

Angel's Gate

Hospice for Animals

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BACKGROUNDER

Angel's Gate Hospice for Animals is a non-profit organization located in Long Island, N.Y. It provides a permanent home for physically and terminally ill animals from local, state, and national rescue and shelter organizations. Over the past 16 years, Angel's Gate has been able to care for more than 200 animals, making it the largest shelter in the country.

Susan Marino and Victor LaBruna founded Angel's Gate in 1993. Marino is a registered nurse and veterinarian technician of more than 35 years. Her work in animal rescue is known throughout the country as she has received numerous awards and appeared on several television shows to advocate animal rights. Marino's partner, Victor, worked with mentally disabled patients before he helped create Angel's Gate.

Angel's Gate was created because the founders became frustrated with how many animals are euthanized, abandoned or abused by their owners. Approximately 8 to 12 million companion animals enter animal shelters nationwide every year and approximately 5 to 9 million are euthanized (60 percent of dogs and 70 percent of cats). More than 90 percent of the animals at Angel's Gate were to be euthanized.

Angel's Gate relies only on charitable donations. There is a constant need for medical supplies, food and volunteers. It depends on the help of local sponsors and volunteers. Through its Web site, Angel's Gate allows visitors to sponsor the animals. These donations help the organization meet individual costs for each animal. More information about Angel's Gate and how to become a sponsor is available at the organization's Web site at <http://www.angelsgate.org>.