

Making a gift through your will or trust



Making a gift to Best Friends Animal Society through your will or revocable living trust is a simple and flexible way to save the lives of homeless pets for years to come.

By preparing your will or revocable trust now — either through a specific gift or contingent gift — you can enjoy peace of mind, knowing that you have taken care of those you love and the causes that are important to you.

Your will or trust is a flexible way to give

Just a simple provision in your will or revocable trust provides for the animals who need your help.

Gifting through your will or trust allows you the flexibility of specifying a dollar amount or a particular asset, such as real estate or stock. It also allows you to donate either a percentage or remainder of your estate.

Ways to give through your will or trust

First, check with your legal and financial advisors to ensure your plans benefit both the people and causes you care about in the most strategic way possible.

There are several ways you can make a gift through your will or trust to suit your goals, including a specific gift and a contingent gift.

Specific gift

You describe exactly what kind of gift you want to leave to a specific individual or organization and the designated source. If you want to leave a specific dollar amount from a specific source or a particular item, this is the type of bequest you would use.

Here's an example: Jean states in her will: "I leave my stamp collection to my grandson, Greg. I leave my beach house to my daughter, Maria. I leave my securities to Brazoria County SPCA."

Contingent gift

This type of bequest is fulfilled if certain conditions are met. For instance, if your primary beneficiary does not survive you, you can indicate your next choice through a contingent bequest. Here's an example:

Robert states in his will: "I give all the rest, residue, and remainder of my real and personal estate to my wife, Susan, if she survives me; if not, then I give 50% in equal shares to my children who survive me and 50% to Brazoria County SPCA."

For your convenience, we've provided some suggested language below that you could use in your will or trust. Please feel free to adapt this language with your attorney to fit your individual situation.

Suggested language: "I give to Brazoria County SPCA, a Texas corporation with its principal offices at 141 Canna Lane Lake Jackson, TX 77566, (the sum of \$____) (all or ____% of my residual estate) to be used for its general purposes."

Brazoria County SPCA is a charitable organization located in Lake Jackson, TX, and exempt from federal taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Tax identification number: 23-7404451.