

YOUR GIFT WILL GIVE
ANIMALS IN NEED
THE LIVES THEY DESERVE



Your guide to leaving a gift
to The Lost Dogs' Home
in your Will.



A GIFT IN YOUR WILL HELPS US CONTINUE TO CARE FOR LOST AND ABANDONED DOGS AND CATS.

If you want to provide lasting help for lost, neglected and abandoned cats and dogs, then please include The Lost Dogs' Home in your Will today.

In doing so, you will help safeguard the future of one of the most important animal welfare organisations in the country.

There will always be cats and dogs who become lost or abandoned. With your help, the Home will be able to give the best possible care to the thousands of animals that will pass through our doors in future years. We believe that every cat or dog who comes into our care comes with their own unique story and deserves to be as loved and cared for as the next.

You will not only contribute to the purchase of new animal rescue vehicles, life-saving veterinary equipment, and cat and dog accommodation, but will ensure that the Home remains a leader in the provision of animal welfare services.

Your gift will help educate people about how to care responsibly for their beloved pets, and advocate on important animal welfare issues, providing a voice for vulnerable animals.

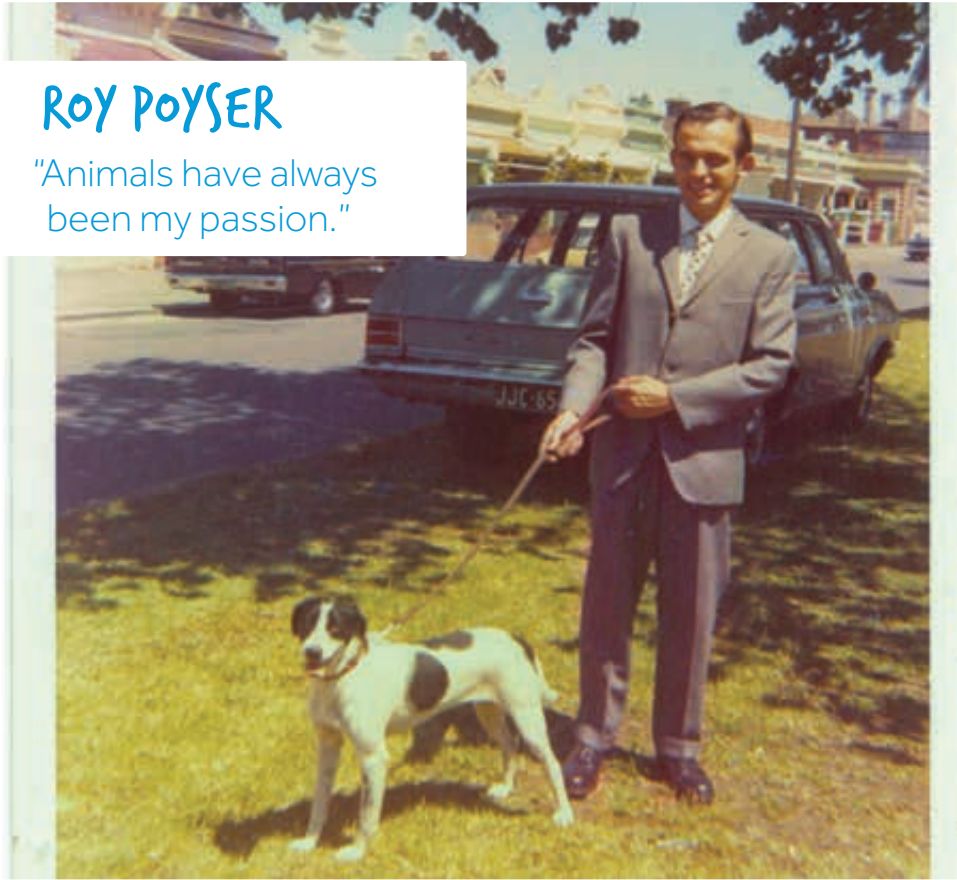
For over 100 years we have relied on the generosity and belief of our supporters to help us maintain outstanding animal welfare practices.

By creating a legacy for the Home, you will help continue this tradition and ensure that all abandoned, lost, sick or injured animals have a welcoming refuge to provide them with quality care. There is a guide to leaving a legacy on page 10.



ROY POYSER

"Animals have always been my passion."



Roy, at age 24, with his dog Lassie.

"Animals have always been there for me, and I wanted to give something back."

