

# SafeHaven Humane Society Friends for Life Program

What would happen if you died and your pets were left with no one to care for them? Many animal lovers have assurances from family or loved ones that their companion animals will be cared for in a loving manner if that should happen. If that is not the case for you, SafeHaven Humane Society (SHHS) has a *Friends for Life Program* that will provide you with the secure knowledge that your pets will be cared for after you are gone.

You are invited to enroll your companion animals in the *Friends for Life Program* by including the SHHS in your estate or by making a gift at a specified level or higher. You will be asked to provide some detailed registration information about your animals and their living environment. You will also be asked to keep this information up to date annually. Should it be necessary, the humane society will take custody of your pet after your passing and be sure your companions are placed in a similar setting to their current environment.

This is not an insurance program or a pet trust. It is a way for you to make a significant gift to SHHS and provide for your pets.

## **Who qualifies for this service?**

This is a service for donors to SHHS who have included us in their estate planning at a minimum level or provided the society with a significant gift while living.

The actual gift levels are established by the society board of directors. The current established gift level (as a gift or bequest) is \$10,000 per participating animal. Once accepted in the *Friends for Life Program*, gift levels for a specific participant will not change. New animals added to the program will need to qualify under current standards.

To be eligible, your pet(s) must be generally healthy and free of severe behavior problems. All decisions regarding your pet(s) will be made in accordance with SHHS *Friends for Life Policy*. A copy of this policy will be provided to you. Generally a maximum of four pets (cats, dogs, rabbits) per household can be accepted in the program unless special arrangements and agreements are made. If you would like to register more than four pets, contact SHHS at 541-928-6280

The *Friends for Life Program* and SHHS can also be named as the trustee in a pet trust under Oregon law.



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### **How will my pet(s) be cared for after I am gone?**

*Friends for Life Program* animals are given very special treatment. Using your up-to-date information in our files, we will place your animal(s) in environments very similar to their existing home.

Medical treatment is provided when necessary. Special foster homes are utilized if the animal needs to recover from an illness. Euthanasia is only considered if a very poor quality of life for the animal dictates such action. A Friends for Life participant animal is in the program for their entire life. Even after being adopted the animal remains a Friends for Life participant.

### **How do I utilize the Friends for Life Program for my companion animal(s)?**

1. Arrange with SHHS Executive Director for the appropriate bequest or gift to qualify for the program.
2. Fill out all the necessary forms, including the *Friends for Life Program* application, a health and medical history for the pet(s), behavior profiles for each animal and a Pet Alert Card.
3. Draft your will to include giving SHHS custody of your pet(s) at the time of your death. Provide SHHS with a copy of that portion of your will for our records.
4. Carry the SHHS Pet Alert Card in your wallet specifying where you want your pet(s) taken at the time of your death.
5. Identify an "interim care provider" (friend, relative, veterinarian, etc.) where your pet can go immediately and temporarily.
6. Instruct your interim care provider to notify SHHS of your pet's whereabouts and that it is enrolled in the *Friends for Life Program*. Notify SHHS at 541-928-6280 and indicate the animals are a part of the program.
7. SafeHaven Humane Society will provide you with copies of the necessary documentation for your attorney, executor of your estate and the interim care provider. You will also receive a copy of the [Friends for Life Policy](#).
8. For the wellbeing of your companion animal(s) you are required to keep SHHS up-to date on the status of your pet(s) by updating paperwork and responding to inquiries for information.

The SHHS *Friends for Life Program* is a very special service to our donors and is focused on maintaining a rich and comfortable life for your companion animals should they outlive you.

If you would like more information about this valuable program, including specific gift or bequest requirements, contact SHHS Development Director, Christiana Gunderson at 541-928-6280, or by email at [development@safehavenhumane.com](mailto:development@safehavenhumane.com).



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# SafeHaven Humane Society Friends for Life Program Enrollment Form

This membership form is designed to help ensure that your estate plan is administered according to your wishes. Any information you provide about your plans will be retained in SafeHaven's confidential files. No information will be shared from this file.

If you have questions, please call us at 541-928-6280. Please note that this is NOT a legal document or binding pledge. You are advised to consult with your professional advisors.

Please print clearly on this form.

Your Full Legal Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Spouse \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address (if different than street address)

We wish to be acknowledged in SHHS publications. Please list my/our name as follows:

We do NOT wish to be acknowledged in SHHS publications.

I/We have included SafeHaven Humane Society in my/our gift or estate plans in the following manner:

- Guardianship of Pet(s)
- A gift to SHHS while we are alive
- Outright bequest in will
- \* Real estate
- Percentage of estate (\_\_\_\_%)
- \* Trust created in my will
- \* IRA or other pension plan
- \* Other (insurance policy, charitable trust, etc.)

Please provide any necessary details.

\* Attach copies of documents related to your gift.



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To help ensure your wishes are accomplished please describe your current or future gift:

Exact language of provision:

Please write in the space below or attach a copy of the provision or page on which the provision is contained. It is not necessary to include a copy of your entire estate plan.

Estimated Value of the provision:

(For percentages and remainders of an estate, provide a good faith estimate of the dollar value as of the date this form is signed.)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ as of (date) \_\_\_\_\_

THIS IS NOT A BINDING LEGAL DOCUMENT. Your signature verifies only that the above information is accurate as of this date. SafeHaven recognizes that values of deferred gifts as well as the provisions themselves may change over time. Should you update your estate plans, you may want to ensure that any provision for SafeHaven Humane Society is directed to the "SafeHaven Humane Society, Albany, Oregon." Including such language makes it easier for your gift to be put to the use(s) you intend.

Thank you and welcome as a participant in the *Friends for Life Program*

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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This original document will be kept in a confidential SHHS file. The donor may wish to distribute information on their enrollment to their attorney, estate personal representative and designated interim care provider.

Please indicate who your temporary interim care provider will be. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone numbers: \_\_\_\_\_



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