



## Joining Our Legacy Society

Including Asheville Humane Society in your final giving plans allows you to enjoy the benefits of a gift to charity while making a powerful statement about your love of animals. Remembering AHS in your will, trust or other estate plans ensures our ability to help hundreds of thousands of animals through our lifesaving work.

Asheville Humane Society has a special way to thank legacy donors. The Legacy Society is our way of recognizing those whose planned gifts ensure a healthy financial future for the homeless pets in our care.

Legacy Society members have many ways to give to Asheville Humane Society (please consult your financial advisor and/or tax lawyer as is appropriate in your planning):

- **Naming Asheville Humane Society as a beneficiary in a will or living trust.** A will is a statement about what matters most in your life. By making a will you can ensure that your intentions are clearly expressed and will be followed by those administering your estate. A bequest costs you nothing now, yet provides a way for you to substantially support the mission of Asheville Humane Society in the future.
- **Naming Asheville Humane Society as the beneficiary of a life insurance policy or retirement account.** Making a beneficiary designation through your life insurance plan or retirement account is an easy and affordable way to support the life-saving work of Asheville Humane Society.
- **Real Estate Gifts.** Tax benefits for gifts of appreciated real estate are virtually identical to those for gifts of appreciated securities. Real property such as personal residences, undeveloped land, or farms may be transferred by deed with no liability for income or estate taxes on the appreciated value.
- **Creating a charitable remainder trust (CRT).** The CRT provides you with income for the term of the trust, a current tax deduction, and capital gains taxes are forgiven. Asheville Humane Society receives the remainder at the end of the trust term.

If you've already included AHS in your final giving plans, please let us know so we may thank and recognize you as a Legacy Society member.

Benefits of membership include an invitation to our annual donor recognition event and eligibility to enroll your pets in our Peace of Mind Pet Care Program should you predecease them.

Contact Laila Johnston, Donor Relations Director at [ljohnston@ashevillehumane.org](mailto:ljohnston@ashevillehumane.org) or 828-761-2001 x306 for assistance and to learn how your gift will impact Asheville Humane Society.



Use the form below to let us know about the intended gift in your will or trust. The information that you share here is nonbinding and will only be used to welcome you to our Legacy Society. You can still alter your gift as you see fit and manage any communication with Asheville Humane Society.

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**Name (as you would have it published)**

- ☐ **Do** recognize on the donor board or in AHS publications, with the hope that I/we may inspire others to give.  
☐ **Do not** recognize or publish. I/We choose to be anonymous Legacy Society member(s).

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**Email**

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**Phone**

To assist AHS in recordkeeping and future budget planning, please answer the questions below. Please note that this information is for **planning purposes only** and is not legally binding.

**DESCRIPTION:**

Description of type of provision (will, revocable trust, retirement account, other - please describe):

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Definition of provision (percentage of total estate, specific dollar amount, other - please describe):

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Name and contact information of attorney or trust administrator, if applicable:

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With the understanding that values are subject to change and my/our plan is subject to change, I/we anticipate my/our future gift to AHS to be valued at approximately \$\_\_\_\_\_.

**PURPOSE:**

\_\_\_\_ This gift is unrestricted and may be used where the need is greatest at the time.

\_\_\_\_ This gift is to be used for the following purpose: \_\_\_\_\_.

**PEACE OF MIND PET CARE PROGRAM:**

As a benefit of membership in the Legacy Society, please indicate your interest in our Peace of Mind Pet Care Program. Enrolled healthy, adoptable pets are guaranteed a home should a Legacy Circle member predecease his or her pet(s). \_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_ NO

**SIGNATURE(S):**

\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Thank you for including Asheville Humane Society in your final giving plans. Please return this form to:** Asheville Humane Society, Attn: Laila Johnston, 14 Forever Friend Ln, Asheville, NC 28806