

Blue Chip Farm Animal Refuge: A Place of Healing

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Blue Chip Farm Animal Refuge is a no-kill animal shelter located outside of Dallas, Pennsylvania. Believing that every life matters, the volunteers and the supporting community found forever homes for 609 dogs in 2016. These adoption numbers are expected to grow with each passing year.



Temporary Home to Forever Home

To the animals at the shelter, Blue Chip is their home and the volunteers are their family. The volunteers at the shelter care for these animals as if they were their own, and they do everything they can to find each animal his or her forever home.

Most animals arrive at Blue Chip's doorstep because of abuse, abandonment, illness, or old age. Through my research, I have found that many of the volunteers at Blue Chip have also experienced hardships that led them to Blue Chip's doorstep. Knowing what it is like to also feel lost is what makes the volunteers so invested in saving these animals. At Blue Chip, both volunteers and animals show one another unconditional love and support, making this a place of healing for humans and animals alike.



Founder

Marge Bart founded Blue Chip in 1996, the same year she was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis. She decided to retire and focus her energy on helping animals.



Bonnie & Bane Find a Home Together

While waiting to receive disability benefits, Bonnie became homeless. As a result, she could no longer care for her dog, and surrendered him to Blue Chip. Once she entered transitional housing, Bonnie began volunteering at Blue Chip. Bane, a paralyzed French Bull dog, became her project, and stole her heart. Upon becoming financially independent and moving into her own home, Bonnie was able to formally adopt Bane.