Roy Poyser describes his childhood as troubled and isolated. That's why he's so thankful for the love and friendship that animals have given him over the years.

Roy has always been a passionate supporter of animal welfare. He adopted two of his dogs from the

Home, and grew to admire the passion and sincerity of the Home's staff and volunteers.

Roy had found a group of people after his own heart and it wasn't long before he became an avid supporter. He has helped the Home care for many unwanted dogs and cats by fundraising and raising awareness for the plight of neglected animals.

That's why, after careful consideration, Roy decided to include a gift to The Lost Dogs' Home in his Will. Roy believes passionately that every dog and cat deserves a safe and happy home, which is why he is adamant that the Home's important work must continue into the future.

It's a great comfort to him to know that his gift will continue to help dogs and cats – especially those with no one else to care for them – even after he's gone.

Roy's gift in his Will is a tribute to those animals that helped him endure a troubled childhood, and have brought him so much joy ever since.

"To me, leaving a bequest gift to the Home feels like a completion of my life. This is what my legacy to the world will be: to try to help all the unfortunate animals out there."

For over a century, supporters like Roy have helped to make The Lost Dogs' Home a refuge for lost and abandoned dogs and cats. By making a gift like Roy's, you can give more animals the chance of a brighter future.



Roy's late dog Charlie was adopted from the Home.

MARGARET & PAT GANGEMI

"Animals can't speak," says Margaret, "so the Home has to be their voice."

Pets are as much a part of the family as Margaret and Pat's three children.

Margaret and Pat Gangemi have always been passionate about animal welfare. They find it distressing that so many dogs and cats end up lost, mistreated or abandoned.

That's why they decided to remember the Home in their Will. Margaret and Pat hope their contribution will help care for dogs and cats well into the future.



Margaret and Pat with their cat Simon and dog Andie.

THELMA HOULT – changing attitudes towards animals.



Dr Caroline Cook, Zoe, Zac and Bonnie.

Thelma Hoult was a passionate advocate for responsible pet ownership. She wanted her gift to help the Home change community attitudes and behaviour towards dogs and cats and believed strongly that education is key to improving the lives of animals.

The Home has honoured Thelma's legacy – and her love of animals – by naming The Thelma Hoult Training and Education Centre as a dedication to her commitment to improving responsible pet ownership.

FRANK SAMWAYS – a man of deep compassion.

Frank Samways was a big-hearted Melbourne business man with a profound appreciation and empathy for animals. Throughout his life Frank had many cats and dogs that all held a special place in his heart - his love for animals ran deep.

Frank was a charming and charismatic person who was deeply saddened by the idea of any dog or cat suffering. He wanted his bequest to make a difference to the lives of the many animals we care for every day.

Frank's bequest is the most significant to date. It allowed the Home to purchase an old factory and realise a long-held dream of opening a purpose built, state-of-the-art veterinary clinic. In honour of Frank's dedication to cats and dogs, the Home's Frank Samways Veterinary Clinic was named after him.



Frank Samways at the Home.

The Home wanted to honour Frank's memory with a building that would represent his everlasting love for dogs and cats in need of a second chance at life.

The Clinic opened in February 2013 - 100 years since the Home first opened its doors to the lost, abandoned and stray dogs of Melbourne. It offers modern diagnostic and surgical facilities to both private and shelter patients. All proceeds from the clinic go directly back to supporting the animals in our care. This allows Frank's bequest to continue to support the crucial care we provide to tens of thousands of lost, abandoned and stray cats and dogs each year.

THE LOST DOGS' HOME: COMPASSION AND CARE SINCE 1910.



The Temporary Home for Lost and Starving Dogs in February 1913.

The idea to establish the Home began in 1910, when a concerned and influential group of individuals founded a committee to set about improving the welfare of lost and starving dogs. They actively opposed the local council's inhumane methods of poisoning and drowning stray dogs, and decided that more needed to be done to help the unwanted dogs of Melbourne.

The first official meeting of subscribers was held on 21 December 1910. The committee's vision was to build a shelter that would help reunite lost dogs with their owners, whilst finding

homes for those who were less fortunate and left unclaimed.

As a result of their work and dedication the 'Temporary Home for Lost & Starving Dogs' first opened its doors on the Home's current site in North Melbourne, on 28 February 1913.



The Lost Dogs' Home is believed to be the first animal shelter in Australia to offer animals for adoption. Shortly after opening in 1913, unclaimed dogs were rehomed into the community for the small fee of five shillings.

