

## ***What happens if I die without having a Will?***

The state will distribute your property as directed by certain inflexible and impersonal laws which might violate your very wish. An administrator appointed by the court will manage your Estate. There will be no special gifts to family, friends, or charities. You may wish to consider including the following sample language in your Will.

### ***Sample Bequest Provision***

***Legal Counsel should be consulted prior to drafting or amending any instrument.***

#### ***Specific Bequest:***

*"I hereby give and bequeath to the Central Pennsylvania Humane Society, a non-profit Pennsylvania organization located at 1837 E. Pleasant Valley Blvd., Altoona, PA 16602, Tax I.D. 25-6071449, the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to be used for its general purposes."*

*For a gift other than cash simply describe the assets. For example "...my house located at \_\_\_\_\_."*

*For gifts to be used for a specific purpose, merely delete the words, "its general purposes," and specify the purpose you intend.*

#### ***Residuary Bequest:***

*"I hereby give and bequeath to the Central Pennsylvania Humane Society, a non-profit Pennsylvania organization located at 1837 E. Pleasant Valley Blvd., Altoona, PA 16602, Tax I.D. 25-6071449, all the rest, residue and remainder of my Estate, both real and personal, to be used for the Central Pennsylvania Humane Society's general purposes."*

\*For a gift of less than 100 % of the rest, residue and remainder of the estate, merely delete "all" and state the fractions ("one quarter", "one third" . etc.)



To speak to a CPHS representative about becoming a donor, please contact the CPHS Executive Director at 814-942-6900 or the Director of Marketing at 814-942-2477.

# Guardians of Life

## **A Gift Planning Guide on How You Can Help Change the Lives of Shelter Pets.**

The Central Pennsylvania Humane Society's Guardians of Life is a group of dedicated individuals who have made planned gifts, which provides guardianship and safekeeping of abused and homeless animals residing in our care.

Every animal deserves a second chance and a home to grow free of abuse and sickness. Your charitable gift will make a lasting difference in the lives of needy animals.



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# Who We Are

## About The Central Pennsylvania Humane Society



The Central Pennsylvania Humane Society is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization, serving Blair and surrounding counties in Central Pennsylvania. The Central PA Humane Society's charter was established in 1896 to aid in the aged, homeless children, and animals. Serving as a symbol of second chances for homeless animals, the Central PA Humane Society has operated for 115 years with a small but compassionate and dedicated staff, board of directors, and volunteers.

The Central PA Humane Society receives no regular funding from any federal, state, or local government agency, or national animal welfare organization. The Central PA Humane Society exists entirely on service fees, adoption fees, fundraising events, and generous donations from the community.

The mission of the Central Pa Humane Society shall be to prevent animal neglect and cruelty through education and enforcement while providing a safe haven and finding forever homes for those in need.

The Central PA Humane Society takes in nearly 5,000 animals a year. Our shelter turns no animal away due to age, health, or medical condition. We pride ourselves on providing shelter, food, medical attention, and socialization for the animals in our care. We reunite lost pets with their owners, provide educational programs, investigate animal cruelty cases, provide a low cost spay and neutering through our Spay Days Program, and provide low cost veterinarian services through our Wellness Clinic.

*"Life is a gift, and it offers us the privilege, opportunity, and responsibility to give something back by becoming more"*

~ Anthony Robbins



# Bequests

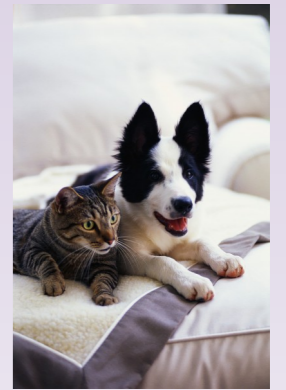
## Common Questions and Answers:

### ***What is a Will?***

A Will is a document that specifies your will or intent for the distribution of your estate, property, and assets after your death. You can create your Will to designate gifts to family, friends, and charities, such as the Central Pennsylvania Humane Society.

### ***Who needs a Will?***

Every person of legal age who owns personal or real property should have a Will. A Will should be updated or changed when personal financial circumstances are altered, such as the birth of a child, divorce, moving to a new state, increases or decreases in value of assets, etc. An out-of-date Will could be challenged in court.



### ***What is a Bequest?***

A bequest is a gift made through a Will or Trust. A bequest is a continuing resource that provides income for the CPHS. All bequests are extremely valued and make a difference in caring for our homeless animals and continuing our valuable services and programs.

### ***How to Make a Gift***

To make a gift to the Central PA Humane Society, you simply include a provision in your Will or Trust specifying the type and/or amount you would like to give. Your gift can consist of almost anything: Money, bank accounts, securities, or real estate. Although the provision can be a short paragraph, the language necessary to accomplish your wishes is extremely important and should be prepared by your attorney.

***CPHS is not able to give professional, legal planned-giving advice. It is highly recommended that you seek legal consultation prior to drafting your planned giving documents. CPHS cannot serve as a personal representative for your estate or sign as a legal witness.***

# Types of Charitable Planned Gifts

## **1. Bequests**

A person could include a provision in his/her Will or Living Trust to make a bequest to the Central PA Humane Society. That arrangement would be a “planned” gift. A gift in a Will, Codicil, or Trust could be cash, securities, real estate, personal property, or a percentage of the Estate. If you currently have a Will, you can add a gift to the Central PA Humane Society through a Codicil (amendment) to your Will.

## **2. Gift Annuity**

A gift annuity provides income to the donor (or someone else) for a period of time (often for life). The gift annuity process is externally managed through a third party administered with a rated provider

## **3. Charitable Trusts**

A person might establish a charitable trust that could provide income to the donor (or someone else) for a period of time (often for life). After this gift-deferral period, the trust would mature, and the remaining assets would go to one or more charitable beneficiaries.

## **4. Appreciated Property**

This is a gift of securities, real or personal property, which is held long term. It has increased in value since date of acquisition, given outright to CPHS or as the funding asset for lifetime income plan.

## **5. Life Insurance**

A person may wish to name CPHS as the beneficiary of an existing policy, which is no longer needed for the donor’s original purpose. A person may also wish to purchase a new policy, making CPHS the owner or beneficiary.



# What is Planned Giving?

Planned giving refers to the process of allocating a gift of your assets to a non-profit organization. A gift requires planning and consideration of the donors entire estate plan. Planned giving creates opportunities for both the donor and the charity of their choice.

## **Benefits to the Donor**

- Provide a more profound gift than would otherwise be possible.
- Enhance your financial income through substantial tax advantages.
- Provide an opportunity to establish a living memorial for yourself or someone special to you.
- Reduce federal estate taxes and probate expenses
- Provide the satisfaction of being a Guardian of Life and saving precious lives.

## **Benefits to CPHS**

- Donate larger gifts to support our mission and vision.
- Assist in planning for the future of the CPHS.
- Build our investments to fund growth and expansion.
- Assurance that abandoned and unwanted animals will continue to thrive and receive their second chance at life.

## **Benefits to the Homeless Animals at our Shelter**

- Provide a chance to be adopted into a loving and caring family.
- Provide necessary veterinary care to injured and abused animals.
- Provide love, food, and shelter to animals while they await for their forever home.

