



Forever Guardian

your legacy of love

**FOREVER
A PLACE IN
YOUR HEART.**



BCSPCA
SPEAKING FOR ANIMALS

**FOREVER
THEIR LOVING
GUARDIAN.**



THE POWER OF FOREVER GUARDIANS

As a BC SPCA supporter, you have rescued countless abused, neglected and injured animals, found forever homes for many thousands of frightened dogs, cats and other animals, and helped stop animal cruelty.



By joining us as a Forever Guardian and leaving a gift to the BC SPCA in your will or from your estate, your concern and compassion for animals will live on.

WILL & ESTATE GIFTS ARE VITAL TO THE WORK OF THE BC SPCA

The BC SPCA receives no provincial or federal government funding for operations. We rely almost entirely on donations from individuals like you. By leaving a gift in your will (or other estate gift) you can ensure the work you feel so passionately about lives on.

AS A FOREVER GUARDIAN, WITH YOUR LEGACY OF LOVE, YOU WILL ENSURE THAT THERE IS ALWAYS SOMEBODY SPEAKING FOR ANIMALS.



YOUR LEGACY WILL SAVE LIVES

The British Columbia Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (BC SPCA) is a registered charity dedicated to protecting and enhancing the quality of life for domestic, farm and wild animals in BC.

AS A FOREVER GUARDIAN YOU MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR THE BC SPCA TO:

- **ENFORCE** animal cruelty laws, conduct cruelty investigations and rescue animals from dangerous or neglectful situations (Did you know that the BC SPCA is the only animal welfare organization in B.C. with the authority to enforce laws related to animal cruelty?).
- **SHELTER** homeless animals and find them new homes, and help loving guardians overcome barriers to keep their animals.
- **EDUCATE** youth about animal welfare issues to stop the cycle of violence, nurture future animal protectors and build more humane communities.
- **ADVOCATE** for stronger laws and policies to protect animals and prevent future cruelty.

And so much more...

THE IMPORTANCE OF A VALID WILL

Thinking about writing a will can be overwhelming, but it is the kind and thoughtful thing to do for your loved ones, both two and four legged.

Making a will allows you to choose how your estate will be allocated, saves extra expenses and delays for your estate, and provides you with peace of mind, knowing that all your affairs are in order. And, producing a will does not need to be expensive or complicated.

To ensure that you have a valid will, we strongly recommend that you use the services of a legal professional. It is never too late or too early to make a will. Your wishes should be reviewed from time to time and changes can be made by making a Codicil to your existing will or by making a brand new will if necessary.

Remember, when it comes time to deal with your estate, a valid will makes things much easier for your loved ones.



**YOUR LOVE
FOR ANIMALS
WILL LIVE ON...**

PREPARING YOUR WILL

THE STEPS YOU NEED TO PREPARE:

STEP 1 List all your Property, Personal Effects, Assets and Liabilities.

STEP 2 Choose a Guardian for your minor children.

STEP 3 Choose a Caregiver for any pets that survive you.*

STEP 4 List your Beneficiaries.

List all the loved ones and causes you wish to support in your will. If you plan to include the BC SPCA in your will, refer to the bequest wording on the next page.

STEP 5 Choose an Executor

It is important that the executor agrees to the job. It is also crucial that your executor has a signed copy of your will, or access to a signed copy of your will.

STEP 6 Leave instructions as to your wishes for a Funeral and Burial.

STEP 7 Draft your Will.

We strongly recommend that you seek the advice of your professional advisors (lawyer or notary, financial planner and accountant) to ensure that the document is legally effective, properly expresses your wishes and maximizes tax benefits.

*If you have no one you are comfortable entrusting with the care of your pets, we can ensure that your pets will go to a good home. Please contact the BC SPCA Provincial Office at 1-800-665-1868 and ask to speak to Julia Arkos about our Pet Survivor Care Program.

NAMING THE BC SPCA IN YOUR WILL

BY LEAVING A GIFT IN YOUR WILL (OR OTHER ESTATE GIFT) YOU CAN ENSURE THE WORK YOU FEEL SO PASSIONATELY ABOUT LIVES ON.



General bequests that benefit animals throughout British Columbia are the best way to help the animals where it is most needed and ensure we can respond quickly in the case of an emergency or large cruelty investigation. Please consider making a bequest to the BC SPCA's "Greatest Need Fund."

