Watermelon Mountain Ranch has saved over 150,000 lost, abused, abandoned and neglected pets in the southwest since 1996. Founded by Lee and Sophia DiClemente,



the Ranch continues to grow in infrastructure, volunteers and donors every year, and looks to legacy giving as a major tool for its survival.

Donor support is the lifeblood of Watermelon Mountain Ranch, so we want to provide you with many options for giving. Your gifts, in any form, allow us to save cats and dogs on municipal kennel euthanasia lists and find them loving homes, rescue abused and abandoned pets, and as a no-kill shelter, work toward our goal of saving them all.





Golden Paw Donors understand the importance of sustaining a safe place where animals can thrive. Here are some examples of how their lasting legacy has already and will contribute to the Ranch and its future.

- Four Paws Chapel, Angel's Rest & Memorial Garden (future)
- Ranch perimeter safety fence
- New Vet Clinic Building
- Lee's Retirement Village for Dogs
- A Second Cattery facility

# Need to Know

Be sure to discuss any planned gifts with your family and attorney or financial planner. When you speak to your attorney about making a planned gift to Watermelon Mountain Ranch, you'll need to provide the following information about us:

> Contact Information: Watermelon Mountain Ranch 3521 Westphalia Blvd., NE Rio Rancho, NM 87144

Mailing Address: 1380 Rio Rancho Blvd. Ste 374 Rio Rancho, NM 87124

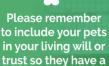
Email: sophiawmr@aol.com Website: wmranch.org Tel: (505) 980-6354

Contact person: Sophia DiClemente, CEO/President

Tax Identification number: EIN 85-0480585

Tax status: Not-for-profit 501(c)(3) corporation

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See our website for details on our Perpetual Care Program and Lee's Retirement Village.

safe place to go.





# GOLDEN PAW

Giving

Support the animals for years to come and leave a beautiful, lasting legacy of love

## Legacy giving, or planned giving is your ultimate gift of love

to ensure life-saving missions reach animals far past your lifetime.

When you make a gift to Watermelon Mountain Ranch through your estate or long-term financial plans, you help ensure that we'll be here - saving the abused, abandoned and neglected pets of the Southwest - for many years to come.

Our Golden Paw Donors are key to ensuring the sustainability of Watermelon Mountain Ranch, Please share your love of the animals by making an enduring commitment to saving their lives and finding forever loving homes for the most innocent of beings.





### Which Gift Option is Best for You?



#### Legacy

A legacy gift is any major gift, made during a contributors's lifetime or at their passing as part of a donor's overall financial and/or estate planning.

There are many ways a legacy gift can be structured to fit your requirements and preferences. Tax and estate planning professionals can advise, individual clients based on their resources, timing and specifications. Contact your financial or legal advisors to arrange for your legacy gift. Watermelon has several professionals who can assist if you don't have one.

#### Will or Trust

There are several ways you can make a gift through your will or trust.

Specific Gift (Stocks, Mutual Funds, Jewelry) You describe exactly what kind of gift you want to leave to a specific individual or organization and the designated source. If you want to leave a specific dollar amount from a piece of property, stocks or a collector's item, etc., this is the type of beguest you would use.

#### **Retirement Assets**

A gift of your retirement assets, such as a gift from your IRA, 401(k), 403(b), pension or other taxdeferred plan, is an excellent way to make a planned gift to Watermelon Mountain Ranch.

"I felt the best way I could help the animals was to bequeath my home to Watermelon Mountain Ranch in my will." - Golden Paw Donor



#### Life Insurance

You can name Watermelon Mountain Ranch as a primary life insurance beneficiary or as a contingent beneficiary should your other beneficiaries not survive you. After your lifetime, the

benefits from your policy pass to Watermelon Mountain Ranch, free of federal estate tax.

You can also make an outright gift of a paid-up insurance policy. If the policy has a cash value, Watermelon Mountain Ranch would have the option of either holding the policy until the maturity date or surrendering the policy to receive the policy's current cash value.

#### Donate a Vehicle

A vehicle donation is one of the simplest ways for you to make a gift to Watermelon Mountain Ranch. Cars, trucks, motorcycles and recreational vehicles are gladly accepted nationwide.

#### Donate a House

