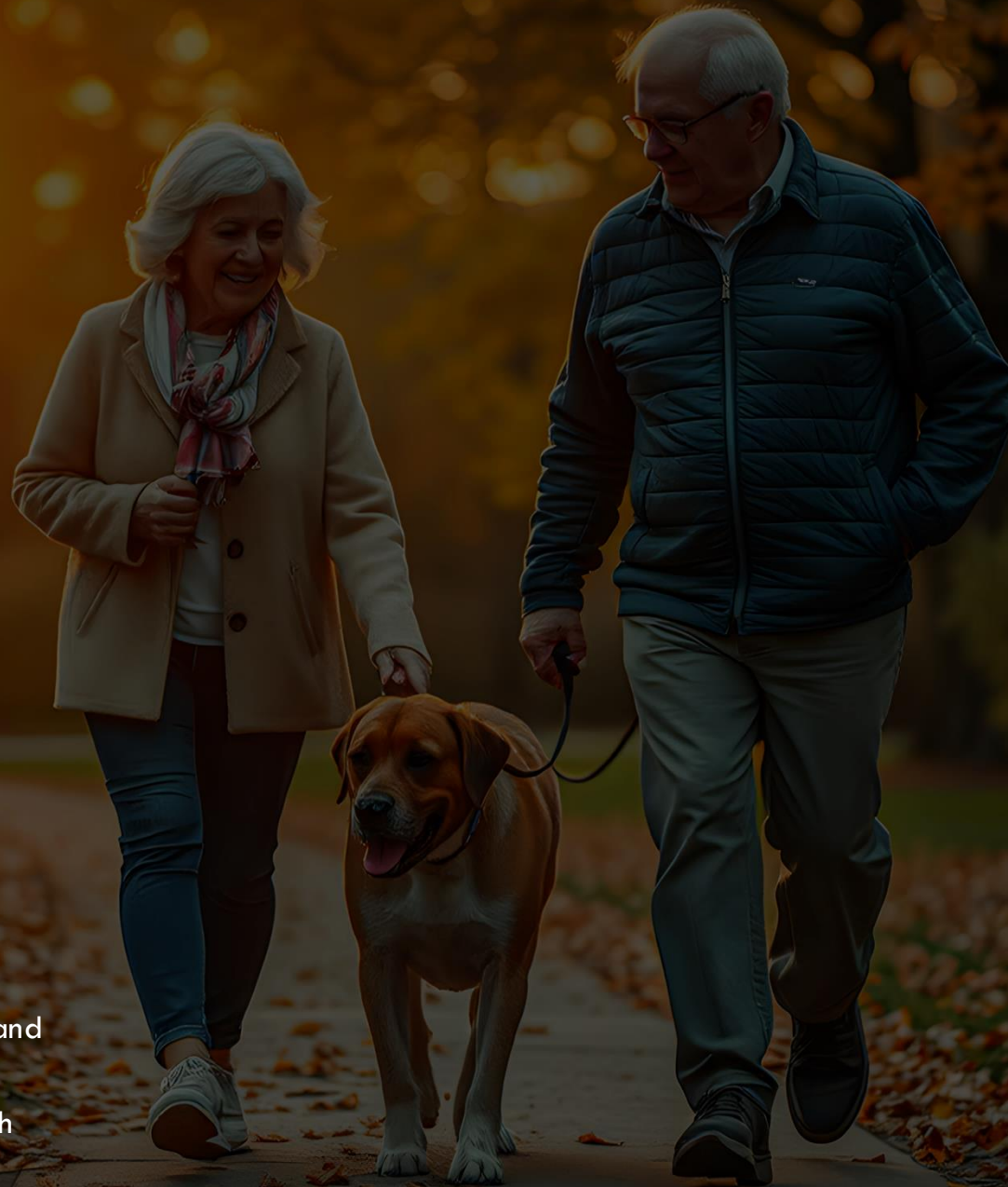
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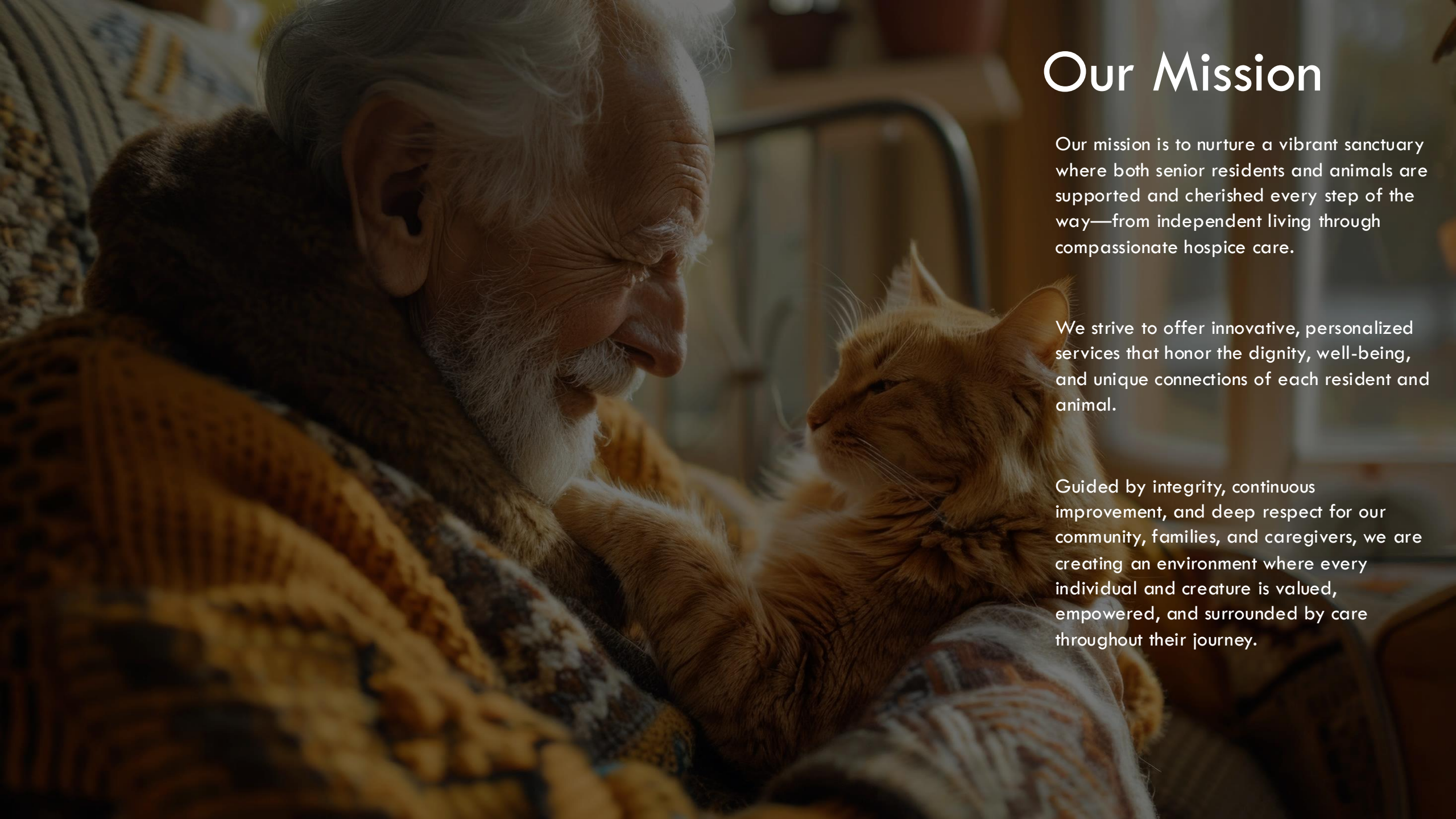


