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*Caretaker Job Listings

This issue contains 130+ caretaking opportunities in 41 states and 16 countries

*Caretaker Profile

Steve and Carol Koon – Ranch Managers

*Letters to the Editor

Property owners and subscribers write about their experiences with the Gazette

CARETAKER OPPORTUNITIES

ALABAMA

CAT lover/caretaker needed for a cat shelter in a rural area. Volunteer position; living quarters are provided on-site in lieu of salary, but you must pay utilities. Ideal position for energetic retired/semi-retired person or couple; no children. Must keep housing and feeding areas clean; provide companionship for the cats; spend time with them to know their habits and behavior; immediately report health/other problems to a board member; maintenance of the property. Please send your resume and references to PO Box 43057, Birmingham, AL 35243.

ALASKA

BECOME an important part of Alaska State Parks as a Campground Host. 60 positions statewide. Camp hosts receive free campsite, expense allowance, training, and more. Season is May to September with a minimum four week commitment. Contact: Volunteer Coordinator, Alaska State Parks, 550 W 7th St, Suite 1380, Anchorage, AK 99501-3561, phone: (907) 269-8708, fax: (907) 269-8907, volunteer@dnr.state.ak.us, or visit our web site at www.alaskastateparks.org

CARETAKER OPPORTUNITIES

LODGE CARETAKER needed in Mink Bay, which is in Boca De Quadra Alaska – Misty Fjords National Monument, approximately 40 minutes from Ketchikan via seaplane. Misty Fjords National Monument includes 2,294,343 acres on the southern tip of the Alaska Panhandle, all but about 156,000 acres near the middle have been designated Wilderness. Both brown and black bears, mountain goats, and black-tailed deer are common. Moose, martens, wolves, wolverines, and river otters may be found in abundance. All five species of salmon share the waters with sea lions, harbor seals, killer whales, and porpoises. Migratory and predatory birds, from bald eagles to trumpeter swans, fill the skies. Recreation can include hiking, fishing, wildlife and historic site viewing, hunting and kayaking. Live at Misty Fjords Lodge to prevent criminal mischief and vandalism. Help by answering phones and relaying voice and email messages, greeting visitors, selling annual fishing licenses, data entry and light janitorial work. Assist in grounds keeping, trail work and light maintenance outside. Caretakers will be in constant communication with a lodge manager residing in Ketchikan who is responsible for assistance with all mechanicals and helping to insure the constant proper functionality of the lodge. Allowance/housing is a furnished, efficiency apartment for year round lodging. Expense allowance, satellite internet and phone available. No pets or smoking permitted. Couples welcome. Send your references & resumes to mistyfjordslodge@hotmail.com

CARETAKER OPPORTUNITIES

ARIZONA

CARETAKER(S) needed immediately for a 40 acre isolated off-the-grid homestead with mountain views in southeastern Arizona. We're 100% solar. Own living space preferred; ideal for RVers. Experience in rural and off-the-grid living desired. Outside income needed. References required. Please call (520) 603-9445 after 10am until midnight PST, or leave a message.

CARETAKER needed in Tucson. As frequent travelers, we need a non-smoking, loving person to care for our cute Lhasa Apso dog and extensive plants while we are away. We would want references. Looking to find someone immediately. Please call (520) 907-8616 or (520) 886-1619.

IMPERIAL NATIONAL Wildlife Refuge is looking for friendly and energetic people to operate our visitor center February through April 2006. Duties include; greeting and orientating visitors, answering phones, managing book sales area, light cleaning, opening and closing the facility, and assisting staff with other duties. We are located along a 30-mile stretch of the Lower Colorado River in the Sonoran Desert. The Refuge is a haven for migratory birds during the winter and home to a variety of desert wildlife throughout the year. The Refuge provides volunteers an RV parking pad with full hook-ups and use of a kitchen with full-size appliances, laundry, and shower facilities in exchange for 24 hours of work per week/person. Please call (928) 783-3371 ext 15 or email sue_mcdonald@fws.gov

ARKANSAS

WE'RE A SMALL HERB FARM in northwestern Arkansas and we are looking for volunteers to help with a wide variety of things, gardening, composting, working with livestock, fencing, and rebuilding an older barn. We work hard and play easy! We ask that you don't bring drugs or alcohol on the place - and respect the few rules we do have. This a barter situation - room and board in exchange for four hours a day, Monday – Saturday and you will be staying in a tent - meals are good country food - veggies in season, homemade bread, etc. For more details, please email Jeannie Sayers at herbladyherbhome@yahoo.com

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| ENGLAND | PORTUGAL |
| GERMANY | SOUTH AFRICA |
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| ITALY | |



Letters to the Editor

Dear Gary, good news! I have accepted a position as a assistant HM (we'll save the Household Manager title for later) on an estate property in Maine. This meeting came as a result of an email ad placed by the owners last year through the *Gazette*. We are all looking forward to my move and getting down to work. Please continue to send me email updates as well as my paper copies of the *Gazette*. Thank you so much! J. S. Northport, ME

Jim thanks for sharing the great news about your new position. As always, we're pleased to read that you found your position through The Caretaker Gazette. Please keep in touch.

Dear Gary, thanks to our help-wanted ad in *The Caretaker Gazette*, we found two good employees for our Christmas tree season last fall. Fortunately for us, one of them returned for our peak spring nursery stock digging season this year. He is a self-starter and an enthusiastic and conscientious employee. We hope to find more good employees for our seasonal business though the *Gazette*. L. D. Parkers Prairie, MN

Lowell thanks for your message. I am pleased to read that your Gazette ad resulted in good results, and I'm glad to see that you are advertising in this new issue. I'm sure you'll get good results again!

Gary, thanks to you and your *Gazette*, we did it! My wife and I retired last year, and by answering a series of ads in the *Gazette*, we were able to put together a wonderful year of travel and housesitting across the U.S. and down into Latin America. What a wonderful way to see the world! Next year, we hope to do it again only this time we plan to see Europe. Thank you! E. and E. M., Boston, MA

Emily and Ed, what an exciting way to spend your retirement. Caretaking and housesitting are a great way to see the world. It's a completely different experience from tours and hotel rooms. I look forward to hearing more about your next adventure.

We are consistently extremely impressed with the caliber of housesitters who have come to us through our ads in *The Caretaker Gazette*. Our place is on a remote mountain in Eastern Kentucky and we usually only have caretakers for about eight months at a time due to the isolation level. We have had two wonderful caretakers who came to us through the *Gazette*, and they have been over-achievers, nursing sick cats back to health, doing improvements on our property and generally becoming great friends of ours with whom we will always keep in touch. You do a fantastic service. F. and B. F., Ravenna, KY

Frances and Barry, I appreciate your sharing your experience with us. It's great to read that you were able to find excellent housesitters through your Gazette ad. Like you, many property owners tell us that excellent caretakers and housesitters come to them via their ads in the Gazette,

The Caretaker Gazette

This publication is a private newsletter researched and written for landowners, caretakers, and interested readers. It is the only up-to-date publication for property caretaking opportunities in the world. All information is derived from sources believed to be correct and reliable, but for which we assume no responsibility. *The Caretaker Gazette* does not screen caretakers or landowners, and only provides a medium of information exchange. We assume no liability for arrangements made between parties. No part of this publication may be copied, reproduced, or distributed in any form or retrieval system without the Publisher's prior written permission.

Our Caretaking Philosophy

The Caretaker Gazette is dedicated to the property caretaking profession, and to our subscribers who have kept the *Gazette* going since 1983. We publish the *Gazette* in order to help property owners and caretakers find one another. We support the caretaking profession; a lifestyle encompassing everything from simple housesitting assignments, where one can live rent-free, to full-time estate management positions that include salary, benefits and housing.

Contact Information

If you need to reach us to place an advertisement, renew your subscription, or change your address, please contact: *The Caretaker Gazette*, PO Box 4005, Bergheim, TX 78004-4005. phone: (830) 336-3939 Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm. fax: (253) 550-2818 available 24 hours/day, 7 days/week. email: caretaker@caretaker.org website: www.caretaker.org

Cast of Characters

Gary C. Dunn - Publisher, Filer, Bagger and Mailer,
Thea K. Dunn, Ph.D. - Editor, Writer, Researcher and PC Troubleshooter, and our children: Kira X. Dunn - Envelope Stuffer, Trevor X. Dunn - Envelope Sorter, Vanessa X. Dunn - Mailing Label Placement on Envelope Specialist, and Lincoln (our dog) - Envelope Sealer.

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Advertising Information

1) Classified ads cost \$0.65/word per issue. Add \$10 for boxed ads and \$20 for green-screened ads. 2) Display ads start at \$65 for a 2 1/4" wide by 1 1/2" height sized display ad, or \$130 for a 2 1/4" wide by 3" height sized display ad. 3) We charge \$65 for an email broadcast. Our email broadcast service sends out ads via email, up to 100 words, to all of our subscribers with an email address, within 24 hours of ad receipt and payment. Please note that, because of the limited ad space available in each issue of *The Caretaker Gazette*, we normally sell out of ad space early. We do everything on a first-come-first-placed basis.

CARETAKER OPPORTUNITIES**AUSTRALIA**

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING out of the ordinary? Feel like an environmental "close-up" in a Wildlife Refuge? This could be the place for you! Home to nearly 200 species of wild birds and animals, Kingbilli Country Estate offers volunteers the opportunity to experience first hand the true magic of the Australian bush. The lifestyle is pleasant, the scenery is beautiful, and the tasks required bring benefits to the environment as a whole. Kingbilli's operation is based upon sound environmental principles, striving towards sustainability and a natural balance. Kingbilli is a registered Native Wildlife Refuge and Rehabilitation Shelter, developing large areas as wildlife sanctuaries, controlling invasive species and operating our own native animal hospital. Please contact Georgina Beach, Kingbilli Country Estate, 279 Cathedral Lane, Taggerty 3714 Victoria Australia, or call 03 5774 7302, or email georgina@kingbilli.com.au

WE ARE LOOKING for an animal loving housesitter from April 15 - May 6, 2006 (three weeks approximately) in Victoria Point Queensland. You'll need to be good with dogs. Water the garden, be tidy and would prefer someone who will be there most of the time, i.e. not staying at friend's places, etc. Please contact Kellie Noble and Arion Meyer at kellie.noble@coates.com.au or call 0419 730 929.

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HOUSESITTER needed February/March 2006 in East Perth, Western Australia. Must like cats and dogs - have three indoor cats and two dogs. Must be non-smoker(s). Care of pets and 4-bedroom/2-bath home. We are five minutes drive from central Perth. For more details, please email Debbie and Joseph Smith at decath@three.com.au

YOU CAN WORK AND LIVE FREE at Hanging rock with a waterfall and swimming hole. Enjoy mountains and nature, town and river! And lots more! We need one to three people for: a small block of land in Lismore, near the river, to create medicinal herb and sculpture garden and an artist's work place. You will plant trees and herbs and do landscaping. Camp stile accommodation, healthy food, free canoeing on the river, outings to the rainforest, markets, beaches, and Byron Bay. Experienced and non-experienced welcome, there is something to do for everybody. You learn, work, experience, live! So: combine or choose! Please contact Bill and Gertrud at kuijb@planet-save.com

I WOULD LIKE TO OFFER visitors something different on my farm in Queensland which was initially in a run down state when I bought it but it was in a pleasing location at the end of a road with hills behind it, and adjoining (almost) a state forest. My personal project has been tree planting and the restoration of the environment leading to farm forestry as my livelihood. Countless thousands of trees have been planted and the environmental appearance has been greatly improved. Visitors I'm looking for are those who wish to appreciate nature, such as artists, authors, back to naturists, mystics and environmentalists. Anyone who is looking for a closer relationship with nature. On my farm I have some rainforest with some large trees, swimming holes in the creek, views, and a walking track circling the farm and connecting the points of interest. Accommodation would be either in a spare room in my house, a converted dairy, a small self contained hut at the end of a walking track or even in a cave, big enough to camp in. You can see more at www.spiderweb.com.au/~forest. Please contact Bob Whitworth at forest@spiderweb.com.au for more info.

