



**KINSHIP CIRCLE**

**PROPOSAL FOR  
ANIMAL DISASTER  
AID PROJECT  
SUPPORT**

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### Animal Relief Chile — Rescue And Extended Care For Animal Victims Of Chile's Earthquake And Tsunamis

On February 27, 2010, an 8.8-magnitude earthquake crashed into Chile, displacing at least 2 million people. Soon after, two tsunamis swept over coastal towns and more than 20 after-shocks (as high as 7.2 and 6.9 in magnitude) caused further damage.

Initially, shattered towns stood silent. Yet sounds of life rose from the rubble. A faint meow. A muffled bark. In Chile, over 700,000 domesticated animals await refuge from injury, hunger and fear. ***With your help, we can give them a second chance. Kinship Circle asks Ms. Griffith to consider supporting part of the recovery plan outlined in this proposal.***

#### KINSHIP CIRCLE ANIMAL DISASTER AID TEAMS ARE IN CHILE RIGHT NOW...



Caleta Tumbes: We visit tent camps, where evacuees line up to accept free food and vet care for the animals who survived the disaster with them. People without means cannot care for their pets without aid.



Santa Clara, Caleta Los Morros, Caleta El Infiernilyo, etc: Chile's huge stray population has ballooned with disaster displaced animals whom we feed, vaccinate and treat for disease and injury — working alongside Chilean vets.

#### WHY IS THIS PROJECT URGENT AND WHOM WILL IT HELP?

Animals now huddle with thousands of displaced people inside tent shelters. Homeless guardians are unable to supply food or medicine to their animals. In the short term, animals require treatment for gashes, broken bones, lost limbs, dehydration, mange, worms, parasites or other illness. In the longer term, they need vaccine, nutrition, sterilization, adoption.



Villa Futura: We treat animals in vacant buildings, but without funds to create a temp shelter, **officials may order a mass animal kill for human health concerns.**



Mange is rampant in impoverished quake affected areas. In Villa Futura we saw an estimated 500 animals living across a wide field used as a trash dump.



As part of Chile's effort to rebuild, **Kinship Circle Animal Disaster Aid** works in cooperation with **Socorro Animal Chile (SACH)** — a coalition of Chilean veterinarians and animal protection groups united for the relief of animals in the aftermath of Chile's quake and tsunamis. Our teams bring first aid and food/water to animals, but have no centrally located triage site or shelter.

Kinship Circle is a 501c3 nonprofit organization that mobilizes volunteers and supplies for animal disaster victims through our network of trained responders in the U.S. and Canada. The Chilean government has approved our plan for animals. With adequate funding, we hope to:

- ▶ **Deploy professional disaster aid and veterinary response teams to Chile over a three to six-month period.**
- ▶ **Help human evacuees care for their animals.**
- ▶ **Rescue, trap, feed/water and medically treat animals.** We currently do in-field care for wounds; infection; parasites, insect infestation, deworming; broken bones, etc. Puppies, kittens and the gravely ill or injured are driven to private veterinary practices. This is logistically impractical. Chilean veterinarians and Kinship Circle urgently need an emergency clinic/shelter.
- ▶ **Mass vaccinate** (primarily for rabies) **and tag animals with bright colored collars** — to dissuade any plans for a large scale animal slaughter due to fears about public health. The vax program treats "owned," caregiven and stray animals in stricken areas from the 8th to 6th Regions in Chile.
- ▶ **Initiate a one-year emergency clinic/shelter that will get displaced animals off the streets for veterinary care, possible adoption and spay/neuter.** Our emergency shelter plan includes surgical, diagnostic and treatment supplies; animal care and containment; a transport vehicle; and a project manager to oversee a volunteer staff.

### **THREE-PART EXTENDED CARE PLAN FOR QUAKE AND TSUNAMI AFFECTED ANIMALS IN CHILE**

Like people, animal disaster victims are injured, hungry, frightened, disoriented. Helping them reduces suffering and lets shattered communities return to a sense of normalcy. We hope to:

- 1) **Assist SACH in the early development of a temporary shelter/clinic to care for animals left homeless by the quake/tsunami, plus provide extended care for those without caretakers or who require more medical aid.** An emergency shelter/clinic will be staffed by 10 to 15 SACH volunteers, with Chilean veterinarians on staff. Kinship Circle will pursue funding and implementation, and send disaster and veterinary trained volunteers to work



over a three to six month period. If funding permits, we'll hire a project manager to oversee clinic/shelter staff and authorize/coordinate purchases necessary to maintain the clinic/shelter

