



Tax ID: 95-1738153

Dear Friend,

I thank you for your interest in ensuring the ongoing care and safety of animals in our community by including Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Los Angeles (spcaLA) in your estate plans.

Did you know there is no national "SPCA" or humane society, and that we do not receive one single penny in government support? Murky ad campaigns and public misconception can cause confusion, leading people to leave bequests to organizations in other states, thinking (mistakenly) that their funds will be routed to help animals here in Southern California.

If you choose to provide for the welfare of animals in the Southern California community by leaving spcaLA a bequest, please take note of our legal name, federal tax ID number and permanent address:

Legal name: Los Angeles Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
AKA: spcaLA, Southern California Humane Society, Los Angeles S P C A
Federal Tax ID: 95-1738153
Address: 5026 W Jefferson Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90016

Enclosed, please find some general information about including spcaLA as you plan for the future. The information contained in this packet is not intended as legal advice. For legal advice, please consult an attorney.

If you have questions, or would like to inform spcaLA of your choice to include us in your estate planning, please contact our Fund Development Department at (323) 730-5300, x233 or email us at info@spcaLA.com.

Again, I thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M Bernstein", written in a cursive style.

Madeline Bernstein
President, spcaLA



spcaLA FACT SHEET

Established in 1877, Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Los Angeles (**spcaLA**) was the first organization to promote animal welfare in Southern California. Originally chartered to end the abuse of horses used in travel during the “buggy” days, the organization expanded to include child abuse cases and then pet abuse cases.

Over 100,000 donors strong, spcaLA is dedicated to our mission of preventing cruelty to animals through education, law enforcement, advocacy and intervention.

There is no national “spca” or humane society. **spcaLA** is an independently chartered nonprofit, 501(c) (3) organization, and we do not receive a single penny in government funding. Donations run our law enforcement, humane education, spay/neuter, shelter and a variety of other services. (Tax ID 95-1738153)

Fact: The *average* cost for spcaLA to care for a dog is \$500. Our adoption fee is only \$125.

We give shelter pets our best so they may find permanent, loving homes. Every animal is evaluated by our veterinarian and our professional trainers and given a tailored plan of care. This includes the spay/neuter, microchip and vaccinations that all pets receive, as well as disease prevention protocols, a diet plan and enrichment activities. For some pets, we treat serious illnesses, injuries and behavior issues, often stemming from abuse or neglect.

Fact: 89% of serial killers have a history of animal cruelty.

They lack the root of a person’s ability to show kindness for living things: empathy. spcaLA’s international, violence-prevention program, “Teaching Love and Compassion,” (TLC) seeks to reinsert empathy in at-risk youth (kids who’ve exhibited violent behavior/have a background of abuse). Children who harm small animals and then upgrade to larger victims have desensitized themselves of having any compassion or empathy for living things. Through TLC, we pair kids with shelter dogs – the dogs learn basic obedience and in the process, the kids learn anger management techniques and coping skills. The program is so successful the Los Angeles District Attorney’s Office has approached spcaLA to help create a court-mandated program for juvenile offenders.

Fact: Every year, an estimated 75,000 animals are euthanized in Los Angeles County.

Considering that in just six years an un-spayed female cat and her offspring can produce 420,000 kittens, there are simply not enough homes for all of them. The spcaLA Specialty Spay/Neuter Center is poised to address this crisis at its source, by providing reliable, affordable spay/neuter services to our community. But, we need your help. We need to reach Los Angeles on a large scale, to further educate people about the importance of spay/neuter.

Fact: Every year, support from our generous donors saves the lives of more than 5,000 animals. We rely on you to keep YOUR spcaLA running!



STANDARD ESTATE PLANNING PARAGRAPHS
Los Angeles Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (a.k.a. spcaLA)

*The following working is suggested for legal documents of donors
who wish to support the work of the
Los Angeles Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.
(IRS ID Number 95-1738153)*

BEQUEST OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

"I give and bequeath to the Los Angeles Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, a non-profit public benefit corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of California, the sum of _____ dollars, to be used for such purposes as the Board of Directors thereon may deem to be for the best interest of said Society." *(Rather than a specific sum, a percentage of, or residue of the estate are options.)*

DEVISE OF REAL PROPERTY

"I give and devise to The Los Angeles Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, a non-profit benefit corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of California, that certain real property situated in **(INSERT LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY)**, together with all the improvement; to be used for such purposes as the Board of Directors thereon may deem to be for the best interest of said Society."

SAMPLE LANGUAGE FOR A LIVING TRUST

"Upon the death of the survivor of the beneficiaries, following the payment of any debts, taxes, and other expenses relating to the Trust Estate, the Trust Estate shall be distributed outright and free of trust to the Los Angeles Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals."

TO ADD A PROVISION OF SPECIFIC INTENTION FOR USE OF GIFT

"It is the Trustor's specific intention that the Los Angeles Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals apply the proceeds received from the Trust for the purpose of _____. If for any reason it would be impractical for the proceeds to be so applied, it is the Trustor's intent that such proceeds be used at the discretion of the governing board of the Los Angeles Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals."

CARE AND PLACEMENT FO PETS (must be enrolled in spcaLA Pet ReHoming Program)

"In the event of my death, I wish to have my animal(s) (*name, species, breed*) taken to the Los Angeles SPCA at 5026 W Jefferson Blvd, Los Angeles; and placed in a suitable and loving home or humanely put to sleep if too old or sick to adapt to a new environment. I understand that there will be no guarantee that the Los Angeles SPCA will be able to find appropriate placement for my pets, but that every attempt to do so will be made."