HOUSESITTER NEEDED from November 2005 to the end of April 2006. I have a three bedroom brick home with a treed environment in Gladstone, on the central Queensland coast. Gladstone is a nice place, lots of seafood, beaches and the bush - we have it all. I would need the gardens lawns, and pot plants watered, some of the garden is under sprinklers. I don't have pets or a pool. I am close to a shopping centre; the bus passes the door, close to clubs. I require references and police clearances. Do email me or phone me if you are interested: danielle193@dreamtilt.com.au or telephone: 0408883980.

CALIFORNIA

ESTATE/PROPERTY CARETAKERS needed for a 12 acre property under renovation in Ojai. We seek a couple team for maintenance and care of the grounds and house. Main function is care and keeping of the landscape along with all associated maintenance needs. (Equipment, irrigation, lighting, seasonal pruning, etc.) This is a weekend home for the family. Experience with Southern California landscape and orchard maintenance is a huge plus! (Experience with other similar land care might qualify!) Possible combinations include: Both working outdoors, or one out/one in (housekeeping, cooking, and general home maintenance). Caretaker home (fully renovated) on site with garage provided. This is a fantastic lifestyle and property oriented opportunity in a beautiful setting. Please email your resume and references to David@dpnonline.com

FREE PLACE to park your trailer/motorhome in exchange for labor. My husband and I just bought six acres in the Soquel hills (about four minutes to downtown Soquel). We are in need of help in the areas of gardening, handy man work and building. If you have a trailer, motor home, yurt etc. and would like to live on the land, please email Martina and Peter to brainstorm possibilities at martinacornelius@yahoo.com

VOLUNTEER DOCENTS NEEDED! Like nature? Want to help learn more about nature and the environment and maintain a beautiful lake? Zaca Charitable Foundation is looking for volunteers to help at Zaca Lake, located in Los Olivos. Room, food allowance and stipend provided. Must have own car. Couples welcome! Please email resumes to retreat@zacalakeretreat.com or zacalake@hwy246.net

FREE RENT in exchange for some chores. A spacious one bedroom with a large living room - basement apartment in Pacific Heights - all utilities included. Parking outside in driveway for one car. Requirements: no smoking, and you must be home most evenings to provide a sense of security for my mother. She is elderly, but very independent and healthy. Separate entrance and privacy. Must have a driver's license and be willing to take her on periodic errands - she has a very flexible time frame. Also willing to carry packages or help in small ways when asked. Please email susanlarsen@sbcglobal.net

Estate Caretakers Available starting November 2005. Hardworking, dedicated and dependable couple with 8.5 years experience looking for a new position. Motivated, discreet and able to work autonomously with little direct supervision. Excellent references and prior employment available upon request. Please call (561) 818-3988 or go to our website for our profile: www.bccurtiss.net

TRAILER SPACE available in exchange for chasing off PGE man etc. We have a small property in the Shasta foothills that we call a farm. Of course, we do not get a garden planted every year so it probably does not meet anyone's expectations as a farm. Most of the 113 acres is forest. We do have things there that need watching and tending. We have a problem with PGE wanting to cut trees and others thinking just because we are not there during the week that we must not need some of our possessions. What we need is someone with a self contained trailer who wants to live in a small quiet town. The farm is all about peace and positive energy for us. We need someone that can understand that and be apart of it. There is a hot springs in town that can be very healing. While small there is a good sense of community here. Want to think? Write a book? Do research? Just chill? Please email Cindy.buck@cidreloche.com

'ZEN APPRECIATIVE' SPA/MOTEL MANAGER needed for a small boutique motel/spa in Desert Hot Springs. We are a small desert retreat with six guest rooms and spa. We are looking for a full time resident manager-caretaker. Must have prior experience with hotel management or spa business. Salary includes a small apartment. Three references are required. Applicants must be sensitive to simple and quiet design with a 'zen aesthetic.' Please check out our website at www.miraclemanor.com or call Pam at (323) 226-1112 x 101.

CONSCIENTIOUS CARETAKER needed on 13 acres in northern California with two cabins bordered by two year-round creeks and a National Forest. If you are maintenance oriented, able to respect the owner's privacy plus would like watching the waters and wildlife from your front porch, please contact us for more info at PO Box 204, Happy Camp, CA 96039 or twocreekson13@yahoo.com

THE MEDITATION RETREAT CENTER in Sacramento is five minutes from the American River and trails. It has two wooded acres of organic vegetable gardens, waterfalls and koi ponds, Gardening, landscaping, maintenance, dairy goat care, cheese and soap making, yoga and meditation programs, t'ai chi and chi kung classes. People interested in self-realization and spiritual life will enjoy the atmosphere here. Room and vegetarian meals and free classes in all of the above provided in exchange for your volunteer service. Please contact Uddhava Harvey at (916) 944-8577, or 1-800-655-9995, or info@lotusgardenyoga.com

CANADA

HOUSESITTER NEEDED in Sainte Adèle, Quebec, from October 27 to December 12, 2005. The sitter is needed for the house and small dog in a village in the Laurentian Mountains, 70 km. north of Montreal. For more details, please contact Louise Verner at louise.verner@sympatico.ca or call (450) 229-3332.

NEED A HOUSESITTER from November 20 to April 15 for our home on Vancouver Island, Canada. We're looking for someone to look after our house when we go south. Must be a non-smoker. And a compulsive cleaner. Please call Cora Lee at (250) 723-5034 or email cschingnitz@shaw.ca

LOOKING FOR A RESPONSIBLE COUPLE as caretakers for a newly renovated 100 unit apartment building in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. Must have references, great people skills and related experience at renting suites etc. Please contact Clarence at PegSask@Shaw.ca

HOUSESITTER NEEDED near Ottawa from November 2005 to May 1st 2006.

We prefer no children, non smoker, and a female or male. To apply please email Albert Schuiteboer at arm@magma.ca

CARIBBEAN

VIEQUES home available to exchange. Simple two bedroom home, with porch and water views. Walk to town, ferry and beach. Writer seeking a quiet waterfront home to finish next book. Car exchange also possible. For more details, please email Soup4world@aol.com



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COLORADO

CARETAKER NEEDED for a large private residence. If you are an excellent housekeeper and would enjoy working in one of Denver's most beautiful homes this job would be your dream. Use your skills in a lovely environment and make a great salary doing it! If you have these skills and a professional appearance please email us ASAP. Tell us a little about your housekeeping talents and why you might be the right person for this job. Please email sservices1003@qwest.net

ASPEN - HAPPY, UPBEAT, AND ORGANIZED... Experienced Live in Housekeeper/Caretaker needed immediately for a single mom and her 9-year-old autistic son. Special needs background a plus. Our home is on three levels so candidate has to be athletic and be able to cope with the high altitude. Housekeeping expertise is paramount, as well as organizational skills. Non-Smoker and no pets. Please fax letter of introduction, resume, references, and a legible copy of your driver's license to (970) 925-4259. Thank you.

WE HAVE A SMALL RESORT, motel, cabins, camping and dining. Looking for a couple with experience in some of these areas. We have a team of horses and do cowboy suppers. Located in Howard, on the Arkansas River, great fly fishing. 13 miles from dream city Salida. Housing and some pay depending on hours. To apply, please call (719) 942-3811 or email Bandera12@msn.com

COUPLE WANTED to live at and operate cabins and RV Park in beautiful South Central Colorado. Excellent living conditions, equipment and all the amenities for a fun operation. Please fax your experience and references to (305) 672-4003.

WINTER RANCH CARETAKER/WRANGLER opening near Red Feather Lakes. Seasonal job opportunity to begin immediately. Salary is negotiable and may include housing, room, board, tips. Candidate must have valid driver's license. Person hired for this position will have five sets of responsibilities to include: 1) Tend to barn needs and horse needs. (proficient horseback rider and teacher of horseback riding) 2) housekeeping 3) kitchen work 4) ranch repairs and maintenance 5) phone work (Customer contacts). To apply, please email Ellen and Dan Morin at ride@sundancetrail.com or webpage at sundancetrail.com

LIVE-IN NON-SMOKING COUPLE needed as driver/handyman and cook/caregiver for an active 83-year-old man and female wheelchair stroke victim in a beautiful mountain suburb of Denver. Duties to include meal preparation, light housekeeping, but no medical care. Separate living area provided. Salary negotiable. Please email peachvet@hotmail.com, or fax resume to (978) 283-8377.

COSTA RICA

EVER CONSIDER experiencing the rain forest, the Caribbean Sea and yoga all at the same time? Samasati Nature Retreat, a well known yoga retreat center in Costa Rica, is looking for volunteers who can help at the retreat and enjoying the environment and the community at the same time. Minimum stay is for three months. Please contact us at samasati@samasati.com with a curriculum and a recent picture.

DELAWARE

HOUSE EXCHANGE available. We have a modern five bedroom townhouse just off the beach in Dewey Beach. The water is warm and beautiful during the fall, a perfect place to spend a fun week. Washington DC is two hours away; an hour and a half ferry ride will get you close to Atlantic City for gambling. Our house is available anytime. We would love to exchange for a house in the wine country. Other exchanges could be considered. Please email Sal and Marjorie Corrallo at salmarcorrallo@mchsi.com for more details.

ECUADOR

HELP NEEDED on an indigenous organic farm and ethno botanical garden in Tena, Amazonian Ecuador. This is an authentic experience of learning, intercultural exchange and service with a Kichwa community, a project of Grupo Osanimi. Please email Ladna Miller at ladytapuy@yahoo.es for more info.

ENGLAND

HOUSESITTER needed in southwest England near Exeter, UK at various times during the year for 10 - 16 days spells away about five times a year. I have a beautiful Devon longhouse, approximately 400 years old, surrounded by 32 acres of my own land and rolling countryside. I have two well behaved small dogs and several horses, but no attention is required. You will have your own large double bedroom, log fires and tranquility. This is an ideal break-away for mature couples. For more details, please contact Philip Lowe by phone at 01626 852835 or email lowephilip@hotmail.com

I NEED A HOUSESITTER for my home in Somerset, England from 11/26/05 - 1/28/06. Somerset is in the West Country approximately 25 miles from the historic cities of Bath and Bristol. My house in Somerset village with good amenities, overlooking and backing onto the countryside. Good walking and many historic buildings. I have one dog and one cat. Local transport is nearby Please email Joan Pittas at JoanPittas@Tiscali.co.uk or call 01749 830 008.