In its first decade of operation, the Home took in over 35,000 dogs.

In 1935, the Home opened its first animal hospital providing veterinary services to both the community and shelter. This milestone enabled the Home to appoint our first permanent veterinary surgeon, Dr Ann Flashman. As a result the Home's name changed from the 'Temporary Home for Lost & Starving Dogs' to 'The Dogs' Home and Animal Hospital', which in later years became simply The Lost Dogs' Home.



In 1986, The Lost Dogs' Home established and built a cat shelter. Soon after, the Home officially opened its doors to Melbourne's stray and unwanted cats as the Western Suburbs Cat Shelter. The same year, an extensive fundraising program commenced to ensure the Home's important work could continue.

For the last 100 years, The Lost Dogs' Home has provided compassion and care to animals without owners. Today the Home is one of Australia's largest animal welfare organisations caring for more than 20,000 cats and dogs. We are also strong lobbyists for fair animal laws and advocates for proactive initiatives such as desexing, identification and pet ownership education.



A GIFT IN YOUR WILL REFLECTS YOUR WISHES AND VALUES.

There are a number of ways you can leave a gift in your Will to The Lost Dogs' Home. Make sure you speak to your solicitor about which option will best suit you.

Residual legacy

A residual legacy is what is left of your estate after all your wishes have been carried out and expenses in finalising your estate have been met.

Pecuniary legacy

This is a gift of a specific monetary amount.

Specific legacy

If you wish to leave a specific item instead, for example property or shares.



Which option best suits you?

A residual legacy is a popular choice because it maintains the relative value of your gift to the Home in comparison to the value received by the other beneficiaries in your Will. It also automatically adjusts to changes in the value of your estate.

A pecuniary legacy ensures that the Home receives a specific amount. The disadvantage is that over time the value of such a gift can be diminished by the effect of inflation.

A specific legacy provides you with the certainty that a specific item of property will be given to the Home. The disadvantage is that specific assets can sometimes be lost, sold or disposed of during a lifetime and then the Home won't benefit because the asset or item is no longer part of your estate at the time you pass away.

A residual legacy is the most generous thing you can do to help lost and abandoned dogs and cats.



FRIDAY

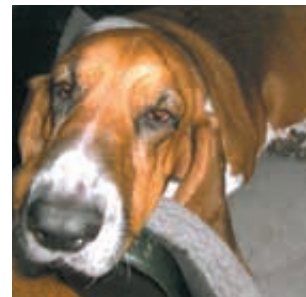
Little Friday came to the Home as a stray. He'd been under-socialised by his previous owners, and was extremely timid and fearful of humans and other animals. He also had two painfully dislocated kneecaps and needed urgent surgery. With the appropriate love and veterinary attention, Friday was able to recover and build his confidence in foster care and today he lives a wonderful life with his new owner Flora.

Poor Eggs arrived at the Home after being hit by a car and left on the side of the road. His leg was paralysed and his jaw dislocated. Even though he was in a lot of pain, Eggs' gentle nature always shone through. The Home's vets were able to perform surgery, but sadly his leg had to be amputated. Eggs was given plenty of time to recover in foster care, and eventually found a loving new home with Jenny.



EGGS

Brody was entrusted to the Home by her devoted owner Janet. Brody was very lonely when she sadly passed away, and The Lost Dogs' Home team worked tirelessly to find her a new family. Everyone was overjoyed when Sean and Bettina fell in love with Brody and decided to adopt her. She now has a loving home and a new best friend – a fellow basset hound named Harry.



BRODY

YOUR GIFT WILL GIVE DOGS AND CATS THE LIVES THEY DESERVE.

How to leave a gift in your Will and what to take to your solicitor.

Leaving a Gift in your Will to The Lost Dogs' Home is a wonderful and compassionate thing to do, and will make a real difference to lost and abandoned dogs and cats in the future. If you have made this extraordinary decision, thank you. The next step is to speak to a solicitor about writing or updating your Will. Here is our suggested wording:

Residual Legacy Gift to The Lost Dogs' Home

"I GIVE to The Lost Dogs' Home Ltd (ACN 004 789 726) of 2 Gracie Street North Melbourne a **(insert amount)** percent share of my residuary estate for its general purposes and I DIRECT that the receipt of the Chief Administrative Officer Secretary Treasurer or other proper officer of The Lost Dogs' Home shall be a sufficient discharge to my Trustees without my Trustees being required to see application thereof."