# This Journey's End SANCTUARY

A 501c3 Organization

We're creating a sanctuary where every senior individual and creature is valued, empowered, and surrounded by care throughout their journey—from aging in place living through compassionate hospice care.





# Our Mission

Our mission is to nurture a vibrant sanctuary where both senior residents and animals are supported and cherished every step of the way—from independent living through compassionate hospice care.

We strive to offer innovative, personalized services that honor the dignity, well-being, and unique connections of each resident and animal.

Guided by integrity, continuous improvement, and deep respect for our community, families, and caregivers, we are creating an environment where every individual and creature is valued, empowered, and surrounded by care throughout their journey.

## All are Welcome.

We believe a strong senior community is one where everyone feels welcomed, respected, and valued. Being fully inclusive means honoring the diverse backgrounds, identities, abilities, and life experiences of every individual, and creating an environment where all voices are heard. Our commitment to inclusion guides how we connect, support one another, and build a community rooted in dignity, belonging, and mutual respect.

## Never Alone, Never Separated

Unlike most aging in place communities, couples are never separated from each other or their animals regardless of illness or diagnoses.

This unique approach ensures that residents maintain their most important bonds—those with their loved ones and companions—through every stage of life. The community is committed to fostering a sense of belonging and support, where emotional well-being is as highly valued as physical health. By allowing couples and their pets to stay together, it creates an environment of comfort, stability, and joy, making every day feel like home.

## With Dignity for All

At the very core of why we wanted to create this sanctuary is the idea that aging and death should be able to be journeyed through with your dignity intact. Not rushed, not hidden away, and not stripped of meaning, but honored as a natural and deeply human passage. We believe in allowing each individual to remain the author of their own story to the very end. This space exists to hold that process with care—where comfort, choice, and compassion are not luxuries, but foundations, and where life is respected in all of its stages.





WHY A SENIOR LIVING & SENIOR PET SANCTUARY?

# It Started When I Met Rose...

A few years back, I was assigned a new patient from the hospice I volunteered for. I'd never been to the facility before and it was shocking. It was a state-run facility that was overcrowded, loud, and smelled horrible. As I walked down the hallway towards her room, I passed rooms where the elderly were half-clothed, some were laying on dirty sheets, and all had a look of total despair. A nurse walked by me screaming at a patient who apparently wasn't listening to her. Further down, I passed by a room where a woman was being bathed with no privacy. Carts full of old food crammed the hallway and almost every bed had an old tray on it with beige food.

I remember thinking, "they've sent me to Hell."

The smell was so bad that I had to reach into my purse and dab some cherry-flavored lip balm under my nose to try and not get sick.

Then, I walked into the room numbered 203 and there she was.

She was a wisp of a woman with long silver hair that was up in a bun. Her blue eyes sparkled when I told her who I was and that I was there for a visit. She told me a bit about herself. She had worked for the City of Chicago her whole life as a docent. She had loved her job talking to people and helping them find things in the city. She told me that she had never left the country but had always wanted to travel. She lived a modest life on a modest salary.

And now....she was here.

She couldn't afford assisted living, and Medicare would only approve state-run facilities, so she had no choice in where she lived. I struggled to hear her over the ruckus in the background that now included a woman repeatedly yelling "Hey, hey!" over and over at the top of her voice.

We talked about my recent trip to Portugal and her eyes lit up and she clapped her hands in delight over the stories I told her and how I described the land and the people. She motioned to her nightstand where a stack of about 10 books were. She pointed to the book in her lap...it was "War and Peace". We laughed about how that wasn't a very happy book to be reading. She explained that she had a list of 90 books that she had promised herself she would read before she died. The hospice and their volunteers had brought her some that were on her list.

She was a beautiful soul stuck in an ugly building. She said reading books took her away from all of it. Her escape.

As I left and promised to return with some books, I saw an elderly man sitting outside a room next door. We chatted a bit and I found out that his wife had Alzheimer's and was inside. They had been married for over 50 years, and he came to visit her every day. Brought her food from home and made sure she had her favorite stuffed bear in bed with her. She thought it was her actual baby and fussed over it, trying to feed it pudding. So, he had to wash it every week, but he told me had a spare one that looked the same so she wouldn't ever be without one. He explained that visiting hours were ending soon and they would kick him out. He hated having to leave her.

Soon, I got outside and into the fresh air, and I quickly switched from sadness to anger.

Why are good people not able to live out their lives as they want? Why do couples need to be separated? Why does the ability to age in peace seem reserved for those who made more money?

*It's time to do something about it.*

# The Urgent Need For The Senior Living Sanctuary

## The Growing Aging Population in the USA

The U.S. population is aging rapidly due to increased life expectancy, better healthcare, and lower birth rates. As more Americans reach age 65 and over, the nation faces both benefits—such as seniors' experience—and challenges like greater demands on healthcare, social support, and long-term care. It is crucial for leaders and communities to ensure older adults remain healthy, financially secure, and socially engaged.



## Family Caregivers and Their Burden

Many families act as primary caregivers for elderly relatives, balancing personal and professional responsibilities with caretaking duties. This can result in stress, financial strain, and health issues. Navigating healthcare systems and managing behavioral changes adds to the challenge. Support from communities and policymakers is essential to lessen caregivers' burden.

## Increase in Dementia & Alzheimer's

As the senior population grows, dementia and Alzheimer's cases are rising. These conditions place substantial emotional, financial, and healthcare pressures on families and society. More resources for research, diagnosis, and care are needed to support affected individuals and their caregivers.

Also, when a person is diagnosed with these terrible illnesses, they often are forced to move into a dementia facility. They must leave behind their partners, pets, and home....everything that they truly need.

