

A Gift in Your Will

*Leave a gift of love
for animals who need it most*



Giving a voice to animals throughout Western Australia, helping those who need it most, and protecting those who cannot protect themselves.

Lynne with her dogs Billi and Dennis

Foreword

Giving a voice to animals throughout WA, helping those who need it most and protecting those who cannot protect themselves.

That is the legacy that hundreds of special people throughout WA have created by including a generous gift to RSPCA WA in their Will.

There are so many animals needing your help. My own special boy Dennis came through the RSPCA terrified and in need of urgent care. It took many months before he learnt to trust again. As such a big part of our family now, it's heartbreaking to think what could have been.

Every day RSPCA WA Inspectors respond to calls of abuse, neglect and requests for help. They work tirelessly behind the scenes helping people better manage their animals' needs, and on the front line when swift and lifesaving action is needed.

As a vital independent voice and with limited government funding it is only through wonderful people like you that we're able to continue giving animals the support and freedoms they need and deserve.

By considering a gift to RSPCA WA in your Will today, you are bringing hope and security to thousands of animals just like

Dennis who may have otherwise known only a life of pain and suffering.

As a fellow animal lover, thank you for seeking a very real way to make a positive difference to the future of animal welfare in WA.

I personally have included the animals at RSPCA WA in my Will, and I thank you so much for taking the time to consider what your legacy will be as well.

Lynne Bradshaw

**RSPCA WA President
2004 – Current**



Your Gift Makes A Difference

Founded in 1892, RSPCA WA is the leading and most trusted animal welfare organisation in Western Australia.

It costs over \$12 million per year to maintain RSPCA WA's services across this vast state with more than 90% of funding coming from the community through donations, bequests, grants and sponsorship.

RSPCA WA could not operate without the generosity of people like you.

On average, 50 cruelty complaints are received every day – that's over 16,000 a year. These are tirelessly followed up and actioned by our dedicated team of Inspectors. .

Each day, RSPCA WA is caring for between 200–300 animals.

Every animal is provided with the medical and behavioural support they need to recover and be rehomed to loving families.

RSPCA WA also focuses on tackling the root cause of animal cruelty by running community education and awareness programs. RSPCA Inspectors are the first responders to cruelty complaints. They rescue animals in danger and prosecute those who cause them harm.

RSPCA WA exists to this day because the community in which we operate shares a common purpose – to end animal cruelty.

We couldn't exist without you and we are grateful that you care enough to do something significant to help end animal cruelty and neglect.

What is A Legacy or Bequest?

A legacy or bequest is money, property or possessions left in your Will to special people or organisations you wish to honour.

While the topic is often hard to discuss, writing a Will can be an empowering event. It allows you to decide how you will honour those you care about most.

It is your chance to choose how you want your legacy to be shared in the most heartfelt, memorable and often life-changing way.

For many of us, animals have played a special role in our lives, providing unconditional love and companionship.

A legacy gift to RSPCA WA, makes a lasting impact on the lives of hundreds of abused, neglected and abandoned animals - offering them a future filled with kindness.





A Home Forever – Peace of Mind for Pet Owners

For many people, the thought of leaving behind their beloved pet is hard to accept.

RSPCA WA can provide you with peace of mind that your treasured pet will be properly cared for after you've gone.

When you pass away, RSPCA WA's *A Home Forever* program provides a pathway for your pets to come into our care. We then find loving new homes for them as quickly as possible.

We appreciate that your pet may be grieving, so we take great care to treat them with kindness and compassion. New homes and foster carers are carefully chosen. When you register in the program we also talk with you to build a detailed profile of your

pet including their habits, health, likes and dislikes. Having these individual details helps deliver the care and attention you would wish for them, and provides information so we can make decisions in your best interest.

Anyone leaving a gift in their Will to RSPCA WA is eligible to register their pet free of charge into the program, so that a plan is in place should something happen to you.

