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HELLO WORLD



One of SRI Federal Credit Union's members dreamed of opening a pet store. After working in a pet store and being active in animal rescue, Anita Ledtje quickly became frustrated with the lack of healthy toys and food for animals. Not only should pet toys help recreate aspects of animals' natural lives, but they should also provide a job and fun for both pets and caregivers—all within a supportive community of animal lovers. And so the dream of "For Other Living Things" was born.

When dwarf rabbits adopted Anita, she knew that she needed to learn more about them. As she watched the little guys, it became clear they had a much richer emotional, social and mental life than she had realized. After much research and getting connected with people who really knew how to care for bunnies, she spent a lot of time and effort tracking down safe, appropriate toys and equipment. After getting a resale license, gathering a room full of chemical-free, natural goodies for rabbits and finding a permanent spot at the local college flea market, For Other Living Things was founded.

By 2001, For Other Living Things had grown into a brick and mortar store with a broad range of products for all sorts of warmblooded animals. Recognizing the power of the internet, Anita's husband, Dennis Gaydos, grabbed the domain name of www.forotherlivingthings.com before it was gone. Working closely with animal rescue, the store hosts regular adoption, fundraiser and educational events that benefit local groups. These have included speeches from internationally recognized presenters including rabbit expert Dr. Carolyn Harvey and dog behaviorists Dr. Ian Dunbar, Pat Miller, Jean Donaldson, Janis Bradley and Teoti Anderson.

Dennis Gaydos and Anita met while working for SRI International. A true family affair, Anita and Dennis run the store with daughter Kelly and son-in-law Kevin (along with a number of great staff who love animals). It's been a joy to see the store grow and flourish!

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