Pecuniary Legacy Gift to The Lost Dogs' Home

"I GIVE to The Lost Dogs' Home Ltd (ACN 004 789 726) of 2 Gracie Street North Melbourne a legacy of \$ **(insert amount)** for its general purposes and I DIRECT that the receipt of the Chief Administrative Officer Secretary Treasurer or other proper officer of The Lost Dogs' Home shall be a sufficient discharge to my Trustees without my Trustees being required to see application thereof."

Specific Legacy Gift to The Lost Dogs' Home

"I DIRECT my Trustees to pay to The Lost Dogs' Home Ltd (ACN 004 789 726) of 2 Gracie Street North Melbourne the sum of \$ **(insert amount)** to be held by The Lost Dogs' Home as trustee UPON TRUST to be applied by it for the purpose of providing general care for the benefit of animals under its care and I DIRECT that the receipt of the Chief Administrative Officer Secretary Treasurer or other proper officer of The Lost Dogs' Home shall be a sufficient discharge to my Trustees without my Trustees being required to see application thereof."

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Why make a Will?

Everyone should have a Will. It is a legal document where you say what you want to happen to your estate when you pass away. If you don't have a Will, your estate may not go to the people you want it to.

Do I need a solicitor to make a Will?

You do not have to instruct a solicitor to prepare your Will for you, but we strongly recommend it. A solicitor will ensure that your Will complies with the legal requirements to make it valid and achieves what you want overall, not just in relation to any gift you give to The Lost Dogs' Home.

Will a gift to The Lost Dogs' Home really make a difference?

Yes. Whether large or modest, your gift will ensure that animals born now or in the future have a welcoming refuge to provide them with quality care if they become abandoned, lost, sick or injured.

What will my gift achieve?

Gifts will help to provide vital services and programs to lost and abandoned cats and dogs. These include adoption, foster and behavioural care to help dogs and cats overcome deep seated trauma, post-adoption training support and life-changing veterinary care. It will also help to provide proactive services and initiatives to reduce the number of lost, irresponsibly owned and abandoned pets, and advocate at all levels of government to fight for a better deal for our companion animals.

Is my gift confidential?

Absolutely! Your privacy matters a great deal to us. Any information you give to us remains confidential and is protected by our privacy policy. We do however encourage you to tell your family about your decision to leave a gift to The Lost Dogs' Home in your Will. It would also be very helpful if you could let us know, if possible, about the gift you plan to give.



BE SURE
YOUR PET IS
CARED FOR
AFTER YOU'RE
GONE.



It's a question that plays on many pet-owners' minds: what will happen to my dog or cat if I pass away? If this is something you sometimes think about, you might like to update your Will to ensure your pet or pets will be cared for by

The Lost Dogs' Home if something should happen. We promise you we will do everything in our power to find a suitable new home. And if you have more than one pet, we'll take special care to find them a new forever home together.



"We have adopted two dogs recently and two in the past from the Home and we have had so much joy, love and affection from them. It gives us peace of mind to know that our dogs will be cared for by the Home should anything happen to us. The Home does such a good job"

Pam Browne
Confirmed Bequestor

My confidential response form

For obligation-free information about including a Gift to The Lost Dogs' Home in your Will, please complete the section below and return to:

Bequest Manager, The Lost Dogs Home, 2 Gracie Street, North Melbourne VIC 3051

We understand that the information you provide is a statement of your present intention. You can change your mind at any time: simply tell us your new intentions and we will act accordingly.

- I have included a Gift in my Will to The Lost Dogs' Home
 - I attach a copy of my Will so you have record of my wishes
- I intend to include a Gift to The Lost Dogs' Home in my Will when I next update or write my Will
- I would like to discuss a Gift in my Will, please contact me
- I would like to visit The Lost Dogs' Home in North Melbourne to see how a Gift in my Will would be used. Please contact me to arrange a convenient time
- Please send me information about bequeathing my pet to The Lost Dogs' Home

Full Name

Street

Suburb

State

Postcode

Phone

Mobile

Email

My preferred contact method is: Phone Mobile Email

THANK YOU, OUR BEQUEST MANAGER WILL BE IN TOUCH SHORTLY.





With the continued support of our donors, supporters, and our dedicated team of staff and volunteers, we will continue to care for thousands of lost and abandoned cats and dogs in Australia, now and well into the future.



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