# The Urgent Need For The Senior Living Sanctuary

- In 2020, the U.S. population aged 65 and older reached approximately 56 million, accounting for about 17% of the total population.
- By 2030, it is projected that one in five Americans will be 65 or older, as the entire Baby Boomer generation will have reached retirement age.
- Older adults are projected to make up nearly 24% of the U.S. population by 2060.
- The number of people aged 85 and older is expected to nearly triple from 6.7 million in 2020 to 19 million by 2060.
- Between 2010 and 2020, the population aged 65+ grew by over 15 million—an increase of nearly 40%.
- Medicare enrollment has increased from about 39 million in 2000 to nearly 63 million in 2020, reflecting the aging population.
- Healthcare costs for Americans aged 65 and older account for more than one-third of total U.S. health spending.

# The Urgent Need for the Senior Pet Sanctuary

## Senior Pets In Shelters

Older pets are less likely to be adopted from shelters due to fears of high veterinary costs and short lifespans. Many face euthanasia or prolonged stays because limited resources mean they're often considered unadoptable. Aging pets create financial hardships which leads to "economic euthanasia," where owners surrender pets they can't afford to care for. National data shows hundreds of thousands of shelter animals, especially seniors, are euthanized annually.

## When Seniors Can No Longer Care for their Beloved Pets

Senior pets whose elderly owners become ill, move into care facilities, or pass away are also at risk. Without family or friends to help, these pets are surrendered and struggle emotionally because they miss their owners, making adoption harder. Current support systems rarely address this issue, resulting in many animals experiencing loss, abandonment, and death in shelters.



# The Urgent Need For The Senior Pet Sanctuary

## Owner illness or death is a documented cause of pet surrender

- Large-scale shelter intake studies consistently show that caretaker illness, incapacity, or death is a major reason pets are surrendered:
- National surrender analyses from Best Friends Animal Society show that caretaker or family health/death accounts for about 9–10% of all owner-surrendered pets in U.S. shelters. [[network.bestfriends.org](https://network.bestfriends.org)]
- Human Animal Support Services (HASS) confirms that health-related human factors, including hospitalization and declining ability to care for a pet, are among the top five reasons pets enter shelters. [[aaha.org](https://aaha.org)]
- Owner surrenders now make up 30% of all shelter intakes nationwide, meaning hundreds of thousands of animals enter shelters each year due to human life crises rather than animal behavior or aggression. [[newsweek.com](https://newsweek.com)]

## Most older adults do not have formal plans for their pets

- Research on aging and pet ownership shows a major planning gap:
- A nationally representative survey of adults age 50+ found that only 23.7% had any formal plan in place for their pet in case of illness, hospitalization, or death. [[academic.oup.com](https://academic.oup.com)]
- This means over 75% of older pet owners have no documented contingency plan, leaving pets vulnerable to emergency surrender or abandonment.

# The Urgent Need For The Senior Pet Sanctuary

## Senior-owned pets are more likely to become sudden shelter intakes

Pets belonging to seniors often enter shelters abruptly, without behavioral preparation, medical records, or familiar caregivers. While shelters do not track “orphaned pets” as a distinct category, multiple datasets show converging risk factors:

- 30% of shelter animals are surrendered by owners, not found as strays. [[aspca.org](http://aspca.org)]
- Of those owner surrenders, health/death of the caretaker is a top-tier reason. [[network.be...riends.org](http://network.be...riends.org)]
- At the same time, only 15% of nursing homes and assisted-living facilities allow residents to keep personal pets, forcing surrender when seniors transition into care. [[wifitalents.com](http://wifitalents.com)]

## Displaced senior pets face lower adoption odds

While emotional confusion or grief is not numerically quantified, shelters widely document stress behaviors following owner surrender or death.

- Once surrendered, these pets face compounding disadvantages:
- Senior animals already have significantly lower adoption rates and longer shelter stays than younger pets, according to ASPCA shelter data. [[aspca.org](http://aspca.org)]
- Animals showing stress-related behaviors—common after owner loss—are statistically less likely to be adopted and more likely to be euthanized when shelters exceed capacity. [[aspca.org](http://aspca.org)]

# The Urgent Need For The Senior Pet Sanctuary

Putting the numbers together conservatively:

5.8 million animals enter U.S. shelters annually. [\[aspca.org\]](https://www.aspca.org)

30% ( $\approx 1.7$  million) are owner surrenders.

9–10% of those (150,000–170,000 animals per year) are surrendered specifically due to caretaker illness or death. [\[network.be...riends.org\]](https://www.network.be...riends.org)





**LET'S SEE HOW WE'RE GOING TO DO IT!**



OUR SANCTUARY WILL PROVIDE...

# What Our Sanctuary Will Provide



## Housekeeping Staff

We offer housekeeping services designed to support our senior residents in a way that feels comfortable and personalized. Whether someone prefers help on a regular schedule or only needs occasional assistance, our team is available to provide as much or as little support as needed. Our goal is to maintain a clean, safe, and welcoming living environment while respecting each resident's independence and preferences.



## Pet Services

Our sanctuary offers trusted, on-site pet care so seniors never have to face life without their companions. We provide walking, grooming, feeding assistance, and daily pet support, along with compassionate end-of-life services that honor dignity, comfort, and love. Your pet will always be surrounded by people they know. Every service is delivered with kindness, respect, and understanding—for both residents and their pets.



## Yard & Maintenance Staff

Our Yard Services are designed to help senior residents enjoy a safe, well-kept outdoor space without the physical strain of yard work. From lawn mowing and leaf removal to seasonal clean-ups, our reliable team takes care of the details so residents can relax, stay independent, and take pride in their home's appearance year-round.



## Administration Services

We offer comprehensive Administration Services designed to make daily life easier and more comfortable for the residents of our senior community. Our dedicated team provides friendly, reliable support with managing paperwork, assisting with forms, and serving as a helpful point of contact for residents.

# What Our Sanctuary Will Provide



## Hospice Services

Our sanctuary offers compassionate Hospice Services designed to provide comfort, dignity, and peace during life's final chapter. We focus on gentle, individualized care that supports both our residents and their beloved companions, ensuring they feel safe, loved, and never alone. Through pain management, emotional support, and a calm, home-like environment, our hospice team honors each life by prioritizing quality of time, comfort, and meaningful moments together.



## Nursing Aide Assistance

Nursing Aide Assistance at our senior living sanctuary provides compassionate, hands-on support to help residents feel safe, comfortable, and respected every day. Our dedicated nursing aides assist with daily activities such as personal care, mobility, and wellness needs, while building meaningful connections that honor each resident's independence and dignity. With attentive care and a warm presence, we strive to create a nurturing environment that feels truly like home.



## End-Of-Life Doula Services

Our sanctuary compassionately supports residents and their loved ones through our End-of-Life Doula Services, offering comfort, presence, and dignity during life's final chapter. Our trained doulas provide emotional, spiritual, and practical support, honoring each resident's wishes while creating a calm, nurturing environment. By walking alongside residents and families with empathy and respect, we help ensure this sacred time is met with peace, connection, and gentle care.



