



Remember RSPCA South Australia in your Will and you'll help ensure we're here to care for abandoned and neglected animals for years to come.

# This is the most important gift you will ever give



Remembering RSPCA South Australia with a gift in your Will is the single most important gesture you can make to secure the future of sick, injured and abandoned animals.

You may not realise it, but bequests are absolutely vital to our work now and in the future. Without people like you remembering our work in their Will today, we simply would not be able to care for the many animals who desperately need us each year.

RSPCA South Australia has a vital role to play. We have been trusted by the state government to enforce animal welfare laws since 1908. We protect animals, care for animals and speak up for all creatures great and small, because they can't speak up for themselves.

No bequest is too small to make a difference. Whatever the amount, you are helping to secure our future and ensure we continue to be a powerful force for as long as animals need us.

If you have much-loved pets of your own, you will of course be concerned about their future. Through our Care for Life Program, you can ensure your pets are cared for when you're no longer able to. A gift in your Will can help not only the sick, abandoned and injured animals who have no-one; it can also care for your own pet's future. Our Care for Life Program exists to give you peace of mind – you can find out more in this booklet.

Thank you so much for caring deeply about the welfare of animals.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul Stevenson".

Paul Stevenson  
Chief Executive Officer





90% of our funds come from generous people like you in the community, and gifts in Wills make a huge contribution to our work. Please remember all creatures great and small in *your* Will.

# Your gift could help the most vulnerable animals



Sasha was left to starve in the backyard while her owners favoured the other dog they owned. Cruelty like that could break a dog's heart, but we won't let it. Animals like Sasha are nursed back to health at our shelters. Then we find them the loving owners they deserve.

## **A gift in your Will could help rescue abandoned animals**

RSPCA Inspectors have the unique power to investigate cases of cruelty and neglect and, if necessary, seize animals. With your help, we will be there to protect animals in the future, and prosecute cases of animal neglect.

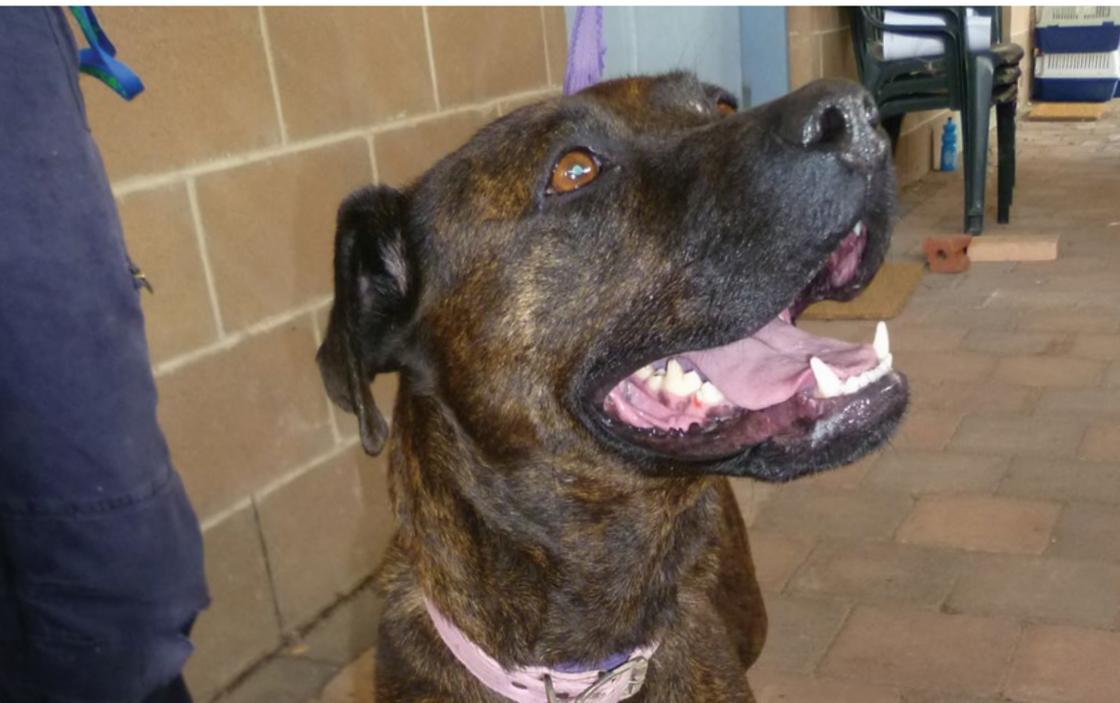
## **A gift in your Will could help rehabilitate and rehome neglected animals**

RSPCA vets have to act fast to save lives. Animals recover in our shelters under the constant supervision of our highly skilled vet team and carers. A gift in your Will could help secure the future of this essential work.

