



# GULF OIL DISASTER



**KINSHIP CIRCLE**

## **PROPOSAL FOR ANIMAL DISASTER AID PROJECT SUPPORT**

### **BP GULF OIL SPILL 2010**

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## For Animals, The Gulf Crisis Has Barely Begun Help Us Be There For Them, Now And Tomorrow

On April 20, 2010, British Petroleum's Deepwater Horizon oil rig exploded, killing 11 workers. BP's rig spewed oil from a rupture 5,000 feet deep in Gulf waters. The oil giant, with government agencies and private contractors, has struggled to stop the flow. Animals in the Gulf of Mexico's exquisite ecosystem are in reproductive cycles. Nesting babies are easily oiled and parents dive into toxic waters to find food.

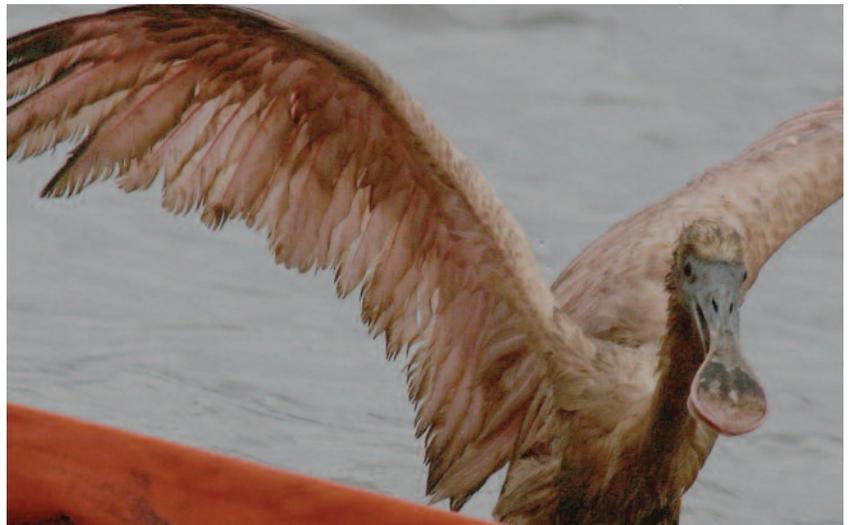
KINSHIP CIRCLE ANIMAL DISASTER AID has been on the ground in oil contaminated states since early June. ***With your help, we can comb beaches and waterways, to find suffering animals and facilitate their rescue and care. With your help, we can show the truth about the largest deep-sea oil spill in history.***



### KINSHIP CIRCLE TEAMS ARE WORKING IN OIL CONTAMINATED STATES RIGHT NOW.

**Pass Christian, Mississippi:** WA2S.org Executive Director Tom McPhee, with volunteer Jonathan Shurtz, spot two oiled pelicans. Jon swiftly calls Unified Command to relay the birds' GPS coordinates. Later, authorities confirm that these oiled pelicans are rescued and transported to the IBRRC bird cleaning operation. We're thanked for ongoing efforts to locate/report oiled wildlife.

**Black Mangrove Island, Louisiana:** An oiled Roseate Spoonbill struggles to stay on a boom. We call her in but if she slides off the boom she will surely drown. There is no time to wait...so she is caught, brought to emergency triage, and then to IBRRC Fort Jackson Rehab Center. This bird will live.





When birds arrive at IBRRC Cleaning Operation, they are gaged with Pepto Bismol to relieve them from oil ingestion. A tube from their beak into their stomach delivers the medicine. Cleaning occurs in stages, with many rinses-rests-repeats until the dark rust crude finally dissolves.



THE OTHER VICTIMS: Gulf shelters get an influx of animals from people without means to care for them. A St. Bernard Parish shelter already reports four times as many surrenders.