- 2) **Facilitate SACH's goal to sterilize 5,000 to 6,000 animals in a spay/neuter drive.** Chile's line between stray and "owned" animals is hazy. Animals who roam streets by day return home for food at night. They mingle with a large homeless population. Most are unsterilized, and thus perpetuate an endless cycle of breeding. While impossible to re-home all animals, we can alter and vaccinate from-birth street animals. With enough funding, a spay/neuter program can change both the post-quake and long-term landscape for Chile's animals.
- 3) **Promote focus on adoption campaigns, particularly in the U.S.** Kinship Circle will assist SACH with coordination of adoptions as part of their extended care program. We've already transported a crippled dog, Julieta, to a new life and legs in New Orleans...and are bringing a deaf dog home with team #2.





## **COST BREAKDOWN FOR A THREE-PART EXTENDED CARE ANIMAL DISASTER PLAN**

### **1) FIELD WORK — TRAP, TREAT, TRANSPORT**

To administer field first aid, sustain a food/water program, and transport wounded animals for treatment — an array of equipment is needed from vehicles, field stretchers, crates...to catchpoles, dog/cat traps, bite-proof gloves.

**PROJECTED TOTAL: \$49,086.20**



### **2) CLINIC/SHELTER — CONSTRUCTION, OPERATIONS**

Ideally, we'll secure funding to sponsor a temporary clinic/shelter utilizing military tents, fencing, and other essentials shown in the attached spreadsheet. On-site veterinarians and volunteer staff will handle intake, exam, sheltering and treatment for an anticipated 50,000 animals over six months to a year.

**PROJECTED TOTAL: \$38,023.60**

### **3) VETERINARY — SURGICAL, DIAGNOSTIC, TREATMENT EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES**

SACH and Kinship Circle's proposed clinic/shelter allows for animal care to coincide with rebuilding — so that survivors without means can keep their pets and homeless animals can be vaccinated, altered, and in some cases, adopted. While this clinic/shelter is not a permanently subsidized facility, it's 12-month presence will serve animals and people during the critical rebuilding phase. We have consulted with veterinarians experienced in disaster clinics to devise a list of key vet equipment, materials and supplies.

**PROJECTED TOTAL: \$221,974.00**



### **4) VETERINARY — MEDICINES, VACCINES**

Disasters exacerbate disease transmission. Dogs suffer increased occurrence of mange, parasites, worms, coccidia, giardia, respiratory infections, and deadly parvovirus or distemper. Cats may harbor zoonotic diseases such as bacterial, parasitic, viral or fungal infections. All animals — companion, farmed or wild — spread infectious disease. Many have open wounds, broken limbs and contact injuries from the disaster itself. Left untreated, animals pose major public health risks. Our veterinary consultants have devised a comprehensive list, with treatments for small/large animals, medicines, vaccinations, surgical packs, dosing devices and more.

**PROJECTED TOTAL: \$261,624.38**



### **5) CLINIC/SHELTER — CONTAINMENT & CARE**

The temporary clinic/shelter will include an animal care and containment area, large enough to separate for quarantine, size, species, or behavior. This section of our funding request covers daily care, food, water, storage, leashes, collars, etc.

**PROJECTED TOTAL: \$49,786.14**

### **6) KINSHIP CIRCLE — DEPLOYMENTS, PROJECT-FIELD MANAGEMENT, COMMUNICATIONS...**

To deploy and manage expert teams, some of our requested budget covers: Project field management; airfare for volunteer deployments; lodging in Chile; in-country vehicle for transport from Santiago to quake affected coast (an 8-hour drive), plus animal transports; sustenance (food, water, medical aid); long distance communications...and other areas detailed in the spreadsheet. Kinship Circle will manage Chilean animal aid for 3-6 months or up to the full 12-month lifecycle, as needed.

**PROJECTED TOTAL: \$111,900.00**

**TOTAL PROJECT COST — \$733,994.32**

*Please see our detailed spreadsheet for item pricing.*

## BUDGET REQUEST & PROJECT DELIVERY

Kinship Circle asks you to consider sponsoring any portion of our grant request, up to the full amount of **\$733,994.32**. We are also submitting grant requests to animal-friendly celebrities and corporations, seeking funds mandatory to project delivery.

