

tionships, The Oasis is able to help place hundreds of otherwise homeless birds annually and take in those few birds for whom other placement options do not exist.

BASED ON THE HIGH STANDARD of care, and the ethical stance of the organization, The Oasis was accredited by the American Sanctuary Association (ASA) in 1999. In 2002 The Oasis was also accredited by The Association of Sanctuaries (TAOS) becoming the first exotic bird facility to receive dual accreditation.

WITH THE ONGOING SUPPORT of the avian-loving public, The Oasis will continue to provide life-long care for the magnificent birds we already shelter, and for as many others as we can save. Visit www.the-oasis.org to learn more about the organization and/or to become a member or a sponsor of a wonderful Oasis bird.



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NESTLED IN THE SAN PEDRO RIVER VALLEY IN SOUTHEASTERN ARIZONA, located on a 72-acre former pecan orchard, is a small



piece of heaven, a refuge for unwanted exotic birds, unlike anywhere else on earth. Forty minutes from the closest town, down long country roads, past cows, deer, hawks, roadrunners, coyote and javelina, in a remote rural community between cliffs and a river, surrounded by mesquite groves and cactus, rests The Oasis Sanctuary.

THE OASIS is home to 400 exotic birds, mostly parrots, many of whom faced euthanasia due to the loss of a caregiver, physiological impairment or handicap, behavioral unsuitability, old age, abuse, or simple lack of other placement options. The Oasis is often

all that stands between these intelligent, sentient, long-lived, highly endangered homeless animals and death.

THE OASIS was established to provide lifetime care for birds for whom other options do not exist. The Oasis does not sell, does not breed, nor does it adopt out birds.

FOUNDED IN 1997, Oasis Sanctuary Foundation, Ltd. (dba "The Oasis Sanctuary") was the first avian rescue organization in the United States to become a 501(c)(3) (IRS non-profit) sanctuary for exotic birds and has been an active participant in the growth of the avian welfare movement. As the first life-care facility for birds to be granted 501 (c)(3) status, The Oasis helped open doors for the dozens of adoption and sanctuary facilities for parrots and exotic birds now established across the United States.

IN THE YEAR THE OASIS was established, 1997, the sanctuary housed 60+ birds, had a three-member board of directors, and three volunteers helping to care for the birds. In 2000, prior to moving to the San Pedro Valley, 12 weekly/part-time volunteers, two full-time paid staff members, and a board of five were caring for 200+ birds. By 2004, six full-time and two part-time paid staff members, over a dozen volunteers in



ing The Oasis can only take in 40 to 50 birds a year. It costs the sanctuary approximately \$17,000 a month to care for its ever-growing number of mostly elderly or otherwise "impaired" birds.

ALL FUNDS come directly from the public and go to the birds, ensuring their health, comfort and safety as well as the long-term development and stability of the facility.

FROM ITS INCEPTION, The Oasis Sanctuary has been a leader in the Avian Welfare movement. The Oasis Sanctuary believes that every captive exotic bird deserves the best life, the best home, and the best possible care available. The Oasis works tirelessly with numerous sanctuaries, adoption programs and animal welfare organizations across the United States and Canada. By developing rela-

Tucson and Phoenix, and a board of six were caring for over 400 birds, ranging from finches and tiny "budgies" to majestic Macaws and Cockatoos. Two full-time volunteers in Phoenix were also maintaining a foster-care/lost-and-found facility.

EVERY YEAR, The Oasis is contacted regarding the need for placement of over one thousand birds, but without additional fund-

