

Pet Guardianship



Enrollment in Loving For Life is easy!

1. Maintain an annual donation to the Sonoma Humane Society (SHS).
2. Thoroughly complete the Loving For Life application and Pet Biography.
3. Designate a friend, relative, neighbor or executor of your estate to bring your pet to the SHS if necessary.
4. Bring your pet in for a health exam (or provide your veterinary records).
5. Specify in your will or trust the following:
 - Your pet is to be entrusted to the SHS at your death. You may wish to write the statement: "At the time of my death, the Sonoma Humane Society will become guardian of my pet(s)."
 - Sonoma Humane Society is a beneficiary, to assist in providing care for my pet(s) and other homeless animals. *(If possible, please send us a copy of this portion of your will so we have this important information on file.)*

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PROVIDING FOR YOUR PET AFTER YOUR LIFETIME

Have you ever asked yourself, "Who will be there for my pet after I'm gone?". Planning for the future of a precious pet's next home, if necessary, is something that every responsible pet owner should consider. If you do not have a family member, neighbor, or friend who agrees **today** to care for your pet in case you no longer can, the **Loving For Life** program offered by the Sonoma Humane Society is here for you.

Loving For Life ensures a future for your companion animal and relieves your family members or friends from making painful decisions on your behalf. With our Pet Biography form, you tell us in advance about your pet, veterinarian, medical needs, personality and behavior, feeding habits, likes and dislikes, and typical home life. No one is left guessing about your pet's preferences and needs.

All we ask is that you maintain an annual donation of any amount to the Sonoma Humane Society, and include us in your Will or Trust. In return, we'll do everything in our power to ensure your beloved pet finds the perfect new home.

Animals who are healthy and temperamentally sound are ensured of finding new homes more readily. If you have questions about your pet(s) eligibility, or adoptability, please call to schedule a meeting with a SHS representative. After you send in your application and donation, you will want to schedule an appointment with our veterinarian, or provide proof of a recent health examination (within the past year). Upon approval, you will receive a Pet Alert ID card that you should carry next to your drivers license. This will alert the appropriate person(s) of where to take your pet in the event of your death.

If you have any questions please contact:

Melissa Dobar, Development Director
Sonoma Humane Society
P.O. Box 1296,
Santa Rosa, CA 95402



The Sonoma Humane Society highly recommends that your pet(s) receives an annual health examination with your veterinarian.



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LOVING FOR LIFE ENROLLMENT & PET BIOGRAPHY

Name (Mr./ Mrs. /Ms.) _____
Street _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Home Phone _____ Office/Mobile _____
Date _____ Closest Relative _____ Phone _____

INFORMATION ABOUT MY PET

Name _____ Species _____
Breed _____ Age _____ Sex _____ Spayed/Neutered _____ Yes _____ No _____
Primary Color _____ Secondary Color _____
Size: Small _____ Medium _____ Large _____ Approximate Weight: _____
Favorite Food(s) _____
Feeding Times _____

Veterinarian's Name _____
Veterinarian's Address _____
Veterinarian's Phone Number _____
Date of last health examination _____ Health Exam attached: _____ Yes _____ No _____
Is your pet micro-chipped? No _____ Yes _____ Micro-chip Number: _____

Relevant History:

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____
- 4) _____

Describe your pet's personality, likes and dislikes:

I confirm that I have named the Sonoma Humane Society in my will or trust:

Signature _____ Date _____

You may attach a copy of your will or estate plan to this form. Please send this completed registration and your donation to: Sonoma Humane Society, P.O. Box 1296, Santa Rosa, CA 95402. Attn: Melissa Dobar.

The Loving For Life program suggests that enrollees maintain an annual donation to the Sonoma Humane Society and include provisions in their will or trust. Please see the Pet Guardianship Loving for Life program outline for complete details of enrollment. Tax ID# 94-6001315

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Suggested Language for Wills and Trusts

The language in brackets shows different alternatives depending upon the nature of the gift (residuary bequest, cash bequest, etc.) and whether the gift is unrestricted or for a specific purpose.

IN A WILL

I give [the residue of my estate] [_____ % of the residue of my estate] [\$_____] [description of a particular asset (e.g., real estate, described securities, etc.)]

to be used where the need is greatest at the Sonoma Humane Society, Santa Rosa, California.

or

to be used to support [description of specific purpose (e.g., a department, service or program)] at the Sonoma Humane Society, Santa Rosa, California; provided, however, that if at some future time the Board of Directors of the Sonoma Humane Society determined that it has become impossible or impractical to apply effectively the gift made hereunder to the restricted purpose specified (e.g. because a specified department, service or program no longer exists or its operation has been substantially reduced or changed), the gift made hereunder shall be used where the need is greatest at the Sonoma Humane Society, as determined by the said Board of Directors.

IN A TRUST

The Trustee shall distribute [the remainder of the trust estate] [_____ % of the remainder of the trust estate] [\$_____] [description of a particular asset held by the trust]

to be used where the need is greatest at the Sonoma Humane Society, Santa Rosa, California.

or

to be used to support [description of specific purpose (e.g., a department, service or program)] at the Sonoma Humane Society, Santa Rosa, California; provided, however, that if at some future time the Board of Directors of the Sonoma Humane Society, determined that it has become impossible or impractical to apply effectively the gift made hereunder to the restricted purpose specified (e.g. because a specified department, service or program no longer exists or its operation has been substantially reduced or changed), the gift made hereunder shall be used where the need is greatest at the Sonoma Humane Society as determined by the said Board of Directors.

If you have any questions or need assistance with specific language, please call:



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