- Adequate funding will let us send American and Canadian veterinarians, along with a project manager to oversee delivery within the estimated project cycle. We intend to use our veterinarians and vet techs to assist Chilean veterinary staff to take over clinic operations for its year-long duration.
- If unable to attain our full grant request, Kinship Circle and/or Socorro Animal Chile will sustain a downsized project and may work incrementally beyond the 12-month cycle.
- The project unfolds in stages — from rescue, acute medical aid and vaccination to spay/neuter, sheltering, and adoption campaigns — so that funding will serve some elements, should our target amount fail to be met.
- Most purchases will take place within Chile, to avoid shipping costs. A Kinship Circle project manager and/or veterinary representative will undertake purchasing, based upon needs outlined in the attached spreadsheet, as well as unforeseen emergency costs. Funds will be dispensed to purchase items necessary for this project. Full grant monies will not be placed in Chile, as a means to ensure some financial safeguards.

Veterinary access and sheltering in stricken areas plays a key role in restoration of communities. A sense of normalcy returns when animals are managed, rather than left to roam, form packs, and fend for themselves. Ultimately, this project meets immediate needs, but also gives Chileans and their animals better tools to recover in future disasters.

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## WHY ARE YOU A MATCH FOR KINSHIP CIRCLE & THIS PROJECT?

Founded in 1999, Kinship Circle empowers people to communicate influentially to lawmakers, business leaders, and other decision-makers relevant to animal concerns. In addition to our disaster work, our website, [kinshipcircle.org](http://kinshipcircle.org), sometimes referred to as a *toolbox for change*, provides an action alert center, humane education materials, breaking animal news and updates, columns...and more. Thousands of people subscribed to our email action list — along with a strong presence on Facebook, Twitter, and other social sites — speak for voiceless animals in disasters, the courtroom, and at policy-making tables.

Kinship Circle has a proven track record. We identify a problem, plan a strategy, and many times resolve the problem with successful results for animals. To view our animal advocacy campaigns that led to wins for animals, please visit: [www.kinshipcircle.org/victories](http://www.kinshipcircle.org/victories)

**Or, contact us for more information about Kinship Circle animal advocacy work:**  
[info@kinshipcircle.org](mailto:info@kinshipcircle.org) or 314-863-9445

We are governed by a board of nine volunteers devoted to advancing our mission. Kinship Circle receives no government support. Charitable contributions from individual donors and corporate or private foundations — together with limited sales of logo items and other animal-friendly products — comprise 100% of our funding. We reject donations from any entity without cruelty-free policies.

## WHAT DO WE DO THAT IS SPECIFIC TO THIS REQUEST?

Kinship Circle Animal Disaster Aid is a nonprofit that mobilizes resources for animal victims through its network of trained responders in the U.S. and Canada. We work in agreement with government agencies or NGOs to deploy highly trained and credentialed animal responders for assessment, search and rescue, and emergency sheltering aid. We also report disaster news, to inform the public about ways they can support animal aid efforts.

## WHAT COMMUNITY NEED WILL THIS PROJECT ADDRESS?

Animal rescue is inextricably tied to human rescue. Displaced animals pose public health threats due to rabies, leptospirosis, anthrax and Newcastle infection (in farm animals), and other diseases. When animals are sheltered and treated, communities rebuild more quickly.

## WHY IS KINSHIP CIRCLE THE RIGHT ORGANIZATION TO MEET THIS NEED?

We have the knowledge and experience — whether it's manning computers and phones as organizers or "boots on the ground" as animal disaster responders.

**HAITI EARTHQUAKE, January 2010:** Kinship Circle and animal protection groups worldwide formed *Animal Relief Coalition Of Haiti (ARCH)* after a 7.0 earthquake left Port-au-Prince and nearby areas in ruins. We pledged time and volunteers for rescue and long-term efforts to vaccinate, educate, and build veterinary capacity in Haiti.

**NEW YORK CITY ANIMAL DISASTER AID, 2010:** MuttShack Animal Rescue signed an agreement with Animal Care and Control of New York City to aid animals and residents in the vast area that falls under NYCACC disaster management. Kinship Circle is named as the volunteer resource manager, to recruit, deploy and oversee animal disaster response teams.

**HURRICANES GUSTAV & IKE, August-September 2008:** Kinship Circle members credentialed under Louisiana State Animal Response Team (LSART) evacuated people with their animals from 12 coastal parishes and worked in emergency shelters.

**IOWA FLOODS, June-July 2008:** After flooding swamped much of the state, Iowa's Veterinary Response Coordinator enlisted Kinship Circle to send volunteers to two staging areas where we helped rescue dogs, cats and pigs. We received an official **Certificate of Recognition for our efforts, from Iowa's Veterinary Rapid Response Team** within the Department of Agriculture.

