

Requests Program

Make a Difference –
Leave Cat Haven a Lasting
Legacy in Your Will

Cat Welfare Society Inc trading as Cat Haven. Licensed Charity 17686

CAT HAVEN
every cat matters





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About Cat Haven

Cat Haven is Western Australia's premier cat welfare organisation. For nearly 50 years, Cat Haven has been at the forefront of cat welfare in WA. We are the only 'open admission' shelter in WA so even if we are full, we never say no to any cat, no matter how old, sick or feral. Over the years, we have taken in tens of thousands of cats and have rehomed many. We provide low cost desexing and microchipping services

to cat owners and veterinary care to surrendered cats when required, but the cost of keeping unwanted cats increases annually.

Cat Haven is not an agency of the Australian Government and therefore relies on the generosity of the community and donations to continue its vital daily work. Almost 100% of our funding comes from donations, membership and bequests.

Loving home

Your Will, Your Pet's Future

Perhaps a cat has played an important part in your or a loved one's lives, or you simply care about animal welfare. Why not leave a lasting legacy by considering Cat Haven in your Will? Legacies are a crucial donation to the running of Cat Haven and are the most precious of gifts. They help secure our future and that of the thousands of cats in our care each year.

You can ensure your beloved cat is well looked after and rehomed successfully to a loving home in the event of you passing away before them.

Through a bequest, it is possible for us to achieve so much more and ensure that cats in need will continue to receive the vital services and rehoming efforts Cat Haven provides.

A lasting legacy for your cat and a second chance for thousands of cats in WA.

Your Gift, Our Commitment

A bequest is a property or a sum of money committed to an organisation and donated upon the donor's death. A bequest can take a variety of forms but no matter which way you ask us to use your gift, rest assured we are committed to using your money wisely.

Thanks to those who have already remembered Cat Haven in their will, we have been able to help cats in WA by:

- Helping to rebuild new, cleaner, safer, brighter cat pens at Cat Haven
- Caring for cats in need including emergency refuge from situations of domestic violence
- Promoting adoption of cats and kittens from Cat Haven and helping new owners find their perfect match
- Helping cats and owners in need with subsidised goods and services
- Providing essential medical care for sick and older cats
- Continually educating the community about cat welfare
- Working with State Government to get a better deal for cats

*No matter your reason for giving, or
the size of your gift, it will be a lasting
legacy of your commitment to make a
difference to the welfare of cats in WA.*



Your Decision

We understand that family and friends are at the forefront of your thoughts when considering these decisions. Perhaps though, when you have provided for loved ones, you could consider assisting long term cat welfare in WA via a bequest to Cat Haven.

If you decide to bequeath Cat Haven a sum of money to help look after and rehome your cat in the event of your passing, the main thing you need to do is make sure your next of kin are fully aware of the plans you have for your cat/s and get them to us as soon as possible.

Your Choice of Gift

There are a number of ways to make a bequest to the Cat Haven in your will. Some options include:

A percentage bequest – (e.g. I bequeath 20% of my estate to Cat Haven). This will reflect any change in value through inflation or interest as the years progress but does not affect the priority or importance of your bequest.

A residual bequest – (e.g. I leave the residue of my estate to Cat Haven). This involves leaving the remainder of an estate after friends and family have been provided for through specific gifts.

A specific bequest – (e.g. I bequeath my ... to Cat Haven) and could include a stated dollar amount, real estate, shares, proceeds of life insurance policies, annuity or pension, or physical assets: jewellery, artwork, vehicle, furniture...etc.

An alternative bequest – This allows a person or organisation to be nominated as an alternative beneficiary if another named recipient is unable to accept a bequest. This might be particularly relevant if you have not updated your Will for some time and if one of the named beneficiaries has passed away.



Compassion

What is Involved in Making a Bequest

A Will makes your wishes clear, leaves nothing to chance and allows you to provide for your family and friends as you choose. It also gives you a chance to leave a lasting gift in the form of a bequest to your favourite charities and to ensure your pets are well taken care of.

If you have decided to name Cat Haven in your Will, thank you! It is important to make your family aware of this, contact your solicitor to draft your Will (or add to existing Will) and to appoint an executor: the person or people who will make sure your wishes are followed.

The wording of a bequest to Cat Haven depends on where you would like your funds to go. As the needs of cats at Cat Haven changes, the most effective way to leave your bequest is to entrust Cat Haven to spend your bequest/gift in the area of greatest need.

*Leaving a bequest to
Cat Haven is the
ultimate expression of
compassion for the
well-being of cats.*

Community

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Official Wording

If you choose to leave a gift to Cat Haven in your Will, the following wording is suggested:

"I give and bequeath to the Cat Welfare Society Incorporated, trading as Cat Haven, Shenton Park, WA, to be used for the general purposes of supporting Cat Haven, free of all duties:

1. I LEAVE to the Cat Welfare Society Incorporated, trading as Cat Haven, Shenton Park, WA, free of all duties, the sum of \$_____ and direct that the receipt of the Treasurer of, or other authorised officer of, the Cat Haven shall be sufficient discharge to my Executor.

or

2. I LEAVE to the Cat Welfare Society Incorporated, trading as Cat Haven, Shenton Park, WA, free of all duties, _____% of my estate and direct that the receipt of the Treasurer of, or other authorised officer of, the Cat Haven shall be sufficient discharge to my Executor.

or

3. I LEAVE to the Cat Welfare Society Incorporated, trading as Cat Haven, Shenton Park, WA, free of all duties, the specific items _____ (e.g the property situated at _____) and direct that the receipt of the Treasurer of, or other authorised officer of, the Cat Haven shall be sufficient discharge to my Executor.

or

4. I LEAVE to the Cat Welfare Society Incorporated, trading as Cat Haven, Shenton Park, WA, free of all duties, the whole of the residue of my estate and direct that the receipt of the Treasurer of, or other authorised officer of, the Cat Haven shall be sufficient discharge to my Executor.

For which the receipt of the Treasurer or other authorised officer shall be sufficient discharge."

The wording suggested will result in your gift being used by Cat Haven for general purposes. You may wish to leave a gift to Cat Haven for a specific purpose. If you would like to do so, we suggest you consult a legal advisor to obtain advice on the appropriate wording.

Find Out More

Please speak to us at Cat Haven and as Wills are legal documents, we recommend that you take advice from your legal advisor, Public Trustee or other professional Will maker whilst making your Will.



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Open 7 days a week

(Closed Christmas Day and Good Friday)
Please see our website for opening hours.

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