## **A gift in your Will could help fight back against cruelty**

Remember RSPCA South Australia in your Will and you could also prevent cruelty. We run campaigns that educate the community on the Five Freedoms for Animals. Freedom from hunger and thirst, freedom from discomfort, freedom from pain, injury or disease, freedom to express natural behaviour and freedom from fear and distress.

Sasha was badly neglected and came to us barely clinging to life.



Now she's found her forever home and gets cuddles from the grandkids, and loves taking naps at the feet of her new owners.

Please remember RSPCA South Australia with a gift in your Will and give animals like Sasha a safer future.



## How the Care for Life Program can protect your pets



-  When you remember RSPCA South Australia with a gift in your Will and register your pets in the Care for Life Program, you are ensuring your pets will be well cared for into the future.
-  Once your Will is made, we'll ensure we have all the information we need to care for your pet as you do.
-  We will give you a Care for Life membership card to keep in your purse or wallet, and fridge magnets and stickers with instructions on who to call in the event of an emergency.
-  If an emergency does occur, your loved ones can call us to let us know that we need to care for your pet.
-  We will then find a permanent new home for your pet, so you can rest assured they will be cared for as lovingly as you cared for them.

**A more secure future for your loving pets and abandoned animals**



## **“We look after him as his owner would have wanted”**

*“Smudge’s elderly owner adored him and she made sure he was part of the Care for Life Program. That meant, when she sadly passed away, RSPCA South Australia took responsibility for his care.*

*“Smudge came to live with us. We welcomed him into our home. He is such a great addition to our family and we love him dearly. At night, he curls up with two of our dogs and one of our cats on the bed. I’m so glad to be able to take care of Smudge in just the way his owner wanted.”*

**- Rebecca, Smudge’s new owner through the Care for Life Program**

# “I decided to remember the cause closest to my heart — RSPCA South Australia”



*“I was going through my papers when I found an old Will. I thought I’d better update it as things had changed and I decided to remember the cause closest to my heart — RSPCA South Australia.*

*“That’s when I discovered that, through the Care for Life Program, RSPCA South Australia would find a permanent, loving home for my animals when I pass.*

*“I’ve volunteered for the RSPCA for years and I’ve adopted animals too. Zoe, my gorgeous grey and white moggy is over 20 now. I also got my two girls from the shelter. Abby and Bella are Maltese crosses who were found severely malnourished on*

*the streets. They were cared for in the shelter for months before I was able to take them home.*



*“They went through so much. I’m determined to make sure that if anything happens to me they will be properly looked after and loved because they have given me so much joy.”*

**- Cheryl Montgomery** has remembered RSPCA South Australia in her Will, and is part of the Care for Life Program



## **The next step is easier than you think**

Many delay making a Will, but it's important to have an up-to-date Will that reflects your wishes. Once it's written, you'll have peace of mind that your affairs are in order.

RSPCA South Australia strongly suggests you get legal advice from a professional source – a solicitor, the State Trustee, Public Trustee or a Trustee Company. Don't try and make or change your Will yourself or you may find that your Will is not valid.



## **Please consider leaving a residual gift to RSPCA South Australia**

You don't need to be wealthy to leave a gift that will make a huge difference to the life of an abandoned animal. Our most dedicated supporters often remember us with a residual gift, which can be worth more than twice as much as a pecuniary gift, so will help us care for more animals in the future.

 A residual gift is a share or percentage of your Estate that is paid when other gifts to family and friends have been distributed. Residual gifts are popular because they aren't affected by inflation – they are simply a proportion of your estate.

Other types of gifts:

 A pecuniary gift is a sum of money.

 A specific gift is usually a valuable object, like jewellery.

**Thank you for whatever gift you are able to give.**

# Changing a Will



You can update an existing Will with a document called a Codicil. Your solicitor is best placed to help you do this.

## Wording for your Will:

*I give and bequeath the residue of my estate both real and personal OR the sum of \$.... (or property or shares) to RSPCA South Australia (ABN 60 740 135 753), to be applied for their general charitable purposes and in respect of such bequest, I declare as follows:*

*A general charitable intent shall apply.*

*The receipt of the Chief Executive Officer, Treasurer or other proper office shall be sufficient discharge to my executors and trustees.*

*My executors and trustees shall not be obliged to see nor enquire into the application of money or assets, the subject of such legacy.*

## Please use the following wording in addition for the Care for Life program:

*AND I DIRECT that the ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (SOUTH AUSTRALIA) INCORPORATED (ABN 60 740 135 753) shall take ownership of any animals or pets that I own at the time of death, in accordance with RSPCA South Australia's Care for Life Program.*





Please get in touch if you would like to discuss remembering RSPCA South Australia in your Will, or registering your pets with the Care for Life Program.

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