

# How Can you Make a Lasting Impact

During our lives, there are times when we pause to reflect on all that we have achieved and what we hope to accomplish.

Maybe you thought you could do more for CatPAWS but were concerned about making a commitment that you might not be able to keep or using resources that you might, in the future, need for yourself.

There are many ways of creating a lasting legacy within our giving program.



Your gift ensures our organization can continue to fulfill our mission:

Providing education, support, and resources to our community to help more cats live full and cherished lives.

## Our Pledge to You

We hope you will let us know about your gift so we can thank you for your generosity and gift.

- We will respect your privacy. We will keep your gift anonymous unless you tell us otherwise.
- We will use your gift in the way you ask and intended.
- You can change your plans and/or beneficiaries at any time – you are not obligated by a decision that you make today.
- We will continue to meet the highest standards of financial transparency in order to remain worthy of your legacy.

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# Legacy Giving

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## How You Benefit

- A gift in your will or living trust or by beneficiary designation requires no immediate donation. The gift transfers to CatPAWS only after your lifetime.
- You can change your mind at any time. You are not locked into a decision that you make today.
- Your gift is welcome in any amount. No gift is too small. You can make loved ones and CatPAWS your beneficiaries.

Your gift ensures that we can continue our important work: *Providing education, support, and resources to our community to help more cats live full and cherished lives.*



## Will / Trust Wording

### Here are a few ideas to make your legacy gift to CatPAWS

- Leave funds to your loved ones and name CatPAWS to receive a specific amount or percentage.
- Leave CatPAWS what's left after loved ones are provided for by using a residuary bequest.
- Leave your estate to family and friends if they outlive you – or to CatPAWS if they don't – by using a contingent bequest.

### A Gift by Beneficiary Designation

- Most retirement plans are subject to income and possibly estate tax when transferred to others. That's why, from a tax perspective, the best legacy gift to a charity is often from a retirement plan.
- A life insurance policy that has outlived its purpose or needs to be updated may be the perfect vehicle for leaving a gift to CatPAWS. Just ask your insurance company for the appropriate forms to make CatPAWS the owner or beneficiary of the policy.
- You can also name CatPAWS a beneficiary of bank or brokerage accounts, annuities, and other financial accounts.

To leave your gift to CatPAWS, we suggest the following language in your Will or Trust:

I, [name], of [city, state zip], give, devise and bequeath to CatPAWS, federal tax identification number: \_\_\_\_\_, with the permanent address of \_\_\_\_\_, the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_ [or describe the real or personal property, or percentage of your estate] for its unrestricted use and purpose.

*Thank  
You*

Thank you so much for considering CatPAWS in your estate plans. Your support will go a long way in caring for our furry friends.

*This information is not intended as legal, accounting, or other professional advice. For assistance in charitable planning, consult an attorney or another professional for legal and legal advice.*