Kinship Circle is a 501c3 nonprofit organization that mobilizes resources for animal disaster victims via our network of trained responders in the U.S. and Canada. **Proceeds related to our work in the BP Gulf Oil Disaster help fund:**

### **KINSHIP CIRCLE 3-TIER RESPONSE IN GULF DISASTER**

**1) ALL EYES ON THE GULF EXPEDITION** — We are in Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and Florida armed with camera lenses and notepads to document wildlife harmed in the Deepwater Horizon oil rig disaster. In partnership with documentary film group World Animal Awareness Society, our trained disaster responders embed on planes and boats with US Fish and Wildlife, Coast Guard and more...to form a living documentary of photographs, videos and interviews. They also act as “spotters” to alert authorities to suffering animals and assist with their rescue and care wherever possible.

ALL EYES ON THE GULF photos/videos, plus composites and updates from government agencies, Gulf residents, and other NGOs, are archived daily in a real-time map.

**2) COMPANION ANIMAL ABANDONMENT, DUE TO INCOME LOSS FROM OIL SPILL** — Kinship Circle has been approached by Gulf region shelters to staff programs that assist animal guardians with financial repercussions from the oil spill. As seen during the home mortgage crisis, shelters are experiencing an influx of surrenders from people without means to care for their pets. Cats, dogs and other companion animals are now victims in the oil crisis.

**3) OILED WILDLIFE RESCUE AND REHABILITATION** — At this writing, no one except BP-authorized agents and government personnel are permitted to handle wildlife. Kinship Circle is locating and reporting oil-distressed animals, which results in an authorized rescuer capturing oiled animals for rehabilitation. Still, U.S. Fish & Wildlife does not have the staff to reach skyrocketing numbers of harmed wildlife.

Preparations are underway for Kinship Circle’s top animal disaster responders — including animal control officers and certified wildlife rehabilitators — to undergo government mandated training for rescue/handling of oil-distressed animals in the Gulf. As requirements are met, these volunteers will work in the field with such groups as Clearwater Rehabilitation (under contract with BP) and Louisiana Wildlife Rehabilitation, etc.



Audubon Aquatic Center at Freeport-McMoRan  
Audubon Species Survival Center is base camp for oiled manatees, sea turtles, dolphins.



Our team gains unique access into Audubon's turtle/dolphin Gulf oil spill rescue. Turtles are cleaned, tagged and micro-chipped. To date, very few have been released.



## BASED ON OUR 3-TIER OIL SPILL RESPONSE, KINSHIP CIRCLE NEEDS FUNDING FOR:

- ▶ **Boat charter fees in oil polluted states, for us to locate and report oiled animals:** For Kinship Circle to canvass complex waterways around Gulf barrier islands...we must pay daily boat charter fees from \$500 and up. Without use of these boats, we cannot reach animals like the oiled bird clinging to a containment boom, in danger of drowning (who was rescued).
- ▶ **Vehicle rental + gas for volunteer teams covering five states:** AEOTGE volunteers scout oiled regions across Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida (and eventually Texas). In order to follow oiled wildlife leads, we travel hundreds of miles daily in:

**REGION #1:** Greater New Orleans, Jefferson Parish (Grand Isle); Plaquemines Parish (Venice, LA)

**REGION #2:** Coastline between Biloxi, Mississippi and Pensacola, Florida (includes Alabama)

**REGION #3:** Southern tip of Florida coastline down to Florida Keys, Miami Beach, etc.

- ▶ **Deployment of volunteer teams:** We'll send AEOTGE teams through August, and then extend in Fall 2010 with possible continuation of the All Eyes On The Gulf expedition, as well as certified wildlife rescue deployments. Overhead for volunteers to work in the field includes such items as:
  - Volunteer lodging
  - Gas and vehicle rental
  - Boat charter fees
  - Volunteer gear, as needed, including:  
HAZMAT/Tyveck suits, respirators, rubber boots...
- ▶ **BIG WISH ITEM / RV-motor home for mobile command center**
- ▶ **BIG WISH ITEM / 30-foot boat with cabin:** For daily water exploration, documentation, and oiled wildlife reporting.
- ▶ **Wildlife rescue/certification training for our volunteers:** Per Unified Command directive, any volunteer who handles oil disaster affected animals — rescue, transport, cleaning, etc. — must undergo training with state or federally licensed wildlife agencies. To deploy Kinship Circle volunteers, we encounter training-related costs for travel, registration, and materials.
- ▶ **Daily communications:** In order for Kinship Circle to navigate ground teams and strategize daily, we incur large communications bills. Without funding for long distance, internet and public messaging, we can neither implement work on the ground nor publish daily reports, photos, videos.