To leave a lasting legacy by remembering the animals in your will, we recommend the use of the following language:

WILL LANGUAGE

For bequests that benefit animals throughout British Columbia:

"I give to the British Columbia Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, 1245 East 7th Avenue, Vancouver, B.C., V5T 1R1, charitable registration number 11881 9036 RR0001 [‘the sum of \$____’ OR ‘____ percent of the residue of my Estate’] for the “Greatest Need Fund.”

DESIGNATED BEQUEST LANGUAGE

Should you choose to direct your gift to a specific area of our work please use the following language and make sure you include a power to vary clause (below) to ensure that your gift helps the animals as you intended.

FOR A GIFT TO REGION OR AREA OF BC

The BC SPCA operates in the following regional areas: Lower Mainland/Fraser Valley; Vancouver Island; Northern BC/Cariboo; and Okanagan/Kootenay.

FOR BEQUESTS THAT BENEFIT ANIMALS IN YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY:

“I give to the British Columbia Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, 1245 East 7th Avenue, Vancouver, B.C., V5T 1R1, charitable registration number 11881 9036 RR0001 [‘the sum of \$____’ OR ‘____ percent of the residue of my Estate’]. I designate that the funds be used to benefit the animals in the _____ region.”



FOR A GIFT TO A PROGRAM

The following are the core areas we've identified as central to our mission and therefore always in need of funding: Cruelty investigations; Medical care; Animal care in shelters and facilities; and Humane Education and community outreach.

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POWER TO VARY CLAUSE

Wills are often written in relation to today's needs. However, many people live decades after having written a will and the world changes around them in that time. The immediate needs and goals of organizations, such as the BC SPCA, may have also changed or shifted.

For this reason, it is important to consider including a, "Power to Vary Clause" in your will.

"In the event future circumstances render the specific use for which my gift is intended impossible or impractical, then I authorize the Board of Directors of the BC SPCA to adjust the purpose for which my gift shall be used with such changes to be consistent with the spirit and general intent of my gift."

OTHER TYPES OF ESTATE GIFTS

THE BC SPCA ALSO ACCEPTS THE FOLLOWING GIFTS TO HELP THE ANIMALS:

- Bequests (Specific, Residual, Contingent)
- Gifts from a Trust
- Publicly Listed Securities (shares, bonds or units of a mutual fund trust)
- Registered Retirement Savings Plans (RRSPs)
- Registered Retirement Income Funds (RRIFs)
- Tax Free Savings Accounts (TFSAs)
- Real Estate/Property
- Charitable Remainder Trusts

Please discuss with your professional advisor the benefits to you and your estate of these, and other types of estate gifts.



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OUR PLEDGE TO YOU

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- **WE PROMISE THAT YOU'RE IN CHARGE OF YOUR LEGACY.** If you decide to notify us that you've left a gift in your will we will offer you opportunities to be connected to the work you support. You can always choose how, or if, we communicate with you, and if we recognize your generosity.
- **WE PROMISE TO HONOUR YOUR DREAM FOR THE ANIMALS** and work with your executor to ensure that your wishes, as expressed in your will, are carried out.
- **WE PROMISE TO USE YOUR GIFT CAREFULLY AND COST EFFECTIVELY** so that it has the greatest impact for the animals.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Please contact Yolanda Benoit,
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WILL & ESTATE GIFTS NOTIFICATION FORM

Animals have always had a special place in your heart. By becoming a Forever Guardian, they can be part of your legacy. If you have, or intend to, include the BC SPCA in your estate plans, please let us know so we can thank you and to ensure your wishes are followed.

☐ I have already included the BC SPCA in my estate plans.

Check one of the following:

☐ I made a provision in my will or living trust

☐ I designated the BC SPCA as a beneficiary of my RRSP or RRIF, TFSA

☐ Other _____

☐ I intend to include the BC SPCA in my will.

☐ Please call/send me information as I have further questions about becoming a Forever Guardian and/or about the Pet Survivor Care Program.

Title

First Name

Last Name

Spouse/Partner Name:

Address

City

Province

Postal Code

Telephone

Email

Signature

Date

☐ I would be pleased to be recognized for my future legacy gift.
The name(s) on any listings should read as follows:

☐ I wish to remain anonymous.

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