For your peace of mind and to find out more about RSPCA WA's A Home Forever program please call our Planned Giving Coordinator on (08) 9209 9332.



Janet is pictured with her partner Graham and their two Griffon Bruxellois, Angus and Hamish.

“ RSPCA WA will give them the care they need... that peace of mind is priceless to us.

I've loved animals my entire life, from keeping hamsters as a little girl in England to working as a vet nurse in Australia. I know first-hand how special the bond is between owners and their pets.

There's no guarantee that friends or family will be able to look after our pet once we're gone, which is why our two dogs Hamish and Angus are registered in RSPCA WA's A Home Forever program.

As a volunteer with RSPCA WA, I fully appreciate the work they do and it gives us great peace of mind knowing our precious dogs will get the care they need and be rehomed into a loving family after we are gone.”

Janet Ingham
RSPCA WA Bequestor

Leaving A Legacy

Once your family are provided for, if you would like to support RSPCA WA, then please consider leaving a gift in your Will. Your bequest will help provide a second chance for animals in need.

Adding RSPCA WA to your Will is as easy as it is important. Before you start, it's recommended that you seek the assistance of a lawyer or trustee to ensure your wishes are correctly documented and carried out.

The gift can take a variety of forms: the residue or a percentage of an estate, a specific amount of money, a life insurance or superannuation policy or any other asset.



Need Help Preparing A Will?

Writing a Will makes your wishes clear. It is the only way to ensure that your wishes will be carried out in the way you intended. It's also a wonderful way to remember and provide for those you care about - including your pets.

To make or update your Will, we recommend you speak with a qualified legal practitioner to ensure that your Will is valid and the way your intentions are expressed is correct.

Also, it is recommended that you update your Will every 3-4 years, or when a significant change happens in your life, so that your current wishes and situation are reflected.

Charitable gifts can provide a feeling of fulfilment and can be a wonderful way to be remembered after you've gone. By leaving a gift in your Will to RSPCA WA, you can take pride in knowing you are helping animals when they need it most. We are deeply grateful for every gift, no matter the size, and we honour you for showing your support in this special way.

Suggested Will Wording

To ensure the wording in your Will accurately reflects your intentions it's important to consult a legal professional. We have prepared some suggested clauses that you can use to make a bequest to RSPCA WA.

To request sample wording for a gift in your Will please call our Planned Giving Coordinator on (08) 9209 9332.

Our full and correct name is:
The Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Western Australia.

ACN: 626 609 587

Our address is 108 Malaga Drive,
MALAGA WA 6090



What to do next

Honouring your love of animals by remembering the RSPCA in your Will is a remarkable gift that will do so much good for so many animals in need. If you've decided to partner with RSPCA WA to create a legacy to be proud of, we thank you. Your gift will change the lives of animals throughout Western Australia.

You are now part of a valued group of friends and we look forward to taking special care of you.

If you need more information on our *A Home Forever* program or how to leave a gift in your Will, we would be pleased to meet with you for a confidential chat in your home, or at RSPCA WA in Malaga.

To arrange a time, please contact our Planned Giving Coordinator:

-  Call (08) 9209 9332
-  Email plannedgiving@rspcawa.asn.au
-  Online at www.rspcawa.asn.au



A Heartfelt Thank You

Your support is vital to the work we do and we whole-heartedly thank you for it.

Please let us know if you intend to remember us in your Will so we can thank you and update you on the progress of our work.

Your details will be treated with the utmost confidentiality and we will respect your decision should you choose to remain anonymous.

We are incredibly grateful to you for your generosity, foresight and commitment to animal welfare.

On behalf of all creatures great and small, we thank you for helping to create communities free from animal cruelty.

David van Ooran
Chief Executive Officer



Western Australia

This booklet has been produced by RSPCA WA (Inc.) to help you think about and prepare your Will.

It contains general information only and should not be taken as legal advice.

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