

A woman with long, straight white hair is smiling warmly and hugging a golden retriever dog from behind. The dog is looking towards the camera with a gentle expression. The woman is wearing a light grey sweater and a colorful beaded necklace. The background is a soft-focus outdoor setting with green foliage.

Animals give you
a better life

You can leave them
a better world

“Leaving a gift in my Will to RSPCA South Australia is the last chance I have to make my life on this earth mean something worthwhile. What better way to be a force for good in animals’ lives?”

– Bronwyn, with Squirrel.



The love you feel for animals can live on forever

“**Animals are a daily reminder to be brave, to have fun, and love wholeheartedly. They will forever be my biggest inspiration in life.**”

– Bronwyn

The love you feel for your pets is like no other love. Who else can bring you the same undying love, companionship, a look to melt your heart in an instant, or a sense of meaning above and beyond yourself? Who else will sit with you when everyone else is gone, through thick and thin, and love you no matter what?

If you love animals like we do, then you’ll be familiar with all the many ways they’ve made your life better through the years. With their unique personalities and their

funny little quirks, each one weaves a personal story into your soul, and leaves an indelible mark on your heart.

Thankfully, there’s a beautiful way that your love can live on. In fact, if the love you feel for the animals in your own life has flourished into a tenderness for all animals, then it can help to make the world a better, safer, happier place for them all.

By including a gift to RSPCA South Australia in your Will, your love for animals can live on forever, and help end cruelty for good.

Together, we can build a better world for the animals we love so much



We share the same ideals

The love you feel for your pets. The compassion you have for all animals. Your desire to see them live free from cruelty and neglect. We share these intrinsic values deep within us. That's what it means to be an animal lover.

It's no surprise really. You are as much a part of RSPCA South Australia as the Inspectors, vets and animal care staff who work for us. Your love, your passion and your respect for animals is the fuel that keeps us running. Your involvement in our day-to-day work is the air we breathe. And the generosity of your giving is our lifeblood.

You are RSPCA South Australia. You are in everything we do. And our purpose, is yours.

We want the same thing

Nothing complicated. Nothing unimaginable. All we want is for cruelty to animals to end. That's all. It's not much to ask for really, is it? Should animal lovers like us pay attention to those who dismiss this dream as impossible? Of course not. It's not impossible for a person to be kind to a dog. It's not impossible to feed a hungry cat. It's not impossible to refrain from hurting a horse.

These are simple truths everyone can know. And everyone can live by. You know it. We all know it. The only thing that's impossible for people like us, is to imagine a world where kindness to animals doesn't happen.

Together, we can realise the dream

Together, RSPCA South Australia and animal lovers like you have been putting animals first for almost 150 years. Today, through your passionate involvement, we can dream of achieving more than ever. We have an ambitious yet practical, step-by-step plan to realise our vision to end cruelty to all animals – and your role as a driving force is critical to it.

In choosing to include a gift to RSPCA South Australia in your Will, you will be contributing to vital work that must be done to protect animals from cruelty. More than that, you'll become an enduring and fundamental part of a future we all want, one in which no animal experiences cruelty, abuse or neglect at the hands of human beings.

“We devote our love and attention to our pets. They become like children in our families. For me, including a gift in my Will to RSPCA South Australia is my legacy to all furry animal children. Past, present and future.”

– Alexis, with Janet





“I’ve loved animals all my life, and I’ve worked to end animal cruelty for almost as long. By including a gift to RSPCA in my Will, I feel that the strength of my love for animals will survive even my own death.”

– Carole, with Phoenix.

Carole & Phoenix

Carole is a vet who lives with two dogs, three cats and four goats. Black Saturday bushfires brought profound tragedy into her life, but the love she shared with a kitten orphaned by the fire helped her to keep going . . .

Animals make life complete. They have given me unconditional love, innumerable hours of happiness, guidance on my path in life, and the courage to continue it.

My first pet was a very gentle tabby cat called Velvet. One day when I was four years old, I was trying to help another child to read a book. Several of the other children were not happy that I could already read, and were very unkind.

My mother was called to collect me and it was Velvet I confided in that day and whose purring comforted me. Unconditional love! I made a promise to her then that I would become a vet, so I could help and care for animals as she had cared for me. I kept my promise.

I lost my husband, my pets, and my home in the Black Saturday bushfires.

I was at the Diamond Creek relief centre the day after, still numb from the shock, when a social worker asked me if I could help with a small kitten whose mother and siblings had died in the fire. This little 300 gram fellow had been found wandering through the ashes.

I called him Phoenix. And we helped to heal each other. He gave me a reason, and the courage, to carry on. Our bond is extremely strong.

One year to the day after Black Saturday, I returned home from work to find a bunch of beautiful white tulips on my doorstep. They were my husband’s favourite flower.

The card with the flowers read: “With love from your RSPCA family.” How they found white tulips in February, I will never know, but I will never forget the kindness I felt in that moment.

“My love of animals is what defines me – the reason and the purpose in my life.”