**HURRICANES KATRINA & RITA, 2005:** In response to 2005 Gulf Coast storms, Kinship Circle and Animal Rescue Foundation of Alabama united as *Grassroots Effort for Animals of the Storm* to send volunteers/supplies to nearly 80 relief missions in Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and Texas. We were a founding coordinator of *Animal Rescue New Orleans (ARNO)*, for which Kinship Circle managed food/water assignments. ARNO dispensed food and water across Orleans, Plaquemines and St. Bernard Parishes. Without this sustenance, more animals would have died. On Katrina's third anniversary we received a **Pioneer Spirit Award** and inscription in a Katrina Pet Memorial Statue unveiled in New Orleans City Council Chambers.

**LOUISIANA PET EVACUATION LAW, 2006:** In the wake of Hurricane Katrina, we worked with Louisiana State Senator Clo Fontenot to create a legal safety net for animals (the Pet Evacuation Bill, SB-607). After Governor Kathleen Blanco signed SB-607 into law, Cathy Wells, Sen. Fontenot's aide who drafted SB-607, wrote: "*We all know if it weren't for Kinship Circle, this bill would not have had the success it did...*" We're honored to have stood alongside other groups and individuals to pass this groundbreaking legislation.

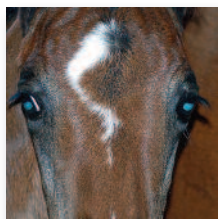
Kinship Circle has also coordinated volunteers during the **2009 Station Wildfires** that burned through California's Angeles National Forest; **2007 Missouri Floods**; **2007 Tabasco, Mexico Floods**... For many disasters, we are the go-to voice for animal news — updating the public on what happened, who was affected, and how to help.





## WHY WILL KINSHIP CIRCLE SUCCEED?

Kinship Circle has a proven track record. We identify a problem, plan a strategy, and many times resolve the problem with lasting reforms for animals. **In addition to disaster aid work, some animal advocacy successes include:**



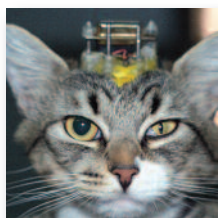
**5/14/10, WIN! No Horse Slaughter Plants In Missouri:** Rep. Jim Viebrock proposed HB 1747 to sidestep a federal ban on U.S. horse slaughter. Kinship Circle issued a campaign urging MO Reps to reject legalization of horse kill plants. **From there, it got weird...** Some Reps

harassed Kinship Circle with late night calls — neighing like a horse, chanting KC president Brenda Shoss' name over and over, screaming incoherently, singing "A Horse Is A Horse," and threatening to pass HB 1747 as revenge. Shoss filed a police report. Later, Rep Viebrock secretly attached slaughter provisions to unrelated SB 795. But in the end our global campaign (with support from rational MO legislators) proved stronger than the pro-slaughter extremists. Against a backdrop of strong public protest, Missouri's Congressional session closed with all language to legalize horse slaughter rejected.



**4/22/10, MA Passes First Ever Ban On Devocalization:** "Gov. Deval Patrick signed Logan's Law. Massachusetts is now the first state to outlaw canine-feline devocalization — cutting vocal cords to suppress the voice. **Coalition to Protect and Rescue Pets couldn't have**

**done it without Kinship Circle!** Powerhouse animal groups in MA refused to help. Luckily for animals, Kinship Circle stepped up. You rallied members throughout the 15-month legislative process. When asked to issue action alerts, you unhesitatingly did. MA animal lovers are grateful to Kinship Circle for helping get a landmark humane law on the books. Thank you Kinship Circle." — Sandra Finder, Coalition to Protect and Rescue Pets



**12/29/09, Texas Tech Closes Live Cat Labs:** Our members urged Texas Tech University Health Service Ctr. to use simulated models for medical training courses. For 20+ years, TTUHSC students drove plastic tubes down cats' wind-

pipes. Constant intubation can lacerate throats and cause collapsed lungs or death. After thousands sent comments in one of our highest participation campaigns ever, TTUHSC declared an end to cat usage in trauma training.



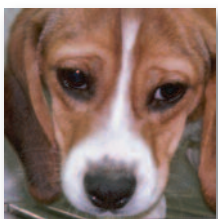
**11/2009, California Bans On Cat Declawing:** Ordinances to illegalize declawing — the amputation of the claw and last "knuckle" of a cat's toes — passed in San Francisco, Santa Monica, Beverly Hills and Los Angeles. Kinship Circle worked with a Los Angeles

veterinarian against declawing, asking City Councils to enact bans and set precedent for communities worldwide.



