



## GAWS Bequest Animal Program

*'because every life is precious'*

What would happen to  
your pet if you could no  
longer care for it?

We at GAWS understand how distressing it would be for you if you thought that your beloved pets would not be cared for if you were no longer there or able to look after them. To provide peace of mind and a lifelong solution we have established the GAWS Bequest Animal Program.

GAWS has been operating for over 50 years, we are a not for profit, community-based organisation providing best practice animal care, community education and animal rehoming programs.

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The Bequest Animal Program invites owners to register their pet(s) and make provision in their will for the lifelong care of their animal.

### How does it work?

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Should you no longer be able to care for your pet, GAWS becomes the legal guardian and assumes all responsibility for the care and wellbeing of your pet for the remainder of its life. Your pet will be resettled in a carefully selected suitable permanent foster home with an approved carer, who will provide a loving environment and all the necessary care. Your pet legacy covers all veterinary treatment for the remainder of your pet's life.



## How do I register?

Registration for the program involves completing a registration form available online at [www.gaws.org.au](http://www.gaws.org.au) and confirmation of a minimum bequest of \$5000\* per animal in your will to GAWS.

The registration form lists all the information GAWS needs to enable us to find the right forever home for your pet. We will continue to monitor the care of your pet through regular contact with the permanent carer and annual visits.

We encourage Bequest Animal Program registrants to inform their executor/s, family and friends of their intentions for their animals

\*GAWS cares for thousands of pets we receive each year reuniting them with their owners or finding new forever homes. Unlike larger animal welfare charities we do not receive any government funding and rely one hundred percent on the community to support our important work.

From the moment your pet arrives at GAWS your bequest pays for the ongoing veterinary care of your pet for the remainder of its life and all their needs will be lovingly met. Once your pet has been re-homed all veterinary care, medication, vaccinations and prescription food (if needed) will be provided by GAWS at no charge to the new carer.



## Including the GAWS Bequest Animal Program in your Will

The Bequest Animal Program allows you to make a gift to GAWS depending on the type and number of pets in your care at the time of your death.

We encourage all Bequest Animal Program registrants to inform their Executors, family and friends of their intentions for their animals.

If you wish to make a bequest and leave your pets with GAWS we recommend you include the following clause in your Will:

I give GEELONG ANIMAL WELFARE SOCIETY (ABN 67 005 093 756) ("GAWS") my surviving pets and the sum of ..... (\$.....) for its general purposes on the condition that my surviving pets be cared for under the GAWS Bequest Animal Program or other relevant program or policy. I direct my Trustees to arrange for the transportation of my surviving animals from their current residence to GAWS at 325 Portarlinton Road, Moolap, Victoria and I direct that the receipt of the Treasurer or Public Officer for the time being of GAWS shall be sufficient discharge to my Trustees.

Thank you for considering a bequest to GAWS in your will. Our Animal Shelter receives no government funding and relies on the generous support of the community to deliver this vital work.

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.'