FLORIDA

HOUSESITTER NEEDED ASAP in Fort Pierce. Must take care of my Rottweiler (a great dog!) for up to three months. I prefer a single person. Must be clean, non-smoker, non-drinker. My place is private, clean and rustic on one acre. Please call (772) 489-7721.

KATRINA VICTIMS -A sixteen acre estate in Naples FL needs a caretaker. Two bedroom modern furnished house on property. Successful applicant will have many years experience in gardening, landscaping, tree pruning, etc. Happily married couple with grown children preferable. Live full time on the property. Most necessities are furnished. This is an ideal position for a couple nearing retirement. Compatibility with the owner is paramount. Salary and financial matters are negotiable. For more details, please email Dale Barnhart at dale@quiviravillage.com

HOUSESITTER needed in Spring Hill from 12/09 - 12/25/05. Must have experience with animals. You will take care of Pekingese dogs, guinea pigs and three aquariums. This is an exchange in lieu of paying accommodations. References required. Spring Hill is forty miles from Tampa and eighty miles from Orlando. For more details, please email Mary Ellen at maryellen0052@yahoo.com

GEORGIA

CARETAKER COUPLE needed for a family compound on Cumberland Island, GA. Responsibilities include four houses, multiple vehicles and a powerboat. Candidate must have basic mechanical, electrical and plumbing skills sufficient for maintenance and minor repairs. Boating experience required. Good interpersonal skills are essential. Non smokers and empty nesters only. Housing and vehicle provided. Please send resume and photograph with salary requirements to Caretaker, 46 Murray Blvd, Charleston, SC 29401 or cumberlandcaretaker@att.net. A full job description can be accessed at www.spicystar.com/cumberlandislandcaretaker.html

CARETAKER(S) NEEDED for a 10 acre private Horse Farm 80 miles east of Atlanta. A mature experienced couple would be best suited. Property is in a well kept gated community fronting on Lake Oconee. Duties include handling and upkeep of horses and other pets, maintaining a small barn, yard work including lawns and gardens and being a general handy-man. Accommodation provided is a one bedroom fully furnished apartment with balcony overlooking pastures and lake. Utilities are included plus salary. We are looking for a long term arrangement. Reliability and honesty are essential and experience in all aspects of the job is required. References are needed. Please call (706) 467-2580 or email: deerun1901@aol.com

GERMANY

WE WANT TO EXCHANGE our Berlin apartment for 1-2 years starting in early 2006. We live in a large sunny apartment in the coolest neighborhood in Berlin (the Bergmann Strasse area in Kreuzberg). We are on the top floor of an old building. There's a big park down the street (Viktoria Park) and lots of shops, cafés and restaurants in the area. There are two subway stations

(Geneisenaustrasse and Platz der Luftbrücke) three minutes from here. For photos of our apartment and the surrounding area, please go to <http://www.kingperkoff.com/house/house.htm>. For more details, please email Ben at kingperkoff@hotmail.com

HAWAII

ALOHA! We need volunteer intern help on our 300 acre tropical fruit farm. We grow noni fruit, pineapples, avocado, mango, etc. We need a lot of help! Rustic cabins, organic gardening, nice folks, free surfing/bhakti yoga lessons, gatherings and vegetarian food in exchange. No pot/no drugs. Work only 3-4 hours per day in beautiful Hawaii, on the Big Island. Get paid for working extra! We are open year round to visitors. Please contact Allan at (808) 959-3153, or fax (808) 959-4628, or email ay@healingnoni.com.

FEISTY Matriarch seeks live-in caretaker/home manager to do yoga, take walks, transport to appointments, order and administer medications; care for cat and dog; and coordinate care with two other part-time live-in caretaker residents. You will do light cooking on your duty days and be a companion in daily scheduled activities, which can include concerts, movies, dance, and other cultural activities that are a part of Honolulu life. Job includes three 12 hour days plus overall responsibility for running the home, including monthly expense reports. Important criteria are great patience for repetitive behaviors of the feisty, willful, spunky 81-year-old matriarch who has extreme short-term memory loss and dementia. Previous "caretaker" experience or qualifications, flexibility of schedule and adaptability to communal living are highly desirable. Must be extremely patient and loving. Home is 83 steps from ocean. You have your own room and healthy food of your choice. Access to large kayak collection, bike, etc. on property, and large, lush tropical gardens. You must be non-smoking, non-drinking, have excellent references, outstanding driving record and current driver's license; credit and criminal history reports are a requirement. Minimum six month commitment. Compensation: \$600 per month plus room and board. Serious inquiries only. Locals preferred. Please contact Yvonne at chotzenjenner@sbcglobal.net and include your bio.

PRIVATE CHAUFFEUR/ESTATE CARETAKER needed for the Friday/Saturday shift in the Honolulu area. Start at \$15/hour. This can potentially turn into a full-time position. To apply, please email your resume: stephen@hopkinsoptions.com

A BIG ISLAND SANCTUARY is looking for conscious caretakers for both short and long-term time periods. Please go to our website: www.rashani.com to learn more, or email rashanirea@yahoo.com or call (808) 929-8043.

IDAHO

CARETAKER WANTED in northern Idaho. Finally got my land and am in need of some assistance. I won't be living in the cabin this winter, and was thinking it would be great to find someone who'd want to live there in exchange for some general handy work. Requires a 4 wheel drive and is a bit remote, though only 45 minutes to Sandpoint, a great little town, in the worst of winter. It's beautiful and quiet and has water. I will be getting a generator/deep cycle battery setup happening this fall. I'll need help with interior carpentry, wood cutting, and a bazillion other things. Anyone interested? If so, please call Leslie at (509) 250-1727 or email violetcopperbutterfly@hotmail.com

PERMANENT CARETAKER COUPLE wanted for an Idaho guest ranch and Orvis Endorsed fly fishing lodge. This is a year-round position with one being chef's assistant for four summer months, housekeeping part-time for two winter months; other being maintenance/grounds keeping year-round. Regular staff salaries during 'working' months, maintenance salary during 'ranch sitting' months. Excellent housing, all meals during working months. Car and air access, but remote, extremely scenic location offering hiking, horseback riding, and superb fly fishing. Non-smokers, some pet(s) welcome, room for horse(s). Please contact Diana at (208) 633-3217 or at wapitimr@aol.com

ILLINOIS

BUTLER/HOUSEHOLD MANAGER (live-in position) available. We are seeking an experienced person to manage a sizeable home for a couple without children. Duties include coordination and management of tradesman and staff housekeeper, some secretarial functions, looking after house guests, some errand running, some driving, among other miscellaneous responsibilities. At busy times, additional hours (beyond 40 per week) may be expected. The applicant must be willing to live on site (not in the main house) and, at times, with notice, be "on call." This is a very pleasant household in the north suburbs of Chicago. Excellent English skills are mandatory. Applicant must be able to prove he or she is legally entitled to work in the U.S. Resumes or written applications will be accepted by email to: Butlernorthshore@aol.com or PO Box 775, Lake Forest, IL 60045.

IOWA

LIVE IN HOME caretaker needed. Looking for an individual to assist with daily care for a wheelchair confined 65-year-old female. Duties to include general care, housekeeping, meal preparation. Room and board provided. Salary negotiable based on experience. Please send your resume to 803 S Adams Pl., Mt. Pleasant, IA 52641

INDIANA

GARY AREA FAMILY seeks three different positions for their home: a Household Manager/Personal Assistant, a Housekeeper, and a Nanny/Governess. The Household Manager/Personal Assistant position requires a well-mannered, cultured, and flexible individual, preferably with a college degree, who is experienced in managing and training staff, coordinating social functions, purchasing, secretarial duties, running errands, serving food, and arranging travel and traveling with the family as needed. This individual should also be willing to pitch in with other responsibilities as necessary, such as housecleaning, childcare, and cooking. The Housekeeper should be able to organize their daily schedule without being told what needs to be done, and have previous experience in caring for a large wealthy home. The Nanny/Governess will work weekends and evenings helping two older children with social graces and homework. Excellent salaries are being offered for really good employees. Please visit our web site at www.housestaff.net to view other available employment opportunities, or call Professional Domestic Services & Institute at (740) 881-3358.

CARETAKER NEEDED for tending to 175 acres of southern Indiana forest and pasture including care of animals and tending to an organic garden and greenhouse. A camp for the disabled is on the property during summer (andersonwoods.org). Involvement is optional but one should be comfortable with disabled persons. Modern home provided. Please call (270) 826-9721 and ask for Judy during business hours or email jcolby@psci.net

IRELAND

I NEED A HOUSESITTER starting in January 2006 in County Offaly, Ireland, between Dublin and Galway. I need someone to share my 3-bedroom, two story farm house, set on 60 acres in the Irish Midlands. Owner is away working overnights 3/4 times per week. In return for one days work per week and mind pets periodically, the housesitter gets a large bedroom, own suite and computer, TV and phone connections and will share the parlor, kitchen, and living room. There is plenty of space. The house is set in a large courtyard surrounded on four sides by stone outbuildings. Must like dogs, cats and chickens. For more details, please email Eileen at aibrean2002@yahoo.com

RETREAT CENTRE located on a 240 acre farm (some of it planted with trees) on an island off the West coast of Ireland needs help. We have sheep, horses (for breeding and riding) and a flock of ducks, as well as the usual cats and dogs. We grow most of our vegetables and in the summer, we run yoga and meditation courses. We are looking for people to help us with gardening, farm work, house maintenance, child minding our 3-year-old son, cleaning, cooking, etc. We offer in

exchange accommodation and food, occasional yoga instruction, and this very special island experience. Please write with details of your relevant experience and dates you would be available to Christophe Mouze, The Healing Path Ltd, Ballytoohey, Clare Island, Co Mayo, Ireland, or call (353) 98.25412, Mobile (353) 87.2504845, Fax (353) 98.25971 or visit our website at: <http://www.clare.yogaholidays.net>

ITALY

ANCIENT MASSERIA (historical farmhouse) 20 km from the Adriatic Sea, near the National Park of Alta Murgia, needs help. It's in a very enchanting and safe area of South Italy. This property has belonged to the D'Urso family since the XVII Century and is now managed by Emilia D'Urso. It's an organic farm of about 20 hectares. We have almond trees, olive trees and vegetables. We welcome helpers and we would consider applications from qualified people for a partnership to run a "bed and breakfast" and a "school farm". We welcome English-speaking and French-speaking people. Please apply to Emilia D'Urso,

Via Robert Kennedy n. 5, 70124 Bari Italy, phone 0039-330767075, or email amygdalea@alice.it



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KENTUCKY

Maintenance Person with carpentry experience and/or Caretaker needed for a large no kill animal sanctuary in the Webbville area. House, utilities and salary are included. For more info, please call Randy Scaggs at The Trixie Foundation at (606) 738-4276.

FARM CARETAKER needed, 50 miles northeast of Lexington. Free housing for a single person or couple in return for light farm work. Other part-time work available. Ideal second or supplementary job. Experience with horses and farm equipment desirable. References required. Will help with relocation for Katrina evacuees. Please call Gene Clabes at (859) 699-4621, or email gclabes@horseswork.com

MAINE

SEEKING COUPLE (man and woman, two men or two women) to run a 12 room luxury oceanfront B&B in Boothbay Harbor starting spring 2006. Year round accommodations provided on premises. Duties include taking reservations, greeting guests, preparing breakfasts, and housekeeping. Owner lives on premises and will train. Owner also owns two restaurants in Town with additional employment possibilities. You must be honest, reliable, sober, energetic, trustworthy and have a clean record. References required. Please send your resume to Gene Damon, PO Box 663, Boothbay Harbor, ME 04538.

