

# Angel's Gate

## Hospice for Animals

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### FACT SHEET

- Angel's Gate was founded in 1993 by Susan Marino and Victor LaBruna in Long Island, N.Y. because the founders became frustrated with how many animals are abused and abandoned each year.
- Angel's Gate's mission is to provide a permanent home for terminally and physically ill animals to live out their days in peace. It focuses on the wellness and quality of life and provides for the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of each animal.
- It relies only on charitable donations. Food bills alone amount to more than \$4,000 per month.
- Angel's Gate has rescued more than 200 animals for abandoned or abusive homes. The animals range from cats, dogs and squirrels to possums, ponies and ducks that come from local, state and national rescue and shelter organizations.
- More than 90 percent of the animals at Angel's Gate were to be euthanized, and were saved by coming to the hospice.
- It has a staff of more than 18 volunteers.
- Angel's Gate relies solely on charitable donations and sponsors. Food bills alone cost more than \$4,000 per month.
- Susan Marino, founder and president of Angel's Gate, is a retired emergency room nurse. She practices holistic medicine and uses massage touch on recovering animals. Sometimes, Marino spends five hours a day in the pool doing water movements and massages with more than 20 dogs.
- 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).
- Angel's Gates' longest staying guest is Humphrey, a Shih Tzu that came to Angel's Gate eight years ago. Paralyzed after his owner accidentally stepped on him, he was considered a lost cause. He is now able to walk and run short distances.