



When a pet owner bequeaths a pet and sufficient funds to the Humane Society of Tuolumne County (HSOTC), the HSOTC will accept the pet upon the pet owner's death. The pet will be placed in our pet adoption program with the committed goal of finding the pet a new home, similar to the loving one you provided as quickly as possible. The HSOTC will provide a temporary home for the pet for as long as is necessary until the pet is adopted.

For more information about the HSOTC and our pet bequest program, please contact us at 209-984-5489.

"We believe life is more precious when trust, unconditional love, and respect exist as the primary bond between animals and one another."

WAYS TO INCLUDE A PET IN YOUR ESTATE PLANNING:

- Outright gift of your pet in your Will or Living Trust to a friend or family member as caretaker.
- Out-and-out gift of funds to caretaker to provide for your pet during your pet's lifetime.
- Gift of your pet and funds to a trustee, with instructions to place your pet in a loving home, and to pay the caretaker, as necessary, to provide for your pet during its lifetime.



THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF TUOLUMNE COUNTY

PET ESTATE PLANNING BROCHURE



Who will care for them when you're gone?

REMEMBER TO PROVIDE FOR YOUR PETS IN YOUR ESTATE PLANNING.

"Because they've been such good friends, we want to make sure they are cared for when we are gone. We never know when that time will come – an accident, an illness or something totally unforeseen."



10040 Victoria Way • P. O. Box 830 • Jamestown, CA 95327
209.984.5489 • hsotc.org

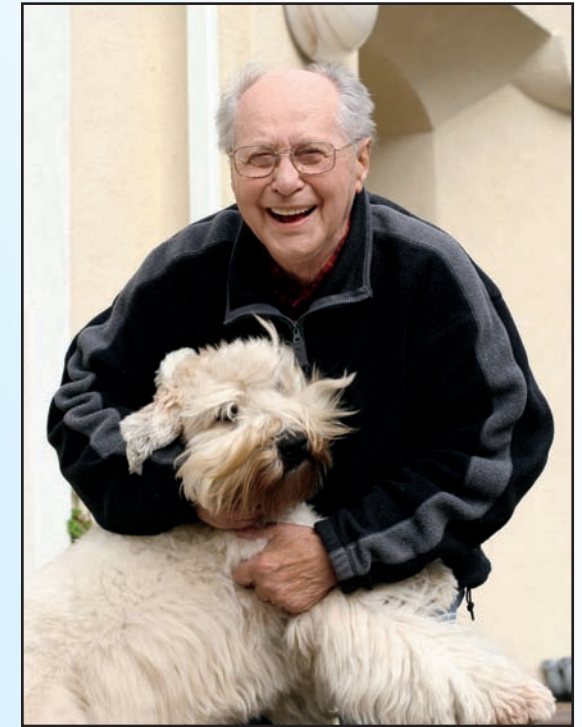
PLANNING FOR YOUR PET'S WELL-BEING



Whether you have a dog, cat, or other animal friend, our pets spend their lifetime giving us unconditional love, affection and acceptance. However, every year thousands of pets are orphaned in the U.S. Unfortunately, our own beloved pets may be included in this tragic statistic if we fail to provide for them in the event we pass away or become incapacitated. It is important to remember that, when we choose to bring a pet into our family, we have made the choice to care for the pet for the rest of its lifetime – not just the rest of our own!

When a pet owner passes away or becomes incapable of caring for pets, often there is no one else who is willing or able to care for these pets, resulting in a double tragedy – the loss or incapacity of the pet owner and the creation of orphaned pets.

One way pet owners can prevent this from happening is to include provisions for the pets in an estate plan. Providing for your pets can be as simple as making a request in your Will or Living Trust that your pets be placed with a willing friend or family member, much like appointing a guardian for a child. Most states also allow for money to be set aside for the benefit of pets as part of an estate plan. A “pet trust” usually appoints a trustee to care for your pets or to find them the loving, permanent home they deserve, and provides the trustee with funds to be used for the pet’s benefit. Another option is to make a gift of funds directly to the new caretaker for the pet’s ongoing needs and care. All you need to do is ask your attorney to include your pet in your Will or Living Trust.



Lifetime planning for your pet – A Durable General Power of Attorney allows the designated agent to spend your money to benefit your pet, and if necessary, to place the pet in a loving home upon your incapacity.