CARETAKERS NEEDED next summer. We need a compatible couple to live on Seguin Island, Maine for the summer of 2006 to caretake our majestic historic lighthouse and surrounding 64 acres of grounds, 2½ miles off shore from the mouth of the Kennebec River. Stewardship includes guiding visitors through the museum and lighthouse as well as maintenance of grounds and buildings. Duties are assumed Memorial Day weekend and run through Labor Day, with one weekday ashore to take care of personal needs. Qualified applicants will possess outstanding public relations skills, good work ethics, maritime experience, complete with a sense of adventure and humor. Weekly stipend of \$75 per person may be available. Please send a resume and letter of introduction to www.seguinland.org keeper@seguinland.org or to: Caretaker Selection Committee, Friends of Seguin Island, PO Box 866, Bath, ME 04530.

MARYLAND

AN ANNAPOLIS FAMILY seeks a Household Manager to make their house a home. Duties include supervising a housecleaner, organizational projects, decorating for the holidays, ironing and laundry, scheduling vendors, etc. Good cooking abilities would be appreciated. Must love animals. This is an adult household with two teenagers. Previous experience and/or professional training required. Salary to \$50,000 plus housing and benefits provided. Please visit our web site at www.housestaff.net to view other available employment opportunities, or call Professional Domestic Services & Institute at (740) 881-3358.

CARETAKER – HANDYMAN needed. This is a long-term position starting spring 2006. Couple to live in a three bedroom rancher tenant house on a 50 acre tree farm in central Maryland. Handyman duties: 25-30 hours/week average, (less in winter). Routine grounds upkeep and related machinery maintenance. Caretaking of owner's residence several months per year. House is tax-free exchange for work, additional salary negotiable depending on experience. For more details, please call Barbara at (301) 874-1641.

SMALL, MODEST APARTMENT, with utilities included, available on a 40 acre farm in southern MD in exchange for 20-30 hours of ground care, animal care and some driving. This is an excellent opportunity to raise dogs, horses, and wild fowl. Please call (301) 855-1654 or email: RuthHarryWachs@aol.com

MASSACHUSETTS

OFFER OF HELP to any hurricane victims. I have a warehouse with a room with a couch in the Boston area. I need a night watchwoman/caretaker. We run a recycling business. Temporary position for right woman. Free gym membership so you can work out and shower while you are in transition. Whatever you can do for me in regards to labor, marketing and personal assistance would be compensated. I need work done on my house and in cleaning out my garage and my warehouse. \$10/hour to start and more based on skill and productivity. I am a divorced 46-year-old male, 6 ft. 205 lbs, all muscle and am easy to get along with. I will need references. Please call (781) 844-3700 for more details.

MEXICO

BAJA HOUSE available to trade for your place in Marin County, CA. I own a beautiful cottage on a private quarter acre, with great ocean views and lots of landscaping. It is on the Sea Of Cortez side of Baja, an hour from the airport at San Jose Del Cabo, and an hour and a half from La Paz I am a semi retired carpenter willing to trade work also. Please call Rick at (415) 342-4820 or email rickadee462003@yahoo.com for more details

SINGLE PERSON needed, year-round, for my studio apartment in a large house in Patzcuaro, Mich, Mexico. For more details, please email crowq@yahoo.com.hk

MICHIGAN

AN ANN ARBOR AREA ADULT COUPLE seeks a trained, professional Administrative Household Manager to run their 25,000 sq. ft. home. This position requires an active self-starter who is able to solve problems and manage crises. An individual who can create an unobtrusive presence for frequent formal entertaining. Responsibilities include purchasing for the household, supervising other staff, scheduling contractors, paying bills, hiring caterers, etc. Travel is required. Private apartment available on premises for the right person. Salary commensurate with skills and experience and includes benefits. Please visit our web site at www.housestaff.net to view other available employment opportunities, or call Professional Domestic Services & Institute at (740) 881-3358.

MINNESOTA

APARTMENT BUILDING CARETAKER POSITION available for two complexes totaling 113 units in a suburb of Minneapolis, MN. This is a full-time position. Independent contractor doing grounds, common areas, and turnovers. Base of \$1,500 plus turns should yield

about \$1,800 a month. You will need to live on site and the rent for the unit you choose will be deducted. This is good pay if you have a second income. Katrina survivors: we can arrange 60 day free accommodation and assistance with job search, etc. for a partner. Pay available for relocation also. To apply, please contact John Roder at johnroder1@yahoo.com

WE ARE SEEKING INDIVIDUALS to work on a Christmas Tree Farm, in West Central MN, November 1st 2005 to December 12th 2005. Paid per hour with housing provided. Indoor/outdoor work - tree harvesting, wreath making and decorating, retail sales. Please call Lowell for more info at (218) 338-6267.

DEVIL TRACK CAMPGROUND and Two Island Campground in northern Minnesota are in need of hosts starting May 2006 until October 2006. I am looking for people to stay at these campgrounds for either all or part of the summer season. The host will get to stay for free and will not be paid unless they wish to do some of the maintenance. If interested or have questions in this position please send a letter of interest and resume to marjaandwoywoy@yahoo.com or call Marja Wiinanen, Campground Manager, at (218) 370-0181.

MISSISSIPPI

THE TENNESSEE-TOMBIGBEE WATERWAY needs a Park Host volunteer for the winter season. Park Host positions are available at five campgrounds and three day-use areas. Host duties vary depending on the season. The main function of a Park Host is to provide services of hospitality to park guests. In addition, Hosts are essential in allowing us to keep some parks open by performing or assisting with certain operational duties. To apply, please contact Ralph Antonelli, 3606 West Plymouth Road, Columbus, MS 39701, or fax: (662) 328-8766.



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CARETAKER PROFILE**“Steve and Carol Koon – Ranch Managers”**

Dates of Birth: Steve 6/23/58; Carol 9/3/61

Address: PO Box 922, Chiloquin, OR 97624

Interests: Hiking, camping, hunting, fishing, mushroom hunting, horseback riding, rafting, snow skiing, reading, raising children, and going to church.

Quote: ‘Just Breathe’ – “Living a remote life with our nearest neighbors three miles away, Steve and I can still get stressed out and need to be reminded to just breathe.”



The Koon family at Sand Creek Ranch

Twenty years ago, Steve and Carol became ranch managers for Sand Creek Ranch. Carol explains, "The owners were looking for managers and the neighbors, who we knew, recommended us." The couple had previously worked on a ranch in northeastern Oregon. According to Carol, "That ranch was as remote as Sand Creek Ranch so I was thrilled at the opportunity to raise our children in a remote environment." Sand Creek is forty miles from the nearest town and seventy miles from the nearest major shopping area. Despite its remote location, the couple raised and home schooled their two older children, who are now grown, on the ranch. They currently live on the ranch with their two younger children.

The couple is responsible for managing the natural resources, wild and domestic animals, enhancing the fishing, and maintaining the buildings, fences, equipment, and generators. Steve explains, "Managing the natural resources includes managing the grasses by grazing plants intensively then removing animals until sufficient re-growth has occurred so as not to damage the root systems." Carol adds, "By spreading the flow of water coming from the Sand Creek drainage, we can filter the sediment out rather than allowing Sand Creek to dump directly into the Williamson River." The setting for Sand Creek is beautiful and pristine. Sand Creek is both a cattle ranch and a fly fishing ranch. The Williamson River, which meanders for nearly four miles through the 800-acre ranch, boasts 30 inch rainbow trout and 24 inch brook trout. Last August, Sand Creek was the site of the Fly Fishing Masters Tournament. Carol recalls, "Steve was a judge and did the barbequing for all of the contestants, camera people, and sound crew. It was a memorable experience."

"As far as managing wildlife," Carol explains, "We try to take into consideration their uses and habits as well. Rocky Mountain elk, mule deer, antelope, black bear, coyotes, cougars, and bobcat are just a few of the critters we share Sand

Creek with. There are waterfowl too numerous to mention, sand hill cranes, pelicans, herons, eagles, osprey, and many more who visit us at various times throughout the year." Steve continues, "By using hot fences, we have less permanent fences which are more aesthetically pleasing and safer for the wildlife. We cage the willow so that the deer, elk, antelope, and cattle don't eat the new tender growth. Then, when the willows reach heights where animals are only pruning, not destroying, we can remove the cages. Beaver are another enemy to our willows, and another reason for caging."

The couple bought cattle and developed a herd of fifty head. According to Steve, "They were quite docile and we could contain them in small areas with a hot fence, which was very nice when feeding the river. With the hot fence, we could avoid areas like nesting sites, willows, and boggy areas. This allowed us to get the effect we wanted in managing the natural resources." Carol adds, "Depending on the bank situation, we would either water from the river or pump into troughs. Basically, we used the herd as a tool to impact areas we wanted or just feed areas then move on, which kept the ranch greener longer." It also provides healthier, more desirable vegetation for wildlife. Carol asks, "If your choice was a young, green, healthy plant vs. an old rank one that hasn't been fed for years, what would your choice be?"

When they arrived at the ranch, Steve and Carol noticed that some riparian areas of the ranch were in serious need of attention. Banks were sloughing badly. While some sloughing is natural, the couple needed to stabilize the banks. By deflecting the current with structures and planting deep rooted shrubs and trees, including willows, cottonwoods, aspens, and snow berries, the couple successfully stabilized the banks. Steve and Carol were also successful in enhancing the fish habitat by stabilizing the banks, increasing and protecting spawning beds, improving the depth to width ratio, and controlling trespassing. Carol explains, "Steve is an excellent mechanic and if he can't fix it, he can find someone to help. If that doesn't work, we always carry extra dynamite."

With their commitment and dedication to preserving and protecting the land, working as a team as ranch managers has clearly been the right decision for Steve and Carol. They explain, "We believe that the best way to caretake a property is to ask: How would I protect and make decisions for this land so that all species are considered and our quality of life is respected?"



Steve fly fishing in the Williamson River

MISSOURI

CARETAKER NEEDED on an old Ozarks subsistence farm in a beautiful secluded valley. Park your camper/motorhome/trailer free, very minimal duties when author/owner travels. Free utilities. Possible permanent residence in small A-frame cabin. Please contact Gene GeRue, HC 78 Box 1105, Zamoni, MO 65784, or email: genegerue@ruralize.com

I'M SEEKING a live-in housekeeper to clean, launder, cook, grocery shop, and do light yard work, in exchange for free room and board in a beautiful, historic, spacious and well-appointed home in St. Louis. I am an easy-going but busy professional male and the sole occupant of the home, which is therefore lightly trafficked. Housekeeper would have entire 3rd floor, including private bathroom, with plenty of quiet and privacy while I'm working and traveling. Prefer a female, in good health, with experience in healthy cooking. Children are not acceptable, well-trained/mannered pets might be acceptable. Perfect situation for an artist looking for a sabbatical, a grad student needing to finish a dissertation in quiet focus, or a wandering soul just looking to experience a new city with an ultra-cheap cost of living. Would consider a male who is willing/able to teach me a unique skill or knowledge set. Please contact Doug at cdgarrett@sbcglobal.net

MONTANA

REST AREA maintenance needed on the Montana/Idaho border on 190 at Lookout Pass. Not for the weak. Housing and wage provided. Must commit for at least a full year. Work begins 11/1/05. Pickup truck a plus. References required. Clean driving record a must. This is a beautiful place to work, but you will have to shovel snow in the winter so good physical condition is required. Most days will require less than three hours work. The rest of the day is yours. Please respond to mrg1947m@netscape.net or call (406) 360-6355.

