



RUNNING A LIFESAVING SANCTUARY CERTIFICATION (RLSC) presented in collaboration with Southern Utah University



Running a Lifesaving Sanctuary: Taking Your Vision to Fulfillment

is offered through a partnership between Best Friends Animal Society and Southern Utah University. This hybrid course offers the best of both worlds through online self-study, live weekly Zoom calls and a six-day, in-person experience at Best Friends Animal Sanctuary in Kanab, Utah. The in-person experience includes a tour of the facilities as well as live small and large group immersion sessions with animal care and subject matter experts.

RLSC is a three-month journey with Best Friends co-founders Jana de Peyer and Silva Battista, along with other experts. It is geared toward people who are interested in starting an animal sanctuary and are not looking to work in a municipal shelter or humane society. Many people have the skills, resources and talents to help animals in their communities. They may need and benefit from Best Friends' history, experience, knowledge, resources and insights in creating a successful organization.

Goal: Share information on the realities of having an animal sanctuary and provide some of the skills needed to be successful. Each graduate will earn one CEU and a Running a Lifesaving Sanctuary Institutional Certificate from Southern Utah University.

PROGRAM COMPONENTS AND BENEFITS

After attending this course, participants will be able to:

Evaluate if starting a sanctuary is the best use of their skills and talents on behalf of the animals

Explain key components involved in creating an animal sanctuary

Identify animal issues in their own communities

Analyze if starting a sanctuary will fill a specific need

Give examples of other options to help besides starting a sanctuary

Create a cohort community to provide support

MODULE TOPICS

- History of Best Friends Animal Society
- Starting a Nonprofit
- Strategic Planning
- Fundraising
- Cat World
- Community Cats
- Fundraising
- Dogtown
- Animal Housing
- Basic Veterinary Care
- Long-Term Animal Care
- Community or Stray Cats
- Making Digital Work for You
- Communicating Your Message
- Risk Management
- Pathway to 2025
- Volunteer Management
- Adoption, Foster, Transport

The RLSC program is equal to three academic credits. Students can continue their educational journey and opt in to purchase these credits. These three credits may matriculate into an SUU bachelor's degree or Master of Interdisciplinary Studies and Master of Public Administration. To express interest in this program, please reach out to learning@bestfriends.org

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