



The Special Shelters We Support!

The population inside animal shelters is not limited to just cats and dogs. Although these pets make up the majority of the residents, many shelters take in other domestic pets, including rabbits, guinea pigs, ferrets and even fancy rats. As we support these shelters, we also support all sorts of "critters", and are happy to do it!

We have the pleasure of helping some very specialized shelters, which offer unique care, or focus on a particular animal or breed. It's important to be aware of these special places, in case you ever need to refer someone to them. It's also important to tell us about any unique groups you are aware of. We'd love to support them too!

One of my personal favorites is Young at Heart, based in Lake Zurich, IL. Their mission is to care for older cats and dogs. These pets are often the last ones to be adopted, and sometimes the first on the list to be euthanized. Their work often goes unnoticed, but not by us!

We have a quite a few small dog-specific shelters, including Stickney's Toy Breed Rescue in Cortland, NE, Unleashed Pet Rescue in Mission, KS, Polka Dogz Pet Rescue in Oakland, FL, and Alex's House in Rosalia, KS. It's great to know that they can use small dog blankets, and we make sure we send items that can take a bit of rough-housing!

Fur Angels Animal Sanctuary in Aurora, IL cares exclusively for deaf cats and dogs, while Lulu's Locker Rescue in Chicago, IL caters to FIV+ cats, as well as black cats and dogs. Both are very special shelters to us, and we try to keep them stocked up!

A couple of the shelters we help cater only to rabbits, including the House Rabbit Society of Chicago in Westchester, IL and K&R Small Animal Sanctuary in Appleton, WI. A couple others turn their attention to ferrets. They are Sammy's Clubhouse in Spokane, WA and The Greater Chicago Ferret Association in Lyons, IL. Ferrets love our fleece blankets and are wonderful to watch as they play hide-and-seek with them!

Critter Camp in German Valley, IL caters to exotic pets. We tend to send them fleece blankets and really never know what type of wonderfully unique pet will be comforted by our work. Tail Waggers is an amazing group in Grants Pass, OR who helps the pets of their homeless clients, by providing food and pet supplies. Because of this group, these

homeless individuals are able to care for their four-legged companions. What an honor to support their work!

It's also important to note that we support a variety of organization types, as long as their mission is to help pets. These may be governmental animal control facilities or the humane society for a specific area. It might be a foster-care system that cares for pets in a series of homes, or a trap-neuter-release program who works to control cat overpopulation. In whatever their form, these groups are making little lives a lot better, and we're thrilled to be able to help. Thank you for all you do to support CFC and make that help possible!