NW MONTANA RANCH seeks an experienced couple for a 40 acre "hobby farm" with dogs, draft horses, dairy cow, goats, sheep, and chickens. Duties: animal husbandry, pasture maintenance, home repairs, gardening, vehicle care, spa upkeep, basic cooking and service. Cleaning duties shared with full-time housekeeper. Full-time owners without children, entertaining occasionally. Furnished two bedroom/one bath cottage (electric, water, and local phone included.) Salary will depend on experience, with a benefit package. The right candidates will be able to work unobtrusively, be self-directed, see what needs to be done and do it. Non-smokers, no dependents. Please forward resumes to montanaranch2@hotmail.com

NEBRASKA

MOTEL MANAGER/CARETAKER COUPLE needed. I recently purchased a motel in Geneva, Nebraska and I am seeking a couple with experience to manage the property. Computer literate with typing ability a must to handle front desk duties. Extremely organized and clean with daily reporting to me on the night audit. Prior experience very helpful (a must perhaps) and great, friendly individuals are needed. Handyman experience will be useful too. Perfect for a couple wanting to get away from a busy city life and settle into a cozy, small town. Photos of the property are available and please fax your resume with references to Ken Stiles at (818) 475-1427 or email kstl3@aol.com

NEVADA

CARETAKER/HANDYMAN/SECURITY needed (individual or couple) for a long-term situation available on a small Hobby Ranch near Las Vegas (www.pahrumpnv.org). Absentee owner. Caretaker's trailer on property. Can accommodate your mobile/camper/motor home, pets, including horses. To apply, please call (702) 807-7311, or fax (702) 547-1312, or email mparelman@juno.com

NEW HAMPSHIRE

HANDY SINGLE OR COUPLE needed from October 11 - June 30, 2006 for my small house in SW New Hampshire. It has 10 acres of quiet, private hilltop woods. Only 10 hour's maintenance work/month in exchange for rent of \$200-275/month (which helps defray tax and insurance costs). Please call 877-431-7921 for more details.

NEW JERSEY

LIVE IN COUPLE needed in the New Jersey suburbs of New York City. We are close to completing the construction of our dream home, and now desire a highly experienced professional couple who possesses exceptional housekeeping, management, and culinary skills to lead our current team. We envision a husband who is a skilled gourmet chef/house manager, and a wife who will ensure that our home runs efficiently and meticulously. Required culinary skills range from casual family-style meals to formal entertaining. Spectacular living accommodations are provided along with first-rate salary and benefits. Please email your resume and salary history to: rktann@yahoo.com

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NEW MEXICO

LOOKING FOR a caretaker with skills. Will trade living space for an organic gardener, who can do miscellaneous construction with alternative and creative land development. I have 10 acres in northern New Mexico in the four corners area. Well going in, phone and electricity close. You will need a RV or your own self sustaining dwelling. Please fax your resume, references and why you would like this position to (928) 437-1215. Can be lots of fun and potential.

CARETAKER NEEDED for a small property in Catron County, New Mexico with a possible small dog shelter operation and minor general repairs if needed. Must like dogs and have your own income. Services exchanged for nice mobile home to live in and plenty of storage. Details to be worked out. Please contact Jae at sinpar@gilanet.com or call (505) 772-5800.

NEW YORK

FULL-TIME HEAD HOUSEKEEPER NEEDED for a large home in Westchester County, New York. Responsibilities include: daily cleaning and laundry, hiring and training weekend housekeeper, care for old and valuable pieces of furniture. Must have experience as housekeeper in a large residence, and pay close attention to detail. Appropriate individual is honest, careful, pleasant and quiet, and will be able to respect owner's privacy. This is a live-out, Monday-Friday position. Please contact Christina for further details at cdelgado@loringward.com

FARM HELP needed - temporary or permanent, in suburban NY. You should be a knowledgeable horse and farm animal caretaker. Housing is available. Some home maintenance required. Your compensation is salary and housing benefits after six months. This is at a non-profit organization. To apply, please call Sara, Pets Alive Inc. at (917) 656-8121 or email petsaliv@warwick.net

SEEKING a reliable, mature individual interested in pursuing his or her creativity/passion while residing in a wooded setting overlooking one of western New York's Finger Lakes. Rent exchanged for caretaking of home, property, and small dog. Available immediately. To apply, and for more details, please call (585) 367-3341.

NEW ZEALAND

WE ARE LOOKING FOR HELP in running our retreat in Nelson, a town at the top of the southern island of NZ. Nelson has a population of 76,000, has the most sunshine in NZ and is renowned for its arts and craft, sea, mountains, lakes and rivers, fine wine and dining. We need someone who can cook well, who is happy to clean and do odd

jobs. At this stage we are only able to offer work exchange. We would offer food and accommodation plus involvement and help from myself and my husband in the modalities that we offer at the retreat. These are bodywork, massage, yoga therapy, organic juice fasting, meditation and conscious communication. We are looking for someone who can stay for six months or more. Please contact Jane Pujji at jane@pujji.com if you would like to know more.

FARM HELP needed. We are a young couple running a farm milking 400 cows on the Coromandel Peninsula, one of the most beautiful spots in New Zealand, just three hours from Auckland. The area is a paradise to rest. From the house, over a hill, you can see the nearest beach --Matarangi-- and surrounding islands in the Pacific Ocean. Our daily routine is to milk the cows with modern equipment, and to do any general work on the farm. We have two guestrooms and we are happy to receive guests from August to March, except at Christmas time, who like to help us 3-4 hours a day with our activities, in exchange for accommodation and food. We love to receive overseas people. In your free time you can enjoy the nearest beach, ride a horse, use our boat, go kayaking, fishing or just sit on the porch to rest watching amazing sunsets. Please email Helen and Tony at helton1@ihug.co.nz with the time you are available and please be patient as we only check our emails once a week.

NICARAGUA/CARIBBEAN

CASA IGUANA is looking for an experienced management couple: solid, hardy, switched-on, robust individuals with a strong work ethic. We would like to fill the position immediately, but are interested in hearing from any qualified applicants who are interested in the job in the near future. Good Spanish is required. Should have experience supervising and directing employees, managing inventories of food and, beverages, dealing with the public, and basic book keeping. Should be a non-smoker and in better-than-average physical condition. No pets. No children. No partiers. No one with even the slightest "issue" with alcohol or drugs. Background in hotels or restaurants would serve well. You can learn more about us via our websites: www.casaiguana.net and www.divelittlecorn.com. Please email your resume and references to casaiguana@mindspring.com

NORWAY

HOUSE SWAP available. I'm looking for an apartment in the San Francisco area; I have a nice, light, furnished one-bedroom apartment in the heart of Oslo, Norway. I'm quite flexible concerning start/end of the swap period, so please contact me with your plans. Please email Hanne at hanne_gro.korsvold@chello.no

OHIO

BEACHWOOD, OH FAMILY seeks a full-time, live-out Household Manager/Housekeeper for their home. They are looking for a kind, caring, reliable, and flexible individual for housecleaning, laundry, ironing, and some after-school childcare, including dinner prep for the children. They are eager to find a professional who wants a long-term situation with a wonderful family. Experience or professional training required, as is knowledge of cleaning fine materials and furnishings. Nonsmokers only, please. Salary to \$45,000 plus benefits. Please visit our web site at www.housestaff.net to view other available employment opportunities, or call Professional Domestic Services & Institute at (740) 881-3358.

OREGON

CARETAKER/HORSEKEEPER needed for permanent/part-time work in Sandy, Oregon. Studio apartment and salary provided for an experienced non-drinking/smoking established caretaker/horsekeeper. Contact Nona: (503) 668-0873 or nona@solidrockfarm.com

FULL TIME RESIDENT CARETAKER(s) wanted for small (two acre) estate on the pristine McKenzie River near Vida, Oregon. Retired couple preferred. Riverfront cottage and utilities provided in return for landscape upkeep and light maintenance. Small salary possible depending on responsibilities. Previous caretakers are retiring for health reasons after 15 years. Please send a letter of interest and qualifications to Caretaker, PO Box 132, Vida, Oregon 97488 or email to Caretaker97488@aol.com

SITUATED AT 5,000 feet between Klamath Falls and Medford Oregon, Lake of the Woods Homeowner's Association seeks long-term employment of a year around caretaker for Homeowner's Association members. Principal duties include providing a security presence, greeting and providing incidental assistance to homeowners and guests, and providing additional services on a fee for service basis. Applicant should be in good physical health, able to snowshoe and/or ride snowmobile during the winter, have 4-wheel drive vehicle and be able to operate certain light equipment. Benefits include a private residence, all utilities, basic phone service and cell service paid. Salary is \$700 per month plus \$175 vehicle allowance. For more info, call (541) 883-7754 or email us at adrr@fireserve.net

BEAUTIFUL OLD GROWTH FOREST retreat center in southern Oregon seeks interns to help in the kitchen, the gardens, learn cooking, gardening and forestry. Vegetarian, drug, alcohol and smoke free. For more details, please email info@divinearts.org or call (541) 941-0178 and ask for Anne.

PENNSYLVANIA

INTERNS needed at OohMahNee (Ooh-Mah-Nee is a play on the word humane). OohMahNee currently operates with a staff of three full-time employees, two part-time employees and a group of very dedicated volunteers. Founded in 1995, OohMahNee is a 236 acre sanctuary and vegan farm located in western Pennsylvania. OohMahNee is presently home to hundreds of rescued farm animals. Housing is provided to all OohMahNee interns at no cost and includes a shared bedroom, bathroom, and kitchen facilities. For more info, please email Jason Tracy at omnoffice@earthtones.com

CARETAKER needed full-time for a camp in northeastern PA. Should be experienced in overall maintenance of children's camp. Should have knowledge of carpentry, lawn equipment maintenance, plumbing, electrical, grounds and pool care. Additional support staff provided during spring, summer, and fall. Housing and utilities provided. Salary dependent upon experience. Excellent opportunity for couples and retirees. Please email your resume to: gtour400@aol.com or fax to (609) 822-4126.

