



Biography

Pam Miller
Founder and Executive Director

In 1991 Pam Miller read a book that changed her life and ultimately the lives of thousands of stray cats and kittens. The book is *Save the Animals – 101 Easy Things You Can Do* by Ingrid Newkirk, National Director of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals.

Pam was a life-long animal owner (cats AND dogs!) and animal lover. “I was at this time, however, unaware of the inherent cruelty in factory farming, animal testing, puppy mill breeding and in entertainment. Further, I began to understand that animal shelters in America and in our own community were euthanizing millions of healthy adoptable animals every year,” she said.

Pam then did two things immediately. Overnight she became a vegetarian (and still is), and she began researching and visiting nokill animal shelters around the United States to learn more about the blossoming no-kill movement. Because cats receive even less space and care in traditional animal shelters, are in the majority and are euthanized in greater numbers, Pam worked toward establishing the first no-kill shelter for cats only. In July 1994, working out of her heated and air-conditioned garage, SAFE Haven For Cats began with the rescue of 17 cats from a church in Raleigh.

Fifteen years later, SAFE HAVEN is blessed with hundreds of volunteers and has rescued and adopted over 4,000 cats and kittens. In addition, since July 2001 SAFE Haven has also operated a low cost spay and neuter clinic at the shelter, sterilizing over 7,900 cats.

Pam has a BFA from Ohio University in theater and was Raleigh Ensemble Players Executive Director from 1988-1993. She served as the Campaign Manager for the United Arts Council of Raleigh and Wake County in 1994 and was Marketing and Education Director for the Raleigh Symphony Orchestra in 1997. A veterinary technician assistant since 1994, Pam also attended Meredith College in their non-profit management program.

Pam was nominated for Animal Planet's Cat Hero of the year in 2007. She lives with two cats, Chowski and Robin.