

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information on the Placer SPCA's Surviving Pets Program

or if you have further questions

about planned giving, please contact

the Development

Director at (916)

782-7722 or (530)

885-7387 x. 102

or funddevelopment@placerspca.org.



The Development Director can provide a list of financial and legal advisors familiar with the Placer SPCA's programs, set you up with a tour of the Placer SPCA's shelter, answer questions about becoming a Paw Club or Circle of Hope member or begin the process of setting up a Deluxe Program for you and your pets.

For more information, please also see the list of resources on the back page..

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES ON

ESTATE PLANNING FOR PETS

Estate Planning for Non-Human Family Members by Gerry W. Beyer, professor of law, St. Mary's University, www.professorbeyer.com

Owners Can Make Estate Plans for Care of Pets by Gary L. Johnson & Gerry W. Beyer, 2002.

Pet Trusts: Providing for Pets by Gerhard Shipley, www.neln.org/bibs/shipley.html, Kansas Elder Law Network, Dec. 1999.

Thank you for thinking of the Placer County SPCA in your will or trust.

The Placer SPCA reserves the right to refuse a trust in the event terms cannot be met. Please contact us before adding the Placer SPCA as a legal guardian for your

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BASIC PROGRAM

This program is free for all Placer SPCA Paw Club donors and Circle of Hope* members. Under this program, the Placer SPCA works to find the best possible home for your companion animals, (up to 2 pets) provided they pass health and behavior assessments. It is important you call the Placer SPCA before enrolling to ensure this program is right for you and your pet(s).

How to Sign Up

1. Call the Development Director at the Placer SPCA at (916) 782-7722 x. 102 or (530) 885-7387 x. 102 to make sure this program is right for you and to request a Registration Form.

2. Seek legal advice in drafting your will. Be sure to give the Placer SPCA legal custody of your companion animals. The Placer SPCA can also be designated as a contingent caregiver in the event the primary caregivers to whom you've bestowed custody predecease your companion animals. Provide a copy of the section of your will pertaining to your pets to the PSPCA.

3. Complete a Registration Form for each pet. Give a copy of your Registration Form to your attorney, the executor of your will or your trustee and the Placer SPCA (or other designated caregiver). We will request you update your Registration Form annually to make sure we have the latest information.

4. If you have not already done so, please consider adding the Placer SPCA as a beneficiary in your will or trust, in addition to designating it legal guardian/caregiver for your pets. Making a bequest to the Placer SPCA helps ensure the future of the Surviving Pets Program and other programs dedicated to improving the lives of companion animals in Placer County.

**If you are currently not a part of the Circle of Hope or Paw Club and wish to participate in the Basic Surviving Pets Program, all you need to do is join now and renew annually. Becoming a Paw Club donor starts at \$1,000. To join the Circle of Hope all you need to do is make a planned gift (valuing \$1,000 or more) to the Placer SPCA (see Planned Giving brochure).*

DELUXE PROGRAM

One of the best ways to provide for your pets is through a trust. Within a trust, you assign a beneficiary and choose a trustee to make distributions from the trust to the beneficiary to cover the expenses of caring for your pet(s).

The Placer SPCA's Deluxe Program, as opposed to the Basic Program, allows you more control over what will happen to your pet(s).

In the event a pet is deemed "unadoptable" at the Placer SPCA, you can designate in your trust an alternative placement or instruct your trustee to find a new placement. In addition, the Deluxe Program allows you to pass a portion of the beneficiary status and caregiver requirements to the new owners, so you can feel confident that your animals will continue to be cared for in the manner you envisioned.

In the Deluxe Surviving Pets Program, you designate the Placer SPCA as beneficiary in your trust or will, and it will care for the animal(s) according to instructions as agreed upon and as written within the trust or will until a new home for the animal has been found. Instructions may stipulate specific medical care, medications, food, grooming costs, etc., which would not normally be covered under the Basic Program.

Contact the Development Director at (916) 782-7722, (530) 885-7387, x. 102, or funddevelopment@placerspca.org to find out if one of these programs is right for you and your pet(s). Without a consultation and completed Registration Form, we cannot guarantee your pet will be eligible to be placed in our program.