PORTUGAL

HELP NEEDED to clear some land and forest on our property in central Portugal. For accommodations and more details, please email Elaine de Souza Ferreira at elaines@iol.pt

I AM LOOKING FOR flexible, creative people to help me with the gardens at the Termas da Azenha in Portugal. I have a vegetable garden, and an orchard (mostly olive and orange trees). If you have a basic knowledge of gardening and tree cutting, it's enough to manage. I am also busy to clear some land from blackberries, but that happens with a motor-cutter. I have lived in Portugal for many years, being Dutch, with two sons of 13 and 10, and a group of four regular volunteers. We speak English, Portuguese and Dutch, and a bit French and German. The Termas da Azenha is a former spa resort, which we are recuperating in an ecological way. We eat from our garden. We cook for the guests. We have a little café with terrace. We organize mosaic courses, meditation weeks and guided and non-guided walking tours. Minimum stay is one month, maximum is half a year. Please send an email if you are interested to Ellen at information@meiogordo.com

PUERTO RICO

COMMUNITY FORMING. We have four single parent families, all with children, who are an income sharing group, living off the grid on what was a military base in the 1950s in Sabana Grande-Aguadilla. It had been deserted until we came last year. There is nearly one mile of beach, the area is very secluded, yet we are within walking distance to town. We are accepting new members and really need some people who can farm. We earn money by making and selling items for the tourist industry and horse drawn equipment and other old time items that reflect our simple and easy going ways. We have no common religion and are open to all. We don't force any beliefs on each other as we are all free. Our only requirement is to share in the work and

profits. Housing is on the property but needs a lot of work. We have recovered six buildings from the jungle and unless more housing is needed that should hold us over. We also have about 15 acres of wild rice growing. Visitors are welcome to stay with us and share their experience and know-how. Please email Randy at rlingram@prtc.net

SOUTH AFRICA

CAPE TOWN Flat available for holiday rental or swap, short or long term. This is a beautiful 2-bedroom 2 bathroom (one en-suite) Art Deco flat; a block from the Atlantic Ocean. It has all amenities, is very homey, and five minutes to the city center. For more information, please email Eva at princesschmeva@hotmail.com

I AM LOOKING for a housesitter in Randburg, Gauteng, South Africa to look after my house from December 16 - 17 2005. You must be an animal lover since I have dogs, a cat and a parrot that need to be cared for. For more details, please contact Samantha Hibbins via email at Samantha.Hibbins@standardbank.co.za

I NEED TO hire an experienced housekeeper on a full time or part time basis for my home situated in Caraighall Park, Johannesburg. I need someone who can handle looking after my guests. The housekeeper in turn will be paid according to the agreement signed. To apply, please call Mandy at 0823342760 or email cambridgeave@mweb.co.za

SOUTH CAROLINA

COMPANION/CARETAKER needed: Couple seeking a responsible, nonsmoking person who wants a position of caring for a female with the early stages of Alzheimer's disease. Live as a family member year round in Highlands, NC, Myrtle Beach, SC and Las Vegas. Private bedroom furnished. Light housekeeping will also be required. Please send salary requirements and qualifications including a summary of why you would like and be the best candidate for this position. Please send your cover letter and requested information along with three references to: Attn: Resume, PO Box 3968, Myrtle Beach, SC 29577.

SPAIN

HOME EXCHANGE available in Barcelona. I have a room in shared loft in Sarria, a very nice area of Barcelona that has retained its traditional atmosphere. The flat is equipped with Satellite television, ADSL and unlimited free landline calls in Spain. I am 34, French and I am sharing the flat with Sebastian, a very friendly 26-year-old Graphic Designer from Buenos Aires. I would be interested in an exchange from late December/early January 2006 with someone who has a room with Internet connection. The exchange would be for about until late September 2006 (9 months). I have my own business and work freelance over the Internet. Please email Pierre Guichard at pierreguichard@yahoo.com for more details.

I NEED SOME HELP on my farm 150 km west of Barcelona, at the edge of the Pirinean Mountains. The farm has olives, almonds, fruit trees, and a big vegetable garden. Projects include the use of recycled materials in wood, bricks and tiles for building. I'm a teacher and I also have projects with my pupils. I live in a village of about 15,000 people. Everybody is welcome. For more info, please email Jordi at jpedros1@xtec.net

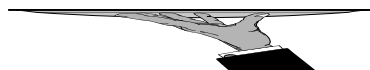
TENNESSEE

WE ARE TWO FOUNDING MEMBERS who recently purchased 60 acres of wooded land near the Obed River, in the Cumberland Mountains of East Tennessee. We are seeking pioneering spirits to participate in founding an intentional community based on sustainable agriculture and energy, shared ownership, eco-village housing, cottage industry and communal work. To learn more, go to <http://icdb.org/show.php?r=obedriverhomestead> or email us at erikandelman@gmail.com or call (423) 319-6626.

A NASHVILLE FAMILY seeks a hands-on couple to share responsibilities on a large estate. An Estate Manager manages the property and keeps the employees working as a team. They are seeking long-term employees and have little turnover. They are looking for the woman to keep the home clean and the gentleman to do the cooking and help with the grounds. Candidates must be flexible, team-oriented, and willing to do whatever it takes to complete the task at hand. Salary commensurate with abilities and experience; living accommodations and nice benefits are provided. Please visit our web site at www.housestaff.net to view other available employment opportunities, or call Professional Domestic Services & Institute at (740) 881-3358.

CARETAKER(S)/MAINTENANCE needed for 2006. No smoking or alcohol. Do mowing, carpentry, animal care, etc. Should be organic minded, love nature, and animals. Free room/board, use of canoes, etc. Property is a 17 acre farm in the middle of TN, with a pond, creek, fields, goats, barn, cats, big garage, and our house which is being remodeled. It's isolated but 30 minutes from town. Rustic. Phone, electric, water provided. Please contact mourlight@aol.com

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TEXAS

CARETAKER POSITION/Wildlife Management available in Palo Pinto, Texas. Must do yard and light maintenance and housekeeping, in exchange for a house with central a/c, utilities and a stipend. A retired couple with other income preferred, but wildlife management and deer aging might permit consideration of additional compensation. To apply, please contact John R. Cook, 212 West Elm Street, Breckenridge, TX 76424, or email: johncook@jrlaw.com or fax: 800-843-0737.

HIGH HOPE is a private ranch and place for retreat. Two residences, another house for program participants, yurt, yoga studio and miles of trails throughout its 900 acres of northern highland hill country landscape (<http://www.weare1.org/hhhome.htm>). We seek to develop on-going relationships with people who would be interested in care-taking for times when we are all away. House-sitting presence and care for four dogs and two cats. Time periods would vary from a few days up to a month at a time. A perfect place for artists, writers, retirees and for those who can get away with advance or little notice.

This place is special and you will receive its many gifts. Please send email to mcjurz@aol.com with description of your background, interest and references.

HOUSEHOLD MANAGER/CARETAKER needed for a Texas estate. This is a live-in, full-time position. Household Manager is responsible for a small staff and all household affairs. This person is responsible for preparing informal meals and indoor/outdoor grounds maintenance. This is a drug-free and smoking-free household. Criminal background screening will be conducted and references are required. This is a quality family looking for honest, caring and family-oriented people with a strong work ethic. Interested candidates should email pay requirements and resume to texashousehold@hotmail.com

CARETAKER COUPLE needed in the Boerne Area to maintain a very large landscaped yard and house. Salary, free rent, and bills paid in a beautiful separate one bedroom house. This is a non-smoking, English-speaking environment. email your qualifications, salary requirements & references to Sandra: boernecaretaker@hotmail.com

VIRGINIA

INTERNSHIP/APPRENTICESHIP available at Mount Vernon Farm in Sperryville. We raise and direct market 100% grass-fed beef and lamb along with pork and eggs. While the farm is not certified organic, we strive to provide the best care for our livestock and best product to our customers by never using antibiotics, synthetic growth hormones, or chemicals. We instead use homeopathic medicine to treat our animals when necessary. We practice low tech/low input farming, allowing our livestock to do the work of harvesting solar energy in the form of grass. We use management intensive grazing techniques, rotationally grazing (moving livestock to fresh grass every day); to most efficiently capture our most available resource, grass. The farm is 800 acres, of which 400 acres are forested, 300 are grazed, and the remaining is set aside for riparian restoration. The view from the farm is breathtaking. Shenandoah National Park and Skyline Drive are both within 10 minutes drive from the farm. Interns will be working directly under the farm manager. The internship lengths are flexible; however, a three month commitment is required. Year long and winter positions are available. For more details, please email mtvfarm@verizon.net

SEEKING AN ASSISTANT INNKEEPER or couple to help run all aspects of our B&B operation. Daily cleaning, entertaining of guests, check ins, and cooking. Excellent communications skills, very good culinary skills, impeccable housekeeping skills, organizational talents, flexibility, detail-oriented, strong work ethic and sense of commitment, articulate, trustworthy, hardworking, people - also looking for someone with common sense and a sense of humor. Weekly stipend and free living quarters in a recently renovated beautiful mountain cabin. Qualified candidates should send their resume and cover letter via email to Dina at info@thewhitepig.com.

A **VIRGINIA BEACH** single businesswoman is seeking a highly experienced or professionally trained Personal Assistant to assist with her fast-paced lifestyle. Necessary skills and experience includes secretarial skills, event planning, entertaining guests, office management, planning travel arrangements, bookkeeping, etc. Someone who enjoys cooking and can assist the chef with small parties would be a plus. If you would like a position filled with variety and unpredictability, this is the position for you! Salary to \$60,000 and includes full benefits and a vehicle. No pets, family members, or smoking, please. Please visit our web site at www.housestaff.net to view other available employment opportunities, or call Professional Domestic Services & Institute at (740) 881-3358.

BEAUTY, CONTENTMENT, FREEDOM, SUSTAINABILITY all wrapped up in one 110-acre organic farm/homestead in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia. Come make a home, caretake the precious land, help build dream of sustainable country life, homestead school, spiritual/healing retreat. Off-grid, primitive but cozy, joyful, meaningful, gratifying work raising own food, building

own dwellings, teaching, learning in lovely wilderness playground. Please call (540) 745-6868 for more details.

WASHINGTON

NEEDED: Housesitter on beautiful Anderson Island from October 23rd - November 1st. Will need someone to take care of my south Puget Sound cottage, two adorable dogs and one fat cat. Accessible by ferry, this quaint island of 600 residents, with two freshwater lakes, offers serenity and northwest beauty. Seattle is only 45 minutes away. Small salary and Kayak available. Please send your references to Robin at robinsutton@centurytel.net

INTENTIONAL COMMUNITY FORMING. We have twenty six acres in Washington State. We are building an earthship and someday hopefully an eco-village. If you are tired of struggling alone, come struggle with us - we have a start. Bring a tent a trailer or use our cobb to find out more about us. Please contact Billie Jean at unkatah@yahoo.com for more info.

WASHINGTON, DC

A **WASHINGTON, DC ADULT COUPLE** seeks an experienced live-in Housekeeper or couple to work in their home and provide care for their two golden retrievers. Responsibilities include housecleaning, laundry, ironing, organization, running errands, and assistance with entertaining and formal serving, occasional cooking, etc. If a Couple, the gentleman would not have to work on the property, or he could work a few days a week providing care for their landscaping (if experienced). Previous experience and/or professional training required. Salary to \$60,000 plus an apartment with private entrance and benefits. Please visit our web site at www.housestaff.net to view other available employment opportunities, or call Professional Domestic Services & Institute at (740) 881-3358.

WEST VIRGINIA

THE SHADY REST RV PARK, located near Beckley, WV is in need of a camp host. We are a small 23 space park and need some one to welcome and sign in our guests. We offer a full hookup space for your RV as compensation. To apply, please email Sonja and Steve at Banj58@aol.com

CARETAKER NEEDED on a beautiful mountain farm. Get back to nature, clean air, water, secluded but close, easy access to the interstate. Couple or single needed. Prefer no smoking, drinking or drugs, into healthy living. Some carpentry, yard work, general chores, occasional help with fences. Also, care for horses and other pets if I go away for a couple of days. Sorry, can't afford salary, but there would be time for part time job. Need your own RV initially. If compatible, we could build a small cabin for you. Water and electricity supplied. Contact Judy: jwin@earthlink.net (304)466-1837

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station, 4) feed the cat, 5) shovel two roofs if snow exceeds 3 feet. No pay, but we supply food, firewood, propane, and local telephone service. Snowmobile not provided. Be prepared to supply references. Please contact us at DR@wyoming.com or (307) 733-5588.

