



YOUR LOCAL SPCA

- Rescues animals in distress
- Investigates complaints of cruelty or neglect
- Prosecutes offenders who abuse animals
- Gives sanctuary to lost and abandoned animals
- Rehabilitates and rehomes companion animals
- Educates people in the responsible care of animals

ROYAL NEW ZEALAND SPCA

- Coordinates and supports local SPCAs
- Arranges national education programmes, campaigns, promotions and fundraising
- Coordinates inspector training nationwide
- Represents the SPCA on government bodies
- Handles national prosecutions
- Lobbies government on animal welfare laws
- Liaises with national and international animal welfare organisations



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HELPING ANIMALS IN YOUR WILL



MAKE A DIFFERENCE BY HELPING ANIMALS IN DISTRESS

I EXPECT TO PASS THROUGH THIS
WORLD BUT ONCE. ANY GOOD
THEREFORE THAT I CAN DO, OR ANY
KINDNESS I CAN SHOW FOR ANY
FELLOW CREATURE, LET ME DO IT
NOW. LET ME NOT DEFER IT, OR
NEGLECT IT. FOR I SHALL NOT PASS
THIS WAY AGAIN.

RALPH WALDO EMERSON

The Royal New Zealand Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Incorporated is a charitable organisation whose mission is to advance the welfare of all animals in New Zealand.

The Royal New Zealand SPCA represents 49 local SPCAs throughout the country who care for lost, abandoned and neglected animals. Each local SPCA runs its own affairs and handles its own finances, overseen by a voluntary committee. Warranted inspectors investigate cruelty complaints and enforce the Animal Welfare Act. Most staff and workers are unpaid.

FUNDING

The SPCA is a registered charity. We do not receive funding from the government. The SPCA depends on its own fundraising and on income from donations, legacies and bequests.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS ABOUT YOUR WILL

Why should I leave something to the SPCA?

If you want to accomplish some good beyond your lifetime for animals in distress, the best way to do this is to make financial provision in your will to continue the work of the SPCA. Leaving something to the SPCA in your will is a way of being remembered for your humanity, and it's a way of helping us – and helping animals – for many years after your death.

What is a will?

A will is a written document containing your instructions as to who gets your belongings (“estate”) when you die.

What is a legacy or bequest?

A legacy or bequest is a sum of money, items of property or possessions left in your will to another person, group, organisation or charity.

Why do I need a will?

If you die without having made a will,

your money and possessions may go to someone you would prefer not to have them. Or someone may miss out on something you would like them to have.

Even if you already have a will, because your circumstances may change you should check your will every few years to make sure it's still a fair record of what you'd like to happen when you die.

Who should write my will?

You get to say who gets what, of course, but it's best to have a solicitor draw up your will properly. If you or a friend write it and there's something wrong with it, your estate could be tied up in court after your death and your possessions may not be distributed the way you intended.

What do I say in my will if

I want to leave money or property to the SPCA?

The “Form of Bequest” at right can be used and sent to your solicitor, trust company or executor(s).

FORM OF BEQUEST

I give free of all duties to the Royal New Zealand Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Incorporated (or name of local SPCA – see below), for the general purposes of the Society:

PERCENTAGE / FRACTION / DOLLARS: _____ (OF MY ESTATE)

OR DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY GIVEN: _____

OR THE FOLLOWING AMOUNT (IN WORDS): _____

and I declare that the receipt of the Secretary or other proper officer shall be full and sufficient discharge to my trustee for this legacy nor shall my trustee be bound to see to its application.

For more information, or help with your will, please contact your local SPCA or SPCA National Office (see overleaf).

CAUTION: THIS FORM IS NOT A WILL. TAKE IT TO YOUR LEGAL ADVISER WHO WILL INCORPORATE IT INTO A PROPERLY DRAWN UP WILL. THE ADVICE IN THIS BROCHURE IS A GUIDE ONLY. PLEASE CONTACT YOUR SOLICITOR BEFORE MAKING OR CHANGING YOUR WILL. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A SOLICITOR YOU MAY BE ABLE TO USE THE SERVICES OF A SOLICITOR NOMINATED BY THE SPCA.

MAKING A BEQUEST TO YOUR LOCAL SPCA

If you wish to make a bequest to your local SPCA please contact them for their correct legal name or phone SPCA National Office on 0-9-827 6094.