## BUDGET REQUEST & PROJECT DELIVERY

We seek **\$50,000** — to meet goals outlined in this proposal. Kinship Circle asks you to consider sponsoring any portion of our grant request, Gulf animal disaster aid will endure for months, if not years.



- Adequate funding will let us deploy with the ALL EYES ON THE GULF Expedition and cover ground expenses necessary to locate, report and document oiled wildlife.



**We find oiled baby birds on contaminated shores along Queen Bess Island, LA. (c) WAS2.org, Kinship Circle July 2010**

- Project support lets us transition to: Training our disaster aid responders via state or federal licensed wildlife rehabilitation agencies. Government mandated training and certification lets us deploy teams for hands-on rescue.



## KINSHIP CIRCLE HAS A PROVEN TRACK RECORD OF SUCCESS!

**KINSHIP CIRCLE** is a nonprofit organization that advocates animal protection and freedom via legislative, industry, and societal reforms. Sometimes called a “toolbox for change,” we help people communicate influentially on behalf of animals — to reach key policymakers who determine the animals’ fate.

Our investigative research provides breaking animal news, compelling action alerts, downloadable educational materials...and more. Kinship Circle promotes advocacy for animals worldwide — including companion animals, wild animals, and animals used for fashion, entertainment, food, and research.

[www.kinshipcircle.org](http://www.kinshipcircle.org)

To view our animal advocacy campaigns that led to wins for animals, please visit: [kinshipcircle.org/victories](http://kinshipcircle.org/victories)

**KINSHIP CIRCLE ANIMAL DISASTER AID** is a specialized faction that mobilizes resources for animal victims via our network of trained responders in the U.S. and Canada. Kinship Circle works in agreement with government agencies or other NGOs to send highly skilled, 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.

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**Contact us for more information about Kinship Circle animal advocacy and animal disaster aid work:**  
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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 COMMUNITY NEED WILL THIS PROJECT ADDRESS?

Animal rescue is inextricably tied to human rescue. In the case of the Gulf oil disaster, wildlife losses not only affect regional economies, but also the very future of fragile ecosystems and habitats. Presently, it is impossible to predict long-term ramifications for people and animals.

## 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.

**CHILE EARTHQUAKE & TSUNAMI, MARCH 2010:** On 2/27/10, an 8.8 earthquake crashed into Chile, displacing at least 2 million people. Soon after, tsunamis swept over coastal towns and more than 20 aftershocks (as high as 7.2 and 6.9) caused further damage. Under MOU with Chile's Ministry of Interior, and the Bio Bio Region's Ministry of Health, Kinship Circle deployed to stricken communities for animal disaster rescue and veterinary aid. As of July 2010, we still have presence in Chile, assisting Chilean veterinarians in a spay/neuter solution to the nation's huge stray population.

**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 contributed to passage of 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:**



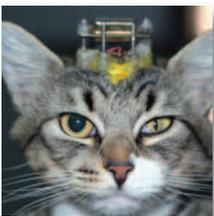
**5/14/10, WIN! No Horse Slaughter Plants In Missouri:** Rep. Jim Viebrock proposed HB 1747 to sidestep a federal ban on U.S. horse slaughter. Kinship Circle issued a campaign urging MO Reps to reject legalization of horse kill plants. **From there, it got weird...** Some Reps

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.



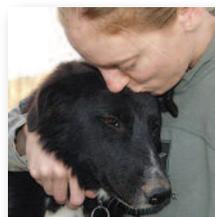
**Donna Karan & Urban Outfitters Go Fur-Free For 2009:**