WE ARE LOOKING for a couple to caretake our executive beefalo cattle ranch at the foot of the beautiful Big Horn Mountains in North Central Wyoming. This is a long-term position. Our last caretaker couple was with us for 12 years. To apply, please mail your resume and references to PO Box 630, Dayton, WY 82836.

SITUATIONS-WANTED ADS

Mature, responsible person seeks caretaker/house sitter position. I have over 30 years of experience in the repair, remodel, and handyman field (visit my website at rhandyman.com). Other abilities include massage therapy and alternative healing, yoga, nutrition, and organic cooking. I have exceptional organizational skills, love children and animals, beauty and truth...a free spirit with a great work ethic. I come with an open heart, a clear mind, and a desire to serve. I have excellent references and credit scores, and no criminal history. Contact Dennis at flashfizz@earthlink.net or call (505) 615-9400

Hospital care worker for Alzheimer/dementia experienced with toddlers 2-5. Do cleaning, bathing, dressing, preparing meal, medicine reminder, iron, and can drive. Completed six months caregiver training course, first aid, CPR. Contract 24 months live-in Filipina/with Japanese citizenship. English, Japanese, Tagalog. \$500 weekly. Thank you.

Do you need a live-out winter caretaker to check in on your southern Maine summer home? Reliable, detail-oriented handyman/home maintenance professional living in southern Maine can take care of your property and/or fulfill any general maintenance/improvement needs you may have. Please call Maurice at (207) 221-5392 or email mauricefixit@gmail.com

Caretaker Couple in their early 50's looking for long term employment in the West. Responsible, educated and experienced couple with many developed skills ready to serve your needs and honor your privacy. Please email, for full description of talents, skills and resume. Available within reasonable notice, only a long term commitment is desired. We can be reached at badgersdig@earthlink.net.

Texas, Houston area. Widow seeks housesitting/caretaking position in the area. Mature (52), educated (B.A., etc.) and employed (8-5, 7 years in major organization). Resourceful, responsible, organized, clean and quiet person. Will help you care for your home, gardens, personal business affairs and pets. Will travel to other locations on the weekends if necessary. Dlmwoody@yahoo.com or (713) 408-9737. No children, but do have 2 small dogs.



Our names are Vanessa Pisano and Andrew Phillips and we are looking to caretake a villa in Italy. We are engaged to be married and intend to travel Europe before attending graduate school next fall. Recently graduated from Wheaton College, MA with a degree in political science/legal studies, I will return to law school after our travels. Andrew has a degree in business management and

works "hands on" with his family's building company, which focuses on restoration of old houses. Andrew also has experience in caretaking houses. Growing up on the breathtaking island of Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts, surrounded by white sand beaches, cobble stone streets, and rolling pastures, we appreciate our environment and understand our responsibility to it. We are active young adults who enjoy sports and outdoor adventure. We share a love for traveling, cooking, antiques, music, and reading. For us, life's contentment is simple: good food, good wine, quiet times. We are both competent at many skills, trustworthy and responsible. If you want peace of mind that your home is well cared for, we are the perfect couple for the job. Solid references upon request. Please contact Vanessa: vpi204@hotmail.com or call (508) 693-7214.

Responsible, reliable adult looking for housesitting position for 1 or more years, beginning Fall of 2005. I am an independent operations consultant working in the New England area, NS, dogs ok. I can do general maintenance (former home inspector). Please contact Kevin Moran at (860) 381-9281 or email kevin_giftshop@yahoo.com

New Orleans, Louisiana. Seeking caretaker position for French Quarter/New Orleans/North shore area estate. Pt-X Professional woman will care for and manage 2nd home or estate in exchange for living quarters. Responsible, organized. References available. Please call (504) 343-8745.

A Dutch couple would like to take care of your house/garden in the Houston area during the period October w/ April. Please contact aodw@hotmail.com

Mature person available for housesitting in Scottsdale or Fountain Hills AZ. No kids, pets or bad habits. Please email Terry at TerrySSmith@msn.com

Young stable 30's couple with a beautiful 6-month-old girl seeking full-time, non-seasonal salaried position in a beautiful corner of the world. Caretaking or facility/ranch management ideal. Extensive experience in property and facility/ranch management and all aspects of mechanical and construction fields. Jack of all trades. I managed 460 unit apartment complex while running a train servicing company for 6 years. Horses, cattle and critters not a problem. Excellent public relations skills. Have owned horses and other animals for years. We look forward to hearing from you: Jeremy, Tania and Issabella 0044-208-507-9876 crabshack2006@yahoo.com

Retiring Gardener, Handyman Specialist available. Looking to move to a mountain site in cooler climate and living my life out, building and maintaining garden for one or more estates. Need small cottage on or near work site, with workshop. I have tools of all trades to fill it. Excellent at multi-tasking. For more info and resume, please call (407) 416-7248 and ask for Jay.

Well qualified twosome seeking caretaking position for individual or couple. Both are healthcare professionals with college degrees. Roger is credentialed in massage therapy, reflexology, diet and nutrition; has vast experience in gourmet and general cooking, chauffeuring, positions in security as a bodyguard, personal and administrative assistant as well as managing properties and vendors; a natural with multitasking, managing people and traveling as required. Dee is an RN (primarily surgery and geriatric care), a Licensed Massage Therapist with certification in reflexology and Reiki energy work, multitasked and detailed oriented with experience as personal assistant, office managing, supervisory positions; excels in organizational skills, business acumen; other experience in house and pet sitting, property maintenance; a people person, a natural with the plant and animal kingdoms. Both willing to travel, have multitudinous skills and are willing to learn others to encompass the needs of the right person or couple. Salary/benefits negotiable. Please contact us at (757) 201-1617, (757) 232-6814 or (239) 642-3839.

Oahu, Hawaii housesitting position desired. Mature single woman, responsible, trustworthy, discrete, reliable, self-starter, quick-learner, clean, highly organized, animal lover, and strong people/communication skills. Multiple talents, willing to ensure your property is secure and well-cared for during your absence. Can also do personal shopping, event planning, make travel arrangements, maintain yard, light housekeeping. Require private basic accommodations and salary. No smoking, alcohol, or drugs of any kind. Will provide resume of long corporate work experience and excellent references. Prefer Windward Oahu. Available Fall/Winter 2005. Please contact Anne Hoag at (303) 794-8211 or ghomrighausen@netzero.net

Retired engineer manager 64 licensed electrical mechanical contractor carpenter computer security system design install HVAC refrigeration w/ extensive tools equipment seeks permanent caretaker position. Very fit, active. Superb cook. References. email:scottengineer10@yahoo.com (415) 505-5107

Law Student seeking housesitting position in quiet setting to finish law degree/write. Likes cats, literature, movies. Please contact Sara Lien, 2 Chapel Ridge Cir. Apt. F, Marion, Iowa 52302 or email sel001@peoplepc.com

Texas Hill Country: software-industry executive in early retirement seeking housesitting/caretaking duties in the Texas hill country. The ideal location is within two hours of Austin. I have owned a horse farm and am very comfortable working with horses, dogs and cats and understand basic home and farm maintenance. I am in very good physical condition, am extremely computer literate, cook rather well, and diligently practice yoga and the Classical guitar. Impeccable resume, personal references and financial history. Please contact Joseph Morris via email at jmorris1950@yahoo.com or call (512) 731-4748.

U. S. Writer/Editor looking for short- or long-term housesitting or caretaking position in Europe beginning in March, 2006. Need to be able to travel from location for two-three days at a time, so situation with pets is not desirable. I have a green thumb, excellent housesitting and professional references, and I am responsible and honest. My excellent credit rating, clean background and lack of use of drugs/alcohol add desirability. I am great with kids, an excellent cook and used to own professional cleaning service. Location in Europe not important. You can see my Web site at http://www.gibell.com/elliemk or call (706) 777-3289 or email: elliemk@mindspring.com

Capable, creative woman exploring Hawaii in 2006. Seeking short- or long-term caretakes/housesits on Maui, Kauai, or Big Island, and/or work-trade/apprenticeship (organic farming; solar energy' native/medicinal plants; archaeology; culinary arts...). Have skills and energy. Also seeking affordable land for farming, B&B, sustainable living, and education. Please write Jill, PO Box 1586, Tucson, AZ 85702, or email amphibiangrrl@hotmail.com

Retired teacher looking for a change of environment. Please contact Richard Wakeman, 3342 Greycliff Trail, Franklin, OH 45005, or by email at dwake9584@hotmail.com or by phone at (937) 746-9584.

Denver regional area housing needed. Country lady with dog and two cats. Please email: mharbitz@rconnect.com

Euro-American couple seeking caretaking/housesitting position, long term (6mths or more) in warmer climate. Owned and operated dog-walking/housesitting business (4 years). Also maintained client's yards and estates. Both service oriented and socially competent. For more information (references and resumes) about us, call Aaron and Monika at (541) 510-4535 or doghouseptld@hotmail.com

Seeking housesitting position in Santa Fe, NM or close to town. Student of Chinese Medicine. 48 years young female. Homeowner of 27 years, responsible, reliable, studious, quiet, into hiking, biking, song writing, skiing, alternative medicine, organics and have been a licensed Massage Therapist in New Mexico for 10 years. I am seeking a quiet space for living/study/song writing/ and spiritual practice in exchange for caretaking. My apologies for cat lovers, I'm allergic to them. Prefer a situation for 6 months to a year. If you have an opportunity to discuss this please call Aven at (505) 466-2766 or email or email aven@cybermesa.com

58-year-old ex-farmer looking for ranch caretaker, or caretaker position in Rocky Mountains. Preferable in Colorado, Wyoming, or Montana. Hard working, honest, reliable self-starting non-smoking Christian. With experience in livestock care machinery maintenance, and general electrical, plumbing and carpentry. I have my own tools and my wife is an elementary school teacher. Please write us at 3757 W Prairie Rd, Grand Island, NE 68803, or call (308) 687-6430.

House Manager available: Responsible, flexible and fun-loving single male, non-smoker, non-drinker, two years experience as a House Manager, 10 years administrative/teaching experience at a Boy Scout summer camp. Seeking long-term live-in position (prefer rural, on-grid locations). Excellent computer/technology skills, child care/tutoring, skilled organizer and communicator. House management skills include staff training, contracting for services and house manual creation. Immaculate driving/criminal record. Willing to learn and meet the needs of your home, family or business. Please contact Michael Salitrynski: RR 1 Box 198G, Rome, PA 18837, salitrynski@gmail.com

Desire a housesitting/handyman position. List your troubles, vacation and I'll solve your problems. Services available in the continental U.S. Two weeks notice, beginning 11/05. Please contact: jcb_chase@yahoo.com

A 38 year-old female is seeking to house sit a home or condo in Dade County Florida for 3 months starting mid December 2005 to mid March 2006. Preferred areas are Brickell, Coral Gables, Coconut Grove, Miami Beach, North Miami Beach, Fisher Island, Aventura, Sunny Isle or Hollywood. Will consider and are open to other areas depending where and especially if it's near or on the beach. Very reliable, responsible and tidy person, also a discreet and serious individual. Appreciates and is used to an orderly, clean, quiet well living environment. Is a Nonsmoker loves cats and dogs. Will take extra good care of your property. Have house sat in the past in beautiful homes in Florida, Los Angeles and in beach resorts in Mexico. Is self employed and works in public relations. Speaks fluent English, Spanish understands and speaks a bit of basic French and is studying Italian. References available. Can be reached via email preferably at: rachi4g@yahoo.com or at (323) 937-2432.