## Weekly Shuttle Service into Town

We are pleased to offer a weekly shuttle service into town for our senior residents, providing a safe, convenient, and stress-free way to run errands, attend appointments, and enjoy local shops and activities. This service helps residents stay connected to the community while promoting independence, social engagement, and peace of mind—without the worry of driving or parking.

# What Our Sanctuary Will Provide



## Community Director

We will have a Community Director on site who will organize events, check in on residents, and be there to answer any issues that may arise. In addition, they will coordinate with both our senior living facility and our senior pet sanctuary, ensuring that residents and their beloved pets receive attentive care and support in a welcoming environment. Their presence helps foster a sense of community and companionship for everyone, making our facilities feel like home.



## Empowering Resident Engagement through Accessible Community Support

Our staff is dedicated to providing personalized support to ensure every resident can participate in events and activities that interest them. We coordinate transportation, offer assistance with mobility devices, and create accessible spaces so everyone feels welcome. By fostering a sense of belonging and encouraging engagement, we strive to make our community vibrant and inclusive for all.



# OUR SANCTUARY GROUNDS

We really did try to think of everything when it came to creating the sanctuary neighborhood. Our goal was to provide a tranquil, peaceful but still vibrant campus that would meet all the needs and wants of our residents. We also wanted to be as self-sufficient and responsible as possible by using solar power where we could, composting stations, recycling containers, and more.

# Our Sanctuary Grounds



## ADA Compliant Community

Our neighborhood is committed to inclusivity and accessibility, with all buildings designed and maintained to be fully ADA compliant. This means entrances, pathways, and common areas are accessible to people of all abilities, including those who use wheelchairs, walkers, or other mobility aids. Features such as ramps, elevators, accessible restrooms, and clear signage ensure that everyone can move through the community safely and comfortably.



## Raised Bed Gardening

Our raised bed gardens bring color, life, and connection to our senior sanctuary. Designed for easy access, they allow residents to enjoy planting, tending, and harvesting without the strain of traditional gardening. These shared garden spaces encourage time outdoors, gentle physical activity, and meaningful social interaction, while fostering a sense of purpose and pride as residents watch their plants grow and thrive together.



## Onsite Farmer's Market

Our residents will be able to shop a selection of seasonal produce, baked goods, and other locally made items without leaving the sanctuary. It's a great way to support local farmers and vendors while making healthy choices more convenient. Residents will also be able to sell their own wares helping to keep them active and have a little pocket money.



## Gated Community with Security Cameras

Our community is a gated community with controlled access and security cameras in common areas and at entrances. These measures help enhance safety and provide residents with added peace of mind.

# Our Sanctuary Grounds



## Fenced-In Dog Park

A dog park in our senior community would provide a safe place for residents to exercise their dogs, enjoy the outdoors, and connect with neighbors. It encourages light activity, companionship, and a stronger sense of community through shared time with pets. And of course, your dogs will love the exercise and social time as well!



## Fitness Center with Class Spaces

Having a fitness center right here in our senior community makes it easy and enjoyable to stay active every day. Whether it's a gentle stretch, light strength training, or a refreshing walk on the treadmill, our fitness center offers a welcoming space to move at your own pace, boost energy, and support overall wellness—without ever leaving home. We will also invite local fitness teachers and holistic services to hold classes in the facility.



## Recreation Center with Movie Theatre/Stage

A Recreation Center with a movie theatre gives senior residents a simple, enjoyable way to relax and socialize. It creates a comfortable gathering place that supports connection, entertainment, and well-being. It can be rented for special occasions like anniversary parties, birthdays, holiday celebrations and more.



## Housing for Guests

We will have a home on site that can be rented weekly by our residents' friends and family. It will be offered at an affordable rate, so when people come from out of town to see our residents, they don't need to travel or stay outside of the community. The funds from this rental will be used to help with upkeep of the property.

# Our Sanctuary Grounds



## Memorial Flower Gardens with Meditation Paths

Our memorial flower gardens with meditation paths provide a serene outdoor retreat, featuring gentle walking paths, vibrant blooms, and quiet spaces for reflection, relaxation, and peaceful moments in nature. This will also be where we place memorial stones, trees, and flowers to remember our departed friends and pets.



## Organic Chicken Coops & Eggs for All

Chicken coops at our senior community provide residents with fresh, healthy eggs raised right on site. The eggs are a nutritious, natural food option, and caring for the chickens promotes wellness, connection, and a shared sense of pride. They will be available in our Farmer's Market storefront.



## Creative Spaces

Have a passion for pottery? Love to paint? Did you teach piano or guitar? Our sanctuary provides creative spaces for you to continue that passion and also teach others your craft through classes offered both to our residents and the community.



## Bee Hives for Organic Honey & Conservation

Having a beehive in our community supports pollinators, helps local plants grow, and encourages environmental awareness. It's a simple way to care for nature while strengthening our shared sense of responsibility. We will harvest the honey and have it for sale in our on-site farmer's market for residents and locals to purchase!

# OUR SANCTUARY RESIDENTS

All are Welcome.

We believe a strong senior community is one where everyone feels welcomed, respected, and valued. Being fully inclusive means honoring the diverse backgrounds, identities, abilities, and life experiences of every individual, and creating an environment where all voices are heard. Our commitment to inclusion guides how we connect, support one another, and build a community rooted in dignity, belonging, and mutual respect. sense of belonging.



## A Sanctuary Full of Compassionate People

At our senior living and senior pet sanctuary, compassion is the foundation of daily life. Our community is made up of residents, caregivers, and volunteers who support one another—and our senior pets—with patience, dignity, and heart.

Instead of traditional rent, residents contribute their time by volunteering to help fellow residents and care for our senior animals, creating a meaningful exchange that fosters purpose, connection, and a true sense of belonging.

# Our Sanctuary Residents



## All Seniors Welcome

Our senior living community welcomes every older adult—regardless of health needs or financial circumstances. We believe everyone deserves a safe, supportive place to call home, with access to compassionate care, meaningful connection, and respect for individual dignity. By offering flexible support options and a commitment to accessibility, we strive to ensure that no senior is ever excluded from the comfort and community they deserve.



## Residents Must Have a Volunteer's Heart

At our senior living and senior pet sanctuary, we believe a fulfilling life is rooted in compassion and purpose—this is why residents must have a volunteer's heart. Here, caring for one another and for our rescued animals creates meaningful connections, a sense of responsibility, and daily joy. By giving their time, kindness, and attention, residents don't just receive care—they become an essential part of a community where service, empathy, and shared purpose enrich every life.



## Couples or Singles Welcome

Our senior living sanctuary is thoughtfully designed to welcome both couples and individuals, honoring every life journey and lifestyle. Whether you're sharing this chapter with a partner or embracing it on your own, you'll find a warm, supportive community that values independence, connection, and choice. Here, everyone belongs—enjoying comfort, companionship, and peace of mind in a place that truly feels like home.



