



## Did you know?

- The SPCA is a charitable organisation that receives no Government or Local Body funding, operating almost entirely through the generosity of people who care. Remembering animals in your will is a powerful way to leave a lasting legacy of love, hope and kindness for the countless sick, injured, abandoned and abused animals in our community.
- If you want to show your love for animals after you have gone, now is the best time to prepare a will that ensures your wishes are honoured. It is important to consult your legal advisor, a Trustee or family lawyer, to ensure your wishes are clearly and correctly recorded in the form of a will. The wording is important and should include a statement that clearly outlines the form of the gift, i.e. the dollar value or percentage/fraction of estate, to be given to the **“Otago Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Inc.”** (The use of our correct full name will ensure the funds are distributed to the correct branch of the national SPCA group, as intended by you).
- If you already have a will, you can add a codicil to update your wishes. A codicil is a document that amends, rather than replaces, a previously executed will. This way you can ask your lawyer to add a new bequest to your existing arrangements.

The Otago Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Inc (SPCA Otago) has been the voice of animal welfare in Otago since 1882. Together with our generous supporters we continue to work hard to improve the lives of animals in the Otago region.

Every year at the SPCA Otago Animal Centres in Dunedin, Alexandra and Oamaru, we care for thousands of animals that have been lost, abandoned, injured or abused.

We rescue animals from harmful situations, attend dozens of animal emergencies and investigate numerous complaints about animal cruelty. Bequests help us carry out this valuable work in the community.

### You can also help us to help the animals by:

- Volunteering at the Animal Centre, helping us care for the animals in our custody
- Volunteering to help with the maintenance of the centre facilities and gardens
- Fostering animals short term in your home during the peak season
- Becoming a member of SPCA Otago by paying an annual subscription fee
- Donating cash, pet food, blankets, towels and pet toys
- Supporting us as a regular donor by way of direct debit



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# Where there's a will there's a way

Please consider animals in your will  
 All donations are gratefully accepted  
 by SPCA Otago



## Have you decided what will happen to your possessions when you die?

One of the most important things you will do in your lifetime is prepare a will that ensures your wishes are carried out after your death.

A will is a statement of how you want your possessions, property and funds (your estate) to be distributed when you die. It is a time to remember your loved ones and to continue to assist those charities that you support in life.

Wills should not be considered a sign of impending death, in fact they are an extension of your life in the form of a lasting legacy. By remembering animals in your will you can rest assured that they will become beneficiaries of your final gift.

SPCA Otago is here to help you to continue your everlasting love of all creatures. Bequests are very important to us and the animals in our care. They are a life-saving gift for many of the animals we help every year.



## There are 3 kinds of gift that you can make in your will

### 1/ Residuary Legacy

This gift refers to what is left over in your estate (the residue) after all the expenses, debts and other specific bequests have been settled. A residue may be shared amongst other beneficiaries. This is a popular choice as it automatically adjusts to the changes in the value of your estate.

### 2/ Specific Legacy

This is a gift of a specific item or group of items, such as artwork, jewellery, shares, vehicles or even a home.

### 3/ Pecuniary Legacy

This is a gift of a specific sum of money. The monetary amount specified in this way should be revised regularly to allow for inflation or any changes to your circumstances.

**If you are unsure of the type of gift you wish to make, please seek the assistance of a Trustee or your family lawyer, to further explain the above options and to give a suggestion of the most appropriate type of gift for your situation.**

## Provide for your pet's future

It is also important to make arrangements for your pet in your will. This will ensure your pet will continue to receive adequate care should something unexpected happen to you.

The best option is to make an agreement with a friend or family member who is willing to care for your pet in the event of your death. Ask your lawyer to specify this in your will. If you do not have a permanent caregiver, you can ask your lawyer to specify that the "Otago Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Inc." (SPCA Otago) will become the new owner of your pet. We will provide the highest standard of care for the animal and endeavour to find a permanent new home for them to live out their lives in comfort and good care.



## Pledge Form

We would like the opportunity to thank you for remembering animals in your will. Please complete this pledge form to let us know of your generosity in advance.

Once completed, please return it to SPCA Otago:



FreePost 247533  
SPCA Otago  
PO Box 8018,  
Dunedin 9041

I intend to include a legacy to SPCA Otago in my will.

I intend to leave a gift of \_\_\_\_\_  
for the ongoing care of animals in need.

Title: Mr / Mrs / Ms / Miss / Other \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Ph: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I would appreciate further information about leaving a bequest to SPCA Otago

I would like further advice on making provision for my pets in my will

**Please note:**

**This document is not a will. Please visit your legal advisor who will have your wishes clearly and correctly recorded in a formal will.**

