



First Step ARK ANIMALS RECEIVING KINDNESS

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Dear Friends,

Since 1978, First Step has provided life-changing and often life-saving support for the individuals and families in our community who have faced domestic violence. This agency, which has provided temporary emergency housing for people, is now partnering with a group of volunteers (of which I am a member) to answer another need: the safety of First Step clients' pets.

The **First Step ARK (Animals Receiving Kindness)** was formed to provide a **safe haven for pets** and peace of mind and healing support for their owners. We need your help to make our vision a reality, to provide facilities on site to answer a proven need, expressed best by a past client and current donor:

“Until you are in this situation you cannot really understand the torture of leaving your beloved pet behind with an abuser. In my own situation I was fortunate enough to find a good home for my dog prior to making my escape but I know first-hand how this can delay your needed departure.”

The enclosed literature highlights the mission of this organization and details of plans to build and maintain a facility adjacent to the current structure to house pets of clients during the clients' stay. To accomplish this, our fundraising goal is \$100,000.

We hope that you will consider a financial contribution to First Step ARK. The need is great and your support will make a difference for families!

Sincerely,

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First Step is a 501 (c)(3) organization, qualified for tax deductible donations.

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My gift of \$ _____ is enclosed.

My/Our Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Email: _____

Please check here if you would like to receive further updates about the happenings at First Step and the ARK.

If you would like to make this gift in memory or in honor of a loved one, please complete the following:

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Please inform _____ of this memorial/honorary gift, but not the amount.

Their Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Thank you for making your gift to the First Step ARK. Your gift will help provide refuge and peace of mind to the victims of domestic violence staying at First Step who fear for the safety of their beloved pets.

- Please make checks payable to **First Step** & note '**For ARK**' on memo line and send to First Step ARK address below.
- You will receive a receipt for income tax purposes.

Your gift support is very meaningful and will help promote healing.

Thank you.

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