I have already included AHS in my will or trust. Do I need to do anything to let you know?

Great! Please share the good news by calling the Development Office or sending an email to our Vice President of Development. Her contact information is on the back of this brochure. We would be honored to thank you for your gift and welcome you to the 1873 Founder’s Society.

Do I have a say in how my gift is used?

The majority of gifts are general operating support but, if you want your bequest to support a specific program or to create an Endowment Fund, please contact the Vice President of Development to make sure the gift can be used as you intend.

Here is some sample bequest language:

I give to the Atlanta Humane Society and SPCA of Georgia, Atlanta, Georgia, Tax ID 58-068-5900, the sum of $_______ (or ____% of the rest, residue and remainder of my estate) for its general purposes.

*Consult your attorney before proceeding and please check with us if you want to restrict your bequest to a specific purpose such as an Endowment Fund to make sure we can use it exactly as you intend.

On behalf of the animals you will be supporting, thank you!

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Help Ensure They Have a Bright Future
Uncover the Benefits of a Gift in Your Will or Trust

We are extremely grateful for your donations. Large or small—every dollar makes a difference. If you want to ensure that your support for the Atlanta Humane Society continues as a legacy, you may be interested in the simplicity of a gift in your will or trust, also known as a bequest. Here are some common questions and answers about this popular way to give.

I am interested in adding a bequest to my will or trust. How do I get started?

First, decide how much you would like to give and what to give—you can fund a bequest with cash, securities, property or other assets. Remember even a small amount can make a big difference to the homeless animals in our care.

Then, share our sample bequest language on the back cover with your estate planning attorney to create the gift. It’s that simple!

How does a bequest work?

With a gift in your will or revocable living trust, you can give a percentage of your estate or a certain amount of cash, securities or property. After your lifetime, AHS will use your gift to support our mission.

Although this is one of the simplest ways to support our future, you will need the help of a qualified estate planning attorney. Your attorney can help you create a bequest that allows you to meet your personal, financial and philanthropic goals.

What are the main benefits of a bequest?

Bequests are consistently among the most popular ways our supporters choose to provide long-term support for AHS, in large part because this type of gift is so simple to set up. Here are two other key benefits of a gift in your will or trust:

1. You can change your mind at any time. A bequest does not go into effect until after you are gone, giving you the opportunity to update or amend your gift at any time during your lifetime.

2. You have options. You can make a donation of a specific amount, but that’s not the only option. Most of us don’t have a firm grasp on the sizes of our estates, and because it’s hard to place monetary values on belongings with sentimental meaning, making a gift of a percentage is a perfect option.

Whatever your final estate’s value, you can use a portion of it to benefit AHS and rest easy that your loved ones will also be taken care of. Even a small percentage can make a significant impact.

Even a gift of 5–10 percent of your estate can make a big difference to AHS. Contact us to learn more about supporting our work through your will or trust.

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