**8/30/09, Nepal Monkeys Won't Be Exported For Research In USA:**

From 2003-2009 we told members about the monkey trade in Nepal, and provided tools to contact officials. With leads from two groups devoted to this issue, our collective pressure led to a Nepalese ban on breeding of monkeys for biomedical research in the US.



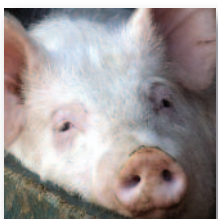
**4/27/09, Michigan Pound Stops Selling Dogs For Research:**

Montcalm County Board of Commissioners canceled its contract with R&R Research, thus ending the "pound seizure" that lets shelters sell dogs to Class B dealers for resale to research labs. Our members took persistent action, alongside Concerned Citizens Coalition of Montcalm, to end this practice.



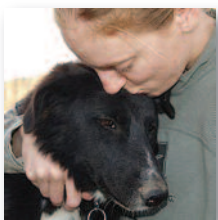
**Donna Karan & Urban Outfitters Go Fur-Free For 2009:**

Our members joined other groups to ask Donna Karan International to nix its reintroduction of rabbit skins and initiate a fur-free policy. Within days, Donna Karan announced fur-free lines for 2009, with "no plans" to use fur. Urban Outfitters also declared a fur-free policy in 2009.



**Medical Schools Evolve To Animal-Free Training:**

Kinship Circle conducts ongoing campaigns to medical schools that still use animal labs instead of human-focused models such as "TraumaMan System." In recent years, New York Medical College, Saint Louis University, Washington University Medical School, University of Rochester, and University of Illinois dropped live labs from their curriculums. In Feb. 2008, University of Michigan ended dog labs, joining the 90% of U.S. and Canadian facilities that use simulators alone for emergency and surgical training.



**10/19/08, Iraqi Pup Ratchet Heads Home To US:**

When we learned about Ratchet, the puppy Sgt. Gwen Beberg of Minnesota rescued from a trash heap while on Iraq duty, we rallied members to fight for the dog's safe transport to the USA. A rush of letters from KC members asked MN Senators and Reps to intervene, and helped lead to clearance for Operation Baghdad Pups to fly Ratchet to Sgt. Beberg's home in Minnesota.





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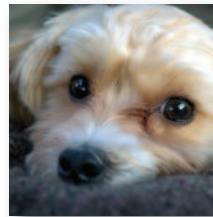
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### 2/18/08, U.S. Agencies Aim To End Animal Testing:

In campaigns and presentations, Kinship Circle has urged the government to fund animal-free methods of human derivation, such as in-vitro studies, more relevant to human health. We welcomed an MOU, signed by

Environmental Protection Agency, National Toxicology Program and National Institutes of Health, to expand non-animal tests and phase out non-predictive animal toxicity tests.



### 12/2007, Pet-Killing Dogcatcher Is Fired And Investigated:

When other animal groups didn't react to reports of cats shot and dogs killed, we launched a campaign that flooded Gerald, MO City Hall with requests for an investigation and charges. This led to media coverage

and a City Council vote to fire its dogcatcher. "Thanks to Kinship Circle's help and publicity," our source wrote, "We WON for the humane treatment of animals in our small town!"

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**Thank you very much for your consideration.**

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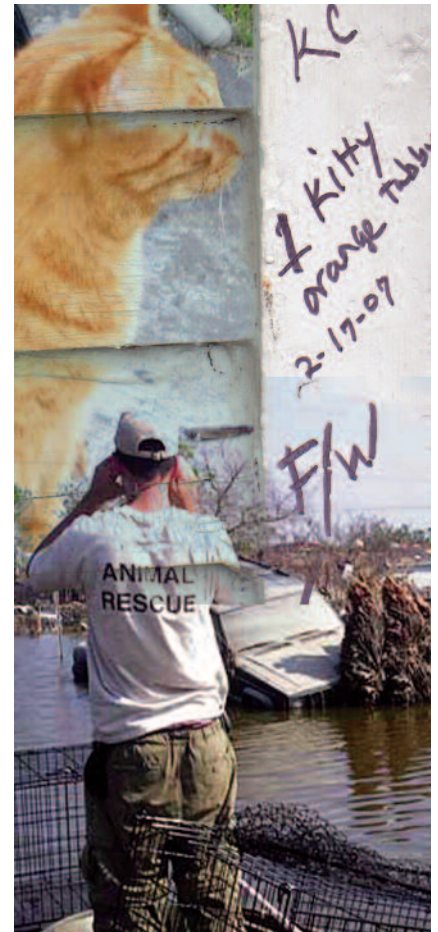
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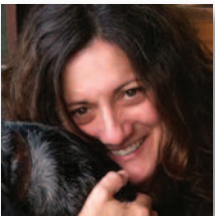


