



The Pennsylvania SPCA's GUARDIAN SURRENDER FUTURE CARE PROGRAM

If you're worried about who will take care of your animals after you pass away, our Guardian Surrender Future Care Program will ease your mind.

Plan for your pet's future and the future of pets in our community

Animal companions add so much to our lives. They give us joy, loyalty and unconditional love. When making plans for your future, it is important to remember to plan for the care and protection of your beloved pets as well. Only you can make the proper decisions concerning your pet's needs. Failing to plan may put your pet at risk in the future – they not only lose you, but your pet may also lose the opportunity to live out its natural life in a loving, caring home.

PSPCA offers you peace of mind

The PSPCA's Guardian Surrender Future Care Program gives you peace of mind that your beloved pet will be cared for and loved. It allows you to provide for your pet in your estate plans, ensuring he/she will find a loving, warm and safe home after you pass away. The PSPCA selects a new home based on the pet profile form you provide, and will make every effort to re-home your beloved pet with the best possible human companion. Our professional adoption counselors will use your detailed pet profile form to match your pet with an adopter who is best suited to meet your pet's physical and psychological needs.

The PSPCA pledges to follow standard intake criteria for your pet which includes a medical and behavioral evaluation so we can create a treatment and /or placement plan that will be in the best interest of your animal. Your beloved pet's care will consist of food, shelter, medical care, socialization, companionship and plenty of love as he/she waits for his/her forever home. At this time, the Guardian Surrender Future Care Program is only available for dogs and cats, with a limit of two pets per person.*

You can also feel good that your decision to enroll your pet in the Guardian Surrender Future Care Program not only helps him/her, but also thousands of homeless, abused, abandoned and voiceless animals we rescue each year by supporting the work of the PSPCA.

How it works

All you have to do is arrange a gift to the PSPCA in your will or estate planning document that takes effect upon your death. An estate gift can be a specific bequest or an endowment, trust fund, life insurance policy or gift annuity to the PSPCA with **a minimum amount of \$2,500 per pet**, thus assuring your pet will be placed in a loving home or be able to live out their natural life in the safety and security of the shelter.

**** If your specific situation falls outside of these parameters, please discuss your needs directly with the Director of Planned Giving.***

Note: This program is designed to take effect upon your death. It is the responsibility of your executor, personal representative, family member or friend to provide us with 24 hours notice to arrange for the drop off of your animal. In the event of temporary hospitalization, or other short or long term situations during your lifetime, it is your responsibility to find temporary care for your pet.

If your pet has painful/untreatable medical or behavioral problems, is extremely fragile or has severe anxiety and/or endures severe physical and psychological stress or experiences trauma of shelter life or transitioning to a new home, it may be very difficult to find a loving home. After thoughtful review by the lifesaving team, the PSPCA may elect to humanely euthanize your pet if it is in the best interest of your animal.

How to enroll

To enroll, complete and submit the Guardian Surrender Future Care form, the pet profile form and provide us with a copy of your will or other estate planning document that evidences a bequest to the PSPCA with the minimum amount of \$2,500 per pet is included in your document.

By naming the PSPCA in your will or other estate planning document and enrolling your beloved pet into the Guardian Surrender Future Care Program, your pet becomes our responsibility after your death and he/she is guaranteed loving, attentive care when you are no longer here to provide care yourself. You have peace of mind knowing that your pet won't become an innocent victim of someone's inability, unwillingness, negligence or abuse.

General Information: Most attorneys and banks will request the following to make a planned gift for the PSPCA.

Legal Name: “**Pennsylvania Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals**”
(shortened to “Pennsylvania SPCA” if there are space constraints)

Mailing Address: 350 E. Erie Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19134

Tax ID number: 23-1352269

Sample Language: The following language would create an unrestricted gift to the PSPCA through a will (or revocable trust) to be used for our areas of greatest need. If there is a particular area within the PSPCA that you would like to support, I would be happy to work with you to provide more closely tailored language.

*I give \$_____ [or a percentage] to the Trustees of the **Pennsylvania Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals**, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, for its general purposes.*

Beneficiary Designation Forms (e.g. Retirement Accounts, Life Insurance): Naming the Pennsylvania SPCA as a remainder beneficiary of a retirement account, bank/brokerage account, or life insurance policy is another strategy our friends sometimes choose for contributing to our efforts. This process is usually a simple one and can generally be done online or by completing a beneficiary designation form provided by your account administrator.

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Please note that the Pennsylvania SPCA cannot offer legal or financial advice and we encourage you to consult with your own counsel as you consider your charitable planning strategy.