

Peter's Friends Update!

November 2019 - Peter's Friends is underway - we will be breaking-ground on the facility very soon!! We are excited to share that our preliminary site plans are completed. We recently met with our Matthew Design Group to review and finalize the drawings. The next step is to meet with the environmental engineer, then with St. John's County.

Ayla's Acres is building Peter's Friends Animal Resource Center, a 17-acre property in St. Johns County, which will be a facility of far-reaching consequence for our community. Peter's Friends will provide Northeast Florida with a modern, clean, and compassionate campus. The campus will provide rescue; shelter; adoption; low-no-cost spay, neuter, and vaccinations for dogs and cats; and an educational center to accommodate thousands of children and adult groups each year.

Peter's Friends will be located on County Road 208 at the intersection of 13A, with a 10,000 sq. foot facility that will provide large, light, clean kennels and will have the capacity to house up to 40 cats and 40 dogs at a time. Realistically, the facility will house approximately 60 animals at a time. There will be an exercise arena; and an adoption center where families can meet and spend time with their potential pet. Ayla's Acres' proactive adoption process (application, interview, vet and reference checks, and home visits) will help to assure proper placement of animals into new and loving homes. Half of our housing will be set aside to assist with the care and adoption of senior dogs and cats. Peter's Friends will be a one-stop solution where dogs and cats will be vetted, fed, loved, and cared for while awaiting adoption.

Peter's Friends' on-site veterinary clinic will help confront the problem of animal overpopulation head on by offering low-to-no-cost spaying, neutering, and vaccinations to the animals of our community.

But veterinary care is only part of the solution to controlling animal overpopulation and health issues. Education is essential. For that reason, Peter's Friends' education center will meet the highest standards of animal education and community outreach and will be a magnet for all. Visitors will learn about the importance of spay and neuter in the battle against animal overpopulation, as well as pointers and time-tested methods on how to take care of animals in the home.

In addition to the animal care programs, we will have dedicated areas for picnicking, dog walking trails, a memorial orchard and vegetable garden, and tile memorial and celebration walls where contributors may memorialize their pets with photos and remembrances. And, two on-site caretaker houses.

Ayla's Acres No-Kill Animal Rescue will provide support for animals and the families that love them.

Become a Pawtron Saint

Ayla's Pawtron Saints are businesses and/or individuals who form a collaborative partnership with Ayla's Acres No-Kill Animal Rescue for the calendar year. Through this partnership, we will work together to enhance animal welfare programs. As a Pawtron Saint donor, you and/or your business will receive exposure as our partner through logo'd banners displayed at Ayla's Acres Thriftique, at all of our adoption, community and fundraising events. Your logo will appear on our thrift store's delivery truck which services five local counties. We will provide your name/logo on our website, and mentions in our social media throughout the year. And, you will receive complimentary tickets to our biggest event of the year, our annual Gala held in February at The River House, St. Augustine.

<https://aylasacres.org/2020-gala/>

Donate to Peter's Friends Project

We receive no government funding. Instead, we rely solely on private donations and fundraising efforts. Ayla's Acres was offered a \$1 million match from a donor in the community. We have raised over \$350,000 to date for Peter's Friends facility, and \$300,000 has been matched. The match was used to purchase the land. The overall cost of our new facility is \$2.6 million. The link below will help you understand the plan for Peter's Friends Animal Resource Center. It will give you facts and figures, answer questions and demonstrate how important this facility will be to St. Johns County. And how you can help.