



**STREETVET**

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## LEAVING A LEGACY

Leaving a gift in your Will to StreetVet is a gift from the heart. Your gift will change lives and help StreetVet continue to provide free veterinary care and services to the animals of the homeless.

### HOW TO LEAVE A GIFT IN YOUR WILL

There are a number of different ways you can remember StreetVet in your Will, depending on your circumstances. It doesn't have to be a large amount, because every penny makes a real difference.

Even if you feel your estate is a simple one, it is advisable to seek professional legal advice when making your Will. They can advise on wording to ensure that your wishes are carried out exactly as you want them to be.

- **LEAVE A SHARE OF YOUR ASSETS**

Many people leave us a percentage of what is left of their assets - known as their 'estate' after they ensure that their family and loved ones have been taken care of.

This type of gift is known as a residuary gift and is easy to add to an existing Will without interfering with any specific sums you have left to family or friends. It also has the advantage that it will not be eroded in value by inflation over the year.

***Wording to use to leave a residuary gift:***

I leave my / X share(s) of my residuary estate for StreetVet, c/o Battersea Dogs & Cats Home, Floor 4 - Operations, 4 Battersea Park Road, London SW8 4AA. Registered charity number: 1181527 (England and Wales), absolutely for its general charitable purposes and I declare that the receipt of the treasurer or other proper officer for the time being shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors.

- **LEAVE A FIXED SUM OF MONEY**

You may wish to leave us a stated sum of money. This kind of gift is known as a pecuniary gift.

***Wording to use to leave a pecuniary gift:***

I give free of inheritance tax £X to StreetVet, c/o Battersea Dogs & Cats Home, Floor 4 - Operations, 4 Battersea Park Road, London SW8 4AA. Registered charity number: 1181527 (England and Wales) for its general charitable purposes and I declare that the receipt of the treasurer or other proper officer for the time being shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors.



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- **LEAVE A SPECIFIC ITEM OF VALUE**

You may wish to leave us a particular item (known as a specific bequest), which can be sold to support our work. It could be property or an item of value such as an antique or a piece of jewellery.

***Wording to use to leave a specific legacy:***

I leave to StreetVet, c/o Battersea Dogs & Cats Home, Floor 4 - Operations, 4 Battersea Park Road, London SW8 4AA. Registered charity number: 1181527 (England and Wales) a (description of item) absolutely for the general purposes of the said charity and I direct that the receipt of the Treasurer or other duly authorised officer shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors.

## **CHANGING YOUR WILL**

The easiest way to make a change to your Will is to use a Codicil (an additional instruction that you can add to your existing Will). A solicitor will be able to advise you of the best way to do this,

depending on your circumstances.

## **INFORMATION FOR SOLICITORS**

**Head Office:** StreetVet, c/o Battersea Dogs & Cats Home, Floor 4 - Operations, 4 Battersea Park Road, London. SW8 4AA

**Registered Charity number:** 1181527

If you have any queries about leaving a gift to StreetVet in your Will please email [specialgifts@streetvet.org.uk](mailto:specialgifts@streetvet.org.uk).



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## GLOSSARY OF WILL-RELATED TERMS

Beneficiary	A generic term for any person who benefits under a Will
Codicil	A formal amendment to a Will
Estate	Everything you own at the time of your death
Executor(male)/ Executrix(female)	Someone you appoint to carry out the instructions in your Will. Executors are usually family, friends or professional advisors (Solicitor/Bank Manager/Accountant)
Legacy	Gift of personal or moveable property (including cash, shares etc.) in a Will. Someone who receives a legacy is a legatee
Probate	The application to court after someone dies to prove the Will is valid and which results in authority being granted to the Executors via a Grant of Probate after any tax due is paid
Residuary estate	Everything you own at the time of your death less any legacies or devises you have made, your debts, funeral expenses and costs of winding up your Estate
Testator	The person making a Will (the female form is testatrix)
Will	A document conforming to certain legal requirements that sets out what you want to happen to your property and the rest of your Estate upon death