



Planned Gifts – the Gift that keeps on Giving...

What can you do now to prepare for the unexpected? You can ensure long-term or permanent care for your pets by making formal arrangements specifying their care. There are many types of wills and trusts to do so. You and your attorney can draw up a special will, trust or other document. A will takes effect only upon your death and will not be probated by a court for days or even weeks later, prolonging your instructions regarding your pet's care. Unlike a will, a trust can provide for your pet immediately if you become ill or incapacitated. It can be written to exclude certain assets from probate so that funds are more readily available to care for your pet. Powers of Attorney authorize someone else to conduct some or all of your affairs for you while you are alive and have become a standard planning device. They are simpler than trusts but by themselves cannot ensure your pet is cared for daily. It is critical to coordinate with legal representation your own efforts and plans.

Beyond that, would you like to be remembered after your death? Would you like to be part of the future long after you have slipped the bonds of earth? You can with a bequest to the Humane Society of Wickenburg. Bequests will go far in helping the shelter continue to provide exceptional care for dogs and cats, to provide educational humane programs and events designed to increase awareness, compassion and responsible pet ownership, to continue its efforts to end animal abuse, neglect, abandonment and to place every adoptable animal in a permanent, well-educated home. Planned giving ensures the gift of life and continues the work of the HSW and your beliefs and values.

Contributions Through Your Will Many people put off writing their Last Will and Testament as it can be an emotional, worrisome and thought-provoking family matter. Your will directs your personal representative to deal with your estate according to your wishes. It also allows you to provide for the animals you care about after your death. This may be your own companion animals or those at the Humane Society of Wickenburg in need of your help. Your will continues your legacy of kindness and generosity. Your will directs a gift of a certain amount of money or an asset such as stock or personal or real property. You can give all or a portion of the remainder of your estate after expenses and bequests to your loved ones have been paid out. Simply, the interest in your estate or a trust designated for the lifetime benefit of a loved one can be specified for a gift to the HSW. Or a contingent gift taking effect under certain circumstances such as, "If my spouse does not survive me..."

If you already have a will, you can add a bequest to the HSW by requesting your attorney to add an amendment or "codicil". There are several Planned Giving options available. Support the HSW through an insurance policy. Use charitable gift annuities to provide tax benefits to you and support the HSW. List the HSW as a beneficiary of your IRA accounts. Give the HSW a gift of stock and avoid capital gains tax. Help animals through a major gift to the Humane Society of Wickenburg.

Giving Through a Living Trust: A Living Trust allows some privacy and offers additional features for your estate. A gift to the Humane Society of Wickenburg from such a trust can be arranged through your attorney and effective immediately upon your death.

Ask your attorney for further information and when setting up your planned giving, please use the following designation: Humane Society of Wickenburg, 4000 Industrial Road, Wickenburg, AZ 85390. We are a tax-exempt charitable non-profit organization 501c3. Our Federal Tax Identification Number is: 20-1658195.