







SYDNEY & HOME

LEAVING A GIFT IN YOUR WILL

CONSIDER A LASTING GIFT TODAY TO SECURE THEIR FUTURE TOMORROW

FROM OUR MD



Thank you for your interest in leaving Sydney Dogs & Cats Home a gift in legacy.

My team and I truly treasure this level of commitment and promise that in return we will work tirelessly to our mission of responsibly reuniting, rehoming and rehabilitating companion animals in our care; whilst providing the highest level of service to the wider community.

As Sydney's only not-for-profit pound, each year we open our doors and care for lost, abandoned and neglected pets; while delivering an array of mental health-focused community programs.

With our strong commitment to a sustainable future, we are delivering Sydney a positive pound solution with a community focus.

No matter the size, a gift in your Will allows us to plan for the future and cement our vital lifesaving programs to support generations to come.

Thank you again for your interest in our work. The following will provide you with further information about us, our future, suggested gift options and how we would love to keep in touch.

I would also like to take this opportunity to personally invite you for a tour of our current facility at a time that suits you.

Should you require any further information or would like to arrange a tour, please contact our Bequest Team on 02 9587 9611 or legacy@sdch.org

Yours sincerely
Melissa Penn
Managing Director

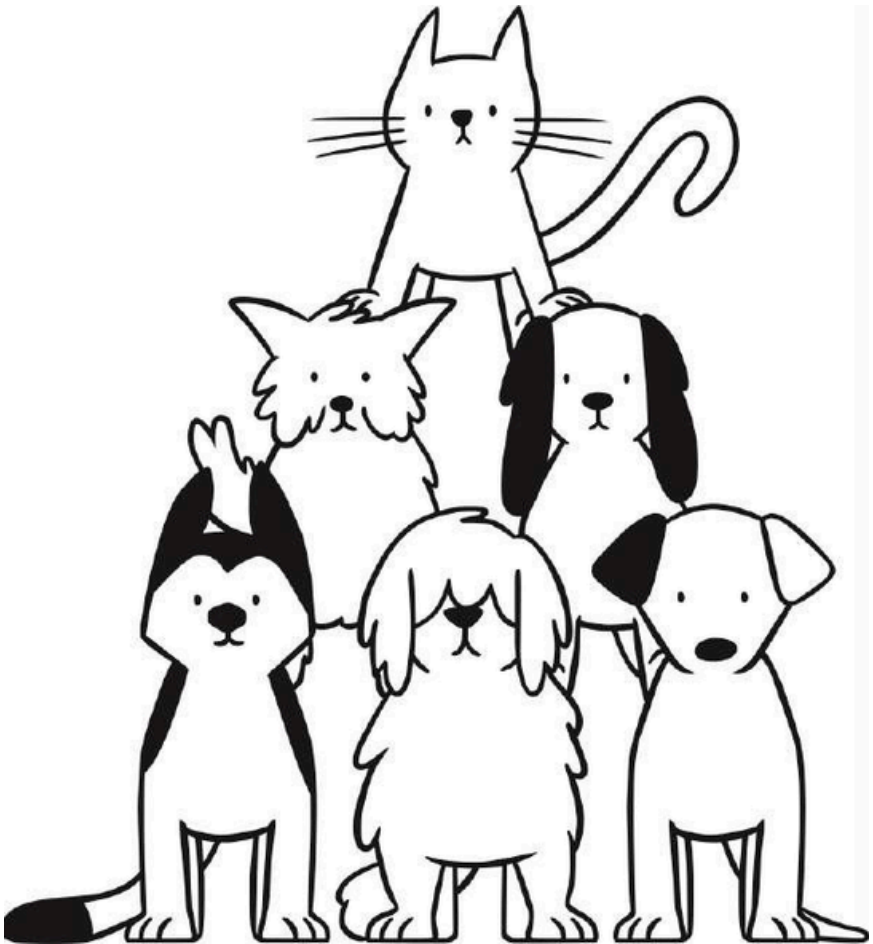
WHO WE ARE

Since 1946, Sydney Dogs & Cats Home has cared for Sydney's lost abandoned and neglected pets. As Sydney's only charity pound and community facility, we open our doors to thousands of pets each year, servicing multiple council areas and helping over a million Sydneysiders.

We provide shelter, food, vet care and lots of love and cuddles to lost, homeless and abandoned animals, mostly dogs and cats. We care for pets until they can either be reunited with their owners or find a new, suitable home. We love bringing pets and people together!
At Sydney Dogs & Cats Home, we support the Getting to Zero Movement and we strive to rehome every healthy and treatable animal that comes through our doors. We're proud to say we never place a time limit on any rehomable animal awaiting adoption.

We also deliver a range of successful mental health-focused community programs, creating a lifeline for both the animals in our care and for those in the community who need it most.





OUR FUTURE

By choosing to pledge a gift, no matter the size, your support of our vital lifesaving programs will go directly to where it is needed most in the areas of, but not limited to;

- **Medical and Veterinary Support**
- **Animal Care and Rehabilitation**
- **Education and Community Support**
- **Capital Works**

Sydney Dogs & Cats Home is excited for our new home at Kurnell. After the site we called home since 1946 was slated for development, thanks to the support of the community and the NSW Government, a long-term community lease has been secured on a vacant lot in Kurnell. The NSW Government has also supported us with funding for 60% of the build.

