

## Introduction

Let's Ride Sunshine stables enables you to make your wish come true and take care of six of your favorite pets (horses, dogs, cats, rabbits, budgerigars and tortoises).

You alone are responsible for the well being of these animals, entrusted to you by their owners, in your own carefully set up pet hotel. You can build up and decorate the pet hotel in a complete 3D world, as you wish, using exciting scenarios and different levels of difficulty, in order to be able to provide the animals with a secure haven. You will find in the various character sheets, that each animal has its own short history and characteristics, together with information on its specific needs. There is also the possibility that, through the grateful thanks of happy pet owners, you may ultimately be rewarded by being named as "Best Pet Hotel in the World"!

## Installation

Before installing, please close all non-relevant programs in use on your computer.

This also includes, for example, Anti-Virus programs, which could affect the installation.

1. Insert the original Let's Ride Sunshine Stables CD into your CD-ROM drive.
2. Click **START** on the Windows desktop.
3. Select **RUN**. Type the letter of your CD-ROM drive into the box, and then autorun.exe (for example D:\Eautorun.exe).
4. Alternatively, you can start the installation as follows:
  - Double click the **My Computer** icon on your Windows desktop
  - Double click the CD drive symbol
  - Double click on the **Setup.exe** command, to begin the installation.

The installation will create an entry in the program menu, under Let's Ride Sunshine Stables. To uninstall the program, select **UNINSTALL** from the Let's Ride Sunshine Stables program menu folder.

Up-to-date information on potential problems, or helpful tips (in respect of graphics cards, drivers, links, for instance), may be found in the "readme" data on the original CD.

## System Requirements

### Minimum Hardware Requirements

- PIII 1 GHz CPU,
- 128 MB RAM,
- ME/2000/XP,
- 32 MB graphics card,
- DirectX9,
- SB compatible soundcard,
- keyboard, mouse,
- CD-ROM drive,
- 500MB free hard disk space.

### Recommended Hardware Requirements

- 1,6 GHz CPU,
- 256 MB RAM,
- ME/2000/XP,
- 64 MB graphics card,
- DirectX9,
- SB compatible soundcard,
- keyboard, mouse,
- CD-ROM drive,
- 500MB free hard disk space.

### Optimal Hardware Requirements

- >2 GHz CPU,
- 512 MB RAM,
- ME/2000/XP,
- 128 MB graphics card,
- DirectX9,

- SB compatible soundcard,
- keyboard, mouse,
- CD-ROM drive,
- 500MB free hard disk space.

**Note** *The quality of reproduction and performance of the game program is highly dependable on the qualities of the graphics card used!*  
*Up-to-date graphics cards with ATI and NVIDIA chip sets are recommended*

## Controls and Shortcut keys

**Left mouseclick** Confirms a menu item, carries out an action, selects.

If you try to carry out an action that is not possible, the cursor will be displayed with a “not possible” sign, like a “No Entry” traffic signal.

**Arrows Left/Right** Points the camera left or right

**Arrows Up/Down** To zoom in or out with the camera view

**ESC** Pauses the game and calls up the Options menu

**F1** This allows you to view the scenario description

**F2** To see the animals overview list

**F3** Takes you to the Suppliers

**F4** To display the building menu

**Space Bar** Centers the screen on your game figure

**Keys number 2,4,6, and 8** Using keys number 2,4,6, and 8, as an alternative to the mouse, you can move around the grounds of the pet hotel.

## Main Menu

**New Game** This is where your new career as owner of your own pet hotel begins.

Next, select the level of difficulty, which relates to the number of different animals to be cared for, and then select the Start scenario. Now you are ready to begin!

**Load Game** Do you want to pick up again from a previously started game? Choose from the previously saved games and confirm.

**Options** Here you can choose various settings for the game, such as graphics, sound and controls.

**Leave Game** When you want to leave the game, just click here.

## The Game

The principle of the game and the interaction with the animals is based on satisfying the needs of the animals in your care. The better you do this, the better the animals will feel, and consequently the happier their owners will be with your work.

