



## Mission Statement

At Save-A-Pet we believe it is our moral responsibility to protect and improve the lives of abused, abandoned and homeless animals, and to place them in loving, permanent homes. We provide spay and neuter services and any necessary medical care. We work diligently to educate the public, especially children on the importance of pet sterilization and responsible pet ownership.

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Save-A-Pet Animal Rescue is a no-kill shelter, and non-profit 501(c)3 organization, supported solely by your donations.



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*Remember to provide for your  
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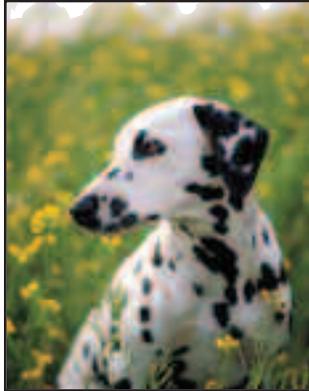
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## ***Save-A-Pet Animal Rescue's Pet Bequest Program***

Whether we have a dog or cat, bird or other animal friend, our pets spend their lifetime giving us unconditional love, affection and acceptance.



However, every year thousands of pets are orphaned in the United States. Unfortunately, our own beloved pets may be included in this tragic statistic if we fail to provide for them in the event we pass away or become incapacitated. It is important to remember that when we choose to bring a pet into our family, we have made the choice to care for that pet for the rest of its lifetime—not just the rest of our own lifetime!

When a pet owner passes away or becomes incapable of caring for pets, often there is no one else who is willing or able to care for these pets, resulting in a double tragedy—the loss or incapacity of the pet owner and the creation of orphaned pets!

One way pet owners can prevent their pets from becoming orphans is to actually include provisions for the pets in an estate plan. Providing for your pets can be as simple as making a request in your Will or Living Trust that your pets be placed with a willing friend or family member, much like appointing a guardian for a child. Most states also allow for money to be set aside for the benefit of pets as part of an estate plan. A “pet trust” usually appoints a trustee to care for your pets or to find them the loving, permanent home they deserve, and provides the trustee with funds to be used for the pet's benefit. Another option is to make a gift of funds directly to the new caretaker for the pet's ongoing needs and care. All you need to do is ask your attorney to include your pet in your Will or Living Trust.

### **Lifetime planning for your pet:**

- A Durable General Power of Attorney allows an agent to spend your money to benefit your pet, and, if necessary, to place him/her in a loving home upon your incapacity.

### **Ways to include a pet in your estate plan:**

- Outright gift of your pet in your Will or Living Trust to a trusted friend or family member as caretaker.
- Outright gift of funds to a caretaker to provide for your pet during his/her lifetime.

- Gift of your pet and funds to a trustee, with instructions to place your pet in a loving home, and to pay a caretaker, if necessary, to provide for your pet during his/her lifetime.

If a pet owner bequeaths a pet and sufficient funds to Save-A-Pet Animal Rescue and Adoption Center, the Center will accept the pet upon the pet owner's death. The pet will be placed in the Center with the goal of finding the pet a new home, as quickly as possible. The Center will provide a temporary home for the pet for as long as is necessary until the pet is adopted. For more information about the Center's Pet Bequest Program, contact us at (631)473-6333.

If you would like a free referral to a qualified attorney who can assist you with providing for your pet in your estate plan, contact the Lawyer Referral and Information Service of the Suffolk County Bar Association at 631-234-5511.

