

Bendigo Animal Welfare & Community Services

'caring with compassion'

Operating Central Victoria's only "No Kill" Animal Shelter facility

Bequest Program

Bendigo Animal Welfare & Community Services Incorporated (BAWCS) can assist you to provide care for your pet for the term of their natural lives if you predecease them. If you don't have pets, you can leave a Bequest to help BAWCS continue our work with caring for animals.

In making a Bequest to Bendigo Animal Welfare & Community Services you can specify a percentage of your estate (please use 10% per pet as a guide), an amount of money, the remainder of your estate, or other items of personal property such as shares. Please ensure you have read our "Guide to Bequest amounts" to ensure your pet is eligible for our Program.

There are three common forms of bequests:

[Percentage of your estate](#) (for pets to be cared for by BAWCS. Please use 10% per pet and refer to our [Guide](#) to ensure eligibility for BAWCS Bequest Program).

I give (free of all duties) _____ % of my estate to Bendigo Animal Welfare & Community Services (A0045039R, ABN 62 708 178 788) with the written acknowledgment of an authorized officer of Bendigo Animal Welfare & Community Services to be accepted by my executors as a full and complete discharge.

(Please see page two for additional specific pet wording inclusion)

[Residual bequest](#) (if you don't have any pets to be cared for).

Your estate will pay all debts, taxes, expenses and specific bequests. The remaining amount – the residue – will be transferred to Bendigo Animal Welfare & Community Services.

Suggested wording:

I give (free of all duties) the residue of my estate to Bendigo Animal Welfare & Community Services (A0045039R, ABN 62 708 178 788) with the written acknowledgment of an authorised officer of Bendigo Animal Welfare & Community Services to be accepted by my executors as a full and complete discharge.

[Specific sum](#) (for both pets to be cared for or if you don't have pets)

While a specific amount of cash is a common form of bequest it does not allow for inflation so the above two options are preferred however if you'd like to utilise this method, suggested wording is as follows:

I give (free of all duties) the sum of \$_____ (please refer to our "Guide to Bequest amounts" to ensure your pet is eligible for the Program) to Bendigo Animal Welfare & Community Services (A0045039R, ABN 62 708 178 788) to be accepted by my executors as a full and complete discharge.

Suggested **pet wording** inclusion:

You will be able to advise your specific wishes for your pets ie: they are to be rehomed together, must be rehomed where there are (insert requirements) etc.

In the event that I do die leaving any pet dogs or cats / my pet name ('my pet') (insert the appropriate wording from Page 1 ie: Percentage of Estate or Specific sum)

Then

PROVIDED THAT Bendigo Animal Welfare & Community Services Incorporated provides a home for my pet for the term of his/her natural life and subject further to Bendigo Animal Welfare & Community Services Incorporated attending the following:-

- a) Provision of all upkeep for my pet and regular monitoring of his/her welfare;
- b) Provision of all veterinary care required by my pet;
- c) Arranging, if necessary, for my pet to be put to sleep by a painless injection if he/she reaches the stage where he/she cannot continue living without suffering.

I DIRECT that the receipt of the President or other financial controller for the time being of Bendigo Animal Welfare & Community Services Incorporated shall be sufficient discharge to my executors for payment of the said sum Bendigo Animal Welfare & Community Services Incorporated without obligation of my executors to see to the application of the said monies or to oversee compliance by Bendigo Animal Welfare & Community Services Incorporated with the provisions of this clause of my Will and I DIRECT THAT the opinion of the Secretary or other chief administrative officers of Bendigo Animal Welfare & Community Services Incorporated from time to time shall, if the Committee of Management of Bendigo Animal Welfare & Community Services Incorporated shall provide, be binding with respect to any matter arising with regard to the welfare of my pet pursuant to this clause of this my Will.

The Gift will not fail if I do not own any pets at the time of my death.

NOTE: If more than one pet is involved substitute the phrase "pets" for "pet" and "their" for "his/her"

How to make or change your Will

We recommend you consult a professional legal adviser to make sure the correct wording is used to ensure your wishes are clear and are met.

If you'd like to let us know you've included us in your Will, we will send you our free Bequest Program fridge magnet.

Please contact our President **Debbie Edwards** on **0417 382 741** if you require further information.