The task for you in will be to carefully look after the animals at your pet hotel, to care for them, and provide a comfortable home for them in the absence of their owners.

In order to achieve this, you can invest money in improvements to your enclosures, your facilities and in such things as food and toys for the animals. But be careful! If you spend too much money, you will soon have nothing left to pay the costs of running the hotel.

This does not necessarily have to mean the end of your venture, because the bank can offer you a generous loan, but you will not be able to make any new purchases if you create big losses. So please make sure you watch your spending carefully!

Keep in mind that your four-legged or feathered “guests” should always be properly fed and watered, that their enclosures should remain clean, and that they do not lack exercise, company or fun, so that their life is

made as good as possible while they are in your care.

If an animal becomes ill, a vet will visit your pet hotel, and take care of the animal, by giving it an injection. You should also be aware, that if an animal becomes ill too often, the Animal Protection Society may notice, and in the worst case, they may arrange for the animal to be taken away from your care, which would certainly not show your pet hotel in a good light.

Each scenario will present you with a new challenge, and if you can show success with your running of the hotel, you will be responsible for more and more animals under your roof.

The game is played in rounds, that means, every day you play in “real time”, will be considered as one round. The time animals spend at your hotel will be shown in days/rounds,

If you want to extend your enclosures, this action always needs a “building” round. That means you will only be able to admire and use your newly purchased or built enclosures in the following round.

When the animals settle down to sleep for the night, you will receive a short daily report at the end of the round.

Once you close this screen, then a new day (round) begins at the pet hotel.

So, let's not keep the animals waiting, there's a lot of work ahead of you. Set your mind to it and embark on the challenge of your life!

## **The Animal Types**

You will be able to take care of six of the most popular kinds of animals:

In the beginning, you can start with tortoises and rabbits; afterwards you will experience budgerigars, pedigree cats, Golden Retriever dogs, and finally horses!

Each different type of animal has its very own special requirements, so you will have to take care of them all individually and ensure they are well looked after.

## **The Needs Bar**

According to the level of difficulty selected, there will be certain needs to observe for each of your animals.

Take a moment to check the actual condition of the animals – you can do this by placing the cursor on the animal, or you can also click on the Animal List, for a complete overview.

The display runs from green (good) through yellow (normal) up to red (bad), when a need is not satisfactorily being met, for example if the animal has not been fed.

When you then give the animal some food, you will see how the bar moves back in the direction of zero per cent need (this is for no need or satisfied need.)

All needs are handled in this way, except for Health. The health rating gives you an interpretation of the overall wellbeing of an animal.

Always make sure that the values do not stay in the red zone!

### **Hunger**

This is the animals' most important need; they must always have enough to eat. To fill up a feeding bowl, you have to collect a unit of food from the store, and then fill the bowl with it.

**Note** *You can only always take one portion of food.*

Before you run out of provisions in your store, make a call on the Supplier.

### **Hygiene**

Cleanliness is very important for the animals. This also involves making sure that the enclosures are regularly cleaned.

To do this, just click on the cleaning bucket in any of the enclosures and select what degree of cleaning is needed.

### **Exercise**

Exercise and movement is important for animals, so that they stay feeling fit.

Play with them, take them out around the grounds, or ensure that they have plenty of opportunity to run free and keep themselves occupied.

### **Company**

Animals usually feel much better when they can enjoy the company of others of the same species.

Playing together as well as with you helps to fulfill this need.

### **Luxuries**

The extent to which this need is covered in your pet hotel will depend on how much you equip the enclosures with luxury items.

Make a visit to the Supplier and see what items he can offer you.

Note: If you want to buy more luxury items for the enclosures, you first have to extend the corresponding enclosure.

### **Health**

The Health bar gives you an overview of the overall condition of an animal.

This value is made up from all the other values.

Always be careful to see that the condition of the animals does not fall into the red zone!