## A Desire to Die with Dignity

Our sanctuary is shaped by individuals who value dignity, compassion, and personal choice at every stage of life. A shared desire for dying with dignity reflects a commitment to autonomy, comfort, and respect at the end of life, where decisions are guided by personal values rather than fear or suffering. By fostering open dialogue and mutual understanding around this principle, our community can support one another in living fully while also honoring how each person wishes to face life's final chapter.

# Our Sanctuary Residents



## No One Turned Away Based on Income

At our senior living sanctuary, no one is ever turned away based on income. We proudly offer a sliding-scale approach, ensuring that every resident has access to safe, supportive, and dignified living regardless of financial circumstances. Our commitment is rooted in compassion, equity, and the belief that quality senior care should be accessible to all.



## Creative People Encouraged

At our senior living sanctuary, we believe creativity should continue to grow at every stage of life. Residents are encouraged to pursue the artistic passions that bring them joy—whether painting, music, writing, or crafts—and we proudly support those who wish to share their talents by offering lessons to fellow residents. By learning from one another, our community stays vibrant, connected, and inspired.



# OUR SANCTUARY HOMES

## Your Own “Aging in Place” Home

An “aging in place” home is a residence designed or modified to allow its occupants, typically older adults, to live safely, comfortably, and independently as they grow older. These homes often feature accessible layouts, such as single-level living, wider doorways, and no-step entrances, as well as safety enhancements like grab bars and non-slip flooring. The goal is to minimize barriers and reduce the need for relocation, enabling individuals to remain in their familiar environment throughout the aging process.



## ADA Compliant Homes & Yards

Our senior community offers thoughtfully designed ADA-compliant homes that prioritize comfort, safety, and independence. Each residence features accessible layouts, wider doorways, step-free entries, and user-friendly fixtures to support mobility and ease of daily living. These homes are designed to adapt to residents' changing needs while maintaining a warm, welcoming environment that truly feels like home. These homes will be able to go from an active lifestyle to a sedentary one as needed.



## Singles or Doubles Options

Some of our residents will have a significant other that will be living with them. Our single homes offer a large master bedroom. However, if our residents don't want to live alone and would prefer a roommate....we can make that happen! We will have 2-bedroom, 2 bath models available and we'll even help you find your future roommate.



## Small But Modular & Mighty

Our sanctuary prides itself on being a small home community. These homes provide ample space for comfortable living while keeping the upkeep and maintenance to a minimal. The inside of these homes are modular so that the living space can be configured as needed. They also will have solar power panels, water filtration systems, and backup generators.



## Medical Alarm Systems in Every Home

Our senior homes are equipped with reliable medical alarm services designed to provide peace of mind for residents and their families. These systems allow seniors to quickly call for help in the event of a fall, sudden illness, or other medical emergency, ensuring immediate connection to trained responders. By having round-the-clock monitoring and easy-to-use alert devices in each home, we help residents maintain their independence while knowing support is always just a button press away.

# Our Sanctuary Homes



## All Utilities are Included, Even Wi-Fi

All utilities are included in our senior homes, making daily living simple and stress-free. Residents enjoy comfortable, worry-free living with electricity, water, heating, and other essential services fully covered. We even provide wi-fi! This all-inclusive approach helps eliminate bills, allowing seniors to focus on what truly matters—enjoying their home, their community, and peace of mind.



## Designed with Aging Pets in Mind

Our senior homes are thoughtfully designed to be pet friendly, recognizing the comfort, companionship, and joy animals bring to daily life. With welcoming pet policies, convenient outdoor areas, and layouts that make caring for pets easy and safe, residents can continue sharing their lives with the animals they love.



## In Home Laundry or Laundry Services

Each home will come equipped with its own washer and dryer unit. However, if there comes a time that a resident is unable to do their own laundry, we will have pickup and drop off service provided.



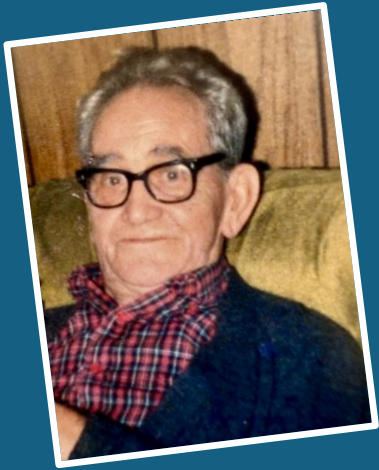
## Maintenance Services Included

Maintenance services at each senior home are provided by dedicated staff who handle routine upkeep, inspections, and repairs. Requests are addressed promptly, with priority given to resident safety, comfort, and minimal disruption. Never again will you have to climb a ladder to switch out a lightbulb!



## Yard Services Included

Our Yard Services are designed to help senior residents enjoy a safe, well-kept outdoor space without the physical strain of yard work. From lawn mowing and leaf removal to seasonal clean-ups, our reliable team takes care of the details so residents can relax, stay independent, and take pride in their home's appearance year-round.



# THE JAMES MADISON PAGE FOUNDATION

## The Inspiration

His name is James Madison Page and he was my safe place when I was a child. He told the best stories about growing up in the mountains of West Virginia. He loved to pull pranks on me and the other grandkids. His eyes would twinkle all the time like he was about to tell you the best joke. But most of all, he would sit on his front porch with a pipe in one hand and a glass of tea in the other and just be there with me. Sometimes we wouldn't talk at all. It was peaceful. He was peaceful. And that is what I want everyone to feel in this sanctuary. You are home. You are safe. You are loved.

## Free Homes for Good People

This foundation will provide free homes to those residents who qualify for it. No one will be turned away due to their income or lack of money. We will have a vetting process in place where each potential resident will turn in financials, how they hope to contribute to the community, and must pass a criminal background check. The foundation's committee will review each application and make a decision.

## Legacy Homes

Once the home(s) becomes available again, it will be filled with another foundation recipient(s). This keeps the legacy going and ensures that we will be able to offer housing to those in need for many years to come.

## Donated Homes in Memoriam

These homes can be dedicated to the memory of a loved one and a memorial plaque will be placed on the front door with their name on it. The donor will receive a yearly report specific to that home letting you know who has been living there and any stories about them and their pets, any words they want to say to the donor, and how we hope to continue to use the home in the future.

# OUR SENIOR PET SANCTUARY

Senior pets are often the first to be surrendered and the last to be adopted. Sanctuaries providing medical care, specialized diets, hospice support, and foster placement are urgently needed—and proven effective in improving life outcomes for aging animals.

