

BEQUEST ANIMAL PROGRAM

Non-government
community based
animal welfare charity

Who will care for my pets
when I die?



Recommended wording for your will

To include the Bequest Animal Program in your will, we recommend that you use this wording:

"After payment of all my debts, funeral and testamentary expenses and all duties, taxes and charges payable on my Estate at my death, I give to The Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Victoria) Inc. (RSPCA):

1. My surviving pets; and,
2. [insert amount]% of my Estate for the general purposes of the RSPCA;
OR
the residue of my Estate for the general purposes of the RSPCA;
OR
the sum of \$[insert amount] for the general purposes of the RSPCA;

on the condition that my surviving pets be cared for under the RSPCA's Bequest Animal Program or other relevant program or policy from time to time. The gift under sub-clause 2 will not fail if I do not own any pets at the time of my death. I declare that the receipt of the treasurer or other proper officer of the RSPCA will be sufficient discharge for my Trustees."



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of Cruelty to Animals

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Protecting animals since 1871



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The RSPCA will look after your pet, through our Bequest Animal Program

Many people are concerned about their pet's future well-being when they are no longer there to offer personal care.

That's why the RSPCA has developed the Bequest Animal Program.

It's one way to ensure continuing love and care for your pet.

How does the Bequest Animal Program work?

You can ensure a comfortable and caring future for your pet, simply by completing a registration form and making a specific bequest in your will.

Should the need arise, the RSPCA will assume full responsibility for your pet and be assured, your companion will be placed in a loving home environment.

The RSPCA supervises all veterinary care and ensures that your pet receives the love and attention it deserves, for life.

How do I include my pet?

When you complete the Bequest Animal Program registration form, you are giving us all the details we need to provide ongoing care for your pet.

You can even nominate special conditions.

If you have two pets, perhaps you would like them to remain together.

Or you may have a specific foster carer in mind. Wherever possible, we aim to follow your preferences.

Registering your animal on the Bequest Animal Program also means that should something happen to you, your pet can be cared for immediately.



How do I know my pet will have a good home?

The RSPCA takes great care in selecting a foster carer for your loved companion.

We aim to find a home environment similar to your pet's present one, minimising disruption and stress.

A series of meetings and checks are carried out with potential foster carers before your pet is placed in their care.

The RSPCA maintains ongoing relationships with all our foster carers.

Remember, your much-loved pet always remains our responsibility.

To register your pet on the Bequest Animal Program, please call 03 9224 2280 or email: bequests@rspcavic.org.au

Animals must be registered on the Bequest Animal Program

Peace of mind brought about by a well-resolved program

How do I make long term provision for my pet?

To ensure the ongoing care of your pet, you must include specific wording in your will.

Making or changing a will is not expensive or difficult. A solicitor or trustee company can help you.

You must register your pet with the RSPCA Donor Relations Office and include a minimum bequest in your will for the care of your pet.

Remembering the RSPCA in your will is your way to perpetuate your commitments to your pet, and to all creatures great and small.