## **The Actions Menu**

In "My Pet Hotel", you interact with animals and objects by left clicking on the selected item, which reveals the Actions menu.

This Actions menu will show you a list of the actions available.

There are different menus for each animal. The store, the feeding bowls and the cleaning bucket are also controlled from the Actions menu.

By placing the cursor on one of the menu points, you will see a dropdown list of sub-points.

Greyed-out action buttons cannot be used before the corresponding object has been purchased or enclosures built up.

List of the actions:

You should give the animals a treat sometimes, and spoil them. The cost for it will be directly debited to your bank account.

Whether leaping about, fetching sticks, or even training in the lunging ring, all possible actions for you to play with the animals are to be found here! Try it out!

Regularly stroke your animals, so that they grow to trust you, and settle in more quickly at the hotel. This also shows them attention and ensures they have company.

If you want a dog or cat to have a walk or a run, click on "Walks", and provide some exercise for them.

As soon as you are able to accept a horse at your pet hotel, it's time to put on your riding outfit and make a horseback tour of the grounds.

This allows you to close the menus.

Here is a list of "play" actions in "My Pet Hotel":

watch the tortoise

let the tortoise play with the bite ring

let the rabbit jump

singing practice for the budgie

let the cat play with a stuffed animal

let the cat play with a ball of wool

let the dog fetch a stick

tell the dog to sit

tell the dog to bark

tell the dog to beg

brush the horse

lead the horse into the paddock

take the horse on the lunging rope

**Note** *Once you have selected an action and activated it, you cannot cancel it until it has been fully completed. If the action has not yet begun, and your game character is still on the way, you can however cancel the action, simply by clicking anywhere on the playing area.*

## Overview of all the Animals

In this overview, you see the total picture of all the animals in your hotel. Next select the kind of animal you want, by clicking on its symbol.

The tables show information on name, age, agreed collection date, and a summary of all the animal's values.

By clicking on an animal's name, you can call up the corresponding character sheet.

## The Supplier

At the Supplier's you can buy all sorts of goods.

You may also contact the Supplier using the computer in your office.

The upper area allows you to choose particular items, such as food, toys, or luxury objects that you can buy for each of the different types of animal.

When you have finished choosing, you can then check your purchases in the list displayed.

Once you confirm a purchase, the price shown will be automatically taken out of your bank account.

When you want to leave the Supplier, just click on the "End" symbol.

## Food

There are three different qualities of food to choose from. Food quality is determined by the extent to which the food satisfies the hunger of an animal, that is, "Special Food" will fill up the animal more, and is a better quality than "Normal Food", but of course, it is therefore more expensive. In the "Quantity" column, using "Plus" and "Minus" signs, you can input the number of food units that you want to buy. So that you can actually check what supplies you have in your store at the moment, this information is also shown.

Costs are calculated from the quantities ordered by you.

In order to buy the food, click on "Buy" and it will be added to your store.

## Toys

The Supplier also offers toys with which you can play with your animals.

The assortment ranges from cuddly toys to more elaborate play items.

Many of the playing actions with the animals can only be done if you first buy certain toys from the Supplier.

Choose your favourite animal and then have a look at what the Supplier can offer.

If you find something that interests you, and you want to buy it, confirm your choice by clicking on "Buy!"

## Luxury Items

If you want to make the enclosures in your pet hotel nicer and give the animals more chances for playing or some treats, it is worth taking a look at the "Luxury Items" section at the Supplier.

After selecting your chosen kind of animal, you will see a list of available luxury items, which can be used to improve your enclosures.

There is one important thing to note: if you want to buy a luxury item, then the enclosures must have also previously been built up. If you want, for example, to buy Luxury Step 2, you must have built up the corresponding enclosure to Step 2 (see more information under Point

“Building Up Enclosures”).

Before you can buy Luxury Step 2, you must have first obtained Luxury Step 1.

If you have now decided to go ahead with some improvements, simply click “Buy!”