**Brenda Shoss, President & Founder - St. Louis, MO:**

Brenda formed Kinship Circle in 1999 to empower people to act on behalf of animals. A graphic designer/writer, she creates tools to communicate influentially to key decisionmakers

who can affect outcomes for animals. Members receive action campaigns, updates and timely news. KinshipCircle.org — sometimes called a "toolbox for change" — offers an action alert center, educational literature, advertising materials, articles...and more. Kinship Circle promotes advocacy worldwide for companion animals, wild animals, and animals used for fashion, entertainment, food, and research.

Animal rescue after Hurricane Katrina led to Kinship Circle Animal Disaster Aid, a faction of the organization that mobilizes resources for animal victims through its network of trained responders in the U.S. and Canada. Kinship Circle deploys teams for assessment, search and rescue, and emergency sheltering. "The first animal I helped save after Katrina changed my life forever," Shoss says. "Spike, a little Yorkie, 11, survived two weeks on the second floor of a flooded New Orleans East home. His will to survive beat with the pulse of a thousand hearts. Spike is my hero. Animals are my heart and purpose."



**Kate Danaher, Social Media Director - San Rafael, CA:**

An active animal advocate in the Bay Area since 1989, Kate spent time in Uganda working with infant chimpanzees orphaned by the bushmeat trade. She set food/water stations throughout New Orleans for

animal victims of Katrina and in 2009 was Marin County volunteer coordinator for Prop 2, the California ballot initiative to ban factory farming crates. Kate influenced a local Peace and Justice Coalition to include animal rights in their scope of concern. Her website, AnimalEarthHuman.org, educates and updates people about various animal issues worldwide; and her message t-shirts featuring a cow with the reminder that each cow is "Someone, not Something" are a huge success in starting conversations about the status of animals in society.

In honor of World Farmed Animals Day Kate organized a peaceful vigil for farmed animals at two slaughterhouses in the San Francisco Bay Area. Kate currently serves as Social Media Director for Kinship Circle and Production Manager for StubbyDog.org and ZoeNature.org



**Bonnie Morrison, Disaster Volunteer Management Director - Batavia, OH:**

Bonnie is Executive Director/Cofounder of Tri-State County Animal Response Team and the Ohio State Coordinator for Emergency Animal Services (UAN/EARS). She has worked as

an animal disaster team volunteer for Best Friends, American Humane Association, Humane Society of the U.S., and CERT. She is also a Red Cross DSHR and DAT member and Tri State Medical Reserve Team Leader. Bonnie is an Indiana, Kentucky, and Ohio VOAD member and she sits on Ohio Homeland Security Dept. of Agriculture Tactical Animal Council and the Clermont County Citizen Corps Committee. In her spare time, she is an Ohio Wildlife Rehabilitator. Retired from General Electric after 35 years, Bonnie lives with three dogs, two cats, and a very patient husband named Don.



**Sandra Corrado, Disaster Team Leader - Mt. Prospect, IL:**

"Ever since I can remember, my family had a special place in their hearts and home for animals. But I quickly learned that how my family treated animals was a far cry from the real world. In 1995, a one-hour

documentary on HBO would change my life forever. Since watching "To Love Or Kill: Man Versus Animal," I never eaten meat, chicken, poultry, fish or animal by-products again. From then on, I knew my purpose in life was to speak for the speechless..." Sandi has numerous certificates, specialized training, and awards in the fields of animal welfare and rights. In addition, she's been interviewed and published in books, articles, radio broadcasts, documentaries.



**Nora Constance Marino, Esq., Kinship Circle Counsel - Great Neck, NY:**

Nora has a full service law firm servicing the five boroughs of New York City, Nassau, Suffolk, and Westchester counties. She currently serves as Chief Counsel to Kinship Circle.

