



LEAVE A GIFT IN YOUR WILL

Every year we are asked to rescue and re-home many injured, abandoned and defenseless animals. We receive no government or lottery funding and rely on public donations to continue our vital work.

You can help by leaving a gift in your Will to Pets Niagara and the animals in desperate need of our help.

The information you need to make or amend your Will and to advise your family of your wishes is contained within this file.



WHAT CAN I LEAVE?

Pecuniary or fixed sum

You can leave a fixed sum of money to Pets Niagara.

Specific gift

You can also leave a tangible item such as jewellery. This form of bequest should not be used if you wish to leave a house or land. Please contact Pets Niagara should you wish to do so.

Residuary gift

Once expenses and other legacy gifts have been deducted, you can leave the residue of your estate to Pets Niagara.

HOW DO I LEAVE A GIFT?

You should have your solicitor write your Will for you, which is normally easy to do.

We do not recommend that you write your own Will as your wishes and instructions can be misinterpreted and problems will arise should your Will not have been signed or witnessed properly.

If you have already made a Will, you can still help Pets Niagara by adding what is known as a Codicil to amend your existing Will. You will find a sample Codicil further on in this file.

Suggestions regarding Will Wordings

When writing your Will please instruct your solicitor to include the following wording, depending on which type of legacy you wish to leave:

Pecuniary Gift

"I direct my Executor to pay the sum of \$ **[please include sum here]** to"

Specific Gift

"I direct my Executor to make over **[include specific items here]** to"

Whole of Residual Gift

"I bequeath the residue of my estate to..." followed by,

"Pets Niagara, St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada. And I direct that (1) if Pets Niagara has changed its name or has been amalgamated with or transferred its assets to any other body or has been wrongly designed then my Executors shall give effect to this bequest as if it had been made to such other body with similar purposes to the legatee as my Executors may in their sole discretion decide, and (2) the receipt of an authorized official of any such body shall be a full and sufficient discharge to my Executors."

Part of Residue Gift

"I direct my Executors to divide the whole residue of my means and estate into [number of] parts and to pay, convey and make over those parts as follows:

(a) (number of) part(s) to Pets Niagara, St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada for its charitable purposes; (b) (c) etc. [here insert the number of parts which they are to receive and the names and addresses of the other charities/beneficiaries who are to receive a share of the residue]; And I direct that (1) any estate tax in respect of nonexempt parts of the residue shall be borne by those parts only, (2) if any charity has changed its name or has been amalgamated with or transferred its assets to any other body or has been wrongly designed then my Executors shall give effect to such legacy as if it had been made to such other body with similar purposes to the legatee as my Executors may in their sole discretion decide, and (3) the receipt of an authorized official of any such body shall be a full and sufficient discharge to my Executors."

Note: Please consult a solicitor if you plan to make or amend your Will. Do-it-Yourself Wills are not recommended as your wishes may be misinterpreted or your Will may not be signed and witnessed properly. A properly drafted Will can, in some cases, reduce the amount of any estate tax which may have to be paid.

LEAVING A GIFT IN YOUR WILL: RESPONSE FORM



Should you decide to leave a gift to Pets Niagara in your Will it would be helpful if you could complete this form and email it to: Pets Niagara, at **administrator@petsniagara.org**. This will allow us to maintain our records and ensure that you are not contacted again about leaving a legacy. **Any information that you provide will be handled in confidence and will not be disclosed to third parties.**

We would like to take the opportunity to thank you for choosing to extend your love of animals by leaving a gift to Pets Niagara.

1) Personal Details

Title:
Full name:
Address:
.....
Postcode:
Telephone:
Mobile:
Email:
Date of birth:

2) Type of Bequest

Pecuniary/fixed sum

Please state the sum of the Pecuniary/fixed sum gift. \$

Residuary Gift

Please state the percentage residue of your estate. %

Specific Gift

Please state the gift that you wish to leave.

Note: This form does not act as a Will and in no way replaces one that has been properly written by your solicitor and witnessed.

APPOINTING AN EXECUTOR

You need to appoint an Executor to ensure your wishes are carried out according to your Will. Your solicitor may be able to act in this capacity, though it is best practice to have a second Executor, normally a family member or friend.