## Building Up Enclosures

If you are ready to build up one of your enclosures, to create a bigger outside area, you can do it through this menu.

First pick out the enclosure you have chosen. You will be shown the cost of building it up. The advantage of setting up an enclosure like this, is that the animals have a larger area in which to move around, and you can also then further improve things by obtaining more luxury items.

If you decide you want to go ahead to build up an enclosure, click on “Build Up!”

## GUI and Controls

The following are the most important parts of your GUI (Graphic User Interface). The elements of the graphic user interface:

In the upper area of the GUI display, you can see the current round (1), the time (2) and the current amount of money you have (3).

### The “Scenario Objective” button (4)

You can check the description of the scenario you are currently playing, at any time, here. If you cannot remember exactly what tasks you have to fulfill, simply check them here.

### The “Options” button (5)

Left clicking here will offer you the following possibilities:

**Continue Game** This returns you to the current game

**Game Options** For adjustment of graphics, sound, or control options

**Save Game** To save the current game situation

**End Scenario** This enables you to leave the actual scenario

### The Inventory (6)

This inventory shows you the food you have chosen, as well as your currently selected action.

It will also confirm which quality of food you are using at the moment.

If you want to clean out an enclosure, for example, a symbol will be displayed, indicating what you are doing, for as long as it lasts.

**Note** *You can only ever take one portion of food into the inventory at any one time! The field will remain empty, until you have made the food selection from the store.*

### The “Animal Overview” button (7)

All the animals in your pet hotel are listed here, arranged by type, with names and a per cent value indication. This helps you to have a quick idea about all your actual “guests” and how they are doing.

### The “Supplier” button (8)

The Supplier will be able to provide pretty much everything you need for your hotel: from food, to toys and luxuries for the enclosures. He has many items available.

### The “Build Up Enclosures” button (9)

When you decide that you would like to build up one of your enclosures, click on this button. Select the enclosure you want, and confirm its construction to the level you have chosen. This process takes some

time, and the enclosure will only be ready for use the next day.

## **The Character Sheet**

Every time a new customer appears in your office, wanting to leave their pet in your care, you will first receive a description of the animal in the form of a short poster, which is called the character sheet.

To view all the character sheets, just click on the notice board in your office. A click on the symbol for the animal type will then display the corresponding character sheets. Using the arrow keys, you can go through the list of animals.

The character sheet shows you various details on the animal, e.g. name, age, species, as well as basic and individual needs.

The needs indicate for you, how important the relevant values are for the animal. Individual needs relate to what the animals like, for instance, a particular kind of titbit, or a certain toy.

The animal's background and history will be explained to you through some short notes, and the customer will ask if you can accept their pet. You will also be able to see if you have free spaces available in any of the enclosures.

Below this, you will see how much money this animal will bring in to the hotel each day and how long it will be staying.

At the end of the character sheet, you will see the possibilities you have in deciding whether you can accept this animal.

"Yes" confirms that the animal will stay at the hotel for the length of time stated. Saying "No" will turn the customer away and the animal will not be accepted.

Note: You cannot accept an animal, if you have no space in the enclosures; in this case, you must decline to the customer.

Animals which form an integral part of the scenario can only be confirmed. They are important for you, to fulfill the objective of the scenario!

## **The Animal Encyclopaedia**

If you want to know more about the animals in your pet hotel, take a look in the encyclopaedia!

To do this, click on the book which is on the desk in your office.

You will probably be able to obtain some useful tips on the care and treatment of your animals from this, or simply discover something interesting about your animal friends!

To turn a page, forwards or back, use the arrows.

## **The Scenarios**

### **Scenario 1 „All things start in small ways“**

**Starting Situation:** Now here you are, standing in front of the gates to your very own pet hotel! You always enjoyed helping out here, doing your best to look after the animals and take care of their needs.

