

Guardian Angels For Soldier's Pet

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State expands soldier's pet foster home program

Arkansas-based Guardian Angels For Soldier's Pet has expanded the availability of their program service by approving affiliated chapters in Minnesota and Mississippi.

GASP, a nonprofit public charity organization, was incorporated/founded in Arkansas in Jan. 2005 by Carole Olmedo and Linda Spurlin-Dominik.

The organization's primary mission was to locate, interview, and monitor foster homes for Arkansas military service members being deployed and unable to find a temporary home for their pet or pets without having to relinquish their ownership or just abandon them.

Currently the organization has pets owned by deployed military service members from the states of Texas and Indiana fostered in Arkansas, has assisted a soldier located in Fort Bragg to find a foster home in North Carolina, and is working with two Arkansas National Guard service members to foster their pets while they are deployed.

Due to requests from military service members based in other states looking for someone to care for their pets while deployed, people offering to open their home to one of these

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pets while their owner was deployed, and inquiries on forming a GASP chapter, the 2005 board of officers and directors voted to pursue and encourage formation of GASP affiliated chapters.

In May, GASP received requests to form affiliated chapters in Burnsville, Minn. and Starkville, Miss. Necessary agreements and documentation required to approve and recognize these organizations as affiliated chapters have been completed.

Persons interested in becoming a foster home caregiver, volunteering to help, forming a chapter in another state or area or making a donation, should visit <http://www.guardianangelsforsoldierspet.org>, call (501) 760-3875 or by e-mail at info@guardianangelsforsoldierspet.org.

Military personnel anticipating a possible deployment who have not been able to locate a home for their pets, may visit the groups military Web site page to learn more about the programs and services.