With construction having commenced at the end of 2024, we're excited to be closer than ever before to an exciting new chapter that will allow us to double our capacity and help even more pets and people in our community facility.

To find out more, head to home.sydneydogsandcatshome.org/

Whilst you are free to direct your gift to one of our areas of support, our preference would be to have your gift directed to the "general purposes of Sydney Dogs & Cats Home Incorporated"

HOW TO LEAVE A LEGACY GIFT

Bestowing a legacy gift in your Will is one of the most precious gifts of all and with many options available, we have provided suggested wording for 3 types of gifts.

The following information is intended to be a guide only and does not constitute as legal advice. We recommend you seek independent legal advice when preparing or updating your Will, as well as discussing your intentions with loved ones.



GIFT TYPES



To ensure your gift will help secure the future of Sydney's lost, abandoned and neglected pets, the following will need to be specified Sydney Dogs & Cats Home incorporated of ABN 16 943 464 585; CFN 16738.

Whole Estate

I give the whole of my estate to Sydney Dogs & Cats Home Incorporated, ABN 16 943 464 585; CFN 16738, free of all duties, taxes and testamentary expenses to be used for the general purposes thereof, the receipt of which by the Treasurer or other proper officer for the time being of the Sydney Dogs & Cats Home Incorporated shall be sufficient discharge for my executors.

Residual Gift

This option is to leave the remainder (or residue) of your estate after providing for your family and loved ones.

In the event that there remains any part of my estate that has not otherwise been disposed of under my Will whether by reason of any failure of any gift or otherwise ("the Residue") then I give the residue to Sydney Dogs & Cats Home Incorporated, of ABN 16 943 464 585; CFN 16738, to be used for the general purposes thereof, the receipt of the Treasurer or other proper officer for the time being of the Sydney Dogs & Cats Home Incorporated shall be sufficient discharge for my executors.

Specific Gift

A specific gift may be a specified amount, a particular asset, (e.g. your house, shares, superannuation fund) or a percentage of your estate, allowing the gift to maximise as the estate matures:

I hereby give and bequeath

a) the sum of $... (insert the value);
b) (insert number)... percentage of my estate; or
c) my..... (insert name of asset)

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LEGACY PETS

To provide peace of mind for our legacy donors, Sydney Dogs & Cats Home offers rehoming support should you wish to make provisions for your pets in your Will. We can also assist if your circumstances change and you are no longer able to care for your pets.

Through our Legacy Pets Program, up to four companion animals* can come into our care, where they will receive individual care plans, daily enrichment and tailored nutrition while we work to find them a loving new home.

If required, pets will also have access to our veterinary and behavioural support, foster care network and post-adoption care initiatives.

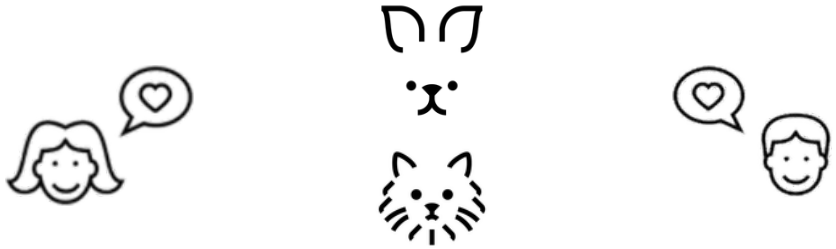
As a responsible rehoming centre, all animals entering our care, including Legacy Pets, are placed up for adoption following a hold period and comprehensive medical and behavioural assessment.**

If you intend to include this provision in your Will, please inform your executor and provide them with our contact details so they can reach us when the time comes.

To confirm your interest in the Legacy Pets Program, please email legacy@sdch.org.au.



*** Legacy Pets include: dogs, cats, pocket pets and birds. No horses, livestock or undomesticated animals.**
****Decisions are always based on what is best for the welfare of the individual animal at the time of assessments and the most responsible course of action is taken by our trained and compassionate staff.**





THANK YOU!

By committing support to Sydney Dogs & Cats Home, you will join a special group of people who believe in our vital life-saving work.

Together, we are committed to delivering Australia's leading combined animal shelter and community facility.

Notifying us of your intentions allows us to plan the path to our future while keeping you up-to-date with exciting news from around the shelter.

You can let us know your intentions by completing a Notification Form or by contacting our Bequest Team via:

Sydney Dogs & Cats Home
69 Sir Joseph Banks Drive
KURNELL, NSW 2231
PH: 02 9587 9611
E: legacy@sdch.org.au

You can be assured that any communication with yourself, or your legal representation, will be treated in the strictest confidence.

The impact you can make isn't limited to a legacy gift. To find out other ways you may like to also contribute to our work head to sydneydogsandcatshome.org/get-involved/

Did you know...

You can donate shares and dividends.

For gifts valued over $100, head to sharegiftaustralia.org.au who can help transfer your wishes to our vital lifesaving programs without any brokerage fees.