Now this hotel has been left to you by your great uncle in his will, in which the wish is expressed that you should build up his old and small pet hotel into one of the best and most popular ones in the country. Your first challenge will be to see if you can take care of five tortoises and five rabbits, and then return them healthy and happy to their owners.

So, much success in the running of your own pet hotel. Face the task and devote yourself now to looking after the animals....

Get ready, your very first customer is about to arrive and bring their pet to stay with you! Good luck and much success!

**Animals to take care of:** Tortoises, rabbits

### **Scenario 2 „Broaden your horizons“**



**Starting Situation:** After successfully completing your first task and showing you have what it takes to properly run a pet hotel, you must now apply yourself to expand the capacity and reputation of the operation. You now have the possibility of erecting an aviary for budgerigars. Do your best to attract increased attention to interest the local newspaper in your activities, by building up all your enclosures because of the many guests you have thanks to the excellent care you have given to the creatures in your charge!

...ready now, the next customer and their pet are on the way.

**Animals to take care of:** Tortoises, rabbits, budgerigars

### **Scenario 3 “Cats and Little Tigers“**

**Starting Situation:** The reputation of your pet hotel has increased, thanks to local press coverage. Some friendly assistance from the Cat Appreciation Society has enabled you to secure the necessary funding to create a cattery. Prove that you can also live up to this challenge and show how well you can look after the cats and little tigers. You have managed your previous tasks so well, that you should certainly be able to take on this new one and also succeed at it!

**Animals to take care of:** Tortoises, rabbits, budgerigars, cats

### **Scenario 4 “Dog Days“**

**Starting Situation:** Since you are so obviously good with animals, and have been featured in several newspapers and animal magazines, the doglovers are also very impressed. The mayor has just approved your application to build kennels. Demonstrate that you are capable of taking on additional responsibility, and further improve your reputation, by making sure that all animals entrusted to you are returned to their owners in top condition.

**Animals to take care of:** Tortoises, rabbits, budgerigars, cats, dogs

### **Scenario 5 “Horsey Business“**

**Starting Situation:** By now, you have become so successful, that you have been reported on in even national specialist magazines and journals, and everyone speaks of your pet hotel with the highest praise. There is soon going to be a riding tournament in the next town, combined with the annual horse market, and because of this many horse owners are looking for somewhere to stable their animals for a few days. The organiser of this event has therefore asked you whether you could help them out and has already offered you financial help for the setting up of stalls for the horses.

Are you confident enough to take on this new task? Of course you are! After all this time, you have become a real professional at taking care of animals!

**Animals to take care of:** Tortoises, rabbits, budgerigars, cats, dogs, horses

### **Scenario 6 „The Circus Comes to Town“**

**Starting Situation:** You have been approached by the director of a circus, which will be giving some performances in your town. He is worried, because a bad storm has damaged many of his waggons, cages and boxes – to the extent that they are no longer suitable for the animals to stay in them.

He has a number of animals that he would like you to look after in the pet hotel: rabbits, budgerigars, dogs and horses.

Do your best with these animals! Remember, these are circus animals, which means they are very good at being trained and learning tricks. Also, the horses need a lot of exercising and dressage training so they stay fit for the circus performances. When the circus director comes



back to you two weeks later, all his animals can do new tricks, are completely healthy and in top condition.

Go ahead with this final task and show everyone that you are without doubt knowledgeable and talented enough to be viewed as the best pet hotel owner!

**Animals to take care of:** Tortoises, rabbits, budgerigars, cats, dogs, horses

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## Program and System Tips

1. Only switch in the real time shadow effect if your system has a powerful ATI or NVIDIA graphics card.
2. For older systems and/or slower graphics cards, screen resolution should be set at 800 x 600 (Options -> Graphics).
3. Some older graphics cards (e.g. GeForce2, GeForce 4MX, TNT 2), will not be able to display certain visual effects because of old hardware architecture and/or missing pixel/vertex shaders.
4. If you experience problems, be sure to check your graphics card driver. You should always try to use the most updated version.