Her other experience and affiliations include: First Lieutenant, JAG Officer, United States Army Reserves; New York State Senate Candidate for the 11th Senatorial District, 2006; Chief Counsel to SWAV, Southwest Asia Veterans Association of Greater New York, a Nonprofit Organization for Veterans of Southwest Asia wars (Iraq and Afghanistan). marinolawny.com





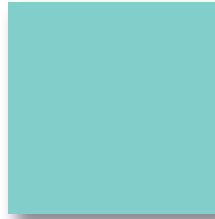
**Adrienne DeArmas, Director - Alexandria, VA:** Adrienne lives with her husband and four cats, Star, Autumn, Stinky and Luke. "Thanks to Kinship Circle, my first official animal rescue event was Hurricane Katrina." Adrienne has trained horses for 20+ years, specializing in humanely "breaking" babies and resolving behavioral issues. Her husband Chris Usher is a professional photographer who covered Hurricanes Katrina and Wilma for Time Magazine. Adrienne designs books and promo materials.



**Terri Kelley, Disaster & Cruelty Investigations - Anderson, IN:** Terri is an investigative research aide for Kinship Circle. In her hometown of Anderson, Indiana she is a veterinary assistant with Alexandria Animal Hospital, a canine behavior consultant, and an artist/designer for Purple Poodle Canine Couture. She is active in companion animal rescue in her community and shares her life with several furry family members.



**Grady Ballard, Director - St. Louis, MO:** Dr. Graydon Lee Ballard, III has two full-service dental practices in the St. Louis metropolitan area. He shares his home with cats Rebekkah, Isaiah and Baby Noah, and dogs Mandy and Cleveland. There is also room for his wife, nine-year-old son and three older children from a prior marriage. Grady travels to animal advocacy conferences in Los Angeles and Washington D.C. and has also done animal rescue work in New Orleans for Hurricanes Katrina and Gustav.



**Elisabeth Harasti, Investigative Research - Arlington, MA:** Elisabeth specializes in nonprofit organization management. She has worked as Executive Assistant to the President at Constellation Center and as Assistant Editor at Elsevier Science, among other career positions. She brings her skills as a nonprofit developer and investigative researcher to Kinship Circle.

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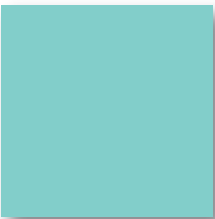
**Dr. Armaiti May, DVM - Santa Monica, CA:** Armaiti May, DVM, a 2005 graduate of UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine, helped coordinate a surgery training wetlab using ethical-source cadavers from a willed body donation program as an alternative to

terminal animal surgeries, which were later replaced with humane surgical training. She currently organizes a LA based animal rights meetup group which does vegan outreach. Dr. May is house call vet in the Los Angeles area. She plans to have her own vegan-friendly integrative practice that incorporates animal advocacy. [www.veganvet.net](http://www.veganvet.net)



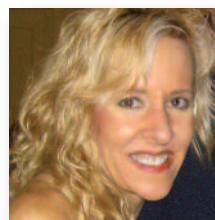
**Carol Misseldine, Green Cities California, Sustainability Director - Mill Valley, CA:** Green Cities California (GCC) is a coalition of ten local governments that have implemented groundbreaking environmental policies.

Our mission is to accelerate the implementation of sustainability policies and programs. [www.greencitiescalifornia.org](http://www.greencitiescalifornia.org). Carol is the wife of Marin County Supervisor, Charles McGlashin.



**Susan Trout, Born Free USA - Orangevale, CA:** Born Free USA is a national animal advocacy nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization. Our mission is to end the suffering of wild animals in captivity, rescue individual animals in need, protect wildlife — including highly

endangered species — in their natural habitats, and encourage compassionate conservation globally. [www.bornfreeusa.org](http://www.bornfreeusa.org)



**Janet Enoch, Investigator, Showing Animals Respect & Kindness (SHARK) - Elburn, IL:**

SHARK's mission is to expose the torture and abuse of animals with its Tiger Movie Truck, a custom-built rolling movie theater sporting four movie screens.

Janet is Kinship Circle's former vice president. She has been involved with Animal Trust of America and St. Louis Animal Rights Team (START).



**Laura Moretti, Founder and Editor, The Animals Voice Magazine - Chico, CA:**

The Animals Voice is an award-winning international animal rights magazine. Moretti founded the magazine to effect liberation of animals, incorporating: Online database

editorial and photography, resources, and global networking.



**Judy Carman, Author - Lecompton, KS:** Author of *Peace to All Beings: Veggie Soup for the Chicken's Soul*. Co-author with Tina Volpe of: *The Missing Peace: The Hidden Power of our Kinship with Animals*. Co-founder of Animal Outreach of Kansas; VegLawrence vegan potluck, and Prayer Circle for Animals, [circleofcompassion.org](http://circleofcompassion.org). "The foundation [veganism] includes doing the least harm in all our actions and living a life of service, nonviolence, lovingkindness, and kinship with all beings."