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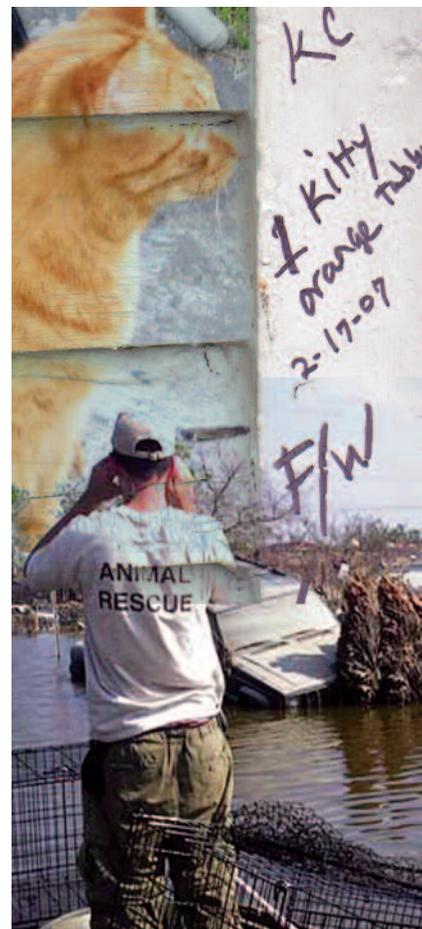
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**Brenda Shoss, President & Founder - St. Louis, MO:**

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

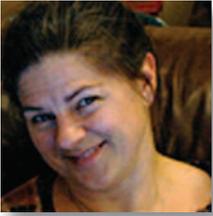
documentary on HBO changed my life forever. Since watching "To Love Or Kill: Man Versus Animal," I never eaten meat, chicken, poultry, fish or animal by-products again. From then on, I knew my purpose in life was to speak for the speechless..." Sandi has numerous certificates, specialized training, and 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



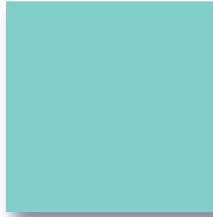
**Adrienne DeArmas, Director - Alexandria, VA:** Adrienne lives with her husband and four cats, Star, Autumn, Stinky and Luke. "Thanks to Kinship Circle, my first official animal rescue event was Hurricane Katrina." Adrienne has trained horses for 20+ years, specializing in humanely "breaking" babies 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.

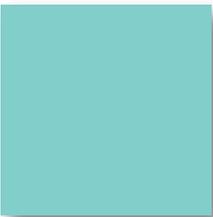
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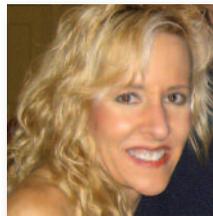
**Dr. Armaiti May, DVM - Santa Monica, CA:** Armaiti May, DVM, a 2005 graduate of UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine, helped coordinate a surgery training wetlab using ethical-source cadavers from a willed body donation program as an alternative to terminal animal surgeries, which were later replaced with humane surgical training. She currently organizes a LA based animal rights meet-up 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, loving kindness, 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**

KINSHIP CIRCLE  
C/O BRENDA SHOSS  
7380 KINGSBURY BLVD  
SAINT LOUIS, MO 63130

Employer Identification Number:  
20-5869532  
DLN:  
17053317019047  
Contact Person:  
NANCY L HEAGNEY ID# 31306  
Contact Telephone Number:  
(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.

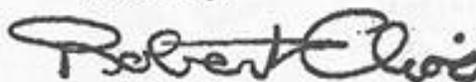
Please see enclosed Publication 4221-PC, Compliance Guide for 501(c)(3) Public Charities, for some helpful information about your responsibilities as an exempt organization.

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KINSHIP CIRCLE

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

No. N00071626

# STATE OF MISSOURI



Matt Blunt  
Secretary of State

CORPORATION DIVISION  
CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION  
MISSOURI NONPROFIT

WHEREAS, duplicate originals of Articles of Incorporation of  
KINSHIP CIRCLE

have been received and filed in the office of the Secretary of  
State, which Articles, in all respects, comply with the  
requirements of Missouri Nonprofit Corporation Law;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MATT BLUNT, Secretary of State of the  
State of Missouri, by virtue of the authority vested in me  
by law, do hereby certify and declare this entity a body  
corporate, duly organized this date and that it is entitled to  
all rights and privileges granted corporations organized under  
the Missouri Nonprofit Corporation Law.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have set my  
hand and imprinted the GREAT SEAL of  
the State of Missouri, on this, the  
20th day of MARCH, 2003.



