

A Legacy Of Love



**Leaving A Gift
In Your Will**



Thank You!

Thank you for expressing an interest in leaving a gift in your Will to The Sheffield Cats Shelter. Leaving a gift, however big or small, can make a huge difference to our shelter and our cats - now and for years to come.

Making a Will is an important, and personal, decision, but it doesn't have to be a complicated process. That's why we've created this guide to leaving a gift in your Will; we'll show you how to write a Will for free, or how to leave a gift to The Sheffield Cats Shelter using a solicitor of your choice, and we'll also show how your gift can become a legacy of love that underpins all our vital work.





Helping Cats Today And Tomorrow

Founded in 1897, we've been helping cats in need find new homes and better lives for more than 125 years. In that time we've rehomed tens of thousands of cats and kittens. We couldn't have done it without the support of people like you.

Our founder Jane Barker left a legacy of love for cats that still reverberates today, and by leaving a gift in your Will you can do the same.

Gifts in Wills, however big or small, are a great way to show your love of cats, and they'll help us plan for the next 125 years - and beyond.



**Our average cost
per cat from entry
to adoption is
£250 - and rising**

Leaving A Legacy Of Love

When you leave a gift to in your Will to The Sheffield Cats Shelter you leave your very own legacy of love.

Every gift, however large or small, can make a real difference to our shelter and our cats. Cats like Queenie here who was found in a shed with her four tiny kittens.

Gifts left in Wills allow us to give our cats the best possible care whilst they are in our shelter, and allow us to support our fostering team and provide education and support services such as our cat neutering scheme.



Writing A Will For Free

Writing a Will doesn't have to be complicated, and it doesn't have to be expensive either.

By using a service such as FreeWills.com you can leave a gift to The Sheffield Cats Shelter, and whoever else you wish, at no cost to yourself or us.

For more information on this free simple will writing service head to:
<https://freewills.co.uk/charity/sheffieldcats> or email
info@sheffieldcats.org.uk





Stuart's Story

This is Stuart's story. Here he is with his mother Martha when he was brought to our shelter as a tiny, eyes-closed one day old kitten.

Stuart was so tiny that we feared for his health, and in the early days his weight dropped - his life was hanging by a thread. We never give up on a cat, and our staff and volunteers gave him round the clock care including hourly feeds.

With time and love, and money, Stuart made a full recovery. He was adopted into a forever home, and just look at him now!

His new owner loves him dearly. She says: "I put Cat TV on my mobile for him and we lie together and watch TV until he dozes off!"

Gifts in Wills not only help us find homes for cats like Stuart - they can be real life savers!



Using Your Own Solicitor



You can use a solicitor of your choice to leave us a gift in your Will, however big or small.

Here is our suggested wording which you can pass to your solicitor:

"I give (...%) of the residue of my estate both real and personal to The Sheffield Cats Shelter, 1 Travis Place, Sheffield S10 2DB, Registered charity number 1172162, for their general purposes and the receipt of the proper officer of the charity shall be sufficient discharge for my Trustees."



A Codicil For Cats

If you already have an existing Will you can still leave a gift to The Sheffield Cats Shelter through an addition known as a codicil.

You can give the following wording to your solicitor or legal advisor to make a codicil: "I (name) of (address) declare this to be my first codicil to my last Will dated (date). I give (details of legacy) to The Sheffield Cats Shelter, Registered Charity Number: 1172162, 1 Travis Place, Sheffield S10 2DB, for its general charitable purposes and I direct that the proper officer of the charity shall be valid and appropriate form of discharge. In all other respects I confirm my Will."

Taking Care Of Your Legacy

Your legacy will help us take good care of our cats, so we'll take good care of your legacy.

100 percent of the money left to us as gifts in Wills will go towards helping us in our vital work. That means it will be used to help us with, for example, veterinary costs, shelter maintenance costs, energy costs and food costs. Our typical vet bill is around five thousand pounds every month, so every gift left to us, big or small, allows us to help more cats like Zeus, pictured below.





The cats who come to our shelter have often had their world turned upside down - through no fault of their own.

With your help we can turn their life around again. Our proud boast is that we never put a healthy cat down, and we never give up on a cat!

Benny's Story

Benny here was one of the many cats who come to our shelter in need of special help. He was found trapped in chicken wire, with severe injuries. We took him to a veterinary surgeon who had to amputate Benny's right rear leg.

It took a long time to nurse Benny back to full health, and a lot of visits to the vets, but he is now happy and healthy in a forever home. Benny alone cost us a four figure sum in veterinary bills, but we think it was worth every penny. Without the income from donations including gifts left in Wills we would be unable to help cats like Benny and others.



Feline curious?

If you have any questions regarding legacies and your Will check out our Frequently Asked Questions below.

Q: How can I leave you a gift in my Will?

A: You can leave a gift to the Sheffield Cats Shelter by writing your Will with a solicitor or legal representative of your choice - simply use the wording contained in this guide. Alternatively you can use the free will writing service at freewills.co.uk/charity/sheffieldcats

Q: How much can I leave in my Will?

A: You can leave all your estate or a percentage of it to The Sheffield Cats Shelter. All gifts, however large or small, will make a real difference to cats in need - now, and in the future.

Q: Can I add a gift to you to an existing Will?

A: Yes, you can add a gift to The Sheffield Cats Shelter to an existing Will by adding a codicil. You can find suggested wording for this here in our guide, or talk to a solicitor.



Q: Can I specify a particular use for my gift?

A: All gifts received will go to help our vital work, but you can specify a particular area of our work (such as veterinary costs, or shelter maintenance) and we will accommodate your wishes.

Q: Should I let you know that I've left a gift in my Will to The Sheffield Cats Shelter?

A: We would love to hear from you if you've left us a gift so that we can thank you. Any pledge made in an email is not legally binding.

Q: Will I pay inheritance tax on my gift?

A: No, gifts left in your Will to The Sheffield Cats Shelter and other charities are exempt from Inheritance Tax.

Q: Will the details of my gift be confidential?

A: Yes, we will not pass on any of your details.



Changing cats lives - for good!



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