



Each animal in trouble matters – every one counts.
Caring For Creatures is helping,
one animal, one person at a time.



Ru as she looked when she arrived at the Sanctuary...



...now Ru a/k/a "Ruby" is happily rehabilitated and re-homed in Ruckersville, VA.

An Open Letter to the Community:

Today, you have the opportunity to save a life, and make a difference in our world. You have the opportunity to support the rescue, rehabilitation and re-homing of cats and dogs who are deserving of the right to live and save them from euthanization. These animals in return offer unqualified love and dedication, and have proven to enrich our lives in many ways.

Caring For Creatures is a no-kill animal sanctuary located in Fluvanna County and has been in continuous operation for the past 18 years. We are unique in that our criteria for taking animals are based solely on need, regardless of their adoptability. The Sanctuary provides a safe refuge for cats and dogs who have been neglected, abandoned, mistreated and ignored as well as others who are "at risk" due to personal issues such as domestic violence, divorce, or senior citizens who must leave their animal companions and move into a long-term care facility. In addition, Caring For Creatures is one of the very few rescue organizations in the country that provides ongoing care for leukemia and FIV positive cats.

We provide veterinary care, nourishment, exercise, socialization, and love to these animals in order to prepare them for transition into an adoptive home in the community. Those who cannot be adopted are cared for at the Sanctuary for the rest of their lives. At any given time approximately 200 animals call Caring For Creatures HOME. **The Sanctuary is funded entirely by private donations.**

In 2005, the Sanctuary handled **3,785 telephone calls** and countless emails from residents of the central Virginia community requesting our assistance. We provide counseling and animal-savvy expertise on critical animal issues such as **behavior problems, finding a lost animal, low cost spay/neuter resources, how to trap a feral cat and advice for first-time puppy and kitten "parents."** We offer **re-homing strategies for those who cannot keep their animals and have fielded questions on everything from pigs to ferrets.** We do all this and more with the same compassion and positive approach we extend to the animals.

Also in 2005, Caring For Creatures led the Central Virginia community in efforts to rescue over 100 animals from a Columbia, VA, farm, when their primary caretaker died. As exemplified by the Columbia Rescue situation, Caring For Creatures devotes a great deal of time and energy to assist individuals who have nowhere else to turn. Our assistance is provided free of charge. There are a staggering number of animals in our community in need of our help, as are the humans behind the animals.

Animals are an integral part of our community. Together, we must choose to support their care and a future with the promise of finding their "forever home." But that can only happen with your dollars. Your gifts are needed to keep Caring For Creatures open and able to carry out the mission that is the foundation for all the work accomplished at the Sanctuary.

We need your financial support to continue our work.

Sincerely,

Mary K. Birkholz
President & Founder of Caring For Creatures



Joey, at left, is one of the "Friends" litter of kittens found abandoned in Albemarle County. Phoebe & Rachel have found homes, but Joey and brother Ross are still waiting for their special humans to love them forever. The boys are now happy one-year-olds and are living in a foster home in Lake Monticello. Please give us a call to arrange a personal meeting!

Here's how YOU can help SAVE A LIFE!

Send your tax-deductible donation to:

Caring For Creatures
352 Sanctuary Lane
Palmyra, VA 22963
Phone: (434) 842-2404

or

Donate via our website and check out the many different options available to help the Sanctuary!

www.caringforcreatures.com

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