**Amy Dubman-Wells, Brook Dubman, Carol House Furniture - St. Louis, MO:** Brook Dubman and Amy Dubman-Wells have cared passionately about animals since childhood. As owners of Carol House Furniture in St. Louis, Brook and Amy not only carry on the legacy of the business their late father began 44 years ago, but also give generously from the company's profits to benefit animal causes. Kinship Circle is grateful to be among the recipients of the Dubman family's generosity.

## SOME PROMINENT KINSHIP CIRCLE MEMBERS

- **Carol Guzy**, Pulitzer Prize-Winning Washington Post Photojournalist - Washington, DC
- **Dennis Erdman**, TV/film producer (*Sex And The City*, *My Best Friend's Wedding*, *The Larry Sanders Show...*) - Hollywood, CA
- **S. Gina Trippi**, Regional Director for U.S. Senate campaign; Executive Director, DC Democracy Fund, political adviser to candidates and elected officials - Washington DC
- **Jarrod Alexander Cooper**, an American football safety, a free agent drafted by the NFL Carolina Panthers in 2001. Cooper has also played for the Oakland Raiders.
- **Allie Phillips, J.D.**, Director of Public Policy, American Humane Association (AHA) - Alexandria, VA
- **Betsy Wason, C.F.R.E.**, Director of Development, Physician's Committee For Responsible Medicine (PCRM) - Washington DC
- **Carol A Tavani, MD, MS, DFAPA**, a Delegate to the American Medical Association; Attorney General's Task Force on Animal Abuse and Domestic Violence; Physician's Committee For Responsible Medicine (PCRM) - Wilmington, DE
- **Clare Haggarty**, Director of Programs, National Anti-Vivisection Society (NAVS) - Chicago, IL
- **Cindy Milburn**, International Fund For Animal Welfare / Dick Green, Emergency Response Manager, IFAW - Yarmouth Port, MA
- **Dave Pauli**, HSUS Animal Care Center's Wildlife Response Team, Humane Society of the U.S. - Billings, MT
- **David Benzaquen**, New York Advocacy Organizer, Farm Sanctuary - Watkins Glen, NY
- **John J. Pippin, M.D.**, Senior Medical and Research Adviser, Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine (PCRM) - Dallas, TX
- **Melissa Gonzalez**, Campaign Program Coordinator, In Defense of Animals (IDA) - San Rafael, CA
- **Nancy Perry**, Director of Grassroots Campaigns, Humane Society of the United States - Washington, DC
- **Pam Runquist**, Director of Veterinary Advocacy, Humane Society Veterinary Medical Association (HSVMA) - Davis, CA
- **Tammy Grimes**, Founder, Dogs Deserve Better- Tipton, PA
- **Jessica Carroll**, Grassroots Fulfillment Assoc., In Defense of Animals (IDA) - San Rafael, CA
- **Camilla H. Fox**, Director, Project Coyote, Wildlife Consultant / Formerly National Campaign Director, Animal Protection Institute (API) - Larkspur, CA
- **Kristie Phelps**, Assistant Director Animals in Entertainment Campaign, People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals - Norfolk, VA



Date: **DEC 17 2007**

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(877) 829-5500  
Accounting Period Ending:  
December 31  
Public Charity Status:  
170(b)(1)(A)(vi)  
Form 990 Required:  
Yes  
Effective Date of Exemption:  
March 20, 2003  
Contribution Deductibility:  
Yes  
Addendum Applies:  
No

Dear Applicant:

We are pleased to inform you that upon review of your application for tax exempt status we have determined that you are exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions to you are deductible under section 170 of the Code. You are also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under section 2055, 2106 or 2522 of the Code. Because this letter could help resolve any questions regarding your exempt status, you should keep it in your permanent records.

Organizations exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Code are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. We determined that you are a public charity under the Code section(s) listed in the heading of this letter.

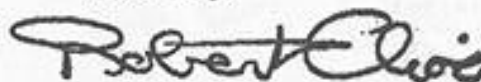
Please see enclosed Publication 4221-PC, Compliance Guide for 501(c)(3) Public Charities, for some helpful information about your responsibilities as an exempt organization.

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We have sent a copy of this letter to your representative as indicated in your power of attorney.

Sincerely,



Robert Choi  
Director, Exempt Organizations  
Rulings and Agreements

Enclosures: Publication 4221-PC