

A Gift in Will or legacy gift is one of the most significant and lasting contributions you can make to the Edmonton Humane Society (EHS).

The Edmonton Humane Society enriches the lives of people and companion animals through animal sheltering, programs and services, and community engagement. Thank you for helping ensure that we are able to continue this important work.

Wording for Your Will

The Edmonton Humane Society recommends that you consult a legal advisor when planning your Will.

There are two simple ways that you can put a charitable gift in your Will;

1. You can name a specific amount. Sample wording: "I give \$_____ to support the work of the "Edmonton Humane Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals", charitable registration number 119231066RR001.
2. You can name the residue of your Estate in whole or as a proportion using percentages. The residue is what remains after taxes, administrative expenses and your heirs have received their specific gifts or proportion. An advantage is that as your circumstances change, your Will does not have to be altered, as the proportion remains the same. Sample wording: "I bequeath the residue of my Estate (or _____% of the residue of my Estate) to the Edmonton Humane Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, charitable registration number 119231066RR001".

A word about specific designations:

If you wish to restrict your gift to a specific Edmonton Humane Society program, we recommend the following wording in order to ensure your legacy is realized, should that program no longer be in existence at the time the bequest is realized.

"If through the passage of time, a restricted Edmonton Humane program is no longer in place, I give permission to alter the terms of my Will to adhere as closely as possible to my original wishes; or in the event that this is not possible, please direct my gift to the area of greatest need."

During the process of planning your Will the Edmonton Humane Society recommends planning for your companion animals. Below is some sample wording you may choose to use should you want to direct that your companion animal is to be placed in care.


Wording that you may wish to use to ensure your wish regarding your pet(s) is reflected in your Will;

"I direct that any companion animals owned by me at the date of my death, to be delivered to the Edmonton Humane Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. This includes veterinary records, equipment, toys, food and medication in respect of such animals. I direct that the Edmonton Humane Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals hold and care for my companion animals, either within the facility or facilities owned and operated by the EHS or in foster care with a staff member or volunteer with EHS, in whichever manner the said Society deems best for the health of my animals, until the EHS finds a new home for my animals.

If you have any questions about your gift, how it will be applied or would like to discuss a legacy piece please feel free to reach out to me.

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On behalf of all the animals in our care, our staff and volunteers we thank you for choosing to support the Edmonton Humane Society.



Thank you,

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