

Sample Planned Giving Text

Leaving a Legacy for Our Animal Friends

Since 1883 the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) of Westchester has been providing shelter and loving care for many thousands of abandoned and abused dogs, cats, puppies, kittens and horses until they are adopted into new homes. The SPCA is recognized as a “no kill” shelter - no adoptable animal is ever euthanized unless it is terminally ill and suffering or extremely aggressive. As a not-for-profit 501(c) 3 humane organization, the SPCA receives no government support and is funded solely by contributions, bequests and fees received for its services.

Bequests to the SPCA of Westchester

The SPCA of Westchester would not be able to continue its mission without the generous support it receives from estates each year. A bequest in your will can be a simple and extremely effective way to make a gift to the SPCA. You can designate the SPCA of Westchester as the direct beneficiary of a specific asset, of a portion of your estate or of the residue of your estate after payment of other bequests. To designate a bequest to the SPCA of Westchester, you should use the SPCA’s formal corporate name, address and federal tax ID number. Here is an example of the most common language used when making a bequest to the SPCA of Westchester:

I hereby give _____ (\$ dollar amount or description of asset or percentage of estate) to the SPCA of Westchester located at 590 North State Road, Briarcliff Manor, NY 10510 Tax ID# 13-1740069 for its charitable purposes.

Should you already have a will and wish to make a bequest, a simple way to include the SPCA is to add a codicil. Federal law permits estate tax deductions for donations to charitable organizations which many people take advantage of to reduce estate taxes for their beneficiaries.

Providing for Your Pet in a Will

To ensure peace of mind that your pet(s) will be well cared for and loved when you are no longer here, a will is a convenient method to make arrangements for who will care for your pet(s) after you are deceased. In New York State you cannot legally leave money or assets outright to a pet but you can leave money or assets to a person or institution to take care of your pet(s) as stipulated in your will.

Further Information

There are many ways to give. Your tax or legal advisor can determine which gift will best accomplish your charitable intentions. For more information about bequests to the SPCA of Westchester, please call our Executive Director, Shannon Laukhuf at (914) 941-2896 ext. 12.

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