

An option for animals

What can you do with your dog if you are moving to a new apartment where no pets are allowed? If Ashland developer Lloyd Haines gets his way there will be a number to call for help. Haines is hoping to establish a 55-acre domestic animal sanctuary in the Applegate.

If the county approves, the sanctuary will be the only operation of its kind in Oregon. Haines plans to do more than simply house and adopt out needy house pets or even larger animals like llamas that can no longer be cared for. Rescued animals will be used to comfort the elderly and help troubled youths reconnect with their feelings. The land will be farmed and use buildings with an environmentally friendly design.

Across the country, thousands of cats and dogs are euthanized daily. Some animals are sick or too aggressive for adoption. But most simply ran out of time for placement. The sanctuary Haines envisions will give at least some of those animals locally a home where, if not adopted, they can live out their lives.

Haines wants to make a difference to the planet while providing a service to his community. If you would like to help by volunteering time or donating money, contact him at lloydmhaines@yahoo.com or call 482-9300.