

QUESTIONS TO ASK

Many people consult with a financial advisor or attorney to discuss Planned Giving. Here are some questions you can ask to start the conversation.

- I'd like to set aside a planned gift for *Friends of the Fairfax County Animal Shelter* – what options make the most sense for my financial situation?
- How much can I afford to set aside for *Friends* as a planned gift, taking into account my other bequests and financial obligations?
- What do you need from me to formalize my wishes? Will you notify *Friends* or should I?
- If now is not the right time, when would you suggest we revisit my wishes to set aside a planned gift for *Friends*?

Have other questions about Planned Giving?

Email us at foreverfriends@ffcas.org for additional information.



Friends of the Fairfax County Animal Shelter



Become a Part of the *Forever Friends Legacy Society*



If you are inspired by *Friends*' work on behalf of the abused, sick and abandoned pets and wish to support our long-term goals and mission – consider joining the ***Forever Friends Legacy Society*** by making a planned gift.

As a benefit of joining, you will receive a 4"x 2" commemorative engraved brick as a gesture of thanks.

- Your gift memorializes your commitment to animal welfare as part of your legacy.
- Your gift can be dedicated to a loved one or pet who inspired your love for animals.
- Your gift may reduce the tax burden for your heirs.
- Your gift ensures that *Friends* will have guaranteed sustained funding into the future.
- Your gift costs you nothing now and can be modified if circumstances change.

“Throughout our years of volunteering at the shelter, we saw firsthand the steadfast commitment of the shelter community to care for every animal in need of their help. Knowing that every dollar is put to good use, it was an easy decision to include the *Friends of the Fairfax County Animal Shelter* in our estate plan.”

Bonnie & Mitch S.
Forever Friends Legacy Society

There are many ways to leave a Planned Gift for *Friends*. Leaving a bequest, naming *Friends* a beneficiary of your intangible assets, direct donations from your required minimum distribution or donating appreciated stock are common ways to give.

Ways You Can Give to <i>Friends</i>	Potential Tax Benefits	Appreciation from Shelter Pets
Leave a specific monetary amount for <i>Friends</i> in your will or trust		
Designate a percentage of your estate from your will or trust to <i>Friends</i>		
Bequest real estate or other property assets to <i>Friends</i> in your will or trust		
Give the remainder of your will or trust to <i>Friends</i> after other bequests have been made		
Give <i>Friends</i> priority in your bequest, with the remainder going to your heirs		
Name <i>Friends</i> a beneficiary of life insurance, retirement accounts, or other intangible assets such as appreciated stock via beneficiary forms		





Friends of the Fairfax County Animal Shelter

Turn your passion for animal welfare into action – your commitment now through Planned Giving can ensure we continue helping homeless pets in the future.



Friends is the nonprofit fundraising partner of the Fairfax County Animal Shelter. We provide emergency medical care, behavior training, parasite prevention, dental care and more to ensure every pet is offered the best opportunity to find a loving forever home.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. What are the benefits of Planned Giving?

Leaving a planned gift will help Friends maximize the impact the Shelter can make in the lives of pets that come through its doors in the future. There also may be tax benefits that apply depending on how you make your donation.

Q. Can I dedicate my bequest to a loved one or pet?

Yes, you can dedicate your bequest to a loved one or pet. You may even consider dedicating your complimentary brick in the Friends Tribute Garden in their honor.

Q. What is your legal name, address, and tax ID?

Legal Name: Friends of the Fairfax County Animal Shelter
Address: PO Box 2321, Centreville VA, 20122
Tax ID (EIN): 20-5009244

Q. What language should I use to make a bequest to Friends?

"I, [name], of [city, state, zip], give, devise and bequeath in my will or trust to Friends of the Fairfax County Animal Shelter [describe gift] for its unrestricted use and purpose."

Q. May I specify what I'd like my bequest to fund?

You may absolutely specify how you'd like your donation to be used, however, to ensure that Friends can help any in-need pet for any reason, we prefer that you not restrict the use of your donation for any specific purpose.

Q. Am I too young to consider Planned Giving?

Planned Giving can be done at any age and at any time that you think about planning for the unexpected. Remember that bequests can be in any amount. If supporting Friends in a lasting way is near and dear to your heart, it's never too early to make a planned gift.

Q. If my circumstances change, can I revoke my bequest?

Your planned gift can be revoked at any time; we just kindly ask that you keep us informed of any changes.

Q. Am I required to let Friends know about my intentions to leave a planned gift?

If you name Friends of the Fairfax County Animal Shelter in your will or trust, it is helpful for you to let us know so we can thank you for your generosity, and so we can plan for the future. Your gift can also be totally anonymous.



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Your Legacy, Their Future