—Carole

Animals cannot prevent the cruelty they suffer at the hands of people. They need an army of animal lovers to speak for them, protect them, and rescue them from harm. I’ve been a vet all my life, and I can say with some confidence that the only organisation with the expertise, the credibility and above all, the love, to be able to do that, is the RSPCA.

For this, and for many other reasons, I’ve included a percentage of my estate to RSPCA in my Will.



How to leave animals a better world, with a gift to RSPCA South Australia in your Will . . .

After making provisions for those you want to provide for, you can help the animals you love so much through including a gift in your Will to RSPCA South Australia. No matter the size of your gift, it will help to leave animals a better world.

Step 1. Think about the type of gift you'd like to leave.

There are several different types of gift you can leave to a charity in your Will. We've explained a little more about the two most common on the next page. Percentage and residuary gifts are especially effective at sharing your estate amongst people and causes you care about, and maximising the impact of your legacy to RSPCA South Australia.

Step 2. Talk to your solicitor.

Your solicitor can draw up a Will for you, or update your existing Will to include a gift to RSPCA South Australia. It's very easy to do. We've also included some suggested wording on the next page, which might help your solicitor with the legal wording to make sure that you include RSPCA South Australia properly.

Step 3. Talk to your family.

Of course, it's your Will, and your choice to tell whomever you wish about its contents. However, sharing the fact that you've included a gift to RSPCA South Australia in your Will with your family and friends means there'll be 'no surprises' when the time comes.

Why I chose a percentage gift

When I drew up my Will, including a percentage gift to RSPCA South Australia just made more sense to me. I divided my estate into shares for each person and charity I love. If my estate goes up in value, so will my gift to help protect animals. Knowing my love for animals can live on after I've gone is extremely important to me.

– Carole, with Phoenix

The two main types of gifts our supporters leave

1. Percentage of your estate.

You simply state in your Will what percentage of your estate you would like to be left to RSPCA South Australia. Some people leave just a few percent. Some leave everything to animals. The average is around 7%.

Suggested wording for your Will:

I give to the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (South Australia) Incorporated, of 16 Nelson Street, Stepney SA 5069 (ABN 60 740 135 753): XX per cent of my estate for the general purposes of the RSPCA. I declare the receipt of the RSPCA will be sufficient discharge for my Trustees.

2. Residue of your estate.

After gifts to others have been taken care of, and all costs have been dealt with, the residue of your estate – everything that remains – is then left to RSPCA South Australia to protect animals long into the future.

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“Home Ever After gives me great peace of mind because I know if I go first, the RSPCA will find Stan a new home where he’ll be treasured as much as he is now.”

– Terry, with Stan

Home Ever After

Our beloved pets are much more than our friends, they’re our family. So what would happen to them when we’re gone or no longer able to care for them?

Home Ever After

Those of us lucky enough to have animals in our lives are truly blessed. But when life is unpredictable, it’s only natural to worry about what might happen to them when we’re gone or no longer able to care for them.

With Home Ever After, your pets will be loved and protected by RSPCA South Australia as soon as they arrive into our care. We will then use our many years of experience in animal adoption to find them a wonderful, loving new home.

Home Ever After is a pet legacy service that we provide for anybody with a pet.

All we ask in return is that you consider including a gift to RSPCA South Australia in your Will, so that your love of all creatures great and small can live on long into the future.

Register your pets today!

Step 1

Step 1 Request your registration pack by completing the [online application form](#). We will then mail you forms to complete for each of your pets

Step 2

Provide us with information about your pets, to ensure we have all we need to care for them and find them a new loving family when the time comes.

Step 3

Leave instructions in your Will for the care of your pets (we will provide wording). We would greatly appreciate it if you consider leaving a gift in your Will to RSPCA South Australia.

Step 3

We will send you confirmation that your pets are registered in the program, giving you peace of mind.





Amber the cat receiving
veterinary care.

Frank the dog getting love
and cuddles from animal care
attendant Jess.

How your love lives on

For all the animals RSPCA Inspectors rescue from cruelty and neglect. And the ones whose lives are saved by RSPCA vets. For all of those who rediscover trust in humans through the caring hands of RSPCA animal care staff and volunteers. And the ones who go on to have happy lives in loving new homes.

For all of them, each and every one . . . your love for animals lives on.

The love you feel for animals can help put an end to cruelty and neglect.

By including a gift to RSPCA in your Will, you can rescue and save animals from a life of torment and cruelty. Your love of animals will be with us when our Inspectors rescue desperate animals, or when our team of vets bring them back to health.

Your love will give a voice to animals who suffer silently because of cruelty, abandonment or neglect.

The impact of your gift

When you let your love live on through a gift in your Will, you give animals access to life-saving veterinary care, cuddles and lots of love.

If you would like to see first hand how your gift will help, please get in touch to arrange a tour of our animal care campus.

You'll get to meet our passionate staff and see the life-changing work your gift makes possible.

Lilly came into our care with a broken leg. Here she is with Rescue Officer Soraya, being nursed back to health. Lilly has since been adopted by a loving new family.





Click here to register
your interest in leaving
a gift in your Will,
or to request more
information.