Single male, 32 years old, seeking a housesitting position in the Jackson, Wyoming area for November-April. Meticulous, pet-free, non-smoker with construction skills and some animal care experience. I would like to be free to have an outside job and time to satisfy my snowboarding fix. References available. Please call Mark (970) 903-4316 or email fringsmark462@hotmail.com

Mature woman seeking permanent house sitting job. Prefer the California Coast. Reliable, retired physician, writer, computer skills, non smoker. Accustomed to care of house and garden. No pets in my living area, please. bettydove@earthlink.net or call (805) 208-5420.

After 21 years in LA working as a network television reporter, I am in search of a quieter life. Born in Virginia and raised in Texas, I am an animal lover with a very well-behaved Golden Retriever, bi-lingual (French), superbly organized and accustomed to daily deadlines. I'm highly knowledgeable about the finer things in life and comfortable with a myriad of personalities and situations. My ideal situation would take me to a more peaceful area of California, the Pacific Northwest, the eastern US where there is a change of seasons or to some faraway exotic locale. I am the kind of woman you want overseeing the running of your second home/estate. Think of me as your personal concierge to make your vacation home as comfortable as possible upon your arrival and, when you are not there, you can rest easy knowing that it is safe and well-cared for. Please know that I have given this life-change much thought and am anxious for this new chapter to unfold. If you're intrigued by what I'm seeking, please contact me so we can discuss specifics. Excellent references available. Please contact C. S. Westerman at (310) 713-1113 or email tochantal@comcast.com

Caretaker position desired. Nonsmoker, nondrinker, nondrugger. Prefer Santa Fe or neighboring northern New Mexico. Please call (830) 996-3275.

Trustworthy, professional woman seeking caretaker/personal assistant opportunity in Eagle County, Colorado. Short or long-term OK, references available. Please contact: Stephany Mushonga at (970) 390-9994 or sladimer@hotmail.com

Mature couple seeking preferably Mid-Atlantic upscale innkeeping position. Recently relocated. Previous employment was 10 years building and managing upstart, upscale Caribbean resort; 20 years building and remodeling, and 25 years administrative assistant. Proficient in all aspects of building maintenance. Energetic; outgoing and love meeting people. Please reply to Mike or Sue at (302) 353-0283 or buddynjune@hotmaail.com

SWF: Atlanta Housesitter/Home Manager for estate while you are away. Efficient, secure and reliable! Periodic or long-term living arrangements and salary. Please call (678) 523-5058.

Creative and versatile couple seek property caretaker position. We have 35 years professional experience as a: financial secretary, licensed general contractor, plumber, electrician, carpenter and home repairman. We also have skills in gardening, ranching (good with horses), mechanical maintenance and general household management having successfully raised five children. We are both artists (painter, sculptor and giclee printer), have a great sense of adventure, love the outdoors and are willing to relocate. Please call (510) 517-6052 or email redheadgrammie@yahoo.com

Building contractor, with 32 years experience, seeks caretaker position for house or estate property in Marin County, California (preferable in the San Rafael area) for three years while 11-1/2 year old daughter attends Davidson Middle School. Move in date on or before December 1, 2005. Knowledgeable in all phases of construction and maintenance. Contact: Ladd Bogdonoff PO Box 15-1282, San Rafael, CA 94915-1282 Phone: (415) 454-8600 or Cell: (415) 515-0427.

Energetic committed couple in 30's with a young son, seeking a long term house-sitting/caretaking position in the beginning of 2006, with some salary potential in any of the Hawaiian Islands, Mexico or South Pacific. Experienced in caretaking, grounds keeping, gardening, carpentry, supervise workers, coordinate vendors, basic maintenance, housekeeping, healthy cooking/baking, shopping/errands, driving, child care, personal assistance, and computer savvy. We are a highly responsible, organized, well traveled, self motivated, multitasking, detail oriented, trustworthy, reliable couple. Wife is Japanese bilingual. We both love animals and children. Health oriented with Christian servant hearts. View our website for more details at www.caretaker.reslier.com Contact Matt and Makiko at mattomachu@yahoo.com or call (718) 809-3117.

Housesitter and Pet Sitter available. I don't think I qualify as a Caretaker from most ads. However, I live in a SC resort community where I have been a Property Manager for a large company for 15 years (overseeing landscapers, maintenance, household, etc.) and a Pet Sitter (includes housesitting in addition to TLC) for 9 years. Single senior citizen seeking a minimum of 3 months in the US. Contact bjware@hargray.com or (843) 671-5077. References.

Responsible lady to housesit while you are on a get-away from winter or job. Will look after dogs, plants, and keep place clean. Non smoker/drinker. Vicinity Stratford, Ontario, Canada. Relatives in Stratford for references. dmmartil@mts.net

Single 50-year-old professional non/smoking female desires Home Health Aide/companion live-in salaried position, with mobile elderly woman in nice home in Florida or Hawaii, starting fall 2005. I'm very responsible, caring, dependable, and trustworthy. With my background in the Holistic Health field, I could share information on diet, cooking, exercise, and a healthy lifestyle, etc. Also available for Personal Assistant work. Excellent references. Please reply to Andrea at rezspirit1@aol.com or call (781) 593-6416.

Christian Family seeks a housesitting, caretaking position in a remote or country setting. Experience with livestock and farming. Hard, honest workers will consider any area. Please email to rns@rangeweb.net

67-year-old male on Social Security who is a dog lover is available for your property needs. Experience with horses and cattle. Looking for a ranch or farm setting caretaker/ranch security job with light maintenance and feeding. The ideal job would be one where the rancher could not get insurance on the ranch unless someone lived there year round. I have experience with most farm equipment. Absentee owner only. Need house and utilities paid. Please call (505) 544-6639. I have many years experience with livestock.

I am a compassionate, pretty, well groomed, humorous, Christian lady, 57 years young. I am a survivor and am here on earth on a mission. My purpose is to make a deserving someone's hectic life less frantic, to bring peace of mind through my confidence, laughter and cheerful smile. I don't do secrets and lies. I am available Thanksgiving to house sit, do cats and dogs, plants and housecleaning, some gardening. I assure you I will bring warmth, love and order to your home. Have excellent references (lovingly saying I light up

a room with my smile) photos available. Must flee this toxic town to finally enjoy myself and God's little miracles. Am free from addictions, tobacco and alcohol. I prefer the East Coast, Savannah, outer banks North Carolina, including New England. You can reach me via email sklsm@webtv.net or phone (863) 644-5992. Cheers, Sandra K. Lee

Mature highly educated responsible couple available. He is an early-retired British Police Officer who was seconded to New Scotland Yard and she is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker. We are looking for in-house positions as Caretaker/Personal Assistant/Housekeeper. Both possess backgrounds of high integrity and she additionally possesses acclaimed Child Development skills. He has managed for three years as an in and out house position in Florida for a European Couple and duties extended to Management of the property, Security of the family and property, Management of Maintenance, Catering and Domestic staff and Driving Duties. The Couple are available immediately and are prepared to relocate for the correct position. Resumes and references are available upon request. Please contact Paul at paulgannon@bellsouth.net or (305) 829-5683 (Home) (305) 308-5066 (Cell).

Housesitter/Caretaker available. Well experienced in yard/home care. Looking to devote more time to creative endeavors. Small salary desired. Please call (404) 762-7326.

Responsible 44-year-old single female business owner in Woodinville, WA is looking for a long term housesitting position in or near Woodinville, WA. Would love to care for your home as you do! Please contact Laurie at (425) 941-1708 or email: laurieluckman@hotmail.com

Highly detailed oriented couple, married thirty-two years, fifty, fifty-two years young, seeking permanent position on an estate or ranch with housing and benefits. We are both honest, reliable and hardworking. Husband is a master cabinetmaker/woodworker, with thirty plus years experience. He also has knowledge and abilities in the following; plumbing, electrical, mechanics, construction, boat repair and maintenance, security, welding, vehicle, lawn, pool, and building maintenance. Also has all the tools. Wife has thirty plus years experience in the medical field as office manager. Very high organizational skills. Has experience in management, scheduling, computer, accounts payable, receivable and accounting. Also enjoys cooking, baking and gardening. Between the two of us there is not much we cannot either do or accomplish. We work well together. We are both pet and livestock friendly. Enjoy the outdoors and would enjoy a rural or remote lifestyle. We are non-smokers and non-drinkers. We both have safe drivers' license. Upon request we have resumes and excellent letters of reference. Please contact us at llwjw@aol.com or (954) 782-6698.

Mature couple seeks housesitting assignment in San Francisco during the period December 10, 2005 - January 8, 2006. Pets ok. Husband is college professor, wife former apartment manager in San Francisco. Please contact John/Carol Payne at 247 Oak Hill Drive, Kerrville, TX 78028 or call (830) 896-8165 or email jpayne2@stx.rr.com

Colorado: Looking for a live-in position as housesitter/caretaker or elderly companion/personal assistant. Very responsible, hard-working, 50-plus female with no pets/dependents. Very athletic/outdoorish; health-conscious lifestyle. Excellent housekeeping, gardening, and healthy-cooking skills. Detailed-oriented/organized. References. Please contact Tillie: email talapier@hotmail.com, or call (970)-420-3457.

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Mature, non-smoking woman seeking housesitting position beginning December 1st. Preferably NYC or Boston Metropolitan areas. Professional in support role in show business, familiar with specific needs of people in the public eye. Resume and references on request. Care of Animals, Gardens and Orchids. Please email HYandZ@yahoo.com

San Francisco Bay Area. Mature, responsible professional starting grad school Jan'06 seeks housesitting/caretaking/B&B opportunity. Flexible with regard to duties. Experienced so can provide references. Contact Susan at (919) 280-5888 or nomadnurse04@yahoo.com

A woman in her mid-forties seeks a position, where any combination of my experience and skills can be utilized, including: Estate caretaking, pet care, cooking (culinary and fine dining service training), family assistant, flower arranging, housekeeping, child and elderly care, chauffeuring and aircraft piloting. 26 years experience with excellent long term references. Please contact Patty (530) 274.8390 or Iama99@aol.com

Professional, responsible, gainfully employed female, 36, seeking long-term caretaking/housesitting position on Maui. Great with animals, plants and yard work. Please contact Leanna at (808) 268-3559 or email riograndechica@yahoo.com. Mahalo!

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Couple seeks house-sitting or caretaking opportunity in Boston, MA area January - June 2006 (dates/ duration flexible). Male sound recording engineer experienced with light carpentry, painting, and mechanical work; female yoga teacher with professional house-cleaning and landscaping experience. Fantastic references. Please contact Kara Jasinski at (413) 695-0093 or email karajasinski@hotmail.com

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