

OUR MISSION & PURPOSE

We promote the welfare and value of companion animals to improve the health and wellbeing of the wider community.

We do this by:

- Caring for and rehoming lost and relinquished companion animals
- Engaging in research, advocacy and promotion of health and wellbeing through companion animals
- Providing education, services and products that enable responsible animal ownership and improves the wellbeing of both people and their companion animals

We also deliver the Animal Management Services for stray and lost animals brought to our facility by council officers and members of the public for the City of Greater Geelong, Golden Plains Shire, Surf Coast Shire and Borough of Queenscliffe.

OUR VISION

'because every life is precious'



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THANK YOU!

Thank you for considering a bequest to GAWS in your Will. Our programs rely 100% on funding from adoption fees, community donations, memberships, fundraising and bequests. Without this support, the care and rehoming services provided for thousands of animals each year would not be possible. We thank all those who make this possible, and who share in our commitment to give animals a second chance, 'because every life is precious'.



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CONTACT US

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO LEARN MORE, PLEASE
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Making sure your love for animals lives on

GAWS Bequest Program
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HOW CAN I LEAVE A BEQUEST TO GAWS IN MY WILL?

A Will is a legal document that lets you record your wishes for who receives your assets and administers your Estate after you pass away. When preparing your Will (either on your own or with the assistance of a solicitor), there are a few different types of bequests that you can choose from.

You may wish to leave:

- a. A specific dollar amount;
- b. A set percentage (1-100%) of your Estate; or
- c. The residue of your Estate.

If you are considering leaving a bequest to GAWS, it is important that you first make adequate provision in your Will for your family and loved ones.

If you choose to prepare your Will yourself, for your convenience we have included the following recommended wording for your bequest, which you should amend to suit the type of gift you wish to leave to GAWS:

"After the payment of all debts, funeral and testamentary expenses and all duties, taxes and charges payable on my Estate at my death, I give to GEELONG ANIMAL WELFARE SOCIETY (also known as GAWS) (ABN: 67 005 093 756) of 321 - 325 Portarlington Road, Moolap in the State of Victoria

- a. the sum of \$<amount>; or
- b. <percentage> of my estate; or
- c. the residue of my estate;

for the general purposes of GEELONG ANIMAL WELFARE SOCIETY and I declare that the receipt of the Secretary, Treasurer or other Public Officer of GEELONG ANIMAL WELFARE SOCIETY shall be sufficient discharge to my Trustees."

HOW WILL GAWS APPLY MY BEQUEST?

There are a number of ways that your gift to GAWS may be used. Some examples include:

Providing general animal care

Around 5,000 animals enter into care at GAWS each year. Upon arrival, every animal receives a veterinary health check, vaccination (if required), food, shelter and care for the duration of their stay.

Our dedicated staff and volunteers ensure not only the physical, but the mental and emotional wellbeing of each animal by providing suitable enrichment, daily care and monitoring until reunited with their owner or a new forever home is found.



Strengthening our Foster Care Program

Some animals need a little extra care before they can be adopted. The GAWS foster program allows animals that require some TLC to be placed in a home setting with experienced carers. Our network of carers are supported by our dedicated Foster Care Coordinator and receive all the equipment, training and veterinary care required for the duration of the animals time in care.

Introduction of new programs and service upgrades

GAWS provides the best possible care and outcomes for all animals that arrive at our facility through life saving programs, onsite veterinary care and rehoming services. Our Community Vet Clinic provides a range of care and services to incoming shelter animals, as well as private services to members of the community at competitive prices. Funds generated by the clinic are reinvested into GAWS, enabling the provision of support for the animals in our care.