*Matt Blunt*

Secretary of State

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INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE  
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KINSHIP CIRCLE  
% BRENDA SHOSS  
7380 KINGSBURY BLVD  
SAINT LOUIS MO 63130

Date of this notice: 11-17-2006

Employer Identification Number:  
20-5869532

Form: SS-4

Number of this notice: CP 575 E

For assistance you may call us at:  
1-800-829-4933

IF YOU WRITE, ATTACH THE  
STUB OF THIS NOTICE.

#### WE ASSIGNED YOU AN EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER

Thank you for applying for an Employer Identification Number (EIN). We assigned you EIN 20-5869532. This EIN will identify your business account, tax returns, and documents, even if you have no employees. Please keep this notice in your permanent records.

When filing tax documents, please use the label we provided. If this isn't possible, it is very important that you use your EIN and complete name and address exactly as shown above on all federal tax forms, payments and related correspondence. Any variation may cause a delay in processing, result in incorrect information in your account or even cause you to be assigned more than one EIN. If the information isn't correct as shown above, please correct it using tear off stub from this notice and return it to us so we can correct your account.

To receive a ruling or a determination letter recognizing your organization as tax exempt, you should complete Form 1023 Revision 1024, Application for Recognition of Exemption at:

Internal Revenue Service  
PO Box 192  
Covington, KY 41012-0192

Publication 557, Tax Exempt for Your Organization, is available at most IRS offices or you can download this Publication from our Web site at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov). This Publication has details on how you can apply.

#### IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

- \* Keep a copy of this notice in your permanent records.
- \* Use this EIN and your name exactly as they appear above on all your federal tax forms.
- \* Refer to this EIN on your tax related correspondence and documents.

If you have questions, you can call or write to us at the phone number or address at the top of the first page of this notice. If you write, please tear off the stub at the end of this notice and send it along with your letter. Thank you for your cooperation.

# State of Missouri

## LIMITED EXEMPTION FROM MISSOURI SALES AND USE TAX ON PURCHASES AND SALES (Charitable)

Issued to:

Missouri Tax I.D.: 20104723

KINSHIP CIRCLE  
7380 KINGSBURY BLVD  
UNIVERSITY CITY MO 63130

Effective Date: 03/18/2008

**Expiration Date: 03/18/2011**

Your application for sales/use tax exempt status has been approved pursuant to Section 144.030.2(19), RSMo. This letter is issued as documentation of the exempt status of your organization. The organization above must adhere to the requirements of this exempt status.

**As noted above, this is an expiring exemption subject to legislative changes and review by the Director of Revenue.** Outlined below are specific requirements regarding this exemption. This summary is not intended as a complete restatement of the law. You should review the law to ensure your understanding and compliance.

- This exemption is not assignable or transferable. It is an exemption from sales and use taxes only and is not an exemption from real or personal property tax.
- Purchases by your organization are not subject to sales or use tax if conducted within your organization's exempt charitable, religious and educational functions and activities. When purchasing with this exemption, furnish all sellers or vendors a copy of this letter.
- Individuals making personal purchases may not use this exemption.
- A contractor may purchase and pay for construction materials exempt from sales tax when fulfilling a contract with your organization only if your organization issues a project exemption certificate and the contractor makes purchases in compliance with the provisions of Section 144.062, RSMo.
- Sales by your organization are not subject to sales or use tax if conducted within your organization's exempt charitable, religious and educational functions and activities.
- Sales intended to raise funds, not related to the exempt function of your organization, may be exempt only if such sales are occasional or isolated sales.
- If your organization engages in a competitive commercial business that serves the general public, even if the profits are used for your exempt charitable, religious and educational functions, you must obtain a Missouri Retail Sales Tax License and collect and remit sales tax.
- Any alteration to this exemption letter renders it invalid.

If you have any questions regarding the use of this letter, please contact the Taxation Bureau, P.O. Box 358, Jefferson City, Missouri 65105-0358, Email [salesuse@dor.mo.gov](mailto:salesuse@dor.mo.gov), or call 573-751-2836.

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