If you have no family or close friends that could carry out the execution of your estate on your behalf Pets Niagara can act as your Executor. You should advise your solicitor to state "Pets Niagara" in your Will should you wish our organization to act as an Executor of your estate.

"HOME FOR LIFE" FOR YOUR PETS: RESPONSE FORM

Should you wish your pet to be taken into our Home for Life sanctuary program please fill out and email this form to: Pets Niagara at **administrator@petsniagara.org**.

If you have more than one pet please be sure to include the details of each of your pets when you return this form to us.

1) Personal Details

Title:
Full name:
Address:
.....
Postcode:
Landline: Mobile:
Email:
Date of birth:

Please checkmark the relevant boxes:

- ☐ I have left a gift to Pets Niagara in my Will
- ☐ I have added the Home for Life sanctuary program to my Will
- ☐ I have requested that Pets Niagara act as an Executor of my Will

2) Pet Details

Name:
Pet type: Breed:
Age: yrs Estimated Unknown Sex: Male Female Unknown
Please provide us with the contact details of your vet:
Name:
Address:
Telephone:
Has your pet been: Microchipped Neutered Vaccinated

Please note that should an animal be too aggressive to be taken in to our Home for Life sanctuary program safely or have a disabling or terminal condition which will cause ongoing suffering, a vet may advise that the animal should be put to sleep. If an animal is in pain this may happen immediately. However, wherever possible we will contact any next-of-kin before a decision is taken.

3) Will wording

When writing or amending your Will please instruct your solicitor to include the following wording:

'If I have made no alternative provisions for the care of any pet which belongs to me, I direct my Executors to notify Pets Niagara, telephone 289-273-6590 to request Pets Niagara to remove my pet(s), take full responsibility for the welfare of my pet(s) and at its' complete discretion re-home in a suitable home or place my pet(s) in a permanent sanctuary in accordance with the policies and practices of Pets Niagara applicable at the time.'

Signed: Date:

CODICIL

A codicil is a legal alteration to an existing Will. It allows you to include additional instructions without rewriting your entire Will. If you have already written a Will and would like to amend it to include a gift to Pets Niagara please complete this form and send it to your solicitor.

I, (Full name)

Address:

.....

Postcode:

Telephone:

Mobile:

Hereby declare this to be a codicil of my Will dated:

Please indicate on the next page the gift you wish to leave by selecting either Pecuniary or Specific and entering the amount or specific item in the space provided. If you wish to leave a Residuary Gift you will need to contact a solicitor **for further advice.**



MY GIFT

I wish to leave a Pecuniary gift

"I direct my Executor to pay the sum of \$ [include sum], in addition to any legacies already contained in my Will, to Pets Niagara telephone 289-273-6590. And I direct that (1) if Pets Niagara has changed its name or has been amalgamated with or transferred its assets to any other body or has been wrongly designed then my Executors shall give effect to this bequest as if it had been made to such other body with similar purposes to the legatee as my Executors may in their sole discretion decide, and (2) the receipt of an authorized official of any such body shall be a full and sufficient discharge to my executors."

OR

I wish to leave a Specific gift

"I direct my Executor to make over [include specific items], in addition to any legacies already contained in my Will, to Pets Niagara telephone 289-273-6590. And I direct that (1) if Pets Niagara has changed its name or has been amalgamated with or transferred its assets to any other body or has been wrongly designed then my Executors shall give effect to this bequest as if it had been made to such other body with similar purposes to the legatee as my Executors may in their sole discretion decide, and (2) the receipt of an authorized official of any such body shall be a full and sufficient discharge to my executors."

Signed: Date:

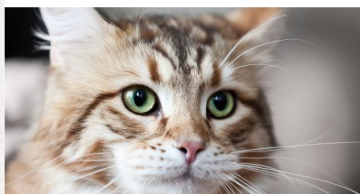
Place of Signature:

Witnessed by:

Signature: Full name:

Address:

..... Postcode:



**Thank you for
your generosity
and for providing
for your pets. ☐**