



Gimme Shelter Animal Rescue is 501(c)(3) a foster-based animal rescue organization in the Hamptons, NY. Founded in December 2011 by Michelle Neufeld Montak, Gimme Shelter's mission is to rescue homeless animals who are on death row in high-kill facilities across the country. Director Michelle Neufeld Montak has built her rescue on the foundation that every single dog that she rescues and places in an adoptive home is healthy and matched with a forever home that will love and cherish them for the remainder of their lives.

Since Gimme Shelter's inception, over 850 dogs have been rescued and successfully adopted into loving homes. Each and every dog that is rescued gets full medical care including spaying/neutering, vaccinations and they are microchipped prior to adoption. The unique foster program is the nucleus of the organization. Michelle has built a dedicated network of about 25 foster families who care for the dogs without an actual facility. The foster program also allows the foster family to understand the personality and needs for each dog so that it is adopted by a family where each dog can thrive.

Gimme Shelter hosts an annual benefit each summer at the beautiful Southampton estate of Chuck and Ellen Scarborough. This event is the main fundraiser for the rescue. The event features dogs for adoption, live music, delicious hors d'oeuvres and cocktails, and an auction with high-profile items. The benefit each year has grown to raise several hundred thousand dollars to support the rescue. Notable attendees at the benefit have included: Beth Stern, Chris & Cristina Cuomo, Dylan Lauren, Georgina Bloomberg, Bill Persky and Loudon Wainwright.

Gimme Shelter has achieved quite a bit in its 4 short years, but Montak's goal is to raise enough funds to open a facility and be able to rescue more animals. "Saving one dog won't change the world...but surely the world will change for that one dog."