Our on-site Senior Pet Sanctuary will:

- Provide lifelong transitional care for senior animals
- Support residents who can no longer fully care for their own pets
- Offer foster or “shared care” programs that benefit both seniors & animals
- Partner with local veterinarians and nonprofits for specialized care
- Help shelters to give a home to unwanted senior animals that are often hard to adopt or are turned in due to their age
- Offer wellness benefits like Reiki, massage therapy, water therapy, and more
- Never let an animal transition alone or ever be forgotten....they are family here



## Where Senior Pets Go To Retire...

Senior pets in our sanctuary receive specialized attention designed to meet their unique needs as they age. With gentle care, comfortable accommodations, and enrichment activities tailored for older animals, we ensure that each pet enjoys a sense of safety and belonging.

Our compassionate staff and volunteers are dedicated to creating a peaceful environment where senior pets can thrive alongside their human companions, fostering mutual comfort and joy throughout their final years.

Never Alone. Always Loved.



## Caring for Our Residents' Fur Babies

We encourage our residents to bring their pets with them, and they will always have a home even after their pet parent has transitioned. No more worrying about what happens to your beloved pet. They will be surrounded by friends both human and furry alike! It is our mission to provide them with the same end-of-life dignity and love as we do with our residents. We will provide them with pet walking services, daily feeding, grooming, and more. This allows our residents to keep their furry loved one close to them at all times.



## Seniors Helping Seniors Program

Programs like “Seniors Helping Seniors,” which connect older adults with opportunities to foster or visit senior pets, demonstrate the powerful role of companionship in later life. These initiatives promote purpose, routine, and emotional connection for seniors while reducing loneliness and improving overall quality of life and emotional well-being for both people and animals.



## Rescuing Senior Pets from Shelters

Rescuing senior animals is at the heart of our sanctuary's mission. We offer a haven where older pets, often overlooked and vulnerable, are welcomed with compassion and understanding. Upon arrival, each senior animal receives thorough health assessments and care tailored to their age-related needs. With the dedication of our staff and volunteers, we restore comfort and dignity to these treasured animals, ensuring they find safety, love, and belonging in their golden years. We will have a team dedicated to emptying out rescue centers and bring to us all senior animals looking to live out their final days.



## A Sanctuary Where No One Lives in Cages

At our senior pet sanctuary, No One Lives in Cages, every animal is treated with the dignity, comfort, and freedom they deserve. We provide aging pets with safe, loving spaces to rest, explore, and simply be themselves—never confined, never forgotten. Our mission is to ensure their golden years are filled with compassion, companionship, and the peace of knowing they are finally home.



## Hospice Services for Our Senior Pets

At our senior living sanctuary, our hospice services are centered on comfort, dignity, and love during a pet's final chapter. We focus on pain management, gentle daily care, and emotional support, ensuring each senior pet feels safe, cherished, and at peace. Our compassionate team works closely with veterinary partners to honor every pet's unique needs, providing a calm, nurturing environment where quality of life always comes first.



## Dedicated Volunteers and Coordinators

Our senior pet sanctuary is powered by dedicated volunteers and compassionate coordinators who give their time, hearts, and expertise to ensure every animal feels safe, loved, and valued in their golden years. From daily care and enrichment to medical support and advocacy, this team works tirelessly to create a calm, nurturing environment where senior pets can truly thrive. Their commitment and kindness are the foundation of everything we do.

# Location of The Sanctuary

## Advance End-of-Life Choice and Care

We envision a location that affirms life and accepts the inevitability of death, embraces expanded options for compassionate dying, and empowers everyone to choose end-of-life care that reflects their values, priorities, and beliefs.

## No State Income Taxes

To help our residents and staff, we are looking for a state that doesn't require state taxes to be filed. Keeping more money in their pockets.

## Passive Income Potential

Purchasing land with passive income potential offers a unique opportunity to generate steady revenue while building long-term wealth. Such investments can provide consistent returns through leasing, agriculture, or resource rights, all without requiring active daily management.

# Location of The Sanctuary

## Possible Location: Washington State

Washington State recognizes the right of individuals to make their own choices regarding end-of-life care. This means that residents have the legal right to consider and select options such as palliative care, hospice services, or aid-in-dying under certain circumstances. The state's policies are designed to respect personal autonomy, ensuring that patients and their families can make informed decisions that align with their values and wishes when facing serious or terminal illness.

## No State Income Taxes

Washington State stands out for its unique tax policy: residents are not required to pay state income tax. This means that individuals earning wages or salaries in Washington do not have to file state income tax returns or pay taxes on their personal income to the state government. As a result, Washington attracts many people and businesses seeking relief from state-level income taxation, making it an appealing destination for those prioritizing financial simplicity and savings.

## Passive Income Potential

Purchasing land with passive income potential offers a unique opportunity to generate steady revenue while building long-term wealth. Such investments can provide consistent returns through leasing, agriculture, or resource rights, all without requiring active daily management.

Most large parcel properties available in Washington state offer:

- Tax breaks for leaving forestation alone.
- Farmland to lease out to farmers.
- Matured orchards to lease out or to harvest.
- Large land parcels that could be subdivisoned out and sold as needed.



**GRANT OPPORTUNITIES**

# Top Grant Opportunities for 501(c)(3) Senior Communities

- The Retirement Research Foundation (RRF): Provides Direct Service Grants for programs focusing on housing, social connectivity, and caregiving for older adults (60+). They also offer Organizational Capacity Building Grants.
- USDA Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant Program: Offers funding for essential facilities in rural areas (towns with 20,000 or less).
- Wells Fargo Community Giving: Supports nonprofit programs focused on housing affordability and financial health.
- The Chicago Community Trust: Focuses on narrowing the wealth gap and meeting critical needs in Cook County.
- Costco Wholesale Charitable Contributions: Grants for community health services.
- Mutual of America Foundation: Offers Community Partnership Awards (\$75,000 - \$100,000) for collaborative projects.
- HUD Section 202 Supportive Housing for the Elderly: Provides capital advances for constructing or rehabilitating housing for low-income seniors, plus Project Rental Assistance Contracts (PRAC) to cover operating costs.
- USDA Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant Program: Assists with purchasing, constructing, or improving essential community facilities (including nursing homes and assisted living) in rural areas.
- ACL (Administration for Community Living) Grants: Funds initiatives for Medicare counseling, fraud prevention (SMP projects), and aging network services.
- AmeriCorps Seniors (RSVP): Supports programs that engage volunteers aged 55+ in community service.

# Top Grant Opportunities for Senior Animal Rescues

Grants for senior animal rescues focus on medical care, adoption, and hospice for older animals, with key funders including [The Grey Muzzle Organization](#) (\$1.1M+ awarded), [Petfinder Foundation](#) (\$1,000 adoption grants), and RedRover Relief. Eligible 501(c)(3) organizations can also seek funding from the [Pets for the Elderly program](#) (up to \$10,000) for senior-focused pet programs.

- [The Grey Muzzle Organization](#): Provides grants for senior dog medical care, hospice, and adoption, with funding rounds often opening in early 2026.
- Petfinder Foundation Senior Pet Adoption Assistance: Offers grants up to \$1,000 to help with expenses like veterinary care, food, and supplies for senior pets.
- Pets for the Elderly Foundation: Provides one-time grants up to \$10,000 to 501(c)(3) shelters to support adoption costs for older adults.
- RedRover Relief Grants: Focuses on urgent veterinary care for senior animals.
- [The Binky Foundation](#): Offers "First Steps" (start-up) and "Forward Steps" (follow-up) grants for newer animal welfare organizations.
- [Kenneth A. Scott Charitable Trust](#): Supports animal welfare, particularly in Ohio and the Great Lakes region.
- [Frankie's Friends](#): Assists with the cost of life-saving, emergency, or specialty care for pets.

# Top Grant Opportunities for Animal Rescues

- [ASPCA Grants](#): Offers various grants for U.S. nonprofits for animal welfare, including rescue and adoption initiatives.
- [Best Friends Animal Society](#): Rachael Ray Save Them All grants support network partners, often with grants up to \$50,000.
- [Bissell Pet Foundation](#): Focuses on adoption events, spay/neuter, microchipping, and emergency support.
- [Banfield Foundation](#): Provides grants for veterinary equipment, supplies, and disaster relief.
- [American Humane](#): Offers the "Second Chance Grant" for animals that are victims of abuse or neglect.
- [The Binky Foundation](#): Provides "First Steps" grants for new, small, or, in some cases, all-volunteer rescue groups.
- [AKC Humane Fund](#): Provides grants for breed rescue and general canine welfare.
- [Pedigree Foundation](#): Supports dog rescue and shelter organizations.



**INITIAL STARTUP COSTS**

# Initial Costs – Stage 1



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SETUP FEES FOR  
THE 501C3



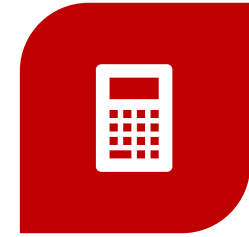
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SANCTUARY  
DIRECTOR



LAND RESEARCH &  
TRAVEL FOR  
POSSIBLE  
LOCATION



HOME  
PRODUCTION  
RESEARCH &  
ON-SITE MEETINGS



ACCOUNTING  
SERVICES

# Continuing Costs – Stage 2



SALARY FOR THE  
SANCTUARY  
DIRECTOR



LAND DEVELOPMENT



HOME PURCHASES &  
SETUP



SALARY FOR THE  
GROUNDS &  
MAINTENANCE  
SUPERVISOR



ACCOUNTING  
SERVICES



CONTRACTS WITH  
HOSPICE COMPANIES  
IN THE AREA



HIRE THE PET  
SANCTUARY  
DIRECTOR



HIRE ADMIN SERVICES  
(ON-SITE)



SALARY FOR ADDT'L.  
GROUNDS &  
MAINTENANCE  
WORKERS



HIRE A COMMUNITY  
DIRECTOR  
(ON-SITE)



**STAFF NEEDED**

# Staff Needed



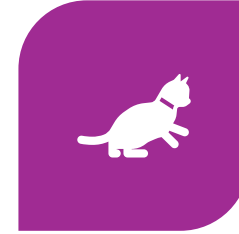
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DIRECTOR



GROUNDS &  
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(SENIOR LIVING)



GROUNDS &  
MAINTENANCE  
(SENIOR PETS)



PET SANCTUARY  
DIRECTOR



ADMINISTRATION  
SERVICES  
(ON/OFF SITE)



MARKETING DIRECTOR  
(ON/OFF SITE)



DIETICIAN/CHEF  
(ON SITE)



SENIOR AIDES  
(SENIOR LIVING)



PET SANCTUARY AIDES  
(ON SITE)



ACCOUNTANT  
(OFF SITE)

# Staff Needed



COMMUNITY  
DIRECTOR  
(ON-SITE)



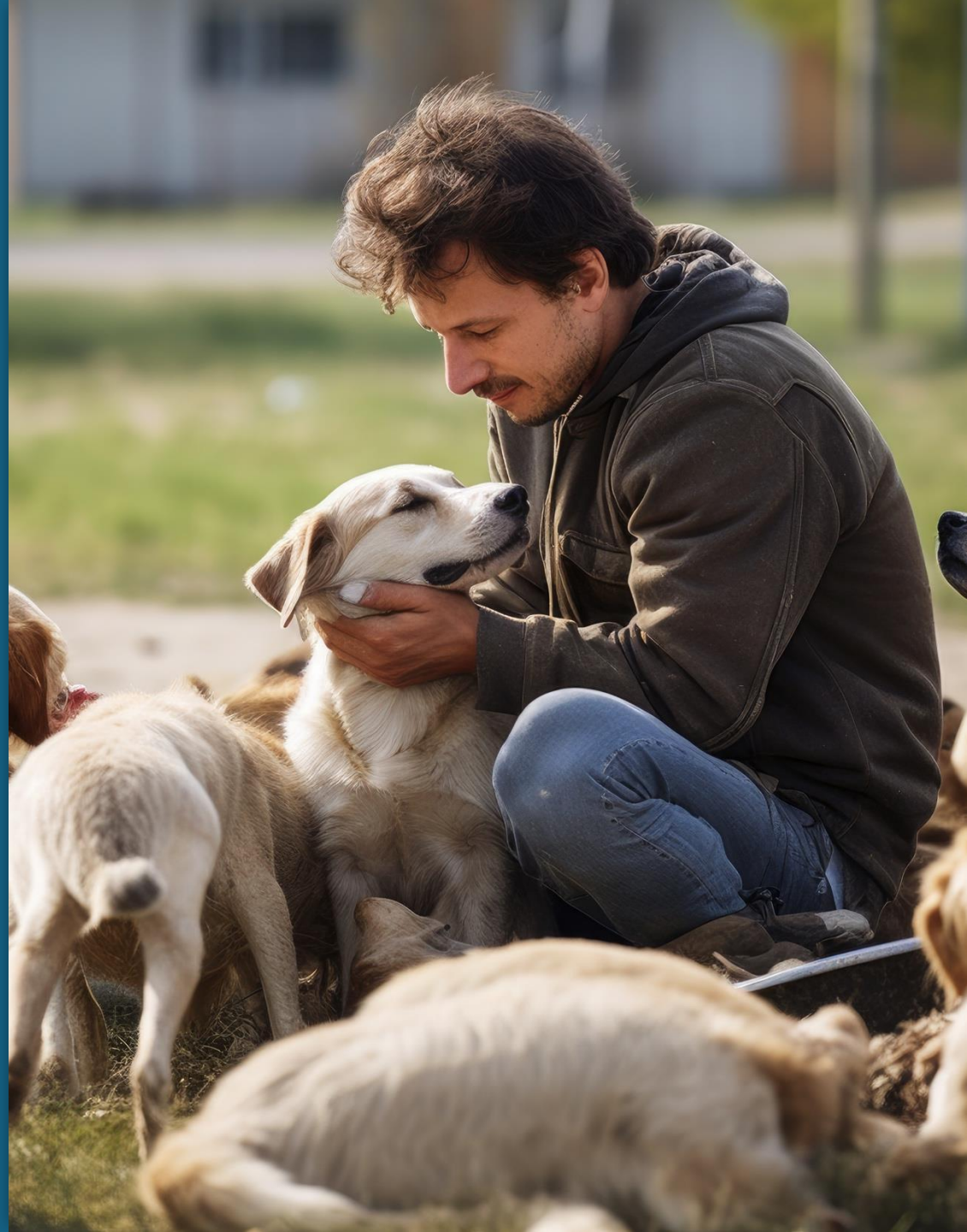
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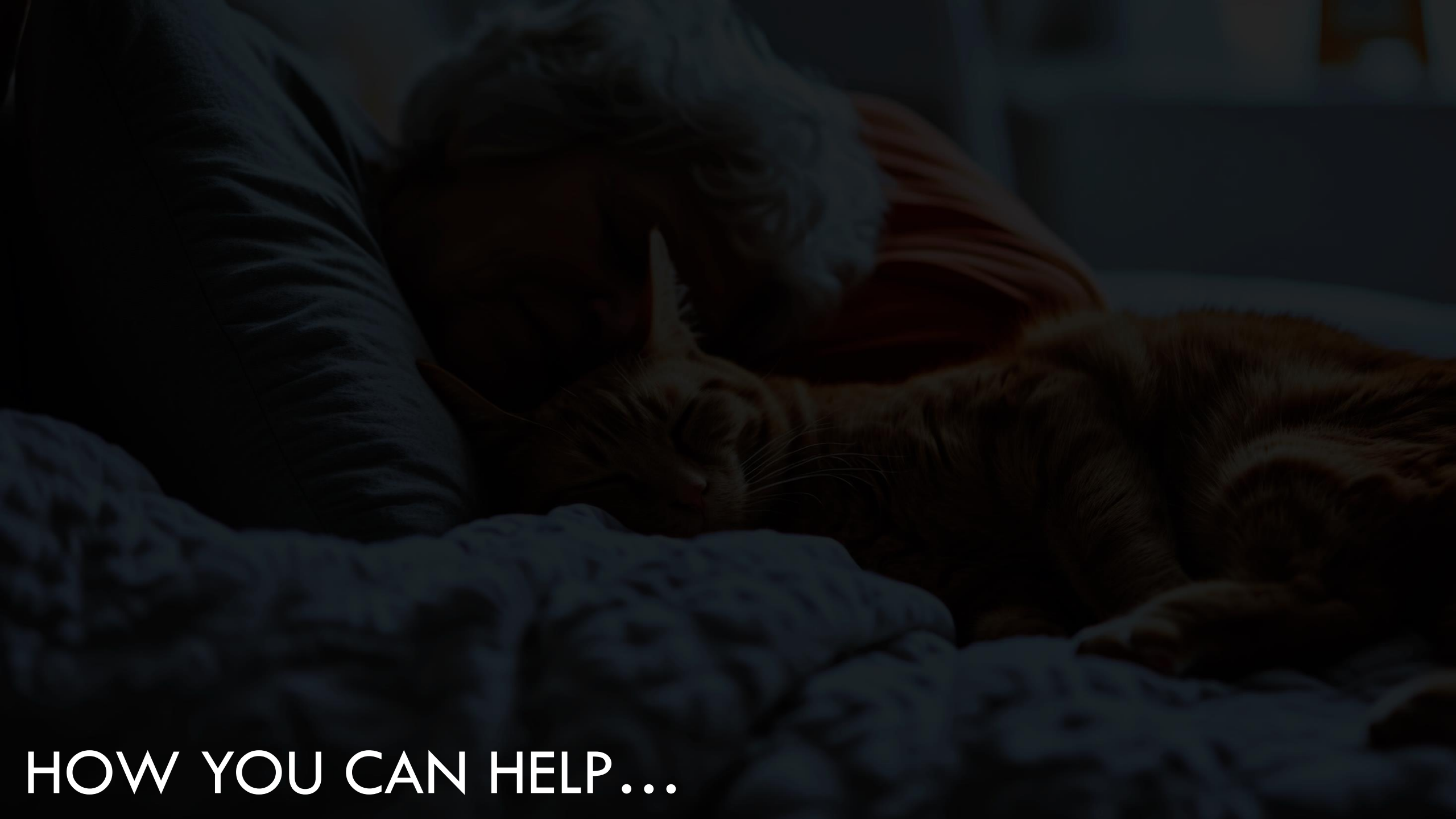


VET TECH  
(ON SITE)

# On Site Staff Receives

- Free on-site housing whether in single homes or bunkhouses as decided.
- Free wi-fi, utilities, and ability to use gardens, eat food we grow, eggs, etc.
- A monthly stipend to cover all other costs.
- A stipend to cover health insurance they purchase.
- Ability to buy their own home on the property.
- Bring their pets!
- Paid vacation.
- Wellness benefits.
- Continuing education vouchers.





HOW YOU CAN HELP...



# Donors Needed Who See the Necessity Like We Do

*A Senior Community & Senior Pet Sanctuary*

*A Vision Built on Care, Connection, and Growing Demand*

Across the country, **demand for high-quality senior living is rising rapidly as the Baby Boomer generation enters retirement** and life expectancy continues to increase. Investors are recognizing this as one of the most resilient real-estate sectors—driven not by trends, but by real human need.

At the same time, nonprofit data shows a growing emphasis on ensuring senior pets receive proper care, safe homes, and support—**especially as older adults struggle to care for aging animals and shelters see rising intakes of senior dogs and cats**. National organizations highlighting these needs show how deeply the community values senior-pet welfare and how many lives can be transformed with the right support.

Our project brings these two powerful missions together.



# Board Members Needed

We are seeking passionate and dedicated individuals to join our board and help guide the future of our unique community—a sanctuary for both seniors and senior pets. If you are committed to making a meaningful difference in the lives of older adults and value the special bond between people and animals, we invite you to consider this rewarding opportunity. Your involvement will help shape a supportive, caring environment where seniors and senior pets can thrive together. Join us in creating a vibrant, compassionate sanctuary—your leadership can make all the difference.

## The Commitment

- Ready to give advice on any and all aspects of this Sanctuary that you have...we'll take it!
- Monthly meetings on Zoom for progress reports for Phase 1, then bi-monthly.
- Deep commitment to make this sanctuary work.
- Willingness to reach out